

They came from Glasgow or London, shops and warehouses were wanted in the vicinity of the estates to receive the stores for their use, buildings for the purpose were accordingly erected on the beach of Rockly Bay:- where and by this range of warehoused with Lodging rooms, and a petty tavern for men on business, was first called scarbers does not appear:- but it was first recorded, as the 'Tourist Scarboro' in the journals of the assembly July the 25th 1769.

The constitution of Government granted by General Melville the preceding year, had been revised in the councils of Gt. Britain, and been disallowed. By orders of the King in Council, a new and amended system of Government, was given to Tobago, and was proclaimed in April 1769; with other regulations, directly that two representatives should be elected from each Parish- and one from Plymouth Town:- George Town, and Scarborough were again unnoticed. It had however been determined in the colony, to remove the seat of Government and Legislation; and to fix the place of resort for public and private business more conveniently near to many people and rich settlements to Leeward.

The preponderating influence of the surveyor General Mr. Simpson, then speaker of the assembly prevented the selection of Plymouth Town; where (as he is reported to have said)- “that establishments of God, and trade would occasion a concourse of people, to disturb and ruin his great plantation in the neighbourhood;- his shares would be all corrupt;- the men in Tippling in houses; - and the women,- by the sailors.

The interest of other rich Leeward planters, co-operating or temporising with the prejudices of Mr. Simpson- the measure of removing the sessions of legislation from George Town and the transferring it to Scarbero was carried by personal influence and intrigue and so ordered by the President, Commander in chief for the time being.

In 1769, the Town of Scarbero, as then calla, consist of a single row of dwellings and warehouses on the beach; the separate tenants big in number about thirty- how far the situation was to be projected in a comparative view of general advantages to the colony, on the mother country, as in it