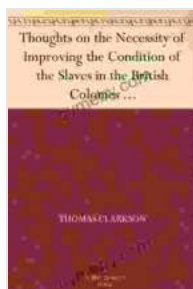


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by Anthony Benezet

In this groundbreaking work, Anthony Benezet, a former slave owner who became a passionate abolitionist, argues for the moral and practical necessity of improving the condition of slaves in the British colonies.



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Benezet also argues that slavery is a drain on the economy. He points out that the cost of maintaining a slave workforce is far greater than the cost of hiring free labor. He also argues that slavery stifles innovation and prevents the colonies from reaching their full economic potential.

In addition to his moral and practical arguments, Benezet also provides a detailed plan for abolishing slavery in the British colonies. He calls for the gradual emancipation of slaves, with compensation to slave owners. He also calls for the establishment of schools for freed slaves and for the creation of laws to protect their rights.

Thoughts on the Necessity of Improving the Condition of the Slaves in the British Colonies was a groundbreaking work that helped to shape the debate over slavery in the 18th century. It is a powerful and persuasive argument for the abolition of slavery, and it remains an important historical document today.

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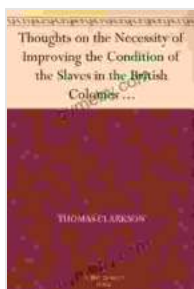
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