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January 30th, 1858. London. In the summer of the late President Fillmore (1852-61), after a too long period of political truce, the British public began to witness a more active spirit of opposition to the system of slavery, than they had witnessed before. The movement was led by a small but influential group of antislavery leaders, who had long been working behind the scenes to bring about a change in British policy toward the United States. The movement had gained momentum in the wake of the Dred Scott decision, which had galvanized the antislavery community and sparked a wave of protest among Britons. The result was the formation of the Anti-Slavery Society, which sought to educate the public about the plight of slaves and to pressure the British government to take action. The society's efforts were supported by a growing number of individuals and organizations, who saw the fight against slavery as a moral imperative and a step toward realizing the principles of liberty and equality that were at the heart of the British constitution. The movement continued to grow, with new societies forming and existing ones expanding their influence. In the years that followed, the British government was forced to confront the issue of slavery in the United States, and its policies began to shift in response to the growing pressure from the antislavery movement. In the end, the movement succeeded in its goal of ending the transatlantic slave trade, and it laid the groundwork for further efforts to end slavery in the United States.