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Served Them Right!

SOUTHWARD BOUND.—A gang of forty negroes, from above, were taken down the river on the steamer Ben Lewis, lately. These negroes, we understand, had concocted their plans to take passage on the underground railroad that runs through Kansas, but, their intention having been discovered, it was deemed avisable to send them further South.—*Lexington (Mo.) Expositor.*

Of course they should be sent South. Ungrateful creatures! to prefer the miseries of Freedom to the delights of the lash and unpaid toil! What! concoct a plan to employ the U. G. R. R.! How could chattels be so unmindful of their masters' rights! And then, just think of it—*negroes* get up a *plan* to escape Why! are they not justly doomed to bondage, because they are an inferior race? Don't they know that their masters, generous souls! *take care* of them? Why should they "plan" for liberty? What use is it to them? Don't they know there are white poor people in the North right along the track of the U. G. R. R.? And yet these bondmen have the audacity to prefer liberty to slavery! Oh, yes; send them down to the rice and cotton fields of the far South, where such presumption will be punished with a short life and a speedy passage to a slave's ignoble grave. Tear them away from the scenes of youth and the friends and loves of riper years, and commit them to the tender mercies of the overseer's rawhide and cat-o'-nine-tails. Didn't they concoct a plan to flee from their humane and loving masters? Scourge them away to the land of dismal plantations, whence they shall never return! Bold wretches that they were! Prefer freedom to slavery! Chain them up and drag them off!

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