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An Impartial Enquiry

The many reports, which have been industriously propagated to the disadvantage of the Colony of Georgia, call for an enquiry into the reasons and validity of them; especially at this time, when the importance of the Province is so necessary to be known. And this enquiry will be made in the plainest manner, as there is no intention to amuse or deceive the public, but only to lay the naked truth before them; or to persuade them into an opinion of the Colony, but with regard to the general interest of Great Britain. The principal objections consist of the following particulars, vis.

1. That the Climate is unhealthy.
2. That the Soil is barren.
3. That no produce for trade can be raised in it.
4. That the Lands were granted upon improper Terms and Conditions.
5. That it will be impracticable to render the Colony of any value, without the use of Negroes.

These objections will be considered in order; and as the first three of them relate to matters of

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fact about the country, they will be truly stated, and the answers to them will be chiefly collected from the evidence of persons who have been in the Province; and the evidence itself will be annexed in an Appendix, as it was delivered upon oath before a Magistrate in Georgia, or before some of the Masters in Chancery here. The affidavits, which were made before the Masters in Chancery, are none of them confin'd to any particular points; they branch out into several, as the business or curiosity of the Deponents led them into an observation of them; & where they speak of the same things, they agree.

In answer to the last objection, I shall show, from his Majesty's Royal Charter, the first design of the establishment, and how inconsistent Negroes are with it, as likewise with the welfare of Georgia; & if Georgia should receive them how prejudicial they would be to South Carolina, how needless also they are for the products which are designed to be raised there; and in support of the arguments, a Petition will be added, of many of the inhabitants against them, in the Appendix.

In the last place I shall endeavor to make appear, upon the oaths of experienced persons, the goodness and great importance of the harbours, & then give some account of the present state of the Colony...