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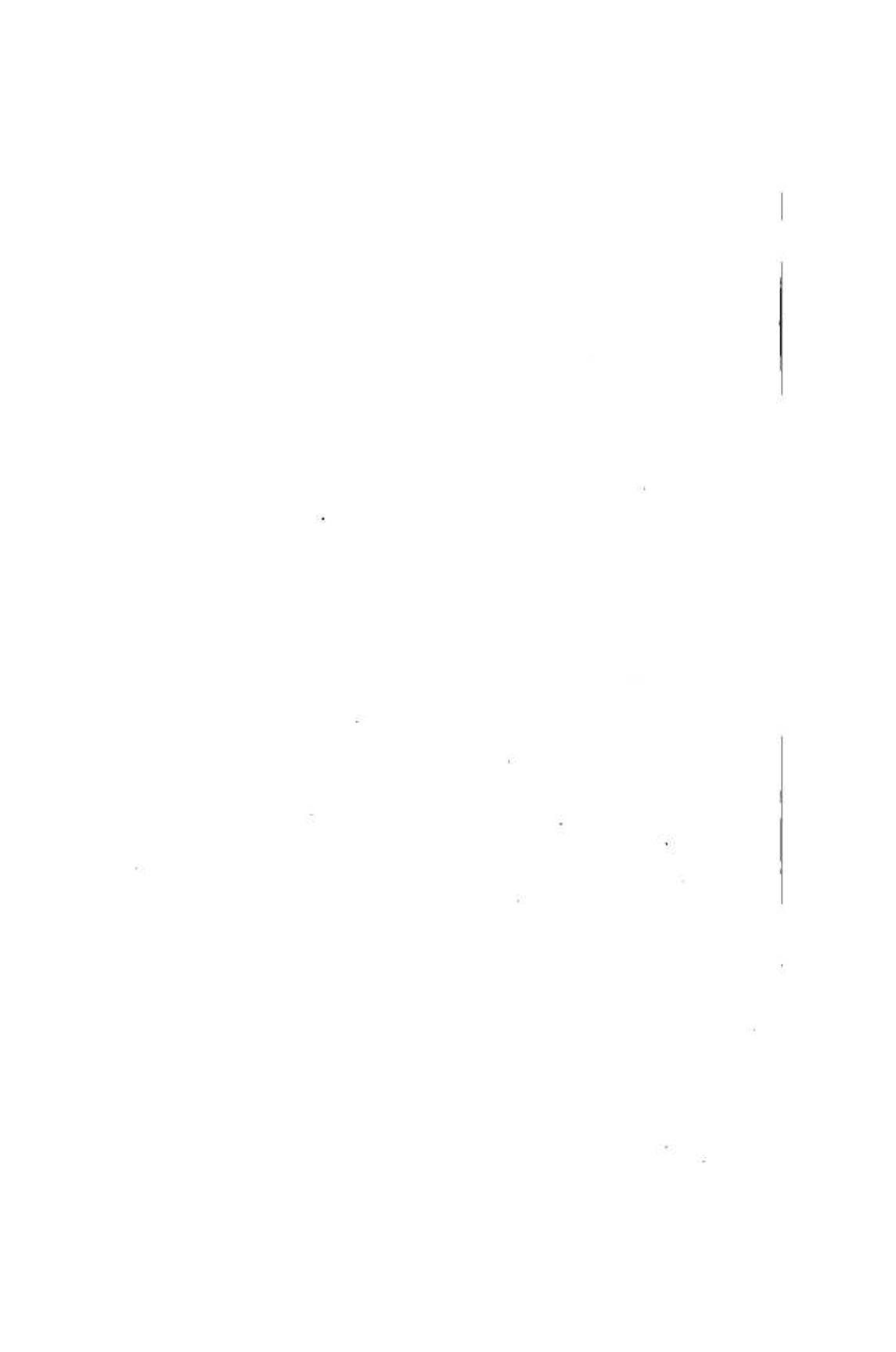
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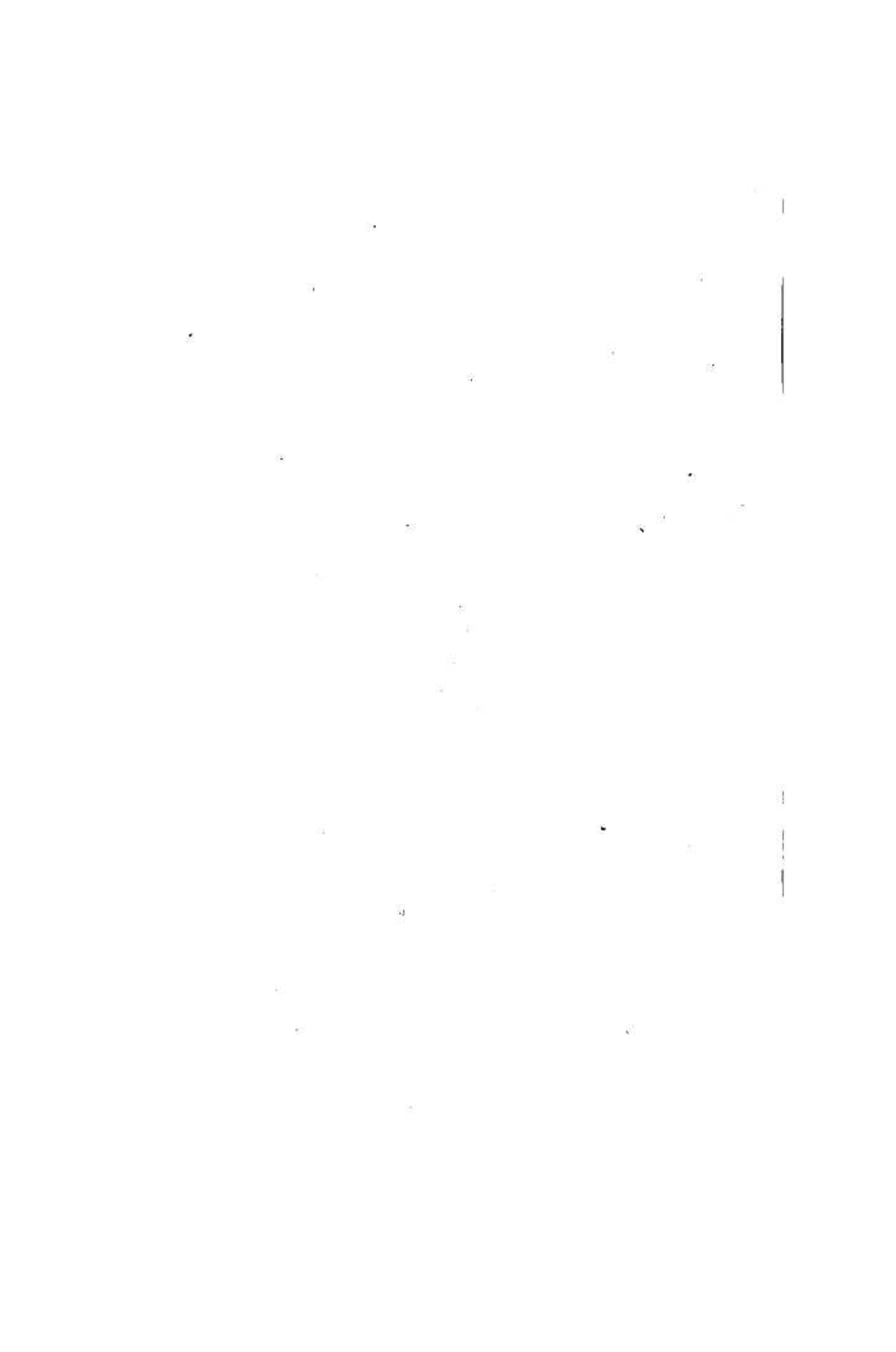


