

appointed by the House. But the operations of this Committee were confined to granting certain sums to the Societies of Agriculture of the Province and these Societies requiring the full amount of the sums granted for the bestowing of premiums for raising the best vegetables and the fattest cattle, were unable to embrace the more general and extensive plan I had contemplated. That these Societies have been serviceable is allowed, but the great desideratum in this Province is the increase of the production of wheat and grain of all sorts, and this can only be accomplished by instructing the habitant farmers through the Province in the superior mode and yield of the modern agriculture, and by prevailing on them to practise it.

By the plan stated in the following Work, an intimate knowledge of the modern agriculture, its advantages and superior yield can be practically and generally diffused through the Province, and it will then be probable that the habitant farmers, or many of them, will adopt a mode of agriculture so much more consonant to their interests.

Finding, at the above named period, that my endeavours to call the attention of the Houses of Assembly to this important subject were fruitless, I presented the plan to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, whose approbation it obtained, and I was informed by his Secretary that he had expressed an intention of recommending it to the House of Assembly; but, as I sailed for England that fall,