

**Good Advice, but we Decline
to Take It.**

The Houston Telegraph of the 11th instant says to us, as free men of color, not to ask the privilege of suffrage yet, and if our friends in the Convention give this right to us, we must reject it. I ask, why? The Telegraph says, because your friends, the democrats, will take it from you as soon as the Constitution is adopted. Now, sir, I ask one thing: why is it that the white people are crying daily, "let us vote?" If a free man can live so well in a free government without a voice in its government, why not try it yourself a while?

No, sir; give us the ballot, and give it to us for all time, and then if you can outrun us in the race of life, all is well.

BRYANT, of Harris.

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