

on the seventh day, therefore, the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Table II.

Article 1. Honor your father and your mother that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in that good land which the Lord your God gives you.

Art. 2. You shall not commit adultery.

Art. 3. You shall not steal.

Art. 4. You shall not commit murder.

Art. 5. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

Art. 6. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; you shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor his field, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any of his cattle, nor any thing belonging to your neighbor.

Now let the following matters be attended to :

1. The stipulation or grand preliminary of this whole procedure was to make them a religious, wise, powerful, and happy nation.

2. All the people were allowed to vote the adoption of this constitution.

3. The only qualification for this right of suffrage was implied in *being brought out of the land of Egypt, and from the house of bondage*. And the whole people, whether what we now call *regenerate* or *unregenerate*, alike adopted this constitution and submitted to it as their charter of national incorporation.

4. Protection, prosperity, and national renown were promised on the part of the government ; and submission to him, honor and respect, admiration and homage, as the rightful sovereign, were agreed to by the people.

5. Idolatry, under this constitution, was treason, and this the first article declares. The second and third articles guard against the least approximation to mental treason. The fourth article of the first table institutes the revenue of the time, which results to the king, not merely as such, but because he was their God also. As their king, he required other appropriations of time and property, but this he constitutionally requires, as due to himself as Creator, and essential to their national prosperity. Every day, it is true, was due to him, but this was to be formally sanctified or set apart to him in commemoration of his works of creation in general, and of his particular interposition on their behalf.

As a *nation*, therefore, the whole people were in guarantee of their political rights and advantages, most scrupulously to regard these four articles of the first table. The homage required in these four articles was such homage as a whole nation could yield—and such as could secure to them, according to stipulation, the friendship, protection and support of a governor, against whom there could be no successful opposition in the upper, nether, or middle world.

6. All the social relations, rights and privileges of the confederates, or of the individuals, composing this nation, were defined and secured