

America. George town will no doubt be a fine place in a few years; three churches are already being built. The island is the property of British companies, who let the land in lots to settlers at a yearly rent. For this reason it is not so well settled as many other places, as the settlers want to buy the land, so that they can call it their own.

The Scotch have some fine settlements on the island, they are a very industrious and quiet people, and I think they are an honor to Great Britain, for they have settled half the British colonies. They far excel the English in establishing a new colony, for they go without money at once into the woods, build a temporary hut for shelter, and then commence with their axes and fell the trees on about four acres of land, leaving the stumps in the ground; when the wood is dry they burn it. In the spring they hoe the ground, and plant potatoes on about two or three acres, and on the other they grow wheat, barley, oats, and various other things, thus they work hard and live hard, till they get their farms into course. After obtaining two or three crops off the land, they lay it down with grass, still continuing to clear fresh land; and at the same time providing themselves with a small number of cattle. In five years the stumps which have been left become so decayed, that they can plough the land. They have long winters to endure, and when they have raised their crops they immediately have to pay their rent, which keeps them poor, because during the first three years they can hardly raise enough to carry on their farms, as they require tools, clothes, and a few heads of stock.