

Kansas Affairs—Governor Geary Hurrying up the Work of Making Kansas a Slave State.

Mr. John W. Geary, the new Governor appointed under the direction of Jefferson Davis for Kansas, is pushing on his work of making that Territory a slave State with great energy. He does not mince matters. He makes no pretences to neutrality between the claims of conflicting border ruffians and free State settlers. He understands his instructions and knows what he is expected to do.

The administration border ruffians had a willing, but a very poor instrument, in Governor Shannon. His late long-winded manifesto is a precious confession of imbecility, indecision, perplexity and incompetency. If it proves more than this, it proves that poor Pierce attempted to shelter himself under the wings of Shannon, while Shannon considered himself entitled to the sheltering wings of Pierce. Governor Geary, on the other hand, having received his orders, has gone out to Kansas to fulfil them, and without any squeamish fears of public opinion he seems to have entered boldly upon the task of making Kansas substantially a slave State before the Presidential election.

Our latest advices from Kansas show that Governor Geary is a perfect Napoleon in the modern democratic art of making a slave State of free territory. First, with the United States dragoons at his service, he dismisses the armed border ruffians, with the complimentary discharge of a volunteer militia force, no longer needed; then with his dragoons he forcibly expels General Lane and his armed defenders of the free State settlements; and thirdly, he proceeds to arrest the unarmed free State settlers remaining in the Territory on charges of high treason. Our readers understand very well what constitutes high treason in Kansas. A fraudulent Legislature has enacted a code of laws of the most infamous, bloody, cruel, savage, shameless and lawless character—a code full of unconstitutional oaths, pains and penalties; and the free born American white citizens of that Territory who prefer the constitution and their rights under it to these spurious and atrocious laws, are slaughtered or denounced, hunted, arrested and imprisoned on these administration charges of high treason. The free State settlers say, like Patrick Henry, "If this be treason, make the most of it," and Governor Geary, a man of action, is taking them at their word.

According to the latest accounts from Kansas, (in addition to wholesale arrests for high treason,) a hundred free State men were confined at Le-compton on still another trumped up charge, the charge of murder, in having defended themselves, their families and their property against our democratic President's robbing marauders. These prisoners were strictly guarded by United States troops, in a small log house, with a loaded fieldpiece near the door to serve as a reminder that they must not rise against their masters. Of course the wives and children of these prisoners must take care of themselves. At the same time we learn from the St. Louis (Missouri) *Democrat*, that Gen. Lane, who won't stay put out, has had another brush with the border ruffians at Hickory Point, where the ruffians were sheltered in a log fort, with a black flag flying over it, which they were soon compelled to change to a white flag, and that they were only saved from a forcible expulsion from the Territory by the intervention of Governor Geary and a large body of United States troops. A compromise was then effected, the ruffians agreeing to disband and go home.

But this disbanding, it further appears, is all a sham. The ruffians remain in the Territory—some of them vagabondizing and plundering what little subsistence of the people has been left by the United States army—others enlisting as three months' volunteers in the United States service. Under this pressure numbers of the free State settlers, from impending starvation, are leaving the Territory; and many of those that remain—men, women and children—have subsisted for weeks upon green corn and squashes—neither flour, meal, nor meat of any kind being left them. To the settlers of a new country their horses are invaluable. It is taking away the right arm of a frontier settler to rob him of his horse. He is robbed at once of the faithful servant upon whose services he had depended for raising the necessaries of life. The administration ruffians in Kansas understand this well; and, accordingly; a prominent feature of their system of operations has been the wholesale stealing or taking of the horses of the free State settlers, according to the official democratic doctrine of the Ostend manifesto. The Missouri border ruffians have only applied to the horses of their free State neighbors of Kansas the identical doctrine which Mr. Buchanan is pledged to apply to the island of Cuba—the good old buccaneering doctrine of "wresting it from Spain if we have the power."

Under this propitious conjuncture of favorable circumstances for the slave State democracy of Kansas, executive officials, United States regulars and Missouri militia, the October Territorial election will have taken place. Besides, as we learn, the free State party at Lawrence had resolved to take no part in the bogus experiment of popular sovereignty, so that, by fire and sword, and by those other expelling agencies of robbery and starvation, arrests and imprisonments, and by ballot stuffing and perjured voters, there can be no doubt that this Kansas October election has gone pro-slavery almost unanimously. There is nothing, therefore, remaining to prevent the erection of Kansas into a slave State, through the system of

terrorism, blood, robbery and fraud adopted by Pierce and the rotten democracy, except the election of Fremont as our next President. His election, however, will put a peremptory stop to this policy of terrorism, and restore the constitution, the laws and the sovereign rights of the people to Kansas and the South, where the constitution is almost as much a dead letter as in Kansas.

Fremont's election is the only remedy for this democratic ruffian despotism which now reigns supreme over Kansas and over the Southern States. It is Fremont and the constitution against Buchanan and the democratic nigger drivers, nullifiers, disunionists, border ruffians, filibusters and their Ostend manifesto. Give us Fremont and the constitution.