## PREFACE.

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IN submitting this work to the public, but more particularly to the inhabitants and proprietary body of British Guiana and the colony of Surinam, the Author begs to disclaim all pretensions to any high scientific acquirements: he merely professes to give a simple practical detail of his own experience as a Planter, and to offer suggestions deduced therefrom, with a view to the introduction of what he considers to be some improvement on the present system.

This treatise will necessarily be mainly confined to the general management of estates, the cultivation of, and manufacture from, the sugar cane, which forms the staple product of the colony at present. The cultivation of coffee and cotton will be briefly noticed, with some remarks as to character of soil, levels of land, climate, geographical position, statistics, &c.



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THE colony of British Guiana is situate on the continent of South America; according to Schomburg, between the latitudes of 8° 40' N., and 3° 30' S., between the longitudes 50° and 68° W. It is bounded to the north by the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by the empire of Brazil, to the east by the colony of Surinam, and to the west by the Republic of Venezuela, containing an area of about 100,000 square miles. Within its boundaries are three large rivers, viz., the Essequibo, about 18 miles wide at its mouth; the Demerary, about one mile in breadth at its entrance from the Atlantic; and the Berbice River, about the same width as the Demerary. The principal harbour is near the mouth of the Demerary River, where, on the east bank of that stream, the capital of the province, the city of George Town, is built, which, with its suburbs, contains about 30,000 inhabitants. The colony generally has a population of about 120,000 souls, of a very mixed character, viz.,