

CRITICAL NOTICES OF SEVERAL OF THE LEADING JOURNALS.

'We leave the 'History of the British Colonies'—the history of a system of colonisation and dependence upon a parent land unexampled in the annals of mankind—to make its way as speedily and as assuredly as it merits into every good library throughout these colonies and that parent land.'—*Literary Gazette*.

'The author is a man of philosophic mind, and of great commercial shrewdness: the historical, statistical and commercial details of the work, accurate and well arranged though they be, are only of secondary consequence to the valuable observations which the author founds upon them, and the enlightened views which he makes those details the medium of communicating.'—*Weekly Dispatch*.

'Unquestionably Mr. Martin has claim to our highest praise for extraordinary perseverance and research, as well as for judicious selection and arrangement of materials, in this Historical and Statistical Work.'—*Naval and Military Gazette*.

'Mr. Montgomery Martin is by far the ablest, and by a thousand times the most instructive writer, who has yet attempted to be ranked as the historian of our colonies, either in the old world or in the new; his range of information is as wide as the subject requires,—his attention to minute facts as unwearied as it is invaluable,—and the arrangement of his statistical tables, so as to give information at a single glance, as ingenious as it is judicious. This able work (the accumulated study and research of years), is of surpassing excellence as a book of national utility; and the style is easy throughout; generally pure, and sometimes more than elegant—particularly in the descriptive parts, which are given with much force, vivacity of fancy, and great beauty: it is well worthy the consideration of the British Legislature.' *Sun*, 1835.

'It is highly honourable to his Majesty as the 'sovereign of the greatest colonial empire in the world,' that he should have accorded to Mr. Martin his gracious permission to inscribe to him the first history of that empire; and we cordially congratulate the author on this distinguishing mark of royal favour. The History of the British Colonies teems with information, the most diversified and valuable information in every page, written with a noble, generous, patriotic, proud, and lofty spirit.'—*Court Journal*.

'Exhibiting extraordinary facility of mind and energy of constitution; facts there are in abundance—diligence is visible in every page—theories flow from every epoch—and commercial doctrines underline commercial tables. The variety of details into which Mr. Martin enters, and the velocity with which opinions fly from his pen are absolutely surprising.'—*Atlas*.

'Mr. Montgomery Martin is a most indefatigable labourer in political and historical literature: his works are numerous and multifarious, but they have all the same practical character and the same useful tendency. To ameliorate the character of political institutions—to advance the cause of social happiness throughout the world, appears to be the great object of his life, in the prosecution of which he has laboured and suffered more than most men of the present day. We unhesitatingly pronounce the 'History of the British Colonies' an able, authentic, and important work, alike valuable to the legislator, the merchant, and all who are interested directly or indirectly in the affairs of our transmarine possessions.'—*True Sun*.

'Mr. Martin proceeds unweariedly in his arduous undertaking. The quantity of labour and research necessary to produce such a volume as the present can only be known to the author himself. It is a volume of great value. It certainly contains a greater quantity of interesting information respecting our West India possessions than is to be found in any other work with which we are acquainted. How or where Mr. Martin has amassed so much information we know not.'—*Morning Advertiser*, August, 1834.

'Mr. Montgomery Martin's valuable History of the British Colonies contains a fund of useful information, well illustrated by copious tables.'—*Morning Herald*.

'The Christian, the merchant, and the statesman is enabled, by Mr. Martin's work, to appreciate the vast magnitude and incalculable importance of the splendid—the magnificent possessions of Britain to whom England has been hitherto rather an indifferent stepmother; we hope the truly eloquent appeal of Mr. Martin will not be made in vain.'—*Monthly Magazine*.

'A most interesting and valuable work, highly honourable to Mr. Martin's industry and correctness. The history, statistics, climate, commerce, internal and external relations of our colonies, are discussed with animation, order, and perspicuity, which must be studied to be appreciated; the mercantile relations of China and India exhibit stupendous research; it is the labour of a life, and should be suitably remunerated.'—*United Service Gazette*.

'If the British Colonies in the East engaged Mr. Martin's fervour of heart and style, a mind constituted like his could not but sympathise with the welfare and condition of his fellow-subjects in the West: it was not, therefore, possible that the West Indies should pass under the review of his liberal, warm, and Christian spirit without eliciting the eloquence of awakened humanity, and affording him a finer effort than ever heretofore presented itself to his powers.'—*Monthly Review*.