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God himself has made them for usefulness as slaves, and requires us to employ them as such, and if we betray our trust, and throw them off on their own resources, we reconvert them into barbarians.

Our Heavenly Father has made us to *rule*, and the Negroes to serve, and if we . . . set aside his holy arrangements . . . and tamper with his laws, we shall be overthrown and eternally degraded, and perhaps made subjects of some other civilized nation . . . If they could all be colonized on the coast of Africa, they would fall back into heathenism and barbarism in less than fifty years.

Vocabulary

Tamper: interfere

Degraded: disrespected

Heathenism: not having a religion

Barbarism: not having culture or civilization

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