

Notice.

FRED. DOUGLASS.

The appointment of Frederick Douglass to the position of United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, brings to mind the remarkable career of that remarkable man. He was born in Maryland about the year 1817, his father being a white man and his mother a negro slave. According to the custom of the time, he was reared as a slave. His master was Col. Edward Lloyd, now only known as the owner of the future editor and orator. At the age of ten years Douglass was sent to Baltimore, to live with a relative of his master, and was employed in a shipyard. While here he secretly learned to read, and when he arrived at the age of twenty-one fled from Baltimore and from slavery. He fortunately succeeded in making his way to New Bedford, where he supported himself as a day laborer. There he was married. In 1841 he attended an anti-slavery meeting in Nantucket, and made a speech which created so favorable an impression that he was given the agency of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. He travelled under its auspices for four years, and then, after publishing his autobiography, went to Europe, where for two years he lectured to large audiences in nearly every corner of Great Britain. Before his return friends in England contributed £150 to have him manumitted in

due form of law, and presented him with a printing press, the greatest emancipator of the world. In 1844 he began the publication of *The North Star*, at Rochester, N.Y. It was he who, after the breaking out of the civil war, urged upon the President the employment of negro troops and the proclamation of emancipation, and in 1863 was very useful in filling up regiments of them. Since the close of the war he has been principally employed in lecturing. He became editor of the *New National Era* in Washington in 1870, which paper is now continued by his sons, Lewis and Frederick. In the following year he was appointed secretary to the commission of Santa Domingo, and on his return General Grant made him one of the territorial council of the District of Columbia. In the following year he was elected presidential elector at large for New York State, and carried the vote of the State to Washington, and now by the favor of President Hayes holds the very high and honorable position of United States Marshal for the District of Columbia. That a slave by his own energy and force of character should have obtained this position and been able to hold it at the present time is a marvel, and shows that neither intelligence, honor or worth are confined to any one race of people.