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This is 'a round and unvarnished tale' of the chequered adventures of an African, who early in life, was torn from his native country, by those savage dealers in a traffic disgraceful to humanity, and which has fixed a stain on the legislature of Britain. The Narrative appears to be written with much truth and simplicity. The Author's account of the manners of the natives of his own province (Eboe) is interesting and pleasing; and the reader, unless, perchance he is either a West-India planter, or Liverpool merchant, will find his humanity often severely wounded by the shameless barbarity practiced towards the author's hapless countrymen in all our colonies; he feels, as he ought, the oppressed and the oppressors will equally excite his pity and indignation. That so unjust, and iniquitous a commerce may be abolished, is our ardent wish; and we heartily join in our authors prayer, 'That the God of Heaven may inspire the hearts of our Representatives in Parliament, with peculiar benevolence on that important day when so interesting a question is to be discussed; when thousands in consequence of their determination, are to look for happiness or misery!'