

I will only say what I myself do neither know nor believe to be otherwise, and what I have heard universally asserted, but never doubted nor contradicted, viz. that this estate has more salt marsh upon it than any other in the island.

In this respect it is commonly mentioned, with the expression of enviable eminence, and the owner has been times innumerable sometimes cordially, sometimes enviously, complimented with the assertion, of its being incomparably above any thing, that even so fine a country as the island affords; some calling it the marrow thereof.

The soil, indeed, where it has had any justice done to it, has invariably produced remarkably well; but I do not think that it has any, or any remarkable, preference in the point of the natural quality of the soil, over the general run of the island at large; but I am inclined to think, that the difference of excellency in favour of this estate is chiefly owing to the *toute ensemble* of its situation, accommodation, and perquisites, joined to what has been done upon it, the examples and the proper application of which render even those advantages, which are still in the womb of time, to be far more visible, and ten times more easily realized, than all the similar good, which lies as yet but deeply buried in the other estates.

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