

Endeavours and Exertions to accommodate the People; of course the Black People, unequal to solicit and manage as the White People did, and habitually less considered, they had not as much Attention as otherwise they might have had, and which was more necessary for them for the Causes before suggested; it therefore resulted, that they were late located, and without proper Method. The ample Provisions, and some Cloathing and Necessaries which were afforded to them by the Justice and Benevolence of Great Britain, became the Instruments of their Idleness and Dissipation, instead of the Basis and Means of their Industry and Comfort. Thus circumstanced, they progressed slowly in social Economy; yet during the Effervescence and Circulation of Money caused by so great an Accession of People, all possessing some, and many considerable Property, the Negroes found Employment and Support. But this State of Things subsiding sooner than was foreseen, and no Arrangement taken to lead into Employment, both White and Black People felt the Inconvenience; many of the former quitted the Province, which the Black People could not do, and they became much impoverished.

In this Situation the sublimest Charity discovered their Distress, sympathized in their Sorrows, and, from undoubted and excellent Motives of Humanity, extended a generous and liberal Relief to their Sufferings.

Unfortunately, however, their Distresses were imputed to the only Cause which had really been friendly to them, *viz.* the Climate; in which they were still healthy, although poor, and almost naked. The Zeal and Affection which their calamitous Case had excited, overlooked this positive Feature, and they were most of them removed, with every possible Care and Comfort, to Sierra Leone, where, I believe, the greatest Kindness has been continued to them. Yet many more of those have died, in Proportion to their Numbers, than of those who remained here. These have almost struggled through their Difficulties, Employments having been encouraged for all Orders of People: The Black People have partaken of its Uses, and daily growing into Habits of managing and providing for themselves, they are now just as happy and comfortable as any other People of the same Occupations in the Province—they are as robust and healthy, and have as many and as fine Children as the other Inhabitants; and, with the Exhibition of some moderate occasional Aid, where Circumstances may arise to require Relief (possibly to the Amount of Five or Six Hundred Pounds per Annum for Three Years to come) I verily believe more real Benefits would be derived to the Cause of Humanity, than from all the Expence that has been incurred for the Settlement of those sent to Sierra Leone.

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