

pretence of jurisdiction, seize men upon any trifling offence, and sell them for slaves.”
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The author of this treatise, conversing with a person of good credit, was informed by him, that in his youth, while in England, he was minded to come to America, and happening on a vessel bound for Guinea, and from thence into America, he, with a view to see Africa, went on board her, and continued with them in their voyage, and so came into this country. Among other circumstances he related these. “ They purchased on the coast about three hundred slaves ; some of them he understood were captives of war ; some stolen by other Negroes privately.— When they had got many slaves on board, but were still on that coast, a plot was laid by an old Negroe, notwithstanding the men had irons on their hands and feet, to kill the English and take the vessel ; which being discovered, the man was hanged, and many of the slaves made to shoot at him as he hung up.”

“ Another slave was charged with having a design to kill the English ; and the captain spoke to him in relation to the charge brought against him, as he stood on deck ; whereupon he immediately threw himself into the sea, and was drowned.”

“ Several Negroes, confined on board, were, he said, so extremely uneasy with their condition, that after many endeavours used, they could never make them eat nor drink
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