

## 14 PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN SLAVERY.

provisions of the legal code of the South. 6. Man is required to yield unqualified submission to his fellow man, aye, and woman too; is bound to submit, and become the unconsenting victim of unspeakable indignities. Resistance may be punished with death. 7. Man is thrown entirely out of the protection of law. The murder of a slave is legalized in four different ways, and the same laws which reduce him to the condition of the brute, and deny him legal protection, punish him with unparalleled severity. 8. Man is deprived of all hope of redemption from this horrible condition, either for himself, his wife, or his children. Slavery, according to the slave law, is to be hereditary and perpetual.

Here, then, is a faint description of American slavery, justly denounced as the "sum of all villanies." This is the terrible despotism under which the slaves of that country are groaning out a life of ignorance, degradation and anguish. Let Christian people ponder this question, which bears with momentous power on the destinies of the country where it exists. Whether we regard it in a moral or religious point of view, such incongruous elements of freedom and slavery—republicanism and despotism—cannot long exist together. The unnatural and unhallowed union between these things must, sooner or later, be broken. Perhaps you are surprised at this statement,