

# English country gentlemen address to the Irish members of the Imperial Parliament - on the subject of the slave trade.

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## 8 Colonial Rebellion

The right to enslave a negro seems to have been based on the fact that he was a pagan.

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Effect on the Colonies The Navigation Acts, while enriching Britain, caused resentment in the colonies and were a major contributing factor to the American Revolution. Is there any principle in these things? The necessity of the case would have demanded a law fixing the status of slaves and servants at an early date, and it is probable that this law, or its chief features, was in force at a much earlier date than 1715. But, as an example, I may recall the fact that in those days, and for many years thereafter, it was tenaciously upheld by the public authorities, here and elsewhere, that it was an offence against laws of nature and ruinous to the State for public authorities to provide food for starving children, or independent aid for the aged poor.

## Explanation of the Conflict Between Ireland & Britain

The resulting parliament of less than 160 members was derisively known as 'the Rump'. Burke was always concerned to ease the burdens of his native country.

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Colonists insisted that only their elected assemblies had the right to tax them. These are their bounds, which by God and nature are fixed, hitherto have they a right to come, and no further.

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