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<p>the fact itself is, in this case, more than doubtful. That to a certain point the feelings of the slave grow callous under bondage, may be condeded: this is the mercy of Nature: but that they are wholly extinguished by suffering, is contradicted by facts of too palpable evidence; one of which is, that it is no uncommon thing for Negroes to commit suicide. <interp key="Man told him that slaves likely grow callous under bondage; another man agreed" n="only citation is here" cert="medium" ref="http://www.recoveredhistories.org/pamphlet1.php?catid=304">This I heard from a gentleman of <placeName key="Charleston, United States" ref="https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Charleston,\_South\_Carolina&amp;params=32\_47\_00\_N\_79\_56\_00\_W\_region:US-SC\_type:city(120083)">Charleston</placeName></interp>; and I have since met with the still more unexceptionable testimony of a friend to the Slave Trade.</p>

<p>"<persName key="Williamson, Dr." from="?" to="?" role="M.D. Fellow" ref="https://books.google.ca/books?redir\_esc=y&amp;id=L7oNAAAAQAAJ&amp;q=dr+williamson#v=snippet&amp;q=dr%20williamson&amp;f=false">Dr. Williamson</persName>, in <persName key="Williamson, Dr." from="?" to="?" role="M.D. Fellow" ref="https://books.google.ca/books?redir\_esc=y&amp;id=L7oNAAAAQAAJ&amp;q=dr+williamson#v=snippet&amp;q=dr%20williamson&amp;f=false">his</persName> 'Medical and Miscellaneous Observations relative to the <placeName key="West Indies, Caribbean" ref="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West\_Indies">West-India Islands</placeName>,' observes: 'Negroes anticipate that they will, upon death removing them from that country, be restored to their native land, and enjoy their friends' society in a future state. The ill-disposed to their masters will sometimes be guilty of suicide; or by a resolute determination resort to dirt-eating, and thence produce disease, and at length death." (i.93) This is the kind of man who, should he ever hear of the death of Cato, would call it the result of 'an ill disposition towards his master, Caesar.'</p>

<p>"<persName key="Hall, Charles" from="1821" to="1871" role="Lieutenant" ref="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\_Francis\_Hall">I</persName> remember to have once heard a person assert, from his own experience, that <interp key="The slaves were happy because they thought they would be eaten" n="only citation is here" cert="medium" ref="http://www.recoveredhistories.org/pamphlet1.php?catid=304">a cargo of Africans expressed great pleasure on finding themselves made slaves</interp>, on their arrival in America. A further explanation, however, removed the seeming improbability of this anecdote. They imagined they had been purchased for the purpose of being eaten, and therefore rejoiced in their ignorance, when they discovered they were only to be held in bondage." <persName key="Hall, Charles" from="1821" to="1871" role="Lieutenant" ref="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\_Francis\_Hall">Hall</persName>, pp. 429-432.</p>

<p>It is impossible to resist the force of this reasoning. It may be evaded by sophistry or opposed by selfishness, or questioned by prejudice or ignorance, but its truth and justice will be self-evident to the mind of every intelligent and candid observer. The consider-</p>

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