

of the Expedition ; and the *French* convinced by Experience, that open Force could not give them a Superiority in those Islands, have, since the Peace of *Utrecht*, constantly increased their Possessions and Power by *Encroachments*; first upon *Dominico*, a large fruitful Island in Sight of *Montserat*, inhabited by *Indians*, the *Aborigines* of those Islands, who for several Generations have been Subjects of *England*, under a Commission from Lord *Willoughby* of *Parham*, and his Successors ; the chief Governors of *Barbadoes*. Yet this well known Encroachment, has been connived at by every Administration to this Day.

Some Years after, (*viz.* in 1722.) the late Duke of *Montagu* having obtained a Grant from the Crown, of the Islands of *St. Lucia*, and *St. Vincent* ; (two of the *Carribee* Islands, included for many Years in the Commissions of successive Governors of *Barbadoes*, from the Kings of *Great Britain*) provided Ships, Military Stores, and much People at a great Expence, to possess and settle those Islands : But soon after landing at *St. Lucia*, they were forced off by the *French* of *Martinico* ; pursuant to an express Order from their Monarch *.

* Vid. *Salmon's* modern Hist. p. 264. Vol. 3. Fol. Ed.