

John Tyson

A boy of pleasing, gentle manners, of an honest upright mind, he was selected for a teacher, and at all times did his duty satisfactorily. It is a fact generally admitted, that there is a principle in the nature of human beings, independent of education which generally points out their future fortune.

It is my opinion that this boy's sense of right and wrong and his abhorrence and contempt of mean or ungenerous actions, notwithstanding the force of example, would have kept him above committing any flagrant breach of theft or immorality – he was able in arithmetic, wrote well, had a good knowledge of the scriptures, but there was an unpleasantness in his voice that prevented him from excelling much in reading which he otherwise would have done, as he always seemed to understand so well what he read.

He was bound for 7 years to Bushbys merchants of the islands of St Thomas and St Croix in the West Indies, on the 29th November 1822.