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THE GREATEST GOOD TO THE GREATEST NUMBER

Agent of the Daily and Weekly Prior in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and wherever else his excellent Agencies may extend. He has full power to act for us.

The Fugitive Slave Bill and Commissioner Gardiner.

The first case which has arisen under the Fugitive Slave law, came before Commissioner GARDINER of New York. The fugitive was promptly dealt by and restored to his owner in Baltimore. Mr. GARDINER has proven himself to be a faithful public servant, an honest man, and a patriot. And yet, by a certain class of editors in New York he is sneered at, and an effort is made to excite dislike towards him on the part of the public. A paper called the Allas, of no circulation of much moment beyond the purlieus of the street in which it is edited, proclaims the proceeding "an infamous outrage;" and, in the language of low blackguardism with which they seem to be familiar, the editors (there are two of them, pars nobile fratrum) say that "Hamlet was brought before a Commissioner " named GARDINER. Gardiner is a "brother-in-law of the celebrated Cap-"lain JOHN TYLER, late President of "the United States, and received bits " office at the hands of that function-"ary." Now what Jackasses are Messrs. Herrick and Ropes, the editors? These would-be somethingarians, in the first place, deem it a matter of censure in a judge to execute the law; and, in the next, they show their ignorance by ascribing to Mr. Tyler, under their witty soubriquet of Captain, (a title he is well content to wear since he enjoyed it during the war of 1812 with Great Britain,) the appointment of his brother-in-law to office, when, in fact, Mr. GARDINER. as we happen to know, received his office of Clerk of the U.S. Circuit Court of New York and Commissioner, at the hands of another. Had it been otherwise, Mr. TYLER would well have merited the thanks of the country for so good an appointment.

Verily, Ropes was made for Herrick and Herrick for ropes—as will, we doubt not, sooner or later, be seen.