

*Gum* I saw but little of, but it is to be procured in the Gambia.

These articles, taken one with another, would yield to the settler a neat profit of at least 50 per cent, and would keep his small vessel in constant employment, while he was encreasing his plantation; by these means also we should become intimately acquainted with all the approachable parts of Africa by water, and greatly add to our geographical knowledge.

Indigo.

*Indigo* is another article which I should propose cultivating on Bulama. It grows wild all over the island. The profits on the cultivation of this plant are immense: but it requires constant attention, during its fermentation, or the produce of the whole plantation may be lost; the vapour arising from it in that state is said to be exceedingly unhealthy: these are the two objections to its cultivation. The quantity of indigo annually imported into Great Britain amounts, it is said,\* "to one million and a half of pounds, of which five parts in seven are purchased, with ready money, from strangers and rivals."

This money might be saved to the country, by the cultivation of that plant on the island of Bulama, or neighbouring coast of Africa.

Coffee.

*Coffee* is the third article of cultivation which I should propose. It does not appear that the island of Bulama is particularly calculated for the cultivation of the tree which produces this berry, as its soil may in general be too rich, and not sufficiently elevated; however, in the extent of country proposed to be cultivated, many spots will, I doubt not, be found, proper for its culture.

\* Edwards's West Indies, vol. II, p. 284.