

tion. A similar establishment has been formed by Mr Scott, on a larger scale, in a neighbouring parish, and your committee are persuaded, that if due encouragement is given to those persons, they will be enabled to prepare as much leather as may be necessary for the consumption of the island. The Mangrove tree, which can be easily obtained, supplies materials for tanning, and the process is much more expeditious here than in Europe, by reason whereof, leather prepared in the island can be sold for half the price at which it can be imported. All that is required is an increased consumption of the article, to give profitable remuneration to the parties engaged in those establishments. Samples of different kinds of leather have been submitted to the inspection of your committee, which they highly approved of, and the shoes made therefrom (which were also exhibited) induced them to think that, in the course of a short time, shoes and saddlery may be abundantly supplied without the aid of importation.

“ It has been communicated to your committee, that two extensive iron foundries are already at work in Kingston and at Falmouth. They are assured that articles of iron of every description, including machinery, may be obtained at those places in terms equally favourable as similar articles can be imported. The board of works, in order to call our internal resources into action, have advertised for 2000 wrought iron stretchers for the use of the army, which will, no doubt, be readily furnished. Other establishments are also in operation, and many more will, no doubt, be set on foot, now that