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"The charges against me are all of one kind: that I have pushed the principles of general justice and benevolence too far — farther than a cautious policy would warrant; and farther than the opinions of many would go along with me. — In every accident which may happen through life. — I will call to mind this accusation and be comforted!" — BURKE.

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## **PREFACE.**

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The following pages are addressed alike to the American of the white race, and the free Negro of the United States. They embrace the outline of an extensive system of reform, including the ultimate emancipation of the entire African race; not by the slow process of colonization, by a private society with slender means; nor by the headlong policy of "abolition," which asks of the master sacrifices that never will be—never can be made. This system includes also the permanent and effectual establishment of common schools, with ample provision for their maintenance; and it provides incidentally for the gradual extinguishment of the debts of those states which are now burdened with such responsibilities, and for many other public facilities to all the states, without undue or inequitable advantage to any of them. Nor, in effecting these desirable purposes, does it propose any unconstitutional or anti-American proceeding.

The reader will be startled, perhaps, at the vastness of such a scheme. Probably, he may exclaim,

“where shall we find the means for such an incalculably expensive project?” The author is liable to all the errors inseparable from human judgment—he may be liable to the misleadings of enthusiasm; but—*read and decide!* He cannot plead ignorance of the problem which he has undertaken to discuss, in excuse for his mistakes; for, he has not attempted to wander beyond the field in which he has grown gray in observation and reflection. Unless, then, he has been strangely deceived by his wishes, the reader will rise from the perusal of these pages, convinced that our beloved country holds at her command wealth amply sufficient to accomplish all these ends, as rapidly as their accomplishment is desirable,—and this without jarring the finances, or imposing fresh burdens on the public. Nay more! He sincerely believes that the system of appropriation herein recommended supplies the only hope of checking the current of public corruption, and also much of the private and petty looseness of morals by which both government and society have been advanced in degradation within the last twenty years.

The mere attempt to secure such blessings for his fellow citizens, requires no apology from the author; he feels that it, also, confers upon him the right to expect a careful examination of his views,

*before even they are condemned*—and he asks no more.

To the free man of color he would say that, in the final chapter, which is especially addressed to him, there will be found no flattery, but ample kindness. It is very rarely that persons of this class receive direct attention from those who discuss their interests and their well-being. It may be invidious to attribute this fact to the real indifference of pretended friendship, where nothing is to be gained personally by the seeming philanthropist; but, the fear of hostility should not lead us to the concealment of truth. In the picture of the hopelessness of the political condition of the African race with us, and the bright future of Africa, this treatise offers to that race the only advice that can prove truly and practically useful to it; and the author has no hesitation in urging the genuine philanthropist to press the consideration of this advice upon the down-trodden people who wear

“The shadowed livery of the burnished sun.”