

PRINCIPLES

OF

AMERICAN SLAVERY.

“What, then, is slavery? It is that *crime* which casts man down from that exaltation where God has placed him, ‘a little lower than the angels,’ and sinks him to a level with the beasts of the field. This intelligent and immortal being is confounded with the brutes that perish; he whose spirit was formed to rise in aspirations of gratitude and praise whilst here, and to spend an eternity with God in heaven, is herded with the beasts, whose spirits go downward with their bodies of clay to the dust of which they were made. Slavery is that crime by which man is robbed of his inalienable right to liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; the diadem of glory and honor with which he was crowned, and that sceptre of dominion which was placed in his hand when he was ushered upon the theatre of creation, and was divinely commissioned to ‘have dominion over the fish of the sea, and