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Stephen D. Miller, 1829: Slavery is not a national evil; on the contrary, it is a national benefit. The agricultural wealth of the country is found in those states owning slaves, and a great portion of the revenue of the government is derived from the products of slave labor—Slavery exists in some form everywhere, and it is not of much consequence in a philosophical point of view, whether it be voluntary or involuntary. In a political point of view, involuntary slavery had the advantage, since all who enjoy political liberty are then in fact free. Wealth gives no influence at the polls; it goes where white men perform the menial services which slaves do here. Upon this subject it does not become us to speak in a whisper, betray fear, or feign philanthropy.

Comparative Statements

Gilbert Francklyn, 1789: Slavery has been, and, from the nature of man, must ever be, a very common and general situation of life. . . . It is certain that, in civil society, every man is restrained of some part of his natural liberty, and is consequently in some degree deprived of his freedom. Every deprivation of freedom is a species of servitude *or slavery*.

Charles J. Ingersoll, 1810 (citing in part Edmund Burke): "The people of the Southern colonies are much more strongly, and with a higher and more stubborn spirit, attached to liberty than those of the northern. . . . such will be the masters of slaves, who are not slaves themselves. In such a people the haughtiness of domination combines with the spirit of freedom, fortifies it,