

perty was all expended—took all his agricultural implements along with him, and a good stock of clothing, &c. His friend had a farm ready bespoke for him, on his landing at Bedeque; and the second day after setting his foot upon the Island, he was at work felling the trees where his house was to stand, and his first crop of potatoes were to be planted, assisted by three sons, all nearly as able for work as himself. He got his house erected for eight pounds, after purchasing boards at a saw mill for the floor and cover; he digged the cellar and built the chimney himself. He sold a pair of fanners, which cost him 4l. sterling here, at 9l. sterling there; a plough, which had new timber and old irons, he sold at 5l. and by giving a pound in with the plough, he got a good cow.—He had as many potatoes planted the first year as served the family till the end of April, and after earning 15l. with victuals, for sinking a draw well to a neighbour, he had ten acres of land ready for cropping the second spring he was upon the Island. His wife told me that the Island would do much better for them than the old country, and that they had only missed one thing, namely, to take as much oatmeal with them as to serve them 12 months; this they could have done she said, if they had known flour was to cost them 3d per lb. there. But as soon as oat and barley mills are erected over the Island, there will be no further need of this precaution.—They may then have plenty of oatmeal and barley flour, equal, if not superior, to any in Scotland; the soil there is so dry and sharp, the air so pure and the warmth so nourishing.

But why did this family feel themselves so comfortable, and appear to get on so prosperously? I will tell you in one word. They were suitable for the Island, and the Island for them. At home there were larger demands made upon them for rent, &c. than the utmost exertions of industry, with the most rigid economy, could enable them to meet. They had indulged themselves in none of those refinements