

"first care is to cut down a few trees to build his log-house. "A man may cut down and lop from twenty to thirty in a "day, of the size proper for the purpose. These form the "walls of the building. In general the log-cabins of this "kind are such as half a dozen men will easily finish in three "or four days (say a week); ten guineas worth of labour, thus "employed, will lodge a family quite as comfortable as in the "better kind of cottages in England."

Such log-houses may be enlarged, as opportunity will admit, or improved, by lining them with board, in the nature of wainscot, or lath and plaster; the outside covered with clap-boards, and the roof with shingles; or, as the person is disposed, and his circumstances will admit, he may, in a future period, build a framed house, from sixty pounds to many hundreds, according to the size, and the manner in which it is finished: his first house may be then used for a cattle-house. When the person has his log-house finished, he will find it to his advantage to remove his family into it as early as possible, both for convenience and to save expence; and of course must lay in such necessaries as he thinks he shall want, according to the number of his family. He may form some estimate of a year's provision by the following prices, alluding to the Autumn of 1795:—Wheat at 5s. per bushel; potatoes about 1s. 6d. per bushel; by a large quantity they have been bought for 1s. per bushel; beef, mutton and pork, from 3d. to 4d. per pound, according to the season of the year; fowls from 4s. to 8s. per dozen; ducks about 1s.; geese about 2s. 6d.; turkeys 5s. each: most people raise their own poultry. Spruce beer, and rum and water, are the general liquors that are drank here, except water and milk; but as barley and hops grow very well, there can be no doubt but malt liquor will be more generally introduced, which will be far more beneficial to the inhabitants than the pernicious custom of drinking spirits, which is generally too prevalent in all America. Cows with calves, in the spring of the year, from 5l. to about 6l.; a pair of middling size aged bullocks, that will weigh five or six hundred each, may be bought for 14l. to 16l. per pair. Some of the bullocks on this Island have weighed upwards of a thousand weight. Ewes with lambs, in the spring of the year, about 20s. to a guinea; sows with pig, according to their size, from 20s. to 40s. The above prices are in the currency of the Island: if one-tenth is deducted from these sums, it will reduce it to sterling. It will be advisable, that the new settler purchases a few poultry, a cow or two, and a sow, as soon as he goes to his farm, by which means he will have eggs, butter, and milk for the family; if the farm is an entire woodland farm, the cows will find sufficient food in the woods, in the Summer and Autumn, and come regularly home to be milked by keeping the calves up, and giving them a portion of the