

Roots in Request among us, if not in so high Perfection as other Countries; yet wholesome and good for Use.

The true Reason of this Mis carriage, is the inveterate Hostility of the Natives, who, though very few in Number, yet by lying in wait always, and in all Places, frequently find Opportunities of committing the most horrid Cruelties and Murders upon the Settlers; and even where they fail of this, they keep them in such a State of continual Alarm and Dread, that they cannot apply themselves to make any lasting or considerable Improvement.

An Enquiry into the Cause of this Malignity in the Natives towards our People is not so immediately to the present Purpose. The first Thing necessary to be done is to guard against the Effects of it; and for this, sad Experience has proved that *European* Soldiers are utterly unqualified, being neither active enough in themselves, sufficiently acquainted with the Country, nor sufficiently inured to the Severity of the Climate, to watch and pursue an Enemy possessed of all these Advantages, and actuated by the keenest Hatred and Animosity. Instead therefore of sending Soldiers from hence, the most effectual Means to put an End to the Inroads of these Savages, obviously is to procure a Body of the Natives of some of the neighbouring Colonies, most firmly attached to us to encounter them. These, from the natural Ferocity of their Disposition, might be brought at a very trifling Expence, comparatively to what we are now at to no Purpose; and when once let loose upon the others, would in a very short Time establish the Country in a State of Safety, by cutting off all those