Wisconsin's defiance of the federal government in the Joshua Glover incident was the practical application of

## *THE LESSER MAGISTRATE DOCTRINE:*

The doctrine of the lesser magistrates declares that when the higher-ranking civil authority makes unjust or immoral laws, policies, or court opinions – the lower or lesser-ranking civil authority has a God-given right and duty to refuse obedience to the higher authority. If necessary, the lesser authority may even actively resist the higher authority.

A QUOTE WHICH SUCCINCTLY SUMS UP THE DOCTRINE was made by Roman Emperor Trajan. Once, while appointing a subordinate authority, Trajan handed him a sword and said, *"Use this sword against my enemies, if I give righteous commands; but if I give unrighteous commands, use it against me."*

Well-known Christian leader from the Reformation – John Knox – wrote his Appellation to the Nobles of Scotland in 1558. This is a treatise on the lesser magistrate doctrine wherein Knox cites over 70 passages of Scripture to establish the doctrine.

The standard upon which Christian men built this doctrine is "DIVINE LAW TRUMPS HUMAN LAWS."

This was understood by Western Man for nearly 1500 years – God's law is the objective standard to which all men and all governments of men are accountable.

For example, William Blackstone (1723-1780) is the most cited legal scholar in the writings of America's founding fathers. His Commentaries on the Laws of England are the bedrock of American jurisprudence. Blackstone referred to God's law as "those superior laws," and stated that "upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation [God's written law], depend all human laws; that is to say, *no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.*"

Hence, when the higher authority makes unjust or immoral decrees – those which clearly contradict the law of God - the lesser authority should not blindly obey, rather, they have the duty to interpose against their actions in order to rein in their tyranny.

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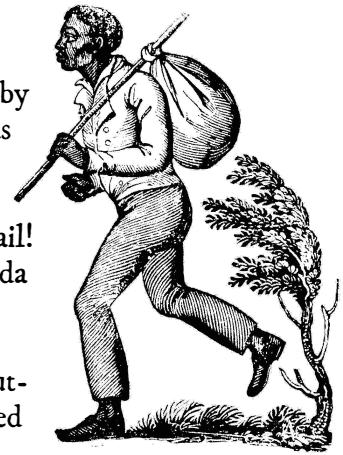
*IN 1859 A STATE LEGISLATURE DEFIED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.*

# IS IT TIME FOR THEM TO DO IT AGAIN?

## *On March 11, 1854,*



a runaway slave, Joshua Glover, was arrested by federal marshals in Racine Wisconsin. He was taken to the Milwaukee County jail. A crowd of about 5000 people who had learned of the arrest gathered – and they broke him out of jail! Glover made it out of Wisconsin and to Canada where he lived free until his natural death.
The federal government decided to charge a ringleader of the people who broke Glover out- a man named Sherman Booth. He was charged under the federal Fugitive Slave Act.

In a historic act of interposition, the Wisconsin Legislature and the Wisconsin Supreme Court defied the federal government and the U.S. Supreme Court by interposing for Booth and declaring the federal Fugitive Slave Act to be void and of no force!

### *RESOLVED:*

That this assumption of jurisdiction by the federal judiciary, in the said case, and without process, is an act of undelegated power, and therefore without authority, void, and of no force.

- THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE, MARCH 14, 1859

State legislature and all state officials – including governors, mayors, attorneys general, city councils, and judges – need to interpose once again and defend the preborn from murder.

*THE IDEA* that lawless federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, must be obeyed– even when they write opinions that uphold injustice and murder – *is a fiction.*

The Supremacy Clause – Article 6, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution – *nowhere* declares that federal courts or the U. S. Supreme Court has supremacy for declaring what is constitutional. Rather, it states that the U.S. Constitution itself has supremacy and all government officials take an oath to uphold the Constitution. They do *not* take an oath of subservience to the federal judiciary.

When the Supreme Court acts outside the limits of the Constitution, it is incumbent on the lesser magistrates, within their spheres of authority, to maintain allegiance to the U. S. Constitution and not blithely obey federal lawlessness. Nowhere are states compelled to a suicide pact with a lawless federal government.

## WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKES UNJUST OR IMMORAL LAWS OR COURT OPINIONS . . .

"...the states who are parties thereto [parties to the U.S. Constitution], have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progress of evil."

-JAMES MADISON, ARCHITECT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

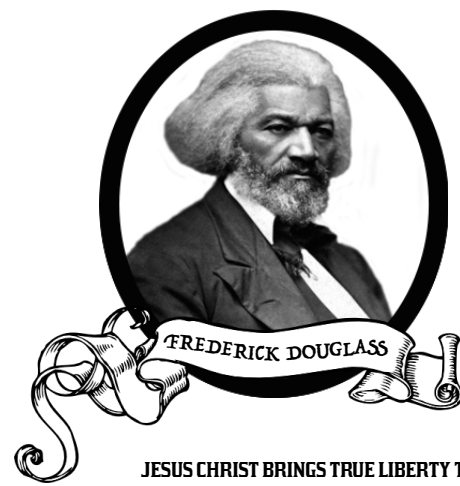
ALL CIVIL AUTHORITIES HAVE THE DUTY TO:

-DEFY LAWLESS FEDERAL JUDGES-

-UPHOLD THE LAW-

-DEFEND THE PREBORN-

-END THIS FEDERAL INJUSTICE-




## "POWER CONCEDES NOTHING WITHOUT A DEMAND.

IT NEVER HAS AND IT NEVER WILL.

Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them."

-Frederick Douglass, abolitionist of slavery

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