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Administrator's Sale, by Order of the Ordinary.

A PRIME AND ORDERLY GANG OF  
**68 Long Cotton Field Negroes,**

Belonging to the Estate of the late Christopher J. Whaley.

**WILBUR & SON**

Will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION in Charleston,

**At the Mart in Chalmers Street,**

On Thursday, Feb. 2d, 1860.

COMMENCING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK,

**THE FOLLOWING GANG OF LONG COTTON NEGROES,**

Who are said to be remarkably prime, and will be sold as per Catalogue.

NAMES.	AGES.	NAMES.	AGES.
Jimmy, driver,	30	Carter,	36
Flora, seamstress,	24	Taffy,	13
James,	5	Rachel, (\$ 720,)	8
Charles, (\$ 125,)	1	Jannett,	18
August,	52	Phebe, (\$ 860,)	40
Mathias, (\$ 1,220,)	18	Judy,	8
Sandy,	16	Major,	40
John,	13	Lavinia,	30
Tom,	70	Billy, (\$ 550,)	10
Jack,	38	Tamor,	6
James,	6	Jimmy,	52
Leah,	5	Kate,	46
Flora,	2	Susan,	25
Andrew,	42	Thomas, (\$ 330,)	6
Binah,	40	Kate,	1
Phillis,	20	Edward, coachman,	49
Mary,	15	Amey,	22
Lymus,	10	Teneh, washer,	30
Abram, (\$ 275,)	2	Josephine,	9
Binah,	2 mos.	Sam,	11
Andrew,	29	Isaac,	5
Hagar,	25	William,	1
Dayman,	4	Amey,	27
Cully,	21	Louisa, (\$ 750,)	8
Hagar, (\$ 1,320,)	20	Joe,	3
Margaret,	85	Sam, ruptured,	65
Lucy, cripple,	60	Andrew, dropsical,	61
John,	22	Daniel,	70
Ellick, (\$ 1,160,)	18	Lymus,	30
Libby,	19	Lucy, nurse,	58

**TERMS.**

One-third Cash; balance in one and two years, secured by bond, and mortgage of the negroes, with approved personal security. Purchasers to pay us for papers.

The Charleston *Mercury* was the organ of the Secessionists from the start. It not only advocated Secession as a political principle, but filled its columns with articles holding up to ridicule and contempt the people of the North. The spirit of hate seemed to seize the whole community, in which women even exceeded their husbands. Thus wrote a Southern lady:—

“I would rather die than hold a position of inferiority and vassalage to the North, and the dominant feeling of my heart is to leave a State where men are too cowardly to protect their women and too mercenary to risk their money.”\*

“The question has thrust itself into our domestic fireside, and you find all classes,—men, women, and children,—asking what they must do to be saved,” said W. F. Cullock, Col lector of Charleston, in a speech at the Pulaski House, Savannah, on the opening of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad.

“Fight! Secede!” was the response from the drunken crowd.

The South Carolina Muse tuned her lyre and sang,—

“We'll unfurl the Lone-Star banner,  
And we'll keep it waving high;  
For Secession we are pledged,  
For Secession we will die.”

The city of Charleston was foremost for Secession. When the news was received that Mr. Lincoln was elected President, a red flag, with the palmetto-tree and a lone star wrought upon it, was raised. Says the *Mercury*: “A shout and twice three cheers greeted its appearance. The Association of 1860 assembled. The feeling was for prompt action.”

The Legislature was in session at Columbia. On the 11th of the month a bill was passed calling a State convention.

“Gentlemen, hats off!” said the *Mercury*. “Then hip-hip-hip-hurrah! — and hip-hip-hip-hurrah — hurrah — hurrah — hurrah — for the homes we love!” †

Then more soberly the editor added:—

“The news of the passage of the convention resolutions by an almost unanimous vote, at Columbia, was received in this city on Sat-

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\* Charleston *Mercury*, November 3, 1860

† *Mercury*, November 12, 1860.