

extended commerce. Thus elevated and thus endowed, Britain may become the light of the world, the salt of the earth, unless the salt should lose its savor; unless Britain should become corrupt, unworthy of the office, and incapable of communicating the benefits which it has herself abused; unfit for preaching to others, when she herself is become a cast-away.

But let us look forward with better hopes to the future fortune of our country, whilst we contemplate the abolition of that execrable traffic in slaves, most adverse to the spirit of the Gospel; a traffic which aggravated our calamities with a load of guilt, and corrupted the minds of our fellow-citizens, as it consumed the bodies of their most wretched captives.

The full completion of this patriotic measure will, probably, open to us, on the coasts of Africa, channels of commerce agreeable to justice, and alike beneficial to both parties. Nor will the natives be averse to the glad tidings of a Redeemer, when the morals of their Teachers do not disgrace the tenor of their doctrine.

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