

force would be necessary to maintain it; it has but one commanding position, which is on the St. Croix side. This island would not be very valuable to Great Britain, if she had possession of it, as it would only afford facilities for smuggling, and would require a very considerable force to maintain it. It forms some convenient stations for outwar l-bound vessels while waiting for a wind, though not very often used.

Deer Island lies between Indian River and St. Andrew's Bay, and extends, with three other small islands, to the main passage. The soil is generally very indifferent and the surface broken: it has several strong positions, and can be easily held against an enemy; but it has no safe harbour for shipping.

The three small islands before mentioned are of the following descriptions. A narrow island containing about two hundred acres, between which and Deer Island there is a narrow passage for boats, and another for vessels separates it from La Tete Island. This island is settled, its soil good, the situation unobjectionable, and its aspect favourable to agriculture. La Tete Island is high and broken, and contains about four hundred acres, but is not settled.

The other small island is in front of the one last mentioned, which has been settled, but now is deserted. It contains about fifty acres, and is fit for a fisherman.

Near the south-east end of Deer Island there