

The number of white inhabitants is very uncertain. The number of Negro and other slaves (who were not allowed to be kept under the proprietary government) is supposed to be 14,000; that of free Negroes, Mulattoes, &c. very inconsiderable.

The sum granted in 1773, to defray the expences of government for the three preceding years, was 517l. 15s. 10d. $\frac{1}{2}$; to raise which, every 100 acres of land, and every 18th slave, was taxed 2s. 6d.—goods imported, 7s. 6d. per cent.—which are the principal articles: other smaller articles were taxed in proportion.

Exchange with Great-Britain, 108l. currency for 100l. sterling. Bills returned protested subjected the drawers, &c. to 15 per cent. re-exchange, and 8 per cent. interest.

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THE Spaniards were the first Europeans who got footing in this country, and marked their entrance into it (as was their custom in America) with violence and slaughter, under the command of Ferdinand Soto, about the

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