

For the Gazette.

Lofland's Record.

There is sometimes exhibited in public affairs an effrontery, almost incredible, coupled with a disrespect and disregard of public opinion difficult to account for. It seems scarcely possible, and yet it is strictly true, that the Republican party in Delaware have nominated for Congress, and presented for the votes of the colored citizens a man who has bought and sold colored men like cattle; who has dealt in their flesh and blood as if it were mere merchandise, and yet we suppose that the life long opponents of negro slavery, who form the bulk of the white portion of the Republican Party in this State, and all the negro voters of this State, will vote on next Tuesday for JAMES R. LOFLAND of Milford.— And as a fitting commentary upon the blinding effects of ignorance and party passion, we call public attention to the following abstract from the Record of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery for Kent County for April Term 1859:

APRIL TERM, 1859.
State } Indicted for aiding a
vs. } slave to escape the service
Elijah Prates, (n.) } of Jas. R. Lofland, Esq.

And now, to wit, the 29th day of April, A. D., 1859, the defendant appears and on being charged on the above indictment pleads not guilty, and issue, and for trial puts himself upon a jury of the country. Guilty says Geo. P. Fisher, Esq., Attorney General, and for trial puts himself upon a jury of the country in like manner. Whereupon came a jury by the Sheriff summoned, empanelled and returned to wit, &c., whom, &c., do say that they find the defendant guilty in manner and form as he stands indicted and so they say all; whereupon it is considered and adjudged by the Court that he forfeit and pay as restitution money to JAMES R. LOFLAND, Esq., the owner of the slave escaped, the sum of five hundred dollars. That he pay the costs of this prosecution and that he be sold as a servant to the highest bidder for the term of seven years, and he is now committed to the custody of the Sheriff of Kent County until said sentence of the Court be carried into execution.

SHERIFF PRESENT.

Sheriff returns, by virtue of the within order of the Court. I sold on the Seventeenth day of May 1859, after due notice given, the within named Elijah Prates, (n.) to JAMES R. LOFLAND, Esq., for the term of seven years, for the sum of five hundred dollars, he being the highest and best bidder.

Attest: WM. A. ATKINSON,
Sheriff.

We are futhermore informed by respectable citizens of Kent county that they have seen and conversed with Elijah Prates, the colored man, so purchased by Mr. Lofland, and who charged that after Lofland had so purchased him, he took him South and sold him out of the State as a slave, in violation of the laws of this State, and that he was only released from the captivity to which Lofland had assigned him, by the result of the war.

The man also protested his entire innocence of the charge made against him by Lofland and of which Lofland, by the aid of his friend and political associate the Hon. GEORGE P. FISHER, succeeded in having him convicted.

We live in strange times, and the fact above cited is but one more instance, of the kind of rulers we may expect from negro suffrage in Delaware.

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