

the house have signified their intention to afford them encouragement.

“ Your committee feel the importance of increasing the white population of the island ; but as the subject is one which requires the greatest consideration, and is likely to be attended with difficulty and expense, they defer expressing their opinion to the house to a future period.

“ Were schools of industry, combined with education, established in the most populous parts of the island, very beneficial consequences would result therefrom. The formation of the morals and habits of the rising generation of free coloured people would thereby be insured, and the prospect opened to them of a useful and reputable walk in life. This subject is also of the utmost importance, and calls for the serious consideration of the house. It is to be hoped that the several parochial vestries throughout the island will turn their attention thereto, and contribute every means in their power towards the accomplishment of an object on which, in a great measure, depend the future prosperity and safety of this colony. As regards our vegetable productions, nothing can more fully display the wisdom and bounty of Divine providence. Ample means are within our reach to an extent beyond what most parts of the world can boast of, and nothing more is required than an union of science and industry to render them subservient to all the purposes of life. Your committee look forward to the progressive display of both, and to the ultimate attainment of those desirable objects which are sought for by the