

of slaves; but then, had not much concern about them, save only that the rum might be used in moderation; nor was this concern so weightily attended to, as I now believe it ought to have been: but of late years being further informed, respecting the oppressions too generally exercised in these islands, and thinking often on the degrees that are in connections of interest and fellowship with the works of darkness, Ephe. v. 11. And feeling an increasing concern to be wholly given up to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, it hath appeared, that the small gain I got by this branch of trade, should be applied in promoting righteousness on the earth; and were the first motion toward a visit to Barbadoes: I believed the outward substance I possess should be applied in paying my passage, if I go, and providing things in a lowly way for my subsistence; but when the time drew near, in which, I believed, it required of me to be in readiness, a difficulty arose, which hath been a continued tryal for some months past; under which, I have, with abasement of mind, from day to day, sought the Lord for instruction; and often had a feeling of the condition of one formerly, who bewailed himself, for that the Lord hid his face from him.—During these exercises, my heart hath been often contrite; and I have had a tender feeling of the temptations of my fellow-creatures, labouring under those expensive customs distinguishable