

among tribes and families. In the administration of the country the native rights are respected, and as New Guinea is not a country suited for European settlement, the chief object aimed at in the occupation of the island is the promotion of trade. The **Administrator** of the colony acts under the direction of the Government of Queensland.

### Mauritius.

When trade with India was carried on around the Cape of Good Hope, **Mauritius** was a very important station for

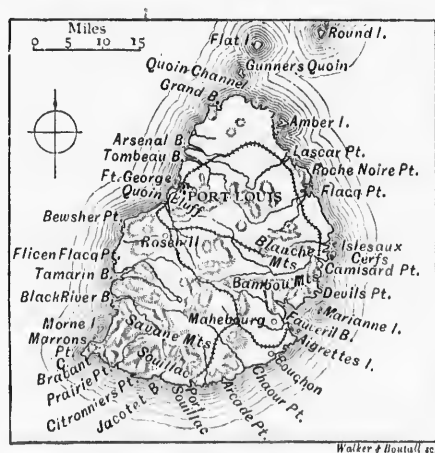


FIG. 58.—MAURITIUS.

ships making the voyage between Europe and the East. It was for some time held by the Dutch, but afterwards it fell into the hands of the French, under whose care it became a rich, populous, and important colony, under the name of "Isle of France." In our wars with France at