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Because, 1. Colored people are not accounted as human beings. 2. They are treated in all respects as if they were an inferior order of cattle to horses and dogs, except as they can augment wealth and luxury, and minister to sensuality. 3. It is considered the greatest insult in the world among the unfeeling and hardened slave torturers to take any notice of a gentleman's killing a slave. They are a body of two legged animals, only kept to be starved or worked to death, or to be killed by toil, or torture, or outrage, or violation.

II. The conduct of American slaveholders is plainly declared—*Whose persecutors they are and hold themselves not guilty; and they who sell them self, Blessed be the Lord, for I am rich!*

1. They are engaged in a most ungodly traffic, like the people of old, who are condemned by the other prophets. Joel 3: 3. 'They have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine that they may drink.' This is the constant practice among slaveholders. Amos 2; 6—'Thus saith the Lord; they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; that part after the dust of the earth upon the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek; and the man and his father gone up into the same maid to profane my holy name.' These are the constant practices of almost all slaveholders.

2. They mix impiety with their wickedness. They became rich by their man-stealing and man-selling, and then pretend hypocritically to thank the Lord that He has blessed them in their most felonious mode to obtain opulence. This is true of all slaveholders; they accumulate wealth by continuous robbery; and yet many of them profess to be followers of Jesus Christ, who went about doing good, the Prince of Philanthropists, and the god-like Liberator. Our text, therefore, teaches us, that all profusion of the christian religion by such slaveholders, is impious hypocrisy.

3. The slaveholders are as cruel as they are corrupt and deceitful, for they stay the flock. The work of murderous death always going on in the slaveholding districts, either more suddenly or with lingering tortures. No earthly record is kept of the human blood-sheds and of the human lives sacrificed to the relentless demon of slavery. The Lord holds the catalogue, and at the head of fold of the dirful scroll is the dreadful indictment written with American and christian blood—*Whose persecutors they are and hold themselves not guilty!* They are not only robbers, hypocrites and murderers, but practical Atheists, who commit the most nefarious crimes, and yet plead not guilty. Thus they despise the law of God, and maintain, notwithstanding all their superlative wickedness, that they are innocent. They virtually deny all morality, and discard the divine government of the world. They abrogate all religion, and even adduce the name of God and their hypocritical profession of divine truth as a sanction for their inordinate depravity. This is the character, in different degrees, of all the slaveholders who curse the church and the world.

III. The conduct of the pretended shepherds in reference to slaves; that is of American preachers in the Southern States is pungently denounced—*Their own shepherds pity them not!* It is one of the most extraordinary principles of slavery, that ministers of the gospel, so called, of nearly all denominations, who reside in slaveholding regions, are slaveholders, who will sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes. It is self-evident, that the preachers have no pity for slaves; they neither comfort them, nor plead for them, nor instruct them; and all attempts to teach them by oral doctrine only, is no better than solemn mockery. Like the Papists, they will not permit the colored citizens to learn to read, or to possess the scriptures; and all the knowledge which they acquire by their preachers' discourses is both deceptive and insulting. *No man dare to preach the wondrous Gospel south of the Potomac and the Ohio.*

Preachers publicly and as readily exchange men for horses, and women for sheep, or sell and buy and traffic boys and girls, as any other class of men-stealers! In the Negro quarter belonging to preachers, the slaves live with no more religious instruction, equally destitute of food and clothing, and laboring as in-

cessantly, and are scourged as often and as barbarously, as on the neighboring farms and plantations of which the domestic despots are avowed sons of Babel. In the southern states of this union, almost all the settled preachers of every sect are what the Apostle Paul himself, terms them, 'men-stealers' without the smallest particle of commiseration for the colored citizens. They possess not one sentiment of compassion for them, more than that which Pharaoh and his task-masters had for the Israelites.

In reference to the American colored people, slaveholders exemplify all the doings of those ancient sinners, of whom the Apostle Paul declares; 'that they who commit such things are worthy of death, and they not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them; traitors, heady, high-minded, incontinent, fierce, unfeeling, without natural affection, covenant breakers, false accusers, implacable and unmerciful.'—Romans 1: 28—32. This is the general character of all slaveholders; and that preachers partake of it is proved by their withholding almost entirely, all moral and religious instruction from the victims of their ungodly despotism. They have no feeling for their tormented bodies, and no solicitude for their perishing souls. Hence, about two millions and a half of our native citizens in the United States are living in a state of brutal degradation, with their understandings darkened, 'having no hope, and without God in the world'; passing on to eternity as if they were animals without souls, while the preachers of the Gospel, to them, are only guides to the dungeon of eternal despair!

