



State of the Union: Speech of the Hon. John H. Reagan, of Texas (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from State of the Union: Speech of the Hon. John H. Reagan, of Texas What justice is there in that? Let us, for one moment, revert to the history of the Government to know whether it is just in it to assume the responsibility of so grave an act. I need hardly say that, at the date of the Declaration of Independence, each of the thirteen colonies of the Union was slaveholding. At the date of the formation of the Federal Constitution, twelve years after that, twelve of the thirteen States of the Union were slaveholding States. Is it to be presumed that twelve out of thirteen States made a Constitution which was intended to recognize slaves as freemen and equals? It would be asking too much of human credulity to believe such a proposition. If anything were necessary to repel the idea, it is supplied by the bare fact that the convention which framed this Constitution, and gave it to us as the charter of our rights and liberties, provided in it for keeping open...



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