What was it like for slaves to be a part of a slave trade auction?

I could only imagine that as a slave it would have been extremely upsetting and maybe quite scary. It would be very upsetting as not only had they been taken away from their own country by foreigners, but they had been treated so badly on the first stage of being part if the slave trade and the auctions. Also if you had family, maybe children, the slave trade auctions would have been something that would have been dreaded more by people with family as they were most likely to be sold to separate “owners” meaning that they would never see each other again. This would be upsetting especially if you had to watch your child being taken away, not knowing where they are going, not knowing what will happen to them and knowing that you will never see them again. Many slaves would have lived a normal life in Africa, but then their known world would have been turned upside down as they would have had to deal with their own hidden shadows of what life was ahead of them. I also think that the slave trade would have been very intimidating and uncomfortable for the slaves as they would have been lined up one by one being observed by many rich English, and they would have been prodded and pulled about as the keen buyers would have checked them from head to toe to make sure they were strong and healthy and that they were able to do the job properly.