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Bible Defense of Slavery; and Origin, Fortunes, and History of the Negro Race,

This is a compilation of pro-slavery literature and propaganda that went through numerous editions in the Southern United States before the Civil War. It contains the highly influential book, *Slavery, as it Relates to the Negro, or African Race*, by Rev Josiah Priest, which was originally published in 1843. This compilation also includes many essays and favorable reviews of Rev Priest's book from contemporary magazines and newspapers, and written endorsements from national politicians.

From the preface: 'The question, "Is slavery, as it exists in the United States, justifiable?" is one which, at least, admits of discussion. If it be in harmony with the immutable principles of truth and justice, and not a "crime against humanity," and a libel upon our holy religion, let it be so understood and practiced by our honest citizens, whose highest ambition consists in faithfully serving God, and living in obedience to the laws of the country.' (Summary by JoeD)

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RUN away from the subscriber in *Albemarle*, a Mulatto slave called *Sandy*, about 33 years of age, his stature is rather low, inclining to corpulence, and his complexion light; he is a shoemaker by trade, in which he uses his left hand principally, can do coarse carpenters work, and is something of a horse jockey; he is greatly addicted to drink, and when drunk is insolent and disorderly, in his conversation he swears much, and in his behaviour is artful and knavish. He took with him a white horse, much scarred with traces, of which it is expected he will endeavour to dispose; he also carried his shoemakers tools, and will probably endeavour to get employment that way. Whoever conveys the said slave to me, in *Albemarle*, shall have 40 s. reward, if taken up within the county, 4 l. if elsewhere within the colony, and 10 l. if in any other colony. from
THOMAS JEFFERSON.

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