

The noted "John Smith," special correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat, writing from Lawrence under date of October 20th, says:

"Some two weeks ago a few free-State men were going up into Nebraska. On the road they overtook a negro, and on questioning him, they found him to be a fugitive slave. He was foot sore, and appealed to them to let him ride in their wagon. They were Northern free men themselves, and of course could not resist such an appeal, so he was taken into their wagon. They were soon afterwards met by the United States troops, who, although the wagon and the men were going out of the Territory, took the liberty of searching the wagon for arms. Instead of arms they found legs—nigger's legs at that—and the Deputy Marshal immediately arrested them as "nigger thieves," and brought them back to Topeka with the train which they captured afterwards—Some say they were liberated, negro and all, by the Governor; others say that they were taken prisoners to Leecompton.—Should this be so, they will doubtless be tried for negro stealing, and if found guilty, hanged, according to the bogus act "in such cases made and provided."

I have not learned whether the negro was owned in the Territory or in Missouri, you can see that there are greater facilities for an underground railroad now than there would be if we had peace, for obvious reasons."

Here is an acknowledgment that the "free-State men," who came with Lane under the auspices of the Northern Aid Societies, are in favor of keeping up war and strife in Kansas, because it will give them greater facilities for negro stealing." The writer says: "there are greater facilities for an underground railroad now than there would be if we had peace."—This is published and given circulation by the Missouri Democrat, published in a slave State. No one doubts but the editor of the St. Louis Mo. Democrat would gladly publish that many negroes had been run off. This is evidence direct of the purposes of many of the free-State men. Make Kansas a free-State and it would be full of "nigger thieves." Does any good law-abiding man, it makes no odds to what party he belongs want such a population, or does he want to live in a State where such men would have full sway, and would eternally keep the country embroiled in bitter strife? Vote then to make Kansas a slave State, and we will soon get rid of ourly a population.