

If we claim any right to them as the children of slaves, we build on the foundation laid by them, who made slaves of their ancestors; so that of necessity we must either justify the trade, or relinquish our right to them, as being the children of slaves.

Why should it seem right to honest men to make advantage by these people more than by others? Others enjoy freedom, receive wages equal to their work, at or near such time as they have discharged these equitable obligations they are under to those who educated them.—These have made no contract to serve; been no more expensive in raising up than others, and many of them appear as likely to make a right use of freedom as other people; which way then can an honest man withhold from them that liberty, which is the free gift of the Most High to his rational creatures?

THE upright in heart cannot succeed the wicked in their wickedness; nor is it consonant to the life they live, to hold fast an advantage unjustly gained.

The Negroes who live by plunder, and the slave-trade, steal poor innocent children, invade their neighbours territories, and spill much blood to get these slaves: and can it be possible for an honest man to think that, with a view to self-interest, we may continue slavery to the offspring of these unhappy sufferers, merely because they are the children of slaves, and not have a share of this guilt?

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