

which the Superintendent has approved,
which have from time to time been
brought here by the Squadron, are at
present, and to request your directions
for their future Government.

The People first brought here
were landed from His Majesty's Ship
Dragon, and by direction of the
Commander in Chief, were ordered
to be borne on the Yard Books, as
labourers, and paid the same as the
hired Negroes of the Island, vizt. at
the rate of Three pounds p^r month, or
about Two Shilling p^r diem subject
to deductions for absence and neglect
of duty. Since these were entered
a number more have been brought by
different Ships, and discharged to the
Ruby as Supernumeraries, with the
Option of working on the new Establish-
ment, or on board any of His Majesty's
Ships. - They preferred the former
and were accordingly entered on the pay
List of the Works, and received p^r diem
like the rest. With these latter
drafts several women and children
have also come who were at first
victualled at the usual Allowance
while on board the Ruby, but when
their Husbands made the election of
working on shore, they were sent with
them, and their provision ceased, it
being supposed and understood (also by
them)