

families; and, as there is no excitement to industry so certain as necessity, upon this plan the excitement will be as constant as it will be certain: no intervals of idleness will be possible; and thus the objections to freedom upon the plea of *natural and habitual indolence* will be obviated.

Under the present system much labour is lost by feigned sickness: but, less labour will be lost in hospitals under such a new order of circumstances as I have described. A disposition, the very reverse of that which negroes now expose, will then affect them. While they toil without profit, their low-cunning suggests the expedient of pretended disease, and sometimes even the use of pernicious herbs and drugs to produce real maladies. But when the profit of their labour shall be their own; instead of *feigning* sickness, they will take pains to *preserve* health; because any interruption to their labour will be their own loss. Their *own support* will depend upon their *own strength*; and when they may value time as their own they will not waste it. It is true, that they will still be liable to the common calamities of human life: but they are liable to these now, with the addition of many uncommonly-afflicting events besides: and as to the ordinary occurrence of accidents and disease, these and the infirmities