



## Substance of the Speech (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By Gerrit Smith

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Substance of the Speech Mr. Smith began with saying, that the following Petitions, numerously signed, had been presented to the Legislature, the present Session: To the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York: What a wonder, what a shame, what a crime, that, in the midst of the light and progress of the middle of the nineteenth century, such an abomination and outrage, as slavery, should be acknowledged to be a legal institution! Who, that reverences Law, and would have it bless the world, can consent, that its sanction and support, its honor and holiness, be given to such a compound of robbery, and meanness, and murder, as is slavery? Your petitioners pray, that your Honorable Bodies request the Representatives and instruct the Senators of this State in Congress to treat the legalization of slavery as an impossibility; and, moreover, to insist, that the Federal Constitution shall, like all other laws, be subjected to the strict rules of legal interpretation, to the end, that its anti-slavery character be, thereby, seen and established, and...



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