

scenes in Africa, in like manner as if they were transacted in our presence ; and sympathise with the Negroes, in all their afflictions and miseries, as we do with our children or friends : we should be more careful to do nothing in any degree helping forward a trade productive of so many, and so great calamities. Great distance makes nothing in our favour.—To willingly join with unrighteousness, to the injury of men who live some thousand miles off, is the same in substance, as joining with it to the injury of our neighbours.

In the eye of pure justice, actions are regarded according to the spirit and disposition they arise from : some evils are accounted scandalous, and the desire of reputation may keep selfish men from appearing openly in them ; but he who is shy on that account, and yet by indirect means promotes that evil, and shares in the profit of it, cannot be innocent.

He who, with a view to self-interest, buys a slave, made so by violence, and only on the strength of such purchase holds him a slave, thereby joins hands with those who committed that violence, and in the nature of things becomes chargeable with the guilt.

Suppose a man wants a slave, and being in Guinea, goes and hides by the path where boys pass from one little town to another, and there catches one the day he expects to sail ; and taking him on board, brings him home, without any aggravating circumstances. Suppose