

now, merely as a merchant or stockholder, meditating on the present, and probably future, stability of the revenues of Great Britain; to which the African trade is doubtless of considerable importance. As a man, and a Christian, I hope I shall live to see the day (though a sugar planter myself) when this abominable traffic will be prohibited. I think I can clearly prove, that even the welfare of the planter concurs with the honor of government, and the interest of humanity, in wishing its total abolition. At present, the system of Great Britain towards her few remaining colonies, is a system unexampled in the annals of mankind. It is war, under the name of peace, against the most valuable of her plantations, who have not only given her no provocation, but whose welfare she knows and acknowledges to be the support of our own empire. Well, therefore, may the planters complain, that they are suffering without blame, and incurring all the effects of resentment, without the slightest imputation on their obedience.

Whatever may be thought of the past or present conduct of America towards this country, the peaceful and loyal inhabitants of the West India islands are void of offence. Is it then consistent with policy, religion, or humanity, to destroy the innocent, because their destruction may operate

Petition from the assembly of Barbadoes to the King.

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