

Census of South Carolina.

The census of South Carolina, as officially announced; will be regarded with more than ordinary interest at the present moment. Our brethren of that State talk of seceding and setting up for themselves, and it is therefore important to know the real condition of the population, the position and progress of the State, its extent and its resources. The area of South Carolina is 24,000 square miles, or nearly the same as the aggregate of the four New England States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The following results tell the whole story:

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| Total population in 1850, | 668,467 |
| Free, | 283,737 |
| Slave, | 384,730 |

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| In 1840, total, | 594,439 |
| Free, | 267,505 |
| Slave, | 327,934 |

It will thus be seen that in South Carolina the slave population is greater by more than one hundred thousand than the free.— Also, that the slaves have increased since 1840, from 327,834, to 384,730, while the whites have increased from 266,506 to 283,737. The whole white population at the present moment, throughout the entire State of South Carolina is little more than half the aggregate population of Philadelphia city and County. The figures stand thus:

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| Philadelphia city and county, | 410,000 |
| Free population of S. C. | 283,737 |

What a mistaken policy in a State so circumstanced, to talk of secession? And yet our cotemporary of the Charleston Mercury, even assumes to find in the census, some encouragement for the continued advocacy of the treasonable delusion.—*Philadelphia Enquirer.*