



while their interviews with those in the service of the King, are accidental, seldom, & short.

— Prejudices (of course) were imbibed.

— Reports, favorable to the Rebels were circulated, & for want of authentic intelligence) egregious mistakes were made relative to important facts. —

At the commencement of hostilities in this country, these people were not Rebels. — their insular situation — the conveniences of their harbors & other circumstances afforded them opportunity of seeing a variety of people from different quarters of the world — hence their attachments were less contracted than those of their neighbors on the main, whose observations, labors & pleasures, are limited to their own towns, farms & relatives. — They

They reluctantly admitted the idea of engaging in a war which would most effectually prevent their favorite pursuits, of piloting vessels, fishing &c. — a war also which obliged them to meet ~~themselves~~ as enemies their Brother Sailors of Britain, with whom their intimacy had been cordial & sincere.

However such were the stratagems of the rebels, & such their immediate influence from local situation, that many overt acts of treason were committed by the Inhabitants — Works were thrown up for defence & in some parts of the island there was a constant offensive parade of armed men; This continued until Gen. Grey's descent — by him they were deprived of their arms & obliged to furnish considerable supplies for the King's Garrisons. And they were sufficiently convinced by this exertion of the British troops that

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