

Sixteen Sonnets<sup>1</sup>  
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Sonnet VIII

**On the Abbé REYNALLS's History of the  
Establishments in the East and West Indies.**

Friend to the wretch, great Patron of Mankind,  
Born to enlighten and reform the age;  
Whose energetic and immortal page,  
From Nature's laws, hath every art combin'd  
Of mildest policy; whose soul refin'd,  
Melts at the Slave's big tear, with generous rage  
Dares to assert his rights, his griefs assuage,  
And mould to industry the savage mind.  
Tutor'd by thee, the nations blest shall see  
Unbounded Commerce, Wealth and Peace arise,  
And Truth, and spotless Faith, and Liberty:  
Nor shall thy latest moment want the meed  
Of praise and joy serene, which virtuous deed  
Procures from Heaven for the Good and Wise.

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