

tional Manufactory constantly kept up in high Credit.

IV. *Their excellent Roads, their navigable Rivers and Canals, are of singular Advantage to their Trade.*—Their great Roads are always in good Order, and always carried on in a *straight Line*, where the Nature of the Ground will permit; and made at a most prodigious Expence; each Province being obliged to make and repair their own Roads. And yet there is no Expence for *Turnpikes* from one End of the Kingdom to the other.

THEIR *Rivers* are indeed, for the most Part, the Work of Nature: the *Seine*, the *Loire*, the *Garonne*, and the *Rhone*, with all the Rivers which fall into them, help to carry on a Communication with most of the great Cities of the Kingdom.

BUT their *Canals* are their own proper Praise; and equally deserving Admiration on Account of their *Grandeur* and *Contrivance*, as for their *Usefulness* to Trade, in lowering the *Price of Carriage*. Among these, that of *Languedoc*, and the two Canals of *Orleans* and *Briare*, are worthy to be particularly mentioned. By means of the former, a Communication is opened between *Bordeaux* and *Marseilles*, between the *Ocean* and the *Mediterranean*, without passing through the *Streights of Gibraltar*,