

Doctrine of Discovery (1493) = Pope declared some lands inhabited/occupied by non-Christians (whom he called "barbarous nations") could be colonized, "redeemed" and brought to the faith itself. Basically, used Christian evangelism to defend/rationalize the theft of indigenous lands to spread Christianity and form European colonies as religiously just.

The Deleted Passage (Jefferson, 1776)

Refers to King George III
He has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most sacred rights of life & liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him, captivating & carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere, or to incur miserable death in their transportation thither, this piratical warfare, the opprobrium of infidel powers, is the warfare of the CHRISTIAN king of Great Britain. determined to keep open a market where MEN should be bought & sold, he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to prohibit or to restrain this execrable commerce; and that this assemblage of horrors might want no fact of distinguished die, he is now exciting those very people to rise in arms among us, and to purchase that liberty of which he has deprived them, & murdering the people upon whom he also obtruded them; thus paying off former crimes committed against the liberties of one people, with crimes which he urges them to commit against the lives of another.

British Parliament abolished slave trade in 1807. Abolished slavery entirely in 1833-1834 (AV), not abolished until 1860.

Pointing out hypocrisy, cool. But... is it for the benefit of enslaved Black people, or the benefit of his own arguments? ... Are they mutually exclusive?

"Incur" = to bring a consequence, but this Paradox implies the death happened during travel/transport to captured & stolen Africans. Why did death happen? Who enacted the violence that led to death? That is where I want to see his righteous anger directed. It wasn't just King George III. "Normal" people participated.