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## RECOMMENDATIONS.

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FROM THE REV. JAMES BLYTHE, D. D.

*Cincinnati, Nov. 23d. 1831.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

As you know I had the pleasure, some time ago, of looking into a manuscript work of yours on the subject of slavery, it has given me great pleasure to learn that you have thoughts of publishing those letters. A more acceptable present could not be made to the public, in my opinion, particularly at the present time.

As far as I have had it in my power to judge, I do not hesitate to say, that I am better pleased with your work on this subject, than with anything I have seen. I have only to add, that I hope an enlightened public will not only suitably appreciate your disinterested effort in the cause of suffering humanity, in the liberation of so many of your own slaves; but also receive with a generous patronage, this enlightened and well conducted effort of your pen.

With sentiments of great esteem, I am, Reverend Sir,

Yours, &c.

JAMES BLYTHE.

REV. J. D. PAXTON.

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FROM JOHN GREEN, ESQ.

*Lincoln, Nov. 18th, 1831.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

I hope you will not fail to make arrangements for the publication of your letters on slavery. In my judgment,

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they are, taken as a whole, the best essays I have read on the subject. I believe they are well suited to the present time—would be read with interest—particularly by Christians, and may be the means of doing much good. On reading the manuscript last year, I thought, and perhaps suggested, that some slight alterations might be made with advantage. The occasion which gave rise to the writing of the letters had passed away, and a particular reference to it did not seem necessary. On reflection, however, it strikes me that the narrative you have given, will serve as an introduction by no means inappropriate—and may have the good effect of warning other congregations to be more circumspect and charitable towards those who press upon them the performance of disagreeable duties.

With high regard,

Your Friend and Brother,

JOHN GREEN.

REV. JOHN D. PAXTON.

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**BY J. D. PAXTON,**

THEIR FORMER PASTOR.

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## PREFACE.

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THE writer of the following letters was, in 1826, so unfortunate as to give some offence, on the subject of Slavery, to a part of the Cumberland Congregation, (Va.) of which he was then Pastor. The whole facts of the case appeared to him to justify, if not require, that he should give a statement of them to the public. With this view the following letters were written soon after that event occurred. He yielded, however, to the opinion of some friends, that on account of existing excitement, some little time should be allowed to pass before they were given to the public.

His object in these letters is, after a brief statement of the facts above alluded to, to examine more fully than he has seen done the teaching of Scripture respecting Slavery, notice its manifold evils, the dangers with which it threatens the South, and what religion and self-preservation require us to do.

*Danville, Ky. March, 1833.*



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