

this enormous evil, we trust we may cordially unite together in deeply commiserating the condition of more than two millions of these unhappy victims of the laws of your Country, who for no crime of their own are unjustly deprived of their personal liberty, liable to the cruel dissolution of the tenderest ties of nature, and a large proportion of them sunk into the depths of moral degradation.

The sufferings of these wretched outcasts of society are doubtless not unnoticed by him who died to save them, and as we must all look to Him for the extension of mercy towards ourselves let us be careful to lose no opportunity of showing mercy to our fellow man, by seeking to alleviate his afflictions. We regret that the ultimate object of the Act which lately passed our Legislature for the abolition of Slavery in all the dependencies of the British Empire has been delayed by a term of apprenticeship, which is now proved to have been entirely unnecessary, by the safety and advantage with which immediate emancipation was effected in Antigua, and the Bermudas, two of the West India Colonies.

It was under the Divine blessing through the powerful influence of Christian principle, that this act of justice was at length accomplished, and in humble grateful recollection of the conspicuous part which our Religious Society took in this great work, we have abundant reason to believe that we were made instrumental in awakening many of our fellow Christians of other

denominations to a sense of their religious obligation on this deeply interesting subject.

The noble sacrifice which your forefathers made for the support of that principle which you have so consistently maintained, that Man cannot hold property in his fellow man has placed you in a position more advantageous than that of any other body of professing Christians, for holding up prominently to view this testimony on pure Christian principles. We affectionately desire to strengthen your hands in meekly yet boldly advocating this cause of justice and humanity, and in a steady perseverance in promoting it, however discouraging your circumstances may appear.

Fully aware that you have greater difficulties to encounter than we had in advocating the cause of the oppressed, we sincerely sympathise with you but earnestly desire that by the help of the Lord you may be enabled firmly to advance in this labor of love in the full persuasion that the path of duty will ever be found to be the path of true safety.

It is with lively feelings of interest in the welfare and prosperity of your Country that we venture to suggest to your consideration whether there are not indications of an approaching crisis in this momentous question, in which it will mainly depend under divine providence on the faithful conduct of those who act on Christian principle whether slavery shall be abolished in your land by peaceful Legislation, or by confusion and violence. We desire to unite with you in earnest prayer to the