

## OUTRAGE UPON SOUTHERN RIGHTS.

We furnish our readers this morning with a decision which gives an entire new feature to the slave question. It has just been decided by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, that a slave carried into that State by its owner, becomes *en instanti* free! What think you of that, people of the South? If a Southerner carries a servant or a nurse with him into the State of Massachusetts, the highest judicial tribunal of that State is ready with its writs and processes to wrest that servant from him and pronounce him a freeman before his face! And then as if to add the grossest insult to the deepest injury, we are told that this decision is no interference with the rights of the slave holder, but that rather, the carrying of a slave into a state which does not tolerate slavery, is an interference with the laws of that State! People of the South! Will you sleep forever over your dearest rights? Are you willing to sustain forever a confederation with States into which you dare not travel with your property, lest that property becomes by law actually confiscated? Of what value to you is a Union which enables those who are in common with yourself, members of that Union, to destroy the right of private property and deprive you of that which is justly yours.

This is the strongest and boldest step ever yet taken against the rights of the South, and leaves the puny efforts of the abolitionists at an immeasurable distance in the rear. The abolitionists themselves have thus far asked but little more than the liberty of publishing and distributing what they please on the subject of slavery, [bad enough in all conscience,] but here is a high and powerful court, which sets our negroes free as soon as they can get within its reach. Shall we submit to this? Has it not been enough that we have borne for years with a patience almost amounting to servility, the exactions of the tariff for the benefit of the North? Is it not enough that the coffers of the General Government have been filled by Southern earnings to be lavished upon those States in the way of appropriations? And must we now submit to have our property taken from us by courts and juries, and be insultingly told such things are no interference beyond our rights!