

man have most prevailed, and they, too, are the most admirably governed, the most moral, the most intelligent, and the most thriving. Omitting what I should call the fourth class, composed of the States to the south of these, who have of late years abolished slavery, and who may be considered as in transition, we come to the fifth class, the Southerners, yet retaining, though nominally republicans, the time-honoured institution of lords and bondmen, the land divided into large estates, where the proprietor administers justice according to his will, ignorance prevalent, labour degraded, and consequently brutalised.

Let us now compare the two extreme systems, by placing side by side the number of inhabitants to a square mile with which each has succeeded in peopling the new Continent, recollecting that the advantages of soil and climate are in favour of the Southern States—

New England States (free).	Number of inhabitants to square mile.	Slave States.	Number of inhabitants to square mile.
Massachusetts	137·17	Maryland	53·00
Rhode Island	122·05	Virginia.....	23·17
Connecticut	78·06	North Carolina ...	19·10
New Hampshire	39·06	South " ...	23·87

Of these Maryland has been started by the contact of freedom. It now contains the largest free coloured population of any State in the Union.

The railroads in the United States are remarkable for their great extent (13,000 miles being already completed in 1853, and some thousands more in progress), and much more from the circumstance that most of them