

he seems a little to differ from himself, and not to have considered this point with his usual attention ; for of Martinico he says, "That, as it is larger, so it has many more inhabitants than Barbadoes, and produces more sugars, &c." And speaking of Guadaloupe, a little lower, he observes, " That it produces more sugars than any of the British islands, except Jamaica ;" and yet afterwards, coming to sum up the products of all these islands, he allows but fifteen thousand hogsheads of sugar, of about six hundred weight each, for the whole ; when he makes the single island of Barbadoes to yield double the quantity of sugars which Martinico, Guadaloupe, and all the French Caribbees put together produce. For he rates it in the year 1730, at twenty-two thousand hogsheads, and upwards, of thirteen hundred weight. He must therefore certainly have made some mistake, excusable enough in so vast a work, which is executed in general in a very masterly manner.

On the whole, from the best informations I can get, the French at present greatly exceed our islands in the quantity of sugars which they produce ; and it is as certain, that they are far less on the decline in that trade than we are, at least as things stood before the war ; that they cultivate great quantities of indigo ; a trade which our colonies in the West-Indies have
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