

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 milk. If there should be no marsh ground to the farm, where fodder may be cut for the Winter, the new settler will be obliged to buy hay till he can raise some from the woodland. When he has purchased these necessities, he has then to encounter with the most difficult part of his farm, which is to begin to clear away the woods. This labour is differently pursued, according to the judgment of different persons: some grub up the small trees and underwood by the roots; these are burnt on the ground; and the large trees they girdle, by cutting a rim of the bark round the tree, which kills it, and lets in the sun to the ground; they then plant potatoes and grain between the trees: but, for the most part, the inhabitants cut all the trees down from two to three feet above the ground, and cut them into ten or twelve feet lengths, and pile and burn them. But some think the best way is, to take a crop or two at most off the ground, and then lay it down to grass; and in a few years, the roots of the stumps will get sufficiently rotten, so that a man or two, with two pair of bullocks, and a chain fixed round the tops of the stumps, will get up as many in a day as they would in a month