

or a Washington would be reduced to the most abject slavery. Should this theory be rejected man will be admitted free & Independent, each one entitled to the rights, the privileges & the liberty of an other

But the opinion that one man is inferior to another ~~up~~on account of his colour is an opinion which the dictates of nature command us to reject. It is an opinion that will never be admitted by any, except those who are prompted by avarice to encroach upon the sacred rights of their fellow men, and are vain by endeavouring to appease a corroding conscience

Equally vain and futile are the arguments of those who have attempted to deduce the justice of enslaving the Africans from their being the captives of war. If they were the captives of a lawful war, it would be but a feeble plea for holding them in perpetual bondage. Why should a war upon