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The Fugitive Slave Law.

This law was doubtless drawn up with only one specific object in view—that of recapturing and returning to his owner, in the most summary manner, the fugitive slave. In the pursuit of this object the most sacred rights, and the simplest dictates of human wisdom, were overlooked or disregarded. In the fierce pursuit of the trembling fugitive, the framers of this law appear to have looked neither to the right hand nor to the left, to inquire what effect it might have upon the natural and legal rights of free colored men, or upon the moral and religious duties and sensibilities of a vast majority of the people of this country; and above all, to inquire whether the law did not directly conflict with the enactments of the Divine Law-giver himself, and therefore morally void, although legally binding.

There never was a more patient, submissive, law abiding people upon earth, to what they consider constituted authority, than the people of the free States of this Union. They reverence the Constitution and Laws, because they are of their own creation, and because they know that our freedom and happiness, and the perpetuity of Republican institutions, depend in a great measure upon their submission to authority. They also love the Union, which was created by their fathers and which has been cemented by their fathers and which has been cemented by their fathers and which has been cemented