

treatment of the negroes as to food, from the greater plenty of it, which lessens their incitement to rise.

However, this antipathy of the Indians, which is the chief barrier to insurrections, may cease; but whether it do or no, it will shortly be of little moment, as these aboriginal Americans, since the introduction of European vices, have been, and still are, greatly on the decrease; while, on the contrary, the negroes, even by their natural increase*, are becoming more and more numerous, and probably after these troubles are subsided, will be increased still further by importations. Therefore should we continue to keep nearly the whole race as slaves, and not encourage and assist them to liberate themselves, the epocha of their universal freedom, and ruin of their present masters, may be at no very distant period.

* This increase would be still greater, did not the inhumanity of some of their masters allow no remission of labour to the females, during the latter part of their pregnancy.