

no man has ever seen Italy, Government, kept a number, that their feeble Republics
might each have his court, his army and his civil list. In a much longer period
England, Scotland and Ireland, separated, were engaged in perpetual border wars
sweeping away their populations preventing the progress of civilization and inflicting
an untold amount of human misery. In fact every page of the history of Europe contains
attempts against the introduction on the North American continent of the system of
Government established there. In modern Europe there are exclusive of Great Britain
eighteen Asiatic Republics, Municipalities, Kingdoms or other forms of Government. The
area over which these Governments have jurisdiction exclusive of Russia, Sweden
and Norway, is not so extensive as that portion of our own country lying east of the Rocky
Mountains. It does not much exceed one million three hundred square miles. The
experiment which we have successfully made clearly demonstrates that the territory
bounded in part by the Bosphorus, the Mediterranean, the Baltic and the Ocean
is not so great but that a confederacy of representative republics could with safety and
convenience have been organized within its boundaries. The whole population does
not exceed one hundred and fifty millions. To contrast the benefits and advantages
of this European system of shared governments with that which proposes confederacy
of free States from the northern confines of Mexico to the lakes it would be necessary
to pass in melancholy review, the history of the petty nations of Europe for many
centuries and to make an estimate of the millions of human lives sacrificed, and
the amount of treasure squandered in those never ending, ever beginning wars which
stain the pages of that history, for no other purpose than the maintenance of national
boundaries that should never have existed or of dynasties on thrones that should
never have been established. We may believe that under another and a better system
these millions of human beings - fulfilling at an earlier date the designs of Providence -
would have gone forth to ~~the~~ people the whole earth, and these mountains of
wasted treasure would have been used to erect the spires of institutions of religion,
benevolence and learning in all the dark corners of the globe.

The other objection most generally urged against annexation
has less merit than that arising from the extent of the territory of Texas, extending
from the centre of our Union. It is embodied in the resolutions of the Senate and
Congress. The present fact of there being a portion of the African race
in Slavery under the laws of Texas, as an insuperable obstacle to the admission
of that country into the Union. By the annexation of Texas it is not intended
to increase the number of persons in bondage. The laws of Texas now authorize the
importation of Slaves from Cuba, to which island they are brought annually from
Africa by the Slave traders. This policy in half a century will add millions to the very
small number of the present Slave population. Annexation extending as should
the laws of the United States over Texas, forbidding the importation of Slaves from
abroad, would arrest the further progress of that policy and while it provides here
for a portion of the Slaves of our own country more appropriate than those
they now have, it will relieve to some extent Africa from the