

of nature, infancy, and old age, may be provided for without any thing more than the present ordinary expence; and indeed, I believe at a rate far below it.

Every slave-holder, at present pays a medical attendant for the cure and care of his sick, lame, and infirm negroes. But, a sum by very much less than the annual expence which estates pay for medicine and attendance would support proper hospitals, to which medical men would be appointed by the free suffrages of the governors of such institutions: and those alone would be elected whose pretensions from talents, education, regular initiation into the profession, and long experience, render most eligible for such a serious charge; which, at present, is too often committed to ignorant pretenders and adventurers, who are imposed on the planters by mere accident, interest, or impudence.

Such Impostors abound in the Colonies: and the climate is too much blamed for the great mortality which is produced among the Whites and Africans by the timidity of some, the temerity of more, and the ignorance of most; and, indeed, the last is the general cause of both the former, in the practice of men to whom the lives and properties are indiscriminately en-