

“ find a man, if there be any who executeth  
 “ judgment, that seeketh the truth, and I  
 “ will pardon it.” Jer. v. 1. The prospect of  
 a road lying open to the same degeneracy, in  
 some parts of this newly settled land of Ame-  
 rica, in respect to our conduct toward the  
 negroes, hath deeply bowed my mind in this  
 journey; and though to briefly relate how  
 these people are treated is no agreeable work;  
 yet, after often reading over the notes I made  
 as I travelled, I find my mind engaged to  
 preserve them. Many of the white people in  
 those provinces take little or no care of negro  
 marriages; and when negroes marry after  
 their own way, some make so little account  
 of those marriages, that with views of out-  
 ward interest, they often part men from their  
 wives by selling them far asunder; which is  
 common when estates are sold by executors  
 at vendue. Many whose labour is heavy,  
 being followed, at their business in the field,  
 by a man with a whip, hired for that pur-  
 pose, have in common little else allowed but  
 one peck of Indian corn and some salt for  
 one week, with a few potatoes; the potatoes  
 they commonly raise by their labour on the  
 first day of the week.

The correction ensuing on their disobedi-  
 ence to overseers, or slothfulness in business,  
 is often very severe, and sometimes desperate.

Men and women have many times scarce  
 cloaths enough to hide their nakedness, and  
 boys and girls, ten and twelve years old, are  
 often quite naked amongst their master's chil-  
 dren: