

### The NEGRO'S COMPLAINT.

By the AUTHOR of the TALE,  
Captain Franklin, and author of the CHIEF JUSTICE  
of the UNITED STATES, and the other members of a  
laudable Society for putting an end to Slavery in the  
Country.

Evides credo quia sit divisa illis Ingenia.

VIRG.

FORC'D from home, and all its pleasures,  
Afric's coast I left forlorn;  
To increase a stranger's treasures,  
O'er the raging billows borne.  
Men from England bought and sold me,  
Paid my price in paltry gold;  
But tho' theirs they have call'd me,  
Minds are never to be sold.

Still in thought as free as ever,  
What safe England's rights I ask;

Me from my delights to sever,

Me to torture, me to tax;

Fleecy hair and black complexion,

Cannot forfeit nature's claim;

Skins may differ, but affection

Dwells in white and black the same.

Why did all creating Nature,

Mile the plant for which I liv?

Sighs must fan it, tears must water,

Sweat of ours must dress the soil,

Think ye masters iron hearted,

Lolling at your jovial boards;

Think how many backs have smarted,

For the sweets you can afford.

Is there, as you sometimes tell us,

Is there one that reigns on high?

Has he bid you buy and sell us,

Speaking from his throne, the sky?

Ax him if your knotted scourges,

Terrors, blood extorting screeves,

Are the means which duty urges?

Agents of his will to use!

Hark! He answers!—wild tempests,

Strewing yonder sea with wrecks,

Walling towns, plantations, meadows,

Are the voice by which it speaks.

For seeing what vexations

Afric's sons should undergo,

Fix'd their tyrannical habitations

Where sits whirlwinds answer No!

By our blood in Afric walled,

Ere our necks rec'd the chain;

By the miseries that we taile,

Cruel in your ships the main;

By our suffering since you brought us

To the men devoured man;

All stain'd by patience caught us;

Only by a broken heart.

Dein our nation brutes no longer,

Till long season you shall find,

Worthy of regard, and stronger,

Than the honour of our kind.

Slaves of gold, whose bold dealings

Tarnish all your boasted power;

Prove that you have humane feelings,

Etc. you proudly question our's.

—they despise the christian merely for his being  
a fool; disrepect things the most sacred, and  
practically throw contempt on religion and its va-  
taries.

Thus accomplished, they come into the world,  
usually at a very early period. They associate to-  
gether, each one seeking for his own gratification  
in sensual pleasure; having never learned  
this plain truth.—That the pleasure arising from  
the improvement of the mind, as much exceed the  
enjoyments of sense, as eternity does time, or im-  
mortality, annihilation.

In a society, composed of such members, confu-  
sion supersedes regularity; discord harmony; ex-  
cess, prudence; and intemperance, folly; in almost  
every pursuit: The gaining of pleasure being the  
sole object, which they seem determined to obtain,  
even at the hazard of their reputation, the useful-  
ness, or the virtue of both themselves and others.

In their view, every ludicrous expression is a  
mark of greatness—the greatest rascal, the most  
desirable companion; the greatest buffoon, the bright-  
est genius; the most extravagant, the most brave;  
and the most lavish, the most generous and noble!

These, my friends, are the fruits of weak, ignor-  
ant and vicious minds; and such we always shall  
be, until we pay the strictest attention to the  
forming of the morals and manners of our children.

### THE BARREL TAPPED.

**A**N Admiral died on a voyage, whose corpse  
was put into a cask of rum, to preserve  
it for interment in England. A seaman on board  
the ship was remarkable, and frequently punished  
for inebriety. The Captain at length thought the  
most efficacious method to prevent this growing evil  
would be to stop his grog. Jack however was not  
found to be more abstinent; and being again brought  
to the gangway, the Captain assured him that if he  
would confess to his grog, he would be forgiven.  
"Well, please your honour," says the Tar, "to own God's truth, I broached the  
Admiral." Broached the Admiral!" exclaimed the Captain. "Yes, Sir, (say he)  
and stuck by him until it was low water." The master of the ship was ordered to see into the  
circumstance, who reported to the Captain that the  
old gentleman was really aground. Jack in conse-  
quence saved a staggering, and the thirty Admiral  
was reprimanded.

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### DRUGS & MEDICINES.

**A**lso PAINTER'S COLOURS of every kind,  
MADEIRA, WINE, SHERRY, MALT,

A QUANTITY OF EXCELLENT GIN,

FRENCH BRANDY,

SPICES of all kinds, LOAF and BROWN SUGAR,

RAISINS, TURKEY FIGS, best HYSON and BO-

HEA TEA, SPANISH INDIGO.

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AS USUAL.

DYING WOODS and DRUGS for CLOTHES,

of almost every kind. PAINTER'S COLOURS, by the barrel,

FLAX SEED OIL, by the barrel or gallon,

SPRITS of TURPENTINE, VARNISHED

PUTTY, PITCH, TAR and ROSIN, a general men-

tage of HARD WARE, a variety of beautiful LOOK-

G-GLASSES, Philadelphia and Swiss IRON,

best of English and American blotted STEEL, German

do. g. 7, 8 by 6. Window Glafs, 20, 12, 14

Nails. Likewise—a complete assortment of

### English and India Goods.

A number of BED SACKS, with suitable cord to

lace them to the Bedstead, which are made of the fine-  
est duck.

WANTED a quantity of BEES-WAX, and

SHIPPING FURRS, for which CASH will be paid.

N. B. Many of the above GOODS may be had, in

3 months credit, or on contracts for FLAX, (cotton pro-  
duce) as said Shephard, designs to pursue the Dye

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