

PREFACE.

A LARGE portion of this little Pamphlet is compiled from various Agricultural works. The arrangement is taken from Allen's Farm Book, from which much is extracted. Wherever a passage appeared plain, concise, and applicable, I have transcribed it; some are curtailed, and others added to, or altered, to render them more simple and intelligible. I have substituted my own ideas only when matter published by others, did not appear quite applicable to the Island, or was not sufficiently plain or practical in its directions. I have, at different times, distributed a good many agricultural works through the country, but, simple and practical as they are, scientific words sometimes occur, which, not being at once understood, discourage the reader, and lead him to lay by the book as something he cannot comprehend. This circumstance, and a belief that information on such topics, however limited, may be useful, has induced me (without any pretensions to the knowledge and experience necessary to write a treatise on farming) to attempt to point out some of the most common and pernicious errors in our agricultural system, and, avoiding all scientific terms, to place the substance of some useful things, which may be found in more costly works, or which my own limited experience enables me to recommend, in plain and easily understood language, and in a very cheap form, before the farmers of this Island; nor have I ventured to treat of any thing that I have not tested by practice, and found beneficial. Should its publication tend to correct some of these errors, and, what is more important, if it excite a desire to become acquainted with agricultural books containing more complete information, I