

be picked up, and transported to the Plantations. In the end, they insinuate that their sentence against me proceeded from an error in judgment, and not from any sinister design; and that they were willing to make any declaration necessary, to evince the innocence of their intentions. But if a sentence calculated for the suppression of truth, and to prevent the detection of a commerce the most illegal and most destructive of society, can be said to proceed from no sinister design, then every sentence that has a tendency to screen the guilty, and encourage those monsters who make a traffic of the persons and liberties of their fellow-creatures, must be accounted innocent. The whole of the procedure of the Magistrates against me appears to have been directed to this single end. From this view, they *first* caused the whole impression of my book to be seized, and those offensive tell-truth leaves to be burnt, that they might not revive the memory of this villanous trade, and rise in judgment against their brother-merchants. *2do*, In order to make the furor work of it, they extorted from me the declaration inserted, p. 112, under the terror of imprisonment; and caused publish the same in the newspapers, in order to stigmatize my character, and brand me with the infamy of being an impostor and a liar. And, *lastly*, They banished me the city, lest I should retract my declaration, and have an opportunity to spread the truth of my former assertions. Their schemes, however, had an effect the very reverse of what they intended. Instead of suppressing the truth, their proceedings have proved the means of bringing it to light, and confirming it by indubitable evidence; and so opening a scene of the grossest impiety, barbarity, and wickedness.

To the above reclaiming petition, answers were given in on my part; and the Lords, after re-considering