

In the mean Time we are assiduously preparing more Houses and other Conveniencies, which it was impossible to prepare last Season, and of Course they were less accommodated than we intended.

It is with great Pleasure that I beg leave, with the utmost Deference, to assure your Grace that these People continue to behave quietly; are sensible that they receive every Kindness from Government and from the Inhabitants here; and declare a full Confidence in me, and the greatest Affection and Attachment. And also, that I do not find any just Cause to alter my former Sentiments and Expectations respecting their Residence in this Country, although in the Progress of their Civilization and Settlement, frequent Obstructions and Difficulties must be expected to arise, which must be combated by Prudence, Patience, Disinterestedness, and firm Perseverance.

Upon this Conference, and on every other Intercourse, I have made it an indispensable Preliminary, that they should faithfully and cordially conform to whatever may be His Majesty's Commands; which they readily agree to.

Since my last Dispatch, (N^o 44.) Mr. Quarrell, who has the Welfare of the Maroons much at Heart, and kindly co-operates with me for their true Interest and happy Establishment in this Country, has communicated Instructions he has received from the Legislature of Jamaica, to convey all the Property appropriated by them for settling the Maroons, to His Majesty for that Purpose, on the 23d July next, when he proposes to sail for England, and to commit the whole Trust to my Direction, until His Majesty's Pleasure is further signified. It is unavoidably necessary that I should therefore administer this important Charge accordingly. I have hereupon conferred with Mr. Ouchterlong, who was Deputy Commissary, and has Qualifications to be useful; who consents to remain with them, and faithfully and cordially to use his utmost Endeavours to do away any improper Ideas that may have arisen, and to carry my Directions into Effect; in which Case I may represent his Services, with a just Hope that they will be graciously considered.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

J. WENTWORTH.

His Grace the Duke of Portland.

(N^o 1. In Sir JOHN WENTWORTH's, of 2d June 1797.)

Maroon Town, 31st May 1797.

SIR,

I FIND it unnecessary to make a particular Review of the Maroons, to answer your Enquiries respecting their Condition as to Health. There is one Woman only, whose Situation is dangerous, and she has been ill long before she left Jamaica, or I had any Concern with them; One Boy is also in an invalid State, and some few of the very Old have Rheumatic Complaints, which the increasing Warmth of the Summer will relieve. To speak
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