

gigantic and terrible—an evil enervating the body, paralyzing the mind, and perilling the soul! But while there is this consciousness of the terribleness of Slavery, there is no desire to interfere with it where it is at present existing, no wish to infringe upon the State rights of the South.

*Restriction*, not abolition, is the prevailing sentiment of the North. As the Constitution left it, we are willing it should so remain. The Free States desire not to control the internal arrangements of their sister States; but while they are willing that State rights should be respected, they will not submit to the nationalization of Slavery. In the coming contest then, its extension or non-extension, will be the question which will be paramount to every other; the solution of which will affect, either for weal or woe, the future destiny of this Republic. Three parties are now seeking the suffrages of the people. One of them (the Democratic), we have seen, is decidedly pro-slavery in its action and tendencies. Another (Fillmoreite),\* leaves the cause of the evil untouched—letting the apple of discord remain in our midst, while pro-slaveryism tinctures its affinities and predilections.

The other party (Republican), has boldly declared itself favorable to the principles upon which our government was established—that the outrages upon Kansas are deserving of the severest condemnation†—that though Congress has not

felony, and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than two years.

SEC. 13. No person who is conscientiously opposed to holding slaves, or who does not admit the right to hold slaves in this Territory, shall sit as a juror on the trial of any prosecution for any violation of any of the sections of this act.

This act to take effect and be in force from and after the fifteenth day of September, A. D. 1855.

\* See Report of South American Convention, held in Philadelphia in the Spring of 1856.

† See Republican Platform:

“That all these things have been done with the knowledge, sanction, and procurement of the present Administration, and that for this high crime against the Constitution, the Union, and humanity, we arraign that Administration, the President, his advisers, agents, supporters, apologists, and accessories, either before or after the facts—before the country and before the world; and that it