

enemies ; while to those who use them well they imbibe an affection which makes them defy all danger and hazard to express their zeal and attachment. To their children, friends, and countrymen, they are naturally compassionate ; the little they have they cheerfully distribute among those who are in necessity, though otherwise than from that necessity they have not the smallest knowledge of them. That they have excellent hearts is evident, and in having those they have the seeds of every virtue. Their sufferings demand a tear. Are they not sufficiently wretched in being reduced to a state of slavery ; in being obliged always to work without reaping the smallest fruits of their labour, without being abused, buffeted, and treated like brutes ? Humanity revolts at those oppressions, which nothing but the thirst of gold could ever have introduced, and which would still, perhaps, produce an aggravated repetition, did not the law prescribe limits to the brutality of the master, and to the misery of his slave. Negroes are compelled to labour ; and yet of the coarsest food they are sparingly supplied. Their unfeeling masters say, they can support hunger well ; that what would serve an European for  
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