

CHAP. IX.

ENGLAND CONTINUED.

1. LON'-DON, the metropolis, is finely situated on the river Thames; it now probably contains nearly two millions of inhabitants, and from its wealth, its extensive commerce, and its charitable institutions, it may be considered the first city in the world.

2. The principal trading ports of England are London, Liverpool, Bristol, Hull, Newcastle, *Yarmouth, and Falmouth.

3. Of these, Liv'-er-pool seems particularly worthy of notice. In the sixteenth century, it contained nothing but a few huts, not deserving the name of houses; it is now a wealthy and handsome town, containing 223,000 inhabitants, and ranks next to London in the extent of its commerce.

4. Bris'-tol, an ancient town of great commercial importance, is finely situated upon the A'-von, about ten miles from the Bristol Channel. It long ranked next to London as a port, but it has been outstripped by Liverpool. It carries on a

* Yar'-muth. The pupil will recollect that in all names of places ending in *mouth*, the *mouth* is pronounced as if written *muth*.