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Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet.—Judge Black, the Attorney General—Decision in the Missouri Slave Case—The Missouri Compromise Declared Unconstitutional.

The cabinet of Mr. Buchanan is at length settled, and so far as is known it gives satisfaction to those who may be disposed upon any terms to give a support to the new administration. Opposition there will be, of course, not only from old but new sources. The cabinet consists of Messrs. Cass, Secretary of State; Howell Cobb, Secretary of the Treasury; Isaac Toucey, Secretary of the Navy; J. H. Floyd, Secretary of War; Judge Black, of Pa., Attorney General; Jacob Thompson, of Mississippi, Secretary of the Interior; Aaron V. Brown, of Tennessee, Postmaster General.

Judge Black is a man of high abilities and character, ranking with such men as the late Judge Gibson and Justice Henry Baldwin.

The Senate to-day confirmed the above nominations.

Chief-Justice Taney delivered this morning the opinion of the Supreme Court in the Missouri slave case. The opinion is long, and occupied two hours in the delivery. It was listened to with profound interest, and will be everywhere respected for its wisdom, and acquiesced in as the decision of the constitutional tribunal.

The court, after a full statement of the case, comes to the conclusion that Dred Scott is not a citizen of the United States, and is not, therefore entitled to sue in the Supreme Court. But, incidentally, the court takes into consideration other constitutional questions involved in this case, and declares that the ordinance of 1787, excluding slavery from the Northwestern territory was superseded and set aside by the adoption of the constitution, and that the Missouri compromise, by which slavery beyond the parallel of 36 deg. 30 min. was forever prohibited, was unconstitutional, and is null and void. The moral of the opinion is that the United States government cannot exercise any power over persons and property in the territories that they cannot do in the States.

Justice Nelson arrived at like conclusions by a different process. The dissenting justices were McLean and Curtis.