

Dred Scott Decision—Readings



Ellis Wilson, from the North



At last, the day of reckoning.

The whole nation is awaiting the Supreme Court's ruling on the Dred Scott case. Both the North and the South want the issues clarified, and we all know it goes beyond giving Dred Scott his freedom. Let the South keep their slaves, but let them know that the North is determined to stop the spread of slavery

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Marcus Brutus Thompson, from the South



Vigilance, gentlemen, always vigilance.

Vigilance today, vigilance now, and vigilance tomorrow.

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J. F. A. Sanford, the New Owner of Dred Scott



Audacity is our answer.

Always audacity.

The South cannot be given a break from our determined attacks. We must fight the Southerners, making speeches and being heard, educating the politicians and winning the masses to our side. The Supreme Court of the United States is deciding Dred Scott's suit, and here we will strike another blow

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An Open Letter to Birmingham Sentinel, October 4, 1857 (cont.)

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I am personally insulted when my other professional colleagues and I are faced with accusations of cruelty and inhumanity. The firm of Throttle & Whimple performs a valuable service to the whole Southern community in supplying the labor needs of the plantations. And these requirements are met with as much compassion and understanding as circumstance allows. We, who bring a much needed