dispersed at posts placed at proper distances on a Cordon, surrounding the colony on the land side, in order, as far as possible to defend the distant plantations and the colony in general, from the attacks of several dangerous bands of runaway slaves, which from very small beginnings have, from the natural prolificacy of the negro race, and the continual addition of fresh fugitives, arrived at such an height as to have cost the country very great sums of money and much loss of men, without its being able to do these negroes any effectual injury.

He devotes two paragraphs to the Indians, describing their appearance, habitations, handiwork, etc. and stating that "they have been serviceable against the run-away negroes."

The state of society is laid bare in the following words:

"I don't know what farther I shall add, than that the people live here as the Dutch do everywhere, pretty well, and with great regularity and sobriety, and without much excess in any way. We rise at 6, and dine at 2 o'clock; at 11 o'clock at night scarce any person is to be seen in the streets, and few houses have lights in them at that hour. As for amusements we are badly off; there are however two play houses, one of Jews and one of Christians, in which the inhabitants of this town are performers; we have also a concert and now and then a private ball. Society is bad here on account of the men being entirely drawn off from the company of white women, by the colored ones. We have two respectable clubs or societies, in which people who have not sixpence above their daily expenditure, play for larger sums than they perhaps ever saw in their own country. We are well supplied here from Holland with every article of European produce or manufacture, but pay from 30 to 100 per cent. above prime cost."

In regard to the money in use at that time, the author says:

"There are some very rich people here, but the greatest part (and among them some who make the greatest show) are poor, and live no one knows how. Our money consists of stamped cards, signed by two members of the Court, from Is. to any value, and Danish silver coin of six pence and three pence value, other silver money bears a premium of 10 or 15 per cent, but never remains long in the colony: bills on Holland are worth about 6 per cent."

Although Apthorp speaks of card money of from one shilling to "any value", it is not known that any was ever issued of greater denomination than ½. 

He concludes:

"I don't know how I am now to excuse myself for being too tedious, except by bringing this long story to an end, begging you to pardon me if I have told you some things which you were before acquainted with, and others which are uninteresting to you."

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