

often bowed in spirit before the Lord, with inward breathings to him, that I might be rightly directed. And I may here note, that what I have before related of my being, when young, joined as an executor with another friend, in executing the will of the deceased, our having sold a negro lad till he might attain the age of thirty years, was now the occasion of great sorrow to me: and after having settled matters relating to this youth, I provided a sea-store and bed, and things for the voyage; and hearing of a vessel likely to sail from Philadelphia for Barbadoes, I spake with one of the owners at Burlington, and soon after went to Philadelphia on purpose to speak with him again: at which time he told me, there was a friend in town who was part owner of the said vessel; but I felt no inclination to speak with him, but returned home: and a while after, I took leave of my family; and going to Philadelphia, had some weighty conversation with the first-mentioned owner, and shewed him a writing, as follows:

“ On the twenty-fifth day of the eleventh month, 1769, as an exercise, with respect to a visit to Barbadoes, hath been weighty on my mind, I may express some of the tryals which have attended me; under these tryals I have, at times, rejoiced, in that I have felt my own self-will subjected.”

“ I once, some years ago, retailed rum, sugar, and molasses, the fruits of the labour
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