

Lower Provinces confirmed to England in 1763. In 1769 it was made a separate government under Governor Paterson, and granted away by lottery in one day to proprietors, many of whom have never set foot on the island. The first Assembly set in 1778. Its history has since been devoid of political interest.

CLOSE OF THE VOLUME.

This Magazine was started at the commencement of the present year, with a hope—a faint one it is true—of supplying a medium for the publication of original papers on literary, educational, and provincial matters. We are compelled, for want of sufficient encouragement, to close it with the ninth number; returning to the subscribers, of course, one fourth of the yearly subscription. Though our own attempt has not been one of the most successful character, we shall be glad to see good fortune any future efforts in the same direction; indeed, we shall be most happy to promise assistance, if it should be thought of any worth—our wish to see a Provincial Magazine being as strong as ever.

To both contributors and subscribers we tender our sincere thanks. With many of them we are very loth to part, and we beg leave to assure both classes, that we have honestly done our best, and have used every effort short of puffing or begging for subscribers—means which we could not prevail on ourselves to employ. Nor do we feel much abashed at failure in this case; having several examples before us of a similar result, under far more favorable auspices. The fact seems to be forced upon us, that the Provinces are not yet ripe for an indigenous literature.

We may mention that the Papers on British America may be completed by an account of Canada, &c., and adapted for a text book for schools, if the project appear feasible in a pecuniary point of view. Also, that all the numbers of the "Guardian" can be had of the Editors or Publishers, at the reduced price of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

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