

The negroes whom we now possess, may be gradually attached to us by a consistent tenor of kind and good offices. Much, indeed, is due to them from us, inasmuch as by a national act we have publickly acknowledged the original injustice of their captivity. If complete emancipation be not possible, we may at least mitigate the severities of servitude, and what is most important, we have it in our power to recompence them for the loss of the chief advantages of their present life, by giving them well-grounded prospects of happiness in another. Under the change of circumstances which have already taken place, it may be an object worthy of consideration, whether the revision of the Colonial Laws, a system founded upon other principles, may not be deemed necessary, but that belongs not to this place; and should such a revision take place, it might become an object of our legislature to recommend, if not to enjoin, that every Planter should bring the children of his slaves to the sacred Font.

And here the aid of our Society would be well applied in furnishing men well inclined, and duly qualified to employ their time in the

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