

slaveholders in that section, and they would have been very glad to have got the writer.

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FREEMEN MADE SLAVES!—KIDNAPPING IN WASHINGTON!—MORE OF THE AUXILIARY GUARD!

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Mr. Editor,—I have some things of much interest to communicate, that I write again sooner than I anticipated.

Twelve years ago a Mrs. Hardy, of Maryland, died, leaving all her slaves, by her will, to her brother, Basil Hatten, with a provision that they, *with their increase*, should be free at his death. There was a farther provision that, if any were not of age, they should be put to trades—the males till they were twenty-one, the females till they were eighteen.

Hatten died just about twelve years after his sister. The people being now free, many of them removed to this city.

Mr. Robert Hunter, the heir-at-law, claims as his slaves, all the children who were born between Mrs. Hardy's death, and the death of her brother, notwithstanding the clause in the will to free the "increase." He claims that they do not come under the provisions of the will, and that the "increase" refers to the children already born, at the time Mrs. Hardy died.

Some of them were pretty well advanced, though not of age. But he made no provision for them, nor attempted in any way to control them, with but one except-