14 AN ESSAY ON TRADE.

II. THE Subordination of the Common People is an unspeakable Advantage to them in respect to Trade.—By this means, the Manufacturers are always kept industrious: They dare not run into shocking Lewdness and Debauchery; to Drunkenness they are not inclined. They * are obliged to enter into the married State; whereby they raise up large Families to Labour, and keep down the Price of it: and consequently, by working cheaper, enable the Merchant to fell the cheaper.

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III. THE Rules and Regulations they are obliged to observe in Manufacturing their Goods, and Exposing them to Sale, is a great Advantage to the Credit of their Manufactures, and consequently to Trade. All Sorts of Goods for Exportation, must undergo an Inspection of the proper Officer in the Publick Hall: there they are compared with the Patterns or Samples delivered in before. The Bad, and such as do not answer to their Samples, are consiscated, with a Fine levied upon the Offender. By these means, the fraudulent Designs of private Traders, who would get rich at the public Expence, are prevented, and the National

* The Law of France, obliges all unmarried Men to ferve as Common Soldiers in the Militia and the Army, unlefs they have particular Exemptions on Account of their Stations and Profeffions.