

be found in men of the same rank in England. Thus the petty juries in the West-Indies are commonly far more intelligent and respectable than those in Great Britain. Every candid person, who has attended the courts of criminal jurisdiction in both countries, must confirm this observation.

BUT it is to the Creoles or Natives, that we must look for the original and peculiar cast of character impressed by the climate, if indeed the influence of climate be such as many writers imagine. For myself, I am of opinion that the climate of the West Indies displays itself more strongly on the persons of the Natives, than on their manners, or on the faculties of their minds. They are obviously a taller race, on the whole, than the Europeans; but I think in general not proportionably robust. I have known several who were full six feet four inches in height; but they wanted bulk, to meet our ideas of masculine beauty. All of them, however, are distinguished for the freedom and suppleness of their joints; which enable them to move with great ease and agility, as well as gracefulness, in dancing. From the same cause they excel in penmanship, and the use of the small sword. It has been truly observed, that the effect of climate is likewise obvious in the structure of the eye, the socket being considerably deeper than among the natives of Europe.

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