

Dear Sir

Herewith I send you the Tracts against Slavery, which I promised; as also some few on other Subjects, of which I beg your acceptance.

I have placed a paper of reference in the Law of Passive Obedience, to point <sup>out</sup> the particular Argum<sup>t</sup> of our worthy friend D. Vindlay (to which I have replied) in favour of the Right of Masters over Slaves, in order that I may save you as much labour in the perusal as I can.

You will find a mode of gradual enfranchisement proposed in the Appendix to the Limitation of Slavery in the Laws of God &c. - N<sup>o</sup> 6. p. 56-61

And there is still a very different subject in the Law of Retribution to which I have also placed a paper of reference, ~~but~~ wishing you to peruse it, as a matter of importance worthy your consideration: I mean the Episcopacy of the primitive-Church; for I flatter myself that Gentlemen of the Presbyterian persuasion in these modern times of religious candour to Christian Brethren, will not have the same objections to an Episcopal Church, when the ancient Right of a Free Election by the Clergy & People is proposed to be restored to it: especially if 2 unexceptionable persons be first elected as above, & then the decision be refer<sup>d</sup> to God by Lot after solemn prayer, that the Lot may fall on the person

"person whom he would have"; after the example related  
in the Acts of the Apostles; and I have produced examples  
of it in later times. Such a restoration of the Primitive  
Church would render America glorious in the sight of  
all the world; and it would <sup>perhaps, happily</sup> unite the great Body of  
the Presbyterians & Episcopalians in one Church; as their  
differences in other points of doctrine are of small consequence.

I shall be glad to discourse with you on this subject  
when you have any leisure, and in the mean time  
remain with great esteem, Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant  
Granville Sharp

Old Jewry

27 March 1784

Rev<sup>d</sup> D. Witherspoon,