

Notes. by W. B. G.

Slavery existed in England previous to and at the time of the settlement of the Plymouth colony. Scotch Prisoners, taken at the Battle of Dunbar, were sent to Boston and sold before and up to 1650.

When African Slavery were introduced, but it did not come with Winthrop's Company. Josselyn found 1638. Sam Mather the owner of three (3) Slaves who probably was brought from the West Indies in a ship that arrived that year.

A cargo of Negroes arrived at Boston in 1645. The sale was forbidden and the Negroes sent back at the expense of the Colony. Slavery did not increase until after 1700. and that was by the encouragement given by the Mother Country.

And from <sup>the doing</sup> that eventful day  
sprung all the evil of slavery in  
this country.

From that days work sprung the

# The Negro and his friends

## The Negro his Friends and Foes.

We will now begin by looking far into the past far beyond the Declaration of the Independence of 76. to that Memorable day the 11 of Dec 1614. when 11 Negro Slaves landed at Jamestown Va. And ask you was for any act of friendship that those benighted Africans were torn from their loved homes on the free plain of Africa shores, and transferred to the wilderness of America

Was it and act of friendship that those Dutch traders exposed those Negroes for sale. was it and act of friendship that caused the J. H. V. to buy those Misfortunate ones, and make them the stewers of Wood. and Drainers of Water to clear their Land. to Build their City. and feed their mouths?

As the Massachusetts colony could not prohibit the importation or sale of slaves there was nothing left for them to do but to regulate the status of the children of slaves born in the colony.

In the Body of Liberties adopted in 1641, slavery was one of the topics treated but no allusions were made to Race or color.