

'A Necessary Evil'

When the *Memoirs of Manxman Hugh Crow* were published in 1830, the British trade in slaves had been abolished for 23 years. Captain Crow and others had justified this trade because it provided labour for the plantations in the Americas and West Indies.

*...I have viewed
the abstraction of slaves from Africa
to our colonies as a necessary evil,
under existing circumstances.*

Hugh Crow

