

note and reputation has rarely been sent into America; the service seemed beneath him; and they that were tolerably expert at second and third parts (worse than the absolutely inexperienced for the very first, where the scene is new) were sent by court favour and intrigue. What armaments from England, Holland, and France, have been sent in different times to America, whose remains returned without honour or advantage, is too clear, and perhaps too invidious a topic to be greatly insisted upon.

The pirates, whom we called buccaneers improperly, the French denominated *flibustiers*, from the Dutch *flyboats*, in which they made their first expeditions. The buccaneers are no more than persons who hunt wild cattle in America for their hides and tallow. Some of these joined the *flibustiers* in their first expeditions; and from them we named the whole body, buccaneers. These people brought their prizes and plunder frequently into Jamaica, by which they enriched that island extremely. Others, finding that the Spaniards were very weak in Hispaniola, and that they had in a manner deserted a considerable part of the island, made it a place of rendezvous. They, who hunted cattle, saw the hideous desarts left by the Spanish tyranny, a proper place for exercising their profession. To these two sorts of people were soon
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