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PREFACE

TO THE ENGLISH EDITION.

THE following letter has appeared at a time when the people of the United States are too deeply absorbed in the Texan question to give heed to a plan of Abolition. The prospect of annexation has aroused the Planter from depression and intoxicated him with the idea that, by a bold effort, Slavery may not only be upheld but extended, while the friends of freedom,—still, unhappily, a minority in the Republic,—scared by the sudden energy of their opponents, so far from hoping the immediate overthrow of the iniquity would now be well satisfied with the certainty even of preventing its propagation.

But this panic will soon subside, and whichever way the annexation question may be settled, it cannot fail to give increased intensity to Anti-Slavery agitation.

From signs exhibited at the recent Presidential election there is reason to hope that the result of the contest in 1848 may entirely turn upon the views of the candidates regarding Slavery. Every argument in favour of the institution has now become obsolete wherever civilization is known, and the only security

for its continued existence is in the apathy of mankind. A question like that of Texan annexation, by dispelling all apathy on the subject, must hasten its approaching doom.

But although this doom cannot be long deferred, there is reason to believe that it will not be wrought out by violence or spoliation. The growing intelligence which has extinguished everything like sympathy with the Slave-holder, has at the same time developed broader views of the economical duties connected with emancipation ; so that no measure of reckless legislation is likely now to be attempted.

Whatever, therefore, may be the immediate reception of the plan submitted to the American people in the following letter, the confidence of its Author will in no degree be shaken with regard to its ultimate adoption.

March, 1845.

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