

wife remembered, that notwithstanding all this, there are in some of these Plantations very large Quantities, not of barren, but of unimproved Lands, which in the Hands of industrious People might turn to as great, or greater Account, than any that have been yet settled. This, if it could be brought about, would not only take away all Excuses for Idleness, but all Possibility of complaining for Want of Employment; it would beget new Demands for the Produce of this Island, raise new Trades, increase our Shipping, and consequently enlarge the Capital of the Nation, make our annual Income larger, and so of necessity heighten the Revenue, without fatiguing the Heads of our Projectors for the inventing new Taxes.

We may boldly venture to assert, and not to suppose, this, because from the Experience we have had in past Times, the Certainty of this Method is sufficiently established; we know not only that it will do, but how and what it will do. It is not therefore to be ranked among the Number of specious and plausible Proposals for procuring future Benefits, but may be prescribed as a safe and effectual Remedy for that Disease which will otherwise prey upon our Vitals. A Remedy