Yet this marvellous conception is sustained and defended, and they who cannot change the skin of an Ethiopian, contrive to whitewash the blackness of Satan. They dub the man-stealers, M. A. and D. D. and rightly are they invested with those titles, for they are as the Presbyterial Confession of Faith declares, 'Homium Pures; Artis Magistri; et Diaboli Doctores, D. D., Doctor of this Devil.'

These titles, and the absurdly factitious influence which they arrogate are acquired and maintained solely by the hypocritical donations which they bestow upon the various institutions of philanthropy, and whose strictly conscientious men would solicit or accept for christian purposes, as presented under a christian name, and to purchase christian fellowship. Man-stealers give to Bible societies, Tract societies, &c. to procure money from the donation of money of which they have defrauded the laborer, and robbed the destitute; but they forget and omit the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith. They will give a cent which they have stolen from the colored people to the treasury of the Lord, as a commutation for retaining the other ninety-nine for luxury and splendor.—Preachers, we recommend you seriously to apply to your consciences the Saviour's searching question—Matthew 23: 33—'How can ye escape the damnation of hell?'

IV. The preacher's duty is enjoined—'thus saith the Lord my God, feed the flock of the slaughter.' Comfort, instruct and nourish the people doomed to wretchedness and torture. This is the injunction of God, to all ye preachers, it is paramount to all earthly legislation. The principles of the gospel are abandoned; the discipline of the Christian church is sacrificed; the very character of pure and undefiled religion as a system of love and holiness is destroyed; and the duty of the evangelical ministry is perfidiously neglected by all descriptions of preachers in the southern States. In reference to slavery, you are Achans in the camp of the Israelites. You are no better than Judas betraying the cause of the Lord; or the chief rulers who loved the praise of men more than the praise of God; and Demas who for the love of the present world forsook the apostle. You disobey your Lord and Master; and if there be any truth in the doctrine of retribution, when the Master of the servants cometh and reckoneth with them, you will be denounced as wicked and slothful servants. 'You men-stealing preachers, and your their dough faced coadjutors, hear the word of the Lord, Zechariah 11: 8—'Three shepherds I also cut off; and my soul was lonely, and their souls also abandoned me.' The Lord here emphatically declares, that

you abhor the Lord. It does not signify what your pretensions may be. You may boast 'the temple of the Lord are we. You may make long prayers, and sound a trumpet before you; and love to be called of men Rabbi; but you bind heavy burdens on men's shoulders, which you will not move with one of your fingers.' Notwithstanding all this, your souls in secret and in truth abhor the Lord; or you would obey his commandments. Look at this description all you ecclesiastical men-stealers and your abettors! God declares that your refusal to obey his divine injunction to 'feed the flock of the slaughter,' is because your souls abhor him. Who can doubt the truth of God's declaration when your disobedience verifies the infallible truth? Therefore remember the Lord's declaration—'My soul loathed them.' The Lord loathes you for your hardness of heart, your cruelty, your robberies, your impiety, your ungodly wealth, your want of human sensibility, your destitution of all christian love, your rejection of all pastoral commiseration and sympathy, your hardened defiance of his authority, and your resolute contempt of His sovereign mandate. Therefore he reminds you of an example by which you may take warning—'Three shepherds also I cut off in one month. Whoever they were who thus experienced the Judge's displeasure, they were far less criminal than you. Preachers in America live in the midst of gospel sunshine, profess to be actuated by those sacred principles which admit the rights of conscience, civil freedom, and religious liberty, are bound by their own oaths to 'preach the gospel to the poor, and deliverance to the captive, to cry aloud and spare not; to lift up their voice like a trumpet, and shew the people their transgression and their sins; that they may loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke.' You see how far American citizens, your fellow immortals drawn un- to death and ready to be slain, and yet fearful to deliver them!—Proverbs 24: 11, 12. The Lord commands you to blow the trumpet and warn the people; and yet you will not comply; the people are taken away in their iniquity, and the Judge of all the earth declares to you, Ezekiel 33: 6—'their blood will I require at the watchman's hand! Deceive not yourselves by any delusive subtleties. In vain (Isaiah 28: 15, 17) will you make lies your refuge, and under falsehood hide yourselves. The hail of the Lord will sweep away your refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow your hiding-place! You are like Jonah, refusing to deliver the message of the Lord, and you already experience and know, that 'they who observe lying vanities, as you constantly do, forsake their own mercy.' If God spared not the ancient hard-hearted shepherds, but cut them off; take heed, lest he spare not you, in your insensibility and rebellion. Remember also another word of the Lord; Zechariah 11: 7—1 will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.' Thus the Lord declares that the slaves shall be emancipated. Jehovah is the great exemplar of Abolitionists. He exterminated it in Egypt to Pharaoh's cost; he abolished slavery in Babylon, but Belshazzar and the scotch-sheep were removed, and if you will not feed the flock of the slaughter, he will feed them—but you shall be cut off. God will make them Beauty, honorable; and Bands, strong; and will feed, enlighten, support, supply, and strengthen them; and then we be to you: 'false prophets, who come in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves!'

