

At the Meeting on the 18th Instant some Arrangements were directed for their internal good Order and peaceable Demeanour—the declared, well-understood, and entirely acceptable Basis of which is, Gratitude to the King for Benefits and Protection extended to them, and Obedience to the Laws;—modifying these Regulations so as to lead them gradually into the general Operation of the Laws of the Province. The Principles of these Rules are, that all small Offences are to be openly tried before Mr. Quarrell and Mr. Ochterlony, in Presence of at least Three Maroon Captains; and if fully proved, the Offender to be delivered over to them, informing them what would be the Sentence of the Law if the Case arose between White Men, explaining the Good that they might expect from adopting the same.—As their former Habits led to severe Punishments, I have directed that those of any cruel Proportion should be suspended, until the Case was reported to me by the Commissioners and the Captains who were at the Trial. In my Intercourse with them on this Subject, they earnestly expressed their Wishes to be instructed in our Religion, and to have their Children taught to read and write; from whence the happiest Consequences may be expected. Mr. Quarrell and Mr. Ochterlony fully coincide with me; and I have appointed the Reverend Benjamin Gerrish Gray, who is to be ordained next Sunday for a Country Parish, which, at my Request to the Bishop of Nova Scotia, I prevail on him to exchange. This Gentleman had a good Education in England, is amiable and conciliating in his Manners, discreet, patient, and ingenious, and peculiarly accomplished for this very laborious and difficult Duty. The Shell of a large House nearly central in the Settlement, is ordered to be made convenient for a Chapel; and the Second Sunday in October I shall open the Church by attending Divine Service therein.

In the Correspondence inclosed to me, I find some few Maroons remarked for less favourable Consideration.—This might have been expedient had they remained in Jamaica, but would not be adviseable here. I have conversed with these, and others the best informed and most sensible among them, and cannot discern any Malice or Revenge in their Sentiments; that they in Fact regretted the War, and thought themselves pursuing Self-preservation only. In these Communications, they mention the Spanish Dogs as Objects of Terror, from the wonderful Representations of them; but that they had never suffered by or even seen them. Indeed, I rather think they are now ashamed at having been frightened by them, and that they would now be esteemed a ridiculous Scarecrow.

The Government of Jamaica having granted a liberal Sum for the Removal, and to commence the Settlement of the Maroons, and appointed Mr. Quarrell, Commissary, and Mr. Ochterlony Assistant Commissary, to superintend these benevolent Intentions, it appeared to me
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