

am totally ignorant, but should suppose that the culture of this plant would produce the greatest sum, next after that of cotton. At Kacundy I saw it growing.

The sugar
cane.

The 5th and last article proposed to be cultivated is the sugar cane, but this I should not recommend until the colony had been established 10 or 15 years. Even then it might be thought proper to prohibit its culture, as interfering with the prosperity of our West Indian colonies.

Fruit.

I say nothing here about the exportation of fruit, but I am well convinced that this part of Africa might supply the English market with a number of oranges equal to those which are now sent to it from Portugal and the Western Isles; and there are many other articles of inferior consequence that would well repay its cultivators.

How this
cultivation
might affect
our West In-
dian colonies.

One great objection to the colonizing the proposed country, for the purposes of cultivation, will probably be that it will interfere with our islands in the West Indies. Now, of the articles proposed to be cultivated, the first two, and the most important, (except tobacco which is here out of the question, that plant not being cultivated in our West Indian colonies,) it has been proved from West Indian authority, cannot be fully supplied to us by our West Indian settlements. Inasmuch, therefore, as the cultivation of these two articles are concerned, it cannot affect our West Indian islands; but their cultivation will save to this country more than a million of money annually, now paid to foreigners for them.

The cultivation of coffee would not, I should suppose, on account of the demand for it beyond the produce, be very prejudicial to our West Indian plantations.

It remains now to speak of sugar. I conceive that the cul-