

### CHAP. III.

#### ADVANTAGES OF THIS TRAFFIC.

**T**HOUGH I am of opinion, that large capitals might be invested in this country to a certain and great profit, and instant accruing, though not payment, of interest, still such investment could not take place without some confidential agent on the spot. The mercantile part of the country have concerns enough of their own, and it is difficult to find other persons who have leisure to attend to such business. It should however be observed, that no one engaging a capital in that branch can expect to have a return of it very speedily; probably it will require four or five years; for few purchasers make good their several payments in less time, though the interest on the sale commences immediately. The mind of the reader will naturally be struck with this extraordinary relation; true however it is, and I am within bounds in my description. I will, however, satisfy him, both as to the cause and effect. In all new countries money is a scarce commodity, and the scantiness of that