

In corroboration of this statement, we may mention as a single example that, out of 150 men of the 2nd West India Regiment, who in 1824 were sent to Cape Coast Castle, all, excepting one, were either dead or sent home invalided in three months. At the expiration of this time, Sir John Phillimore, arriving off the coast in command of the 'Thetis,' sent on shore two midshipmen and fourteen men, to mount a gun on a height. The party slept there only a night, yet, in one fortnight, every individual excepting a black man was dead !

In the opposite continent of America, even in healthy regions, wherever the land has been flooded for the purpose of canal navigation, the trees all die, and, as the passenger-barge winds its way by moonlight through these pale, barkless corpses, we have seen a green coating of vegetable matter, about as thick as a blanket, and very appropriately called by the inhabitants "*fever and ague*," writhing in folds before the prow.

Even in the most salubrious of the new settlements, where the air had hitherto been always pure, dry, exhilarating, and the sky as blue as in Italy, the moment the virgin earth is by the emigrant turned up for the first time, the decomposition of vegetable matter brought to the surface invariably produces sickness; and thus a whole family of little English children, with their teeth chattering from ague, have too often been found mourning in the wilderness, on an oasis, "the garden and the grave" of their father who made it.

In like manner, in this country, it has been shown by abundant evidence that on whatever patches of land, es-