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READ OF CHEAPSIDE.
poor rates; all of which, he ought to know, constitute the wealth of the nation, and of which, while he remains here, he is entitled to the blessing of a full share.

Then to think of leaving behind him a "lovely" prince, and a "lovely" administration, a "lovely" standing army, and a "lovely" church, to which his hand has been so muchadvisedly, has been led to pay a tenth part of his income! To think of doing this, to go to a land where there are none of these advantages, and where he will be absolutely obliged to keep his own money, and to eat his own food, is a very lamentable instance of English infatuation! This is, however, the epidemic disease, and the state doctor has no power to cure it. People will go, in spite of bad roads, savage society, peril at sea, and the misery they must encounter in leaving happy England.

Emancipation of the Blacks.

Had we reflected, at the moment of inserting it, that what we alluded to in the following letter to the editor of the Register, would have provoked a discussion of its merits, we should not have inserted it—because it is impossible for us to afford the room requisite for the ample arguments and accurate statements of the writer. It exists the unhappy, abject and miserable, and to society its greatest evil. Many are candid enough to acknowledge regret, at having done, with the purest intentions, an evil, whilst they meditate its only good.

It is because at this fashionable now-a-days with a few people, who never held slaves, to make themselves very conspicuous by decrying at every corner against slavery! They talk as if the freeing of a negro, would alone be a passport to heaven, a maugre the common commission of a hundred other little sins, which, though, they do not make a figure in our political, yet they each make a much more conspicuous one in our religious creed.

That it is in the abstract politically wrong to hold slaves, I know that I am one of the most sincere in believing: But black slaves are now domiciliated among us, no matter by whom brought or how, and to turn them, blacks as they are, loose among us, I do conscientiously believe to be a much greater political wrong. A wrong to the class of whites, while to the blacks it would be no benefit, unless we raise them to the enjoyment of equal privileges, and at the same time unanimously determine to amalgamate with them on the most liberal and reciprocal terms.

I make this most solemn appeal for the candor of my declaration, when I say, I devoutly wish every negro on the continent of America was exported hence. That we and our posterity would be happier, I have not the shadow of a doubt. It would then be no disgrace, as it foolishly is now, for a man with some property, to keep his mind and body in health, by a little moderate labor. With much reflection on the subject, which appears to me of vital importance to us all, it seems that there is no rational means projected to remedy the evil but that proposed by the African colonization society; and that addresses, &c. of liberating societies and committees are worse than useless.

22nd July, 1818.

"The history of this most horrible of all wars which took place between the negroes and whites in St. Domingo, and which was brought to a crisis by French fraternization, as recorded by Bryan Edwards, in his book, should be in the hands of every American negro who may be called on to act on the subject, in this country."