Watch over the flock of the slaughter, and do the duty of Christian ministers. Sinners as you are, cannot but have pity on you. The parable of the rich man requires your consideration. He fed sumptuously, and died, and lifted up his eyes in torment! May God preserve all men-stealing preachers from being his companions! You preachers are the existing cause of the wickedness and curse of slavery in America, and as long as we have myriads of men-stealing ministers and professors, so long will all our churches be justly chargeable with being one half hypocrites, and the other half co-seducators. God pardon all preaching slaveholders, and their dough-faced brethren, for Christ's sake!—AMEN.

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[For the Liberator.]

COMPENSATION FOR SLAVES.

The late intelligence from England, respecting the immediate and universal emancipation of the slaves, in all the British Islands in the Gulf of Mexico, is one of the most cheering and important events for the happiness of mankind, which has happened since the Declaration of Independence. It introduces one subject, however, upon which the minds of even honest citizens have been so swindled and bewildered, that it is requisite to explain it in a familiar and comprehensive manner.

Nothing is more common than to hear the slave drivers claim compensation for their liberated slaves; and it is equally usual for others to express a sort of assent to the reasonableness and equity of their demands. If any thing in connection with American Slavery, could attract the attention of the world, it is the purchase of slaves to ship them to Africa for its free, impudent knavery. This is in truth nothing more than a requisition to obtain money for delivering up property which the felon audaciously purloined.

In reference to the question of slavery, we must recur to fundamental principles; all the rest is merely adventitious. It is of no use to lope off withered twigs and rotten branches; we must lay the axe and the root of the unholy poison tree, that it may be hewn down and cast into the fire. The Colonization Society make a mighty uproar respecting the purchase of slaves to ship them to Africa—and one of their advocates lately, in New-York, as we are informed, squeezed out a good round sum of dollars from his hearers, by dilating upon the following romance. 'The money which you give will be appropriated either to buying the freedom of some of the slaves, or to the sending to their own land of those whom the southern friends of the injured Africans may liberate expressly to be sent to Africa, and thus shall we open the way to evangelize that continent.' This Gulliver's tale sounds very plausible, and is so romantic, that the people who are ignorant of the true state of the case, swallow it as if it were nectar, without pausing to inquire whether it is fact or fiction; and money is contributed for non-entities, which cannot be obtained for purely philanthropical objects.

All this is palpable delusion. As long as slaves are property, the transportation of one will only be supplied by four others; and as long as northern citizens will pay the southern men merchants for their 'feebly aged and worn out slaves,' to send to Africa—so long will they fill their pockets by enlarging the stock of young two-legged human cattle. The demand on one part of the slave torturers that they shall be paid the value for their slaves, according to their estimate of their worth, is just as honest as it is for them to claim the destruction of our mechanical and manufacturing establishments, that we may be as indolent, and beggarly, and profligate as themselves. Their property is all superfluous, for they never had any right to it. We shall illustrate this principle. A gang of Dollars counterfeit, for instance, fifty thousand dollars worth of bank notes, and place them in the hands of an agent for distribution. The hoard of knavery is discovered and confiscated; but the receiver, by some quick of law, escapes punishment; and he then turns round and demands his fifty thousand dollars. 'You have taken my property,' he says, 'and I must have compensation.' The odium of his roguery would be almost obliterated through astonishment at his audacity. The claim of the slaveholder is still indescribably less justifiable. To adopt the old proverb: 'he reckons his chickens before they are hatched.' He lives upon hope, that his 'negro wench' to use his own detestable slang, will become mothers within a certain period, and thus he grasps their offspring as his rightful property. We maintain that they are not, that they cannot be property. We contend, that the unconditional emancipation of every slave in the world, so far from involving wrong to the slave, does not mete out half justice to the people. We affirm, that a decree that no person who shall be born after this day shall be a slave, affects no question of property; for no man can have any title or possession, or live upon that which never existed, and which never will appear in the world. We also say, that a similar proclamation, that every slave who was born since the fourth of July, 1776, is free, would interfere with no vested right,

