

denominations did depreciate, and at present a dollar or weighty piece of eight passes for 7s. 6d. denomination; but by the good management of their paper loan office, the intrinsic value of their denominations, has not depreciated further. The interest of this loan money produces about 5000l. currency per ann. which with the 3000l. excise, defrays the charges of government. Their first emission of a paper currency was about 27 years ago.

Religion sectaries.

The various plantation sectaries have been already mentioned, in a general digression in the section of Rhode-Island; but as the moravians and dumplers are peculiar to this colony, what is further to be observed concerning them, is here inserted.

In vol. II. p. 155, we mentioned that the moravians had lately obtained a British act of parliament indulging them in many things; particularly, that their affirmation, quaker-like, shall be equivalent to an oath, but with some restrictions. There are about 800 to 900 moravians who have already transported themselves to this colony, and many more may be expected, because since the passing the act of parliament in their favour, the several tolerations they had in Germany, Holland, and Denmark, are taken from them; the reasons for so doing, I have not as yet learned; but by edicts, their books, hymns, and publick worship, are ordered to be suppressed.

In vol. II. p. 150, we mentioned a branch of the German anabaptists called dumplers; they are generally ignorant people, but some of their heads are not so; for instance, Peter Miller, a German, writes elegantly in Latin upon religion and mortification: they have a printing press, and are continually printing; they are very curious in writing fine, and delight much in scrolls of writing on religious subjects, stuck up in their halls and cells, the initial letters are beautifully illuminated