

house. They beg leave respectfully to recommend that the following premiums be offered by way of encouragement, and as a prelude to more extensive endeavours, not doubting but a spirit of emulation, once excited, will spread through every rank and station, and be productive of the happiest effects.

“ For the best regulated, and most extensive establishment in the island for educating and giving employment to poor free persons, the sum of L.250.

“ For the next best, L.150.

“ Certificates signed as above, to be produced to the house in the session of 1835.”

Mr Nethersole pressed me to stay a few weeks, promising to introduce me to the best society of the town. I was also much obliged to Mr P., who drove me out one morning before breakfast to see the militia reviewed by the governor, on the Camp, a large plain near the town, on which are built military barracks. The laws of the island require all persons of the proper age resident to join the militia. The Kingston militia are a thousand strong, there being two companies of Blacks. They are generally drilled once a month, and on this occasion they went through their evolutions in a creditable manner. Although the hour of inspection was six in the morning, there were several open carriages, and a few gigs. When the governor made his appearance, twenty of the great guns were fired, the charge of each being a pound of powder.

I had no other means of getting down to Alligator Pond, where the ship was lying, than by taking a berth in a drogger, a small sloop, of which there