Further reading

Holly Brewer, 'The Mysterious Disappearance of Morgan Godwyn: Rethinking Press Censorship and the debates over slavery in the early British empire', paper given at the conference on the "Republic of Letters", Huntingdon Library, December 2012, pp. 1-13, 10-11. (Some of the details here are not in the article and were emailed by Holly Brewer to Celia Mill for Fulham Palace on 18th October 2022).

Leslie Brown, Moral Capital: Foundations of British Abolitionism, (University of North Carolina Press, 2006), p. 57.

John Michael Fout, 'The explosive cleric: Morgan Godwyn, slavery and colonial elites in Virginia and Barbados, 1665-1685' (M.A. dissertation, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2005).

Travis Glasson, Mastering Christianity: Missionary Anglicanism and Slavery in the Atlantic World (Oxford University Press, 2017), pp. 50, 54.

Morgan Godwyn, The Negro's & Indians advocate, suing for their admission to the church, or, A persuasive to the instructing and baptizing of the Negro's and Indians in our plantations shewing that as the compliance therewith can prejudice no mans just interest, so the wilful neglecting and opposing of it, is no less than a manifest apostacy from the Christian faith: to which is added, a brief account of religion in Virginia (England, printed for the author by J. D., 1680).

Morgan Godwyn, A supplement to The Negro's & Indians advocate: or, Some further considerations and proposals for the effectual and speedy carrying on of the Negro's Christianity in our plantations (notwithstanding the late pretended impossibilities) without any prejudice to their owners (London: J. D., 1681).

Morgan Godwyn, The Revival, or, Directions for a sculpture describing the extraordinary care and diligence of our nation in publishing the faith among infidels in America and elsewhere (London: J. Darby, 1682).

What Godwyn actually describes is a planter whipping an enslaved person for having been baptised. Put up as posters, he wanted English people to read what life was actually like on the plantations: "Tho but a few were concerned in this horrid Fact, yet our whole Nation are guilty by conniving at and not protesting against their impiety" (Brewer, 2021).

Morgan Godwyn, Trade preferr'd before religion, and Christ made to give place to Mammon: represented in a sermon relating to the plantations. First preached at Westminster-Abby, and afterwards in divers churches in London (London: B. Took, 1685).