

pulation around us is widely scattered, and the settlers generally but poor. The generosity of the Committee will never be better bestowed than in assisting the Mission

here, if it should stand in need of their special help. I proceed in a few days to Baie des Chaleurs to visit New Brandon and Bathurst.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

From the Monthly Notices of the Wesleyan Missionary Society.

THE Committee have received letters from several of the brethren in Jamaica, and give the following extracts. Mr. Box, against whom no charge was made, and who, indeed, it appears from Lord Belmore's despatches, was imprisoned under the idea that he was a Baptist Missionary, has been liberated, and his letters will show what treatment he received. It amends the case but little to say, that "all this was in mistake;" but it shows sufficiently the character of a large portion of white society in that Island, that occasion is thus taken from tumults among the negroes,—excited, indeed, by manifest mismanagement, and chiefly by the abridgement on several estates of the usual holidays at Christmas, enjoyed by the slaves from time immemorial, and then probably rendered formidable chiefly by acts of blind violence and indiscriminate severity,—to fasten odium upon the Missionaries, and to improve them, we suppose, to give colour to these calumnies. Then imprisonment, upon prejudiced and silly rumours, without the semblance of guilt, or the existence of a specific charge, would itself have been a sufficient outrage, had no positive suffering been added to it; but when imprisonment in Jamaica is not *safe custody* merely, but confinement in one of those wretched dungeons there called jails, the case becomes one of crying injustice, at which every correct mind must feel indignant. If Lord Belmore chose upon some vague report to issue an order for the apprehension of a Missionary, he ought to have remembered what kind of treatment he was likely to receive, and, presuming upon his innocence, as he was bound to do, to have taken care that he was not exposed to penal treatment.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Fox, dated Spanish Town; Common Jail, Jan. 9th 1832.

I AM under the unpleasant necessity of informing you, that I was last week apprehended in this town on my way to the District Meeting, and committed to this place, on the ground of having escaped from Falmouth after detention there. You will no doubt receive intelligence by this packet of the rebellion which has taken place in Jamaica, and the consequent loss of life and property; so that it would be useless for me to enter into particulars. As it regards myself, I was in my Circuit when the insurrection commenced, and I witnessed some of its ravages, but did all

I could to prevent our own people from the evil so long as I continued there. On Sunday, Jan. 1st, I preached a farewell sermon to the society in the morning, the evening services having been given up; and, after preaching, was requested by a messenger from the head quarters to appear there as soon as convenient; I went thither immediately, and found several Baptist Ministers present, we were soon dismissed, but requested to appear again the next day.

Fearing, that as martial law was proclaimed, I might have to turn out as a