

tion and his overseer. What sort of a militia these will make, and with what convenience they can be collected, I leave any one to judge. The few troops they have amongst them (admitting that Grant arrives) must be thrown into their forts, with a view, if possible, to protect the harbours, (though I much question if they will be equal to their defence) but be that as it may, there is not one of our islands upon which a landing may not be effected, without either danger or difficulty; in such a case, the Negroes, and whatever is of any value upon the plantations, are at the mercy of an enemy. I aver, that nothing but a superior fleet in the West-Indies, or a very large body of troops distributed amongst the islands, can prevent your possessions from being swept away.

If the Marquis de Bouillé chuses to continue his tour, there is nothing to stop him, from Barbadoes to Jamaica; and all this mischief may have happened, whilst you are persisting to take a bull by the horns in North America; a method of proceeding, which does some honour to the