

First it is certain, that this secret Trade to *Spain* is the real and only Occasion of the great Concourse of People, that is, of *Europeans*, to the Island of *Jamaica*: This by consequence, is the Occasion of such an unusual Trade thither for Provisions, as well from *England* as *Ireland*, and all the *British* Colonies on the Continent of *America*.

Were the Commerce of *Jamaica* only such as would depend upon the Plantation of the Colony only, the Number of Inhabitants especially at the Sea-Ports of that Island would be very few, compared to what now are to be found there: It need not be enlarged upon, that a great part of the Commerce from *Ireland*, *Maderas*, *New England*, *New York*, *Jersey*, *Pensylvania*, *Virginia*, and *Carolina*, to *Jamaica*, is for Provisions, besides the large quantity which is carried from *London* and *Bristol*. Were the Colony of *Jamaica* to maintain no People but its own Planters, and a Proportion of Tradesmen to them, as other Islands do, the demand of Provisions, especially of Wine and Beer, Corn and Salted Fish, would be trifling, compared to what it now is.

But the fitting out such Numbers of Ships, Sloops, &c. upon the private Trade, &c. and the concourse of Inhabitants, Merchants, Seamen, &c. to that Hell upon Earth, that worse than *Sodom*, the City or Port near the Point at *Jamaica*, draws such a Multitude of People thither, and demands such prodigious Quantities of Provisions of all sorts, but especially as above, that this Trade alone to *Jamaica* equals if not exceeds that of all our other Islands put together even in their most flourishing State.

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