

after they came in the vessel ; but in a desperate resolution starved themselves to death, behaving toward the last like mad-men."

In Randall's geography, printed 1744, we are informed, " That in a time of full peace nothing is more common than for the Negroes of one nation to steal those of another, and sell them to the Europeans. It is thought that the English transmit annually near fifty thousand of these unhappy creatures ; and the other European nations together, about two hundred thousand more."

It is through the goodness of God that the reformation from gross idolatry and barbarity hath been thus far effected ; if we consider our conditions as christians, and the benefits we enjoy, and compare them with the condition of those people, and consider that our nation trading with them for their country produce, have had an opportunity of imparting useful instructions to them, and remember that but little pains have been taken therein, it must look like an indifference in us.—But when we reflect on a custom the most shocking of any amongst them, and remember that, with a view to outward gain, we have joined as parties in it ; that our concurrence with them in their barbarous proceedings, has tended to harden them in cruelty, and been a means of increasing calamities in their country, we must own that herein we have acted contrary to those worthies whose lives and substance were spent in propagating truth and righteousness amongst
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