

of this species of *property* continues higher in the southern market than it is here, the effect of this relaxation cannot be very extensively felt; but we may reasonably question whether it be an evidence of the liberality or of the wise policy of so enlightened a state, to prohibit a freeman from her borders, because his skin is tinged beyond a certain shade, though he may plead his anxiety to join a wife and family that are there, whilst at the same time they open their doors freely to any number of the same unfortunate race, provided they are brought by masters or sold as slaves!

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## CHAPTER VIII.

### CLIMATE.

In climate as well as situation, Maryland belongs rather to the middle than to the southern division of the United States. Dr. Morse says of the climate of the middle states, "that it has but one steady trait in its character, and that is, its uniform variability." It is true the changes of weather are frequent, sometimes sudden and extreme, yet it has been maintained by no less respectable authority than Dr. Rush and Dr. Vitchell, after diligent enquiry, that this district of country is as