

RUNAWAY SLAVES.

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RUNAWAY SLAVES. The spirit of liberty now so extensively abroad in the mind, has reached the capital of the United States. A large number of slaves had an *emancipation*, on Saturday night last, under the very eyes of the Government; and took their freedom without asking for it or threatening any violence to their oppressors. These slaves numbered seventy-seven, and they left Washington in a coasting schooner belonging to New Jersey. Their flight being discovered, a steamboat was started after them, and they were overtaken, and with the captain and crew of the schooner are now lodged in jail in Washington. It will be seen by the Congress news that Mr. Giddings created some amusement in the House by proposing an inquiry, why these lovers of liberty were imprisoned for attempting to gain their rights. It would be a much less difficult task to laugh down such an inquiry in Congress, than to give any satisfactory reason why the nations of Europe should have our sympathy in their attempts to obtain political freedom, and our poor enslaved fellow countrymen should be considered deserving a prison house and the stocks for an attempt to secure personal freedom.

—Traveller.