

this may be added, that the water of the wells is brackish, and there is none to be found wholesome within less than one mile and a half of the place. The twenty-first regiment of foot was sent to Mobile at the same time that the *thirty-first* regiment garrisoned Pensacola, and being equally unprovided with things necessary for troops newly arrived from Europe, and unseasoned to such a climate, suffered almost as much. I shall only add on this subject, which is a little distant from the true intent of my preface, that West Florida possesses the greatest advantage, as to its situation for commerce, and the communications to the different parts are rendered easy by fine navigable rivers, the banks of which are covered by a fresh luxuriant soil, capable of producing every thing natural to these climates.

I have endeavoured to be as concise as possible ; indeed the purpose it was wrote for seemed to demand it : I could with ease have been much more diffuse on subjects in which so much matter is contained.

It is with fear and diffidence that I presume to appear as an author ; but a desire of communicating what I have been assured by friends would be of use to the publick, has been my only inducement ; and if they have judged right, my utmost wishes will be amply gratified.