

France may be employed on the South for the good of the slave, so may the refusal of Europe to give them countenance and support, lead them in spite to review the prohibition of the slave trade, and to agitate for its re-establishment in all its horrors.

It was in self protection that the South carried the Fugitive Slave Law through Congress, which as English journals have been constantly reminding us of late, was due to the efforts of Mr. Mason; but when they seceded, they virtually repealed that statute, because, of course, it was not to be expected that the North would give the same protection to proprietors in foreign countries which had hitherto been accorded to them while they were fellow-citizens under the same Union.* In refer-

* Since the delivery of this lecture the newspapers have published the bill which the Military Committee of the House of Representatives reported on the subject of the property and the slaves of the Confederates; recommending a system of universal confiscation, which is likely to render it an eminently pacificatory proposition. We may, however, while dismissing it as a serious programme, profitably study it as an indication of Northern feeling. It will be remarked, that emancipation is dealt with, as in General Fremont's proclamation, as a penal measure; and the period of compulsory labour, which is to bridge over the interval between servitude and freedom, is to be the wholly inadequate period of 5 years, or until 25 years of age of all under 21. But the cream of the whole matter is to be found in the suggestion, that "The President shall acquire in Mexico, South America, Central America, or islands in the Gulf of Mexico, lands, or the right of settlement on lands, to which emancipated slaves shall be transported, single persons receiving 40 acres of land, and married persons 80 acres."

The bearings of this recommendation are sufficiently obvious. The Federal Union lays claim to still unpeopled territories, west of the settled States, large enough to settle all the slaves of the South upon, and to hold millions of whites besides. But political emancipationism will have none of this. It was not enough to use the negro as a