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Summary Information

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Abstract	This address was delivered in Philadelphia before an "association formed for the education of men of colour." Vaux shows how slavery adversely affects the interest, happiness, and safety of the owner, slave, society, and government.

Background note

Quaker Roberts Vaux was an American juror, philanthropist and abolitionist; he became a member of the American Philosophical Society in 1819.

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Other Descriptive Information

An example of an address given during the antebellum abolition movement.

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This collection contains the text of a speech Robert Vaux, a Philadelphia-area philanthropist, delivered to the Association for the Education of Men of Colour. The speech's content is aimed at criticizing the institution of slavery and its effects on society. Vaux's speech sometimes applies a comparative historical account of slavery, discussing its practice in Europe, such as in Sicily and during Roman times. More often, he describes the ill-effects of slavery on the economy and general development of slave societies, often drawing comparisons to what life is like in the free states.