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The undersigned, after mature deliberation, feel themselves constrained by a sense of duty to God and man, to make the following expression of opinion. We believe

1. That Slavery in our land is a great and threatening evil.
2. That it is a great and crying national sin.
3. That every man whether he live at the North, South, East or West, is personally responsible, and has personal duties to discharge in respect to it.
4. That every man, who adopts opinions or pursues practices, which adopted and pursued by all others, would go to perpetuate this sin, does thereby become personally guilty in respect to it.
5. We believe that slavery, like other sins, ought to be remedied as soon as the nature of the case admits; and further, that the nature of the case admits the possibility and therefore imposes the obligation of Immediate Emancipation.
6. That such emancipation is both the duty and the interest of the master.
7. That although the people of the non-slaveholding States have not the right of physical or legal interposition in the case, they have the right, and that it is their solemn duty to do what they can by 'light and love' to enlighten the public mind, arouse the public conscience, and change and elevate the tone of public sentiment on the subject, in every section of the land.

And finally, we believe that the grand obstacle, to the abolition of this sin, lies in the will of the slaveholder—that this will being changed, there would of necessity be a change in the various laws and other obstacles which have grown out of it; and that this will is to be changed, (1), by the power of public sentiment among non-slaveholders, and (2), by means of kind, candid, and thorough discussion with slaveholders themselves.

In respect to the scheme of Colonization, which at the North professes to be a scheme of gradual and ultimate, though 'incidental' emancipation, we feel constrained to say—

1. That whatever its merits are, it can never be an adequate remedy for slavery; and
2. That whatever of good it may have done, the time has now come when the friends of God and man ought to take a higher stand, and adopt and act on principles which lay the axe directly at the root of the tree.

Veriat Green.

My very dear brother, please be ED for the attitude, which He has exhorted you to take. May the blessing of "many ready to perish" come upon you. You have my heart & hand. I cannot describe the emotions which such an acceptance to the dear cause of human rights, awakens in my bosom. Gladly would I hold communion with you. The Lord Jesus guide, sustain, cheer thee! — Let me by all means have a copy of your book. I send you mine. Yours in the best bonds, V. Green.