

from the simplicity that there is in Christ, 2 Cor. ii. 3. and sometimes in the renewings of gospel love, have been helped to minister to others."

"That which hath so closely engaged my mind, in seeking to the Lord for instruction is, whether, after so full information of the oppression the slaves in the West-Indies lie under, who raise the West-India produce, as I had in reading a caution and warning to Great-Britain and her colonies, wrote by Anthony Benezet) it is right for me to take a passage in a vessel, employed in the West-India trade?"

"To trade freely with oppressors, and without labouring to dissuade from such unkind treatment, seek for gain by such traffick, tends, I believe, to make them more easy, respecting their conduct, than they would be, if the cause of universal righteousness was humbly and firmly attended to, by those in general with whom they have commerce; and that complaint of the Lord by his prophet, "They have strengthened the hands "of the wicked," hath very often revived in my mind; and I may here add some circumstances preceding any prospect of a visit there: the case of David hath often been before me of late years: he longed for some water in a well beyond an army of Philistines, at war with Israel; and some of his men, to please him, ventured their lives in passing thro' this army, and brought that water."

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