will, I dare not, be very helpful to me. She has indeed been a most admirable adviser & helper. Many, many, warm & dear friends have I left in America - & I have no feeling on my mind, of having permanently parted from them - For the present, my service there is closed - I had neither concern or ability for anything more, I think - And as far as I can at all tell, I never should not have returned to England at this time with an easy mind. I believe no way was open for me, but into this very ship Stewards the West Indies - I have been enjoyed remarkably easy & pleasant feeling in connexion with it, & dear Mahlon Day's being with me, with a good Companion, is a great satisfaction with regard to the objects in view - These are three, which severally in their distinct degrees, & very fully in their combination, seem to justify the decision of the coming winter, to these "Isles afar off". The first is health - for I really believe, it is desirable, if not needful for me, to avoid another Winter in N. And

Secondly - Slavery - A view for myself of the working of emancipation - with a view of subsequently reporting it, seems very desirable - & I hope that there will therein be a full answer to dear Betsy's prayer that my mission might be blessed to the cause of liberty, as well as that of religion. Thirdly & above all, the Gospel mission. May it please the Lord, to preserve me in safety, & to bless the mission to all these objects. I have earnestly prayed that He would be pleased to deliver me from all fears & from all cares - It is indeed an affecting farther receding from almost forgotten home, & from my never forgotten children & family circle - I have heartily committed them & all my concerns to the Lord. In the mean time have I come to the point of being willing to die as well as to live in His service? not to count my life dear unto myself? I fear I must with shame & confusion acknowledge that I am still very fearful of death - Yet I hope not quite so much so as once was the case - Deeply & mysteriously unworthy as I am, I now & then catch a glimpse of glory to come. The truth of these prospects, is wonderfully confirmed to the mind, by the realising of the travels of his holy land, in this following - Yet I can & do pray