

of great extent which run one into another at a great distance from the sea, whether these Rivers are navigable for Ships or not remains to be ascertained, but that the Population is very great in this Part of the Island there can be no doubt,

In the Journal which I now submit to you my Object has been to relate simple facts as they occurred and to communicate as much information relative to these interesting people as my limited time and the various other objects that called for my attention would allow. When I went in the different District and wished to note any thing down that appeared to me worthy of Notice, I had to steal away away into the thickets and conceal myself as well as I could from the Eyes of the Natives while I minutely down any Circumstance or Conversation that tended to throw any light on their Customs, Manners or Religion, but it was seldom that I could get away unobserved and on that account was obliged often to write in the midst of a Crowd what I wished to record.

You will therefore I am sure Sir make due allowance for my Faults, or want of arrangement that ^{you} may meet with in these Sheets, as these Observations were not studied, but originated from daily Recurrences. Should they be the Means of softening