

ADDRESS To the People of the U. States. Adopted by the Southern and Western Slave Convention at Cincinnati, June 11, 1845.

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Permit us now, fellow citizens, to recall you to the recollected opinions of the revolutionary sages...

FASHION OF THE DAY to favor the liberty of the

These citations might be indefinitely multiplied, but we forbear. Well might Mr. Leigh, very lately, remark in 1832, "I thought, till that, during the revolution and for many years after, the abolition of slavery was a fashionable article of dress..."

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It cannot be doubted that, had the original policy and original principles of the Constitution been realized, the example and influence of the General Government would have ceased in the District of Columbia immediately upon the establishment of the Government...

How different! How sadly different, are the facts of history! LEXXIA MARIA complained at the time of the adoption of the Constitution...

James Wilson, of Pennsylvania, signed the Constitution, taking a very different view of the provisions bearing upon slavery from that of the slave traders...

In the ratification Convention of Virginia, Mr. Madison, in a speech, said: "I have not a single objection to the Constitution..."

"Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof."—Leviticus 25: 10.

foreign territory, not for the laudable purpose of extending the blessings of freedom, but for the purpose of diffusing the curse of slavery, and thereby rendering and perpetuating its own ascendancy.

We propose to effect this by repealing all legislation, and discontinuing all action in favor of slavery, at home and abroad; by prohibiting the importation of slaves...

The constitutionality of this line of action cannot be successfully impeached. That it will terminate, if steadily pursued, in the speedy and permanent abolition of slavery, no will doubt.

Such, fellow citizens, are your views, principles and feelings, as they are manifested in the great work of delivering our loved country from the evils of slavery.

What then is the position of the political parties in this country in relation to this subject? The most liberal principles, "Equal and exact justice to all men," "equal rights for all men," "indefeasible opposition to oppression..."

Profoundly do we revere the opinions of true Democracy; they are identical with those of true Christianity, in relation to the rights of men as citizens.

tolerable, and with every other it is strengthened and justified." This wrote Charles Follen in 1836. It is the policy of the party which we have designated as the party of Anti-Slavery...

It has no anti-slavery article in its national creed. Among its leaders and champions are those who are perfectly honest in their practice and in principle.

With what party, then, shall we act? Or shall we act with none? Act, in some way, in some manner, for the good of the people, for the sake of the slave.

That there is such a party as this, we know. Its principles, measures, and objects we cordially approve. It finds itself upon the great principles of true Democracy...

The rise of such a party as this was anticipated long before its actual organization, by the friends of the slave in this country.

What care we for the opinions of those who are not in the ranks of the slaveholders, who are not in the ranks of the slaveholders, who are not in the ranks of the slaveholders...

Are you non-slaveholders of the Slave States? Do you not see that we are in the ranks of the slaveholders, who are not in the ranks of the slaveholders...

It prevails general education. It is not the interest of slaveholders that poor non-slaveholders should be educated. The census of 1840 reveals the astounding fact that more than one seventh of the white population...

It paralyzes your industry and enterprise. The census of 1840 also disclosed the fact that the free states, with two millions and a quarter of inhabitants, produce annually in value, from mines, thirty-three millions of dollars more than the slave states...

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Are you already anti-slavery men? Let us tell you the reasons why we are not. We are not, because we are not in the ranks of the slaveholders...

Slavery corrupts the religion and destroys the morals of a community. We need not tell you that it is a crime against God and man...

Slavery is a source of most deplorable woe. What a panic is spread by the bare suggestion of a servile insurrection! And how completely are the slaveholding States affected...

Slavery seeks to deprive non-slaveholders of their rights. It is a crime against God and man. It is a crime against God and man...

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