

Meeting in 1849 to Sovereigns and those in Authority in the Nations of Europe and in other parts of the world where the Christian religion is professed, on the cruelties of the African Slave Trade and on the iniquity of Slavery has been very extensively circulated. We now apprehend that it will be interesting to our Friends in America to receive the report of the deputations who have been employed in this service on behalf of our Yearly Meeting, and more especially the report of those friends who in 1853 and 1854 presented the address to the Presidents and Governors of the United States of America.

We have therefore concluded to forward a copy for your acceptance; and ought to suggest for your consideration the propriety of giving a wide circulation among Friends in the different Yearly Meetings in your land of that part at least which has reference to American Slavery.

It was under a deep feeling of religious concern that this address was adopted in our Yearly Meeting of 1849, and it was under a renewed feeling of a similar character in 1853, that an appointment was made to proceed on this labour of love and work of faith to the United States of America. In the prosecution of this service our Friends travelled extensively in the Slave holding States. Thus they were brought deeply to feel for the oppressed and degraded Slave, deprived of the

is of those natural rights which his merciful Creator has bestowed upon him. They were also led to pity and deplore the condition of the Slaveholder who, whilst upholding the cruel bondage of the Slave is himself exposed to the evil influences consequent upon the arbitrary power, which he possesses over the persons of his fellow men.

We feel sensible that in our efforts to maintain this Christian testimony, which has so long been borne by our religious Society, our dear brethren in America are closely united with us. And hence arises our solicitude that the circulation of the facts and sentiments contained in this report may be a means of encouraging them to continued earnest and persevering labour in this righteous cause. The length of time that this enormous evil has existed ought not in any wise to occasion us to be at ease under the continuance of the sin. And we believe that as we are earnest in simplicity, in Christian love, and in reliance on the Most High to know and to perform our duty in this matter, a way will open to you and to us for continued exertions on behalf of these our deeply injured fellow men.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings held in London the 7th of 9th Month 1855.

Joseph T. Foster - Clerk this house.