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THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 1.

THE NORTHERN MAILS have arrived from beyond Washington.

A GREAT AND GROWING EVIL.

A subscriber sends us an article from the Washington *States* against the practice so prevalent everywhere of electing slaveholding officers, without distinction, by the people. The views of the *States* are identical with those we have been long accustomed to urge, and have recently reaffirmed, though, we fear, to but little purpose. As, however, the opinions of distant and well informed journalists may tend to arouse the sentiment of the community, and induce a dispassionate consideration of this subject, we have no objection to publish the argument of the *States*. That paper says:

That some officers should be elected by the people we regard as not only proper, but absolutely necessary—such as the chief executive officers and members of the State Legislatures. There may be some others, but we will content ourselves with mentioning these.

Now the theory of a popular government is that the people have the right to rule; but the difference between a conservative republican government and a "wild democracy" is that in the former the people elect representatives to act for them—in the latter they act for themselves in tumultuary primary assemblages. When the people elect their representatives to make their laws, it is their duty to elect those whom they can trust; and if they can trust them to make their laws, they can surely trust them to elect their officers. The selections of legislative representatives are frequent; and the fact that these representatives are accountable to the people, makes them careful to vote to the people, make them careful to vote to the people, make them careful to vote to the people, make