

Progress of the Sugar Trade in the *Caribbees* and *Jamaica* *; all which will be duly adverted to by the Ministry: And I hope every Article will have its due Influence at the Negotiation; where it was to be wished a Plenipotentiary possessed of the Coolness and Address of *John Duke of Marlborough* was employed; and might be as prevailing on the *French* Negotiator, that the Army under *M. de Vaudreil* should lay down their Arms at *Montreal*, as his Grace was upon *M. Bourgonville* for the *Gens d'Armes*, to the Number of 12570, to lay down their Arms at *Blenheim* in *August* 1704. The Arguments in the Mouth of an able Negotiator are numerous; for while *M. Vaudreil* stands out, the Blessings of Peace will be procrastinated, and these Troops will be not only exposed to all the Fury of a provoked Enemy, but even to the more dreadful Revenge of the disappointed *Indians*.

Their Island of *Martinico* will be exposed to the Thunder of a *British* Fleet, or at least may be so incommoded by the duly stationing of the *English* Ships of War, that all Provisions and Succours will be interrupted from coming into it, and then if once it be obliged to surrender, not only the less Indulgence will be given to the Inhabitants, but the Island itself will be ceded back with the greater Difficulty; as it is a Nest of Smugglers in
Time

* *Two thirds of Jamaica are uncultivated, and yet it yields more than all the Caribbees put together.*