

its full value, if no other market be near—likewise by other means that particular situations and circumstances may point out:—And when the negro has acquired what is equal to one-sixth part of his value or cost, to sell him one-sixth of his time, that is, one day in the week—Then by the same encouragement and paying him for the free day the usual hire, or allowing him to work elsewhere, he will, in due time, be enabled to purchase another—He will now, besides his leisure hours, be master of two days, and may, therefore, in little more than half the time, purchase a third.

We will stop here, and take time to observe, that as the possibility of a slave's acquiring wherewith to purchase the first day is only derived from his leisure hours, it would be nothing more than humanity dictates to sell him a lesser portion, that is, on the payment of a twenty-fourth of his value, to allow him one day in the month, or four weeks, which he may make use of, as we have before provided, to enable him by three other such payments and purchases to acquire the more speedily the property of one day in the week, with which, to proceed as we have mentioned, to the acquiring of other two days. Now his proprietor being only master of half his time, it will not be amiss, as he is obliged by the laws to give security for the maintenance of his slave liberated, should he ever become charge-