

THE FUGITIVE SLAVE CASE.—Considerable feeling existed in the street yesterday, while the sum of \$1200 was being made up, to purchase the freedom of the woman, Amanda Charres. The sum was raised last night, the slave dealer paid off, and the woman set at liberty. The circumstances are these:

Thirteen months since, a young man, arrived at Alton with this woman—he had ran away with her, from Memphis, where she was owned by his father, a Mr. Leach. Some family difficulty had occurred, and he brought her up here, and left her, telling her she was now free, which she in her simplicity believed.

The girl lived here, quietly, and married young Charres, three weeks since. An old colored woman in this place, had formerly lived in Memphis, and in writing to her friends there she casually inquired how Amanda came by her freedom. Every body here supposed the girl was free. This gave information in Memphis of her whereabouts to two negro traders by name of McCallum, and they went to her owner, the father of the young man who ran away with her, and purchased his claim to her, taking a bill of sale, and also getting power of attorney, and all the requisite legal papers in the case.

They came up to our city, and after a few days' stay fell upon the track of the girl, and brought the case before the U. S. Commissioner. Everything was perfectly plain—the girl admitted all the main facts, and there was but one course to pursue. Commissioner Davis gave the slave over to the owners.

The friends of the Charres family, who are all respectable, ascertained the price of the girl—it was \$1200—and they set about raising it. The family raised \$400 by mortgaging their real estate, and the remaining \$800 was given by the citizens of Alton, who came nobly forward to the work. The case was a very peculiar one, and elicited very deep feeling; yet no outbreak, or even a disposition to do violence, was manifested.—Hard though it seemed, yet the people of Alton were determined to abide by the law.