

*From the Troy Sentinel.*

*Termination of Slavery in New-York.*—A gentleman of high legal attainments handed us the following communication on this subject.

The anniversary of our National Independence was the era fixed by our legislature for the abolition of slavery in this state. As our legislature has wisely adopted the policy of a gradual extinction of slavery and servitude, the legal condition of the people of colour may not be precisely understood, and it will perhaps, be useful to state the operation of the laws upon the rights of master and servants.

1. All who were held as *slaves* previously to the 4th of July, of the present year, are absolutely and unconditionally emancipated.

2. The children of slaves, born after the 4th of July, 1799, and before the 31st of March, 1817, remain the *servants* of the owners of their mothers and their representatives, “in the same manner as if such children had been bound to service by the overseers of the poor,” viz: males until the age of 28 years, and females until the age of 25 years.

3. Children born of slaves since the 31st day of March, 1817, remain servants as aforesaid until the age of 21 years, and no longer.

4. The children of *servants* are absolutely free, and their condition, *by law*, is the same as that of white children, except as to the qualifications for voting at elections.