

the produce of the labour of slaves is a considerable part.

And sailors who are frequently at ports where slaves abound, and converse often with people who oppress them without the appearance of remorse, and often with sailors employed in the slave trade, how powerfully do these evil examples spread amongst the seafaring youth!

I have had many opportunities to feel and understand the general state of the seafaring life amongst us, and my mind hath often been sad on account of so many lads and young men being trained up amidst so great corruption.

Under the humbling power of Christ I have seen, that if the leadings of his holy spirit were faithfully attended to by his professed followers in general, the heathen nations would be exemplified in righteousness. A less number of people would be employed on the seas. The channels of trade would be more free from defilement. Fewer people would be employed in vanities and superfluities.

The inhabitants of cities would be less in number.

Those who have much lands would become fathers to the poor.

More people would be employed in the sweet employment of husbandry, and in the path of pure wisdom, labour would be an agreeable, healthful employment.

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