

was adopted in May 1866. It is almost needless to remark that the controversy which eventually led to Mr. Beaumont's removal, had no reference whatever to the subjects discussed in Mr. Des Vœux's letter, or to any subject in which the planters had any special interest. It had, moreover, been carried on between the Executive and the Chief Justice for nearly twelve months before the public were informed of it. Mr. Des Vœux is as well aware of all these facts as I am, and yet, with a full knowledge of the existence of bitter enmity towards the planters on the part of Mr. Beaumont and his partizans, from the beginning of the year 1866, he has ventured, in order to excite prejudice against the planters, to attribute to them a feeling of enmity inspired by the basest motives. I must not be understood as admitting the correctness of the assertion that there was any feeling of enmity on the part of the planters to Mr. Des Vœux. I never heard of any, but it is apparent from his letter, that Mr. Des Vœux himself believed in its existence, and, that he must consequently be looked on as strongly prejudiced against them. I readily admit that even if it should be proved that Mr. Des Vœux has acted under the influence of vindictive motives, great discredit must attach to all those whom he has assailed, unless his charges can be completely refuted. Mr. Des Vœux declares himself ready to produce strong evidence in proof of his facts, and in support of his opinions. I shall have occasion, before closing these remarks, to refer to some of Mr. Des Vœux's alleged facts, but my chief object will be to point out the erroneous inferences which he has conveyed to his readers, and the unjust attacks which he has made on individuals. To support his charge of cruelty, Mr. Des Vœux cites three cases—one; a complaint against a female immigrant for not performing the required number of tasks, and which complaint he dismissed; the others, two cases of complaints against managers for assaults, in both of which he fined them heavily. The inference which Mr. Des Vœux conveys is, that these cases would have been differently decided by other magistrates, and in paragraph 26 he insinuates that the

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