

" it, as a refuge for a few of his destitute Irish or Englishmen.  
 " I do not apprehend that you want much increase of your number at St. John's, or amongst the settlements in the neighbouring bays; but if the officers of government were empowered to establish a little colony, by way of commencement, or experiment, in the lands adjacent to the Bay of Exploits, or to White's Bay, or other place on the eastern coast, or rather more in the interior, and people it at first with a few of the best and cleverest of your labouring hands, or with a few of such people from this country (including Scotland and Ireland) such a colony might form a *nucleus* or a receptacle for the addition or admission of other persons of a more common stamp, either as settlers, or as servants to the former. The bays on the western side of St. George, and of Islands, might accommodate a similar colony; and, in course of time, settlements might be made further northward, on both sides of the island, in proportion as the people become accustomed to the climate and other circumstances.

" It is remarkable (as I believe I have mentioned in conversation) that some of the most favoured parts of Scotland, in both soil and climate, are situated considerably northward, particularly Moray and its neighbourhood; and it is probable that some of the lands north westward of Cape Freels have a better climate than those to the southward of that cape; especially as they are further removed from the larger parts of the great bank, and are probably less subject to the influence of its fogs and mists.

" I have lately felt an inclination to write to the Under Secretary of State, W. Horton, on the subject of emigration, and, indeed, had written a page or more intended for him; but I did not find my ideas expressed with sufficient clearness and brevity, and therefore did not proceed with my letter.

" I shall be obliged by any hints on the subjects I have mentioned, and in the mean time I remain,

" Thy sincere Friend,

" WILLIAM WEST."