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To us it appears a most glorious sign of the times that oppressors find it necessary to rebel against one of the mildest and most beneficent of governments, solely on the ground of apprehension for the future of their ability to perpetuate and extend the dominion of "the vilest system of slavery that ever saw the sun." The present is one of the very few instances on record, of the greatest tyrants and oppressors the world has ever seen rebelling against good government. Almost all rebellions hitherto have been against tyranny and oppression: the only instances of rebellions against goodness that we now call to mind, is Lucifer's rebellion in Heaven, and Absalom's rebellion against his father David. We are greatly cheered with the prospect presented, and cherish the hope that all the governments of our earth will soon be so just and liberal that no place will be found for tyrants or oppression.

It must be admitted that we have all sinned in regard to our brothers, the descendants of Ham. We have seen and heard of the anguish of his soul, and still made little effort to deliver him, or even to show sympathy for him. We have not even shown any disapprobation of the cruel oppressors; but, on the contrary, have lent them our aid, by using freely of slave-grown products. It was very congenial to our tastes and feelings to see sugar and cotton, so cheap and so desirable; but we could not hear the groans extorted, nor see the tears and blood that flowed, consequent on their forced production.

It seems to us exceeding strange that, previous to this slaveholders rebellion, we were never weary in reproaching the United States for the slavery that existed in their country. Now, however, when the great loyal part of the nation are doing all that circumstances will admit of being done, to remove the curse and burning shame from the nation; that we, who glory so much in the exertions and sacrifices we have made for the suppression of slavery and the slave trade, should be found cheering and aiding on to victory, if possible, this unscrupulous slave power, seems to us to give the lie to all our former professions of disinterested zeal in the cause of human