Antislavery

Abolition in the Southern States:

To the Editor of The Liberator.

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I am aware of the impropriety of bringing the subject of the Abolition of Slavery before the public eye, especially in the present crisis of the nation. But I cannot refrain from expressing my conviction that the time is ripe for the opening of a new era in the history of our country.

The present crisis is characterized by a remarkable increase of public excitement, and by the determination of the great mass of our people to resist any attempt to force them into submission by the power of force. This resistance is based upon the principle of the right of self-determination, which is acknowledged by all enlightened nations.

The question of the Abolition of Slavery is not merely a question of personal liberty, but it is a question of the welfare of the nation. The abolition of slavery is a step in the right direction, and it is a step which must be taken if we are to realize the principles of freedom and equality which are the foundation of our Constitution.

I therefore urge upon my fellow citizens the necessity of废弃 the evil institution, and of embracing the principles of liberty and equality which are the basis of our national existence.