

entirely lost; that within these few years they have sent to Europe abundance of coffee, which our islands have not sufficient encouragement to raise; and that, upon the whole, we have the greatest reason to be jealous of France in that part of the world. What advantages they derive from the noble island of Hispaniola we have seen. What must they do, if they come to possess the whole of that island, which in the cutting and shuffling of a treaty of peace is noway impossible? We shall then change the indolent Spaniard for the neighbourhod of the lively, vigilant, and enterprising French. And what a rivalry in peace, and what a danger in war, that neighbourhod is even now, and much more will probably be, is but too apparent. Jamaica is near it; and, for so valuable a possession in so dangerous a situation, perhaps not so well defended. If, besides this, the French should retain the islands of St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Tobago, though they should only turn them into Plantations for fire-wood, lumber, and provisions, as in such a case it would seem most adviseable to do with some of them at least, what an advantage to their colonies! what an annoyance to ours! which they in a manner surround, and can in a sort hold besieged by the private armaments they may from thence fit out!

These last mentioned islands were left neutral at the last peace; or, in other words, they were