

South dare not attempt to dissolve the Union, and, inside of the Union, it must submit to its destiny. Slavery cannot last forever. The civilization of the North is irresistible, because it expresses the will of God. It is driving the dark despotism of this continent further and further towards the torrid belt. Nothing can prevent the Africanization of the tropics, and this concentration of the blacks, in vast numbers in the hot regions, will solve the American problem: because it will establish a free black empire, and inaugurate a new order of civilization.

In conclusion, permit me to say that I have not the language to express my admiration of that Constitution which at this moment is giving protection to the oppressed of all lands. I mean the free Constitution of Great Britain. The debt of gratitude which I owe it I can never hope to repay. Happy are you inhabitants of this free and growing province, Britain's fairest daughter, happy in the inheritance of her language, her history, and her literature—happier still in the possession of her free and glorious Constitution. What a mighty empire is yours. Your national anthem encircles the globe. The sun in his course through the heavens never forsakes your sovereign's dominion; but blesses it with a constant light. Yet not on account of boundless empire, not because your flag rejoices in the winds of every clime, not because your commerce adorns every coast, and your navies ride triumphant on every sea, is Britain great.