

The Preface.

this Society: and His Majesty was graciously pleased to grant his Royal Letters for a publick Collection, to enable the Society to carry on so pious a Work. The Society have with increasing Vigour and Success in their Labours, thro' the Favour and Protection of His Majesty, now happily Reigning, from his known Zeal for the Protestant Religion, and Royal Care for the Colonies, so considerable a Branch of the British Monarchy.

It is therefore to be remarked here, That no Notice is taken in the following Account of the late General Codrington's Noble Bequest to the Society of two Plantations in the Island of Barbadoes, producing a very considerable yearly Income: Because that Estate is not applicable to the general Uses of the Society, such as the supporting of Missionaries, Catechists, and School-masters; but is appropriated to particular Uses, mentioned in the late General Codrington's Will. The only Intent of the following Treatise is to acquaint the Publick with the Society's Endeavours towards settling Religion in the Colonies on the Continent of America. Whereas in the Management of the Plantations bequeathed