Being the richest farmers in 1743

The America was discovered by the Portuguese Traveler Christopher Columbus, who was originally looking for the shorter route to Asia. Later on, the Old World and the New World developed a colonial relationship; Spain was the first country that colonized the America Soil. According to the textbook “America a concise History”, the Portuguese was the one who originally shipped the slaves to North America from the port of Luanda in Angola. [49] America once was started off as a agriculture land that was good at producing massive amount of tobacco, sugar, and cotton, and etc; As the European demands increased, the acquiring indenture servants and slaves would also increase, therefore the North America was facing the situation of booming indenture servants, and slavery, the labor class dominated the majority of the population in America. However, the labor or slavery protection laws had yet not being established in the colony of America, therefore the labor class was important but yet valuable without law protections. So I argue that the farmers in 1745 at the colony period of American in Pennsylvania were the richest and the easiest farmers in the world; due to one of the reason slavery did not have any law protections. With the analyzed article “Plantation of Pennsylvania (1743)” by William Moraley.

The article was written by the author William Moraley in 1743, in Pennsylvania. William Moraley was known for his autobiography named: “The voyage and Adventures of William Moraley”, where he traveled and spent nearly five years in the America Colonies, however it is interested to acknowledge that the article was mainly about his understanding of white owners in the colony of Pennsylvania.

William Moraley wrote the aritle “Plantations in Pennsylvania”. It’s designed to report the newly migrate English men about the conditions of being the plantation owner in Pennsylvania in 1743. In the article, Moraley described the interaction between the plantation owners and the slavery. Author purposely described that the slaves were not protected with any laws [Moraley 45] And he also noticed that “For the least Trespass, they undergo the severest Punishment; but their Masters make them some amends, by suffering them to marry which makes them easier and often prevents their running away.”[Moraley45] The article acknowledges that the consequence of the slaveries’ marriage was that all of the slaveries’ properties were now enslaved. The article was designed as guide to the newly coming English farmers, who were seeking an easy way to become the richer farmers, because the major feature of the article was to introduce the unbalanced power between the slavery owners and the slaves.

The article was designed to show the readers that the land owner who lived in the colony of Pennsylvania in 1743 was the richest farmers in the World. It reasoned with the facts that the farmers did not need to pay or give wages to purchase white servants or black slaves, while lands were provided to encourage the farmers to continue farming in the colony of Pennsylvania. The article directly conveys that with being the farmers in Pennsylvania can have an absolute power over the slaveries. Beating the slaves to death was just as normal as killing the chickens, paying the equally value, the death of a black slave then could be ignored. Laws that supposed to design for protecting the slaves were never existed. Moraley described that if one man killed another’s slave, its punishment was to re-pay the other with the equally value of the slave’s life, no further payments need to enforce, regardless to the contribution of the slave’s abilities of laboring. [45Moraley]

With the primary source, it concluded that the slaveries in 1743 in the colony of Pennsylvania were basically treated as the properties of the masters, which the value of one’s life can be paid off by the wealthier. It convinced that the consequence of a white master murdering a slave’s life was omitted in the absences of the official laws, which ultimately put the favor of power in the hands of the slavery owners; it also explained the reason behind the statement from Moraley “by which means they are become the richest Farmers in the World,” [Moraley 44]

Article in UNCG library “Scraping By: Wage Labor, Slavery, And Survival in Early Baltimore.” By Stephen Mihm, he argued that “Laboring life in the early republic was rarely rewarding. If anything it was brutal and unpleasant, whith all of life’s energies dedicated to ‘scraping by’.”[Mihm] It described that slaves could be un-slaved after certain period of laboring time which was called in the article from Mihm with the term “term slaves”, however the white always ban the blacks from certain kinds of work.

By comparing Mihm’s article to the article from Moraley, it is oblivious that the Pennsylvania slaves has literally no way of escaping the slaves masters; the slaves masters would think of a way to force the black slave into a marriage, so that the slave properties would become the title of enslave, which in a long run that the children of a slave would eventually become a slave also. This off-spring reproduction process had made the master to acquire slaves without spending money in the slavery purchase.

At the end I argue that the farmers in 1745 at the colony period of American in Pennsylvania were the richest and the easiest farmers in the world; due to the reason slavery did not have any law protections.