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*Personal Slavery Established*, 1773: [Their removal compelled them] to the enjoyment of a more refined state of happiness, than the partiality of fate had assigned them in their native state.

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edly prove in a very high degree, when it is their fortune to fall into the hands of rational and benevolent owners.<sup>6</sup>