

gainful Trade to them. By their Trade to *Cape François* and *Pettit-Guavas* on *Hispaniola*, and to *Martinico*, *Granado*, *Guadalupe* and *Leogan*, they pick up some Money: For a Sloop will bring sometimes two or three hundred Pistoles thence, beside her Loading of Molosses, &c. Very often they sell all their Cargoes in *Jamaica* and other Places for Money, and return in Ballast with that Money only, which is sure to come to *England* at last. The Reason of returning empty from *Jamaica*, is the high Price of Rum and Molosses there. It is allowed that the finest Rum is made in *Jamaica*, and therefore is in such Demand to send Home, that the northern People can seldom afford to purchase it, especially when Fleets are upon sailing. In short, all the Money they get is sent to *England*; and if in the Course of their Dealing they barter for any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes which will suit an *English* Market, they too are sent here to purchase our own Manufactures, of which they have not taken less for many Years past than to the Value of 150,000 *l. per Annum*.

Somewhat more than half of the whole Shipping which clear out of this Province are owned by People of this Kingdom, and many of them are *British* built. The Quantity of Shipping employed by them, I take to be about 6,000 Tons, beside about 2,000
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