cannot be denied. But how much or how little it is so, depends more upon the mode and spirit with which it is conducted, than on any thing essentially and absolutely inseperable from it. The aid which colonies give to Missions being more of a secular than spiritual nature, is so for the same reason.

But to return to the state of the slave trade on the coast of Liberia. There are five settlements placed immediately on the sea coast, of which Monrovia, Edina and Bassa Cove occupy the spot of large slave marts. There is not the least doubt but for the existence of these settlements numerous slave factories would occupy their place. The slavers however are ~~also~~ ~~take~~ aware that their spirit and idea abroad that the colonies have the ability and right to suppress any slave trade in its vicinity and take advantage of the mistake to place their factories in the nearest unpurchased territory thereby eviding the suspicion and search of the cruizers, who indeed do not often visit this part of the coast. There is therefore one small slave factory at Little Bassa and one a little at New Cess. From thence to Cape Palmas there are no others. The natives of this latter part of Liberia, have never had much to do with the slave trade. There are domestic slaves among them, whom they regard as part of themselves & families. They have been chiefly employed in agriculture and trading. This is more particularly the case towards Cape Palmas.

The writer in the Journal seems to consider

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