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DIALOGUE

UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN. {1}

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B.J.—The President admits the Navassa men arrested for killing a superintendent had been grossly maltreated and deprived of all judicial resources of redress before the killing was done by them.

U.S.—That's true!

B.J.—And yet the President says they committed felony.

U.S.—He does so.

B.J.—But look at New Orleans. The lynchers there were not deprived of judicial redress for the crimes of which they complained. Nevertheless, they took the law into their hands and killed 11 men, and that is not called murder; that is said to be all right. I say it is all wrong.

U.S.—Hush! They'll lynch you, too, if they hear you talk that way, and me for listening to you. Brother Jonathan, the Republic and her laws are overthrown; a handful of freebooters now rule the land. Let us invoke the Spirit of 1776.

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