

ry as coeval with civilization itself—they then contend the institution has become obsolete, because forsooth, monarchical England has seen fit to discard it. Aye, more: they contend that what was right in the days of our Saviour and the Holy Prophets, is not right now!

Arguing the mutability of God on this point, they thereby uproot the sanctity and binding authority of all his other moral, social, and civil ordinances. For we contend that the duties of husband and wife, parent and child, and indeed, the cardinal doctrines of our Holy Religion, are no more clearly taught us in the Bible, than the existence of Slavery, and the duties of Master and Slave. How awful, then, are such delusions! How lamentable such heresies! The curse of God is upon all who add to, or take from His Holy Word—Rev. ch. xxii., 18, 19. It is manifest we can neither make the Bible, change, alter, or amend it; but must accept it as the standard arbiter on all questions involving moral and civil ethics between God and man, or between man and his fellow man. It stands the revealed will of God; and our only province is to understand and it obey. When we do this, the apparent diversities of condition in this life will be found in harmony with our mutual good, and consistent with the justice and equity of Deity—and not before.

God forbid, that we should reproach the sincere followers of Christ, no matter of what religious denomination he may be; or throw odium upon the holy office of a Herald of the Cross. We cannot be so understood; our language is sufficiently plain and discriminating to free us of that censure; and yet, we palliate nothing herein contained towards those who come within the true scope and sense of this memorial.

This is no fancy sketch of our condition in Maryland, and we are persuaded that most of your your Honorable body are familiar with those facts.

If, then, we have exposed the sources of our grievances, let us now indicate the remedies.

OUR FREE NEGRO POPULATION.

Humanity and benevolence form a large part of the moral attributes of mankind, and pervade the actions of a civilized and christian people in an eminent degree. Universal as this law of our nature is acknowledged to be, its exercise is, perhaps, more strikingly developed in a slaveholding community than any where else to be found. That the slaveholder, who was reared with his own slaves, drew suck from the same breast, passed his childhood with them, shared their domestic sports, rejoiced, wept and sympathised with them in all of their juvenile pastimes, disappointments and cha-