

But how will this affect the slave trade, seeing that christians carry it on at present? The people from whom they procure slaves, being more civilized than they are at present, and finding a safer and surer mode of acquiring wealth, than by plunder and rapine, will no longer pursue those nefarious practices by which they formerly supplied us with slaves; and the difficulty of procuring them will insure more care in the possessors of our West Indian colonies, to keep up the stock which they

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The cultivation of Africa will moreover facilitate our means of acquiring a knowledge of its interior.

already have. This keeping up of the stock naturally leads one to ask a question, which is, "what part of the habitable globe, except our West Indian islands, can be pointed out, where the population (except in cases of tyranny, cruelty, intolerance, or some other oppression) does not increase?" I believe none. However if it does not increase, it does not (except in the above cases) decrease. How comes it then that in the West Indian Islands a constant fresh supply is required? Does not this argue some radical evil? It certainly does. And what is this evil? Slavery!

I do not mean, in the most distant manner, to insinuate here that this arises from ill treatment; I will allow it to be as good, and as humane as possible; yet, such is the effect of slavery that it cannot, nay, it should not, keep up in population its own numbers.

Besides the good effects, already mentioned, which, it is conceived, will attend the cultivation of that portion of Africa above proposed, it is also thought that it will afford us more frequent, safe, and beneficial means of exploring, and becoming acquainted with, the interior of that country, than can ever result from the laborious, the perilous, the indefatigable exertions of a few European individuals; who, at times, with unshaken