

are peculiar to it. The exceeding fine flax it produces, of which the three kingdoms are so much in want, must greatly

accelerate the progress of its improvements. Nova-Scotia must not, however, expect ever to vie with New-England.

ACCOUNT OF THE LAZARETTOS OF MARSEILLES AND VENICE.

[From Howard's Account of the principal Lazarettos in Europe.]

THE Health office, *Le Bureau de Santé*, is in the city (Marseilles) at the end of the port. It has an outer room and two council chambers. In the outer room, the depositions of captains of ships are taken, who come in their boats to an iron grate. At two feet distance there is an iron lattice with a door, which is opened only by the servants of the intendants, or directors, who are here in waiting, in a blue livery trimmed with white lace. Here also letters, or orders for supplies, from the captains who are performing quarantine in their ships, are received with a pair of iron tongs,* and dipped in vinegar standing ready for that purpose. Over the book in which the depositions of the captains are inserted for public view, there is hung up an advertisement, to desire that the leaves may not be torn, and if they be torn, that information may be given to the office. In this room were hung up also orders, that when captains are examined none but those who belong to the office shall be present; and that captains of merchant ships, who have no bills of health, shall be obliged themselves to perform quarantine in the lazaretto.

The lazarettos is on an elevated rock near the city, at the end of the bay, fronting the south-west, and commands the entrance of the harbour. It is very spacious, and its situation renders it very commodious for the great trade which the French carry on in the Levant. Among other apartments for passengers, there are twenty four large rooms, of which some are above stairs, and open into a spacious gallery enclosed by lattice. In these rooms are closets for beds, which the passengers and guards are required to bring with them. The guards are sent by the Health office, and their number is regulated by

the number of passengers of each ship who perform quarantine. A number of passengers not exceeding three are allowed one guard, the expence of whom (namely twenty sous per day and his victuals) they are obliged to bear. A passenger therefore, who has no companion, has no assistance in bearing this expence. To four, five, or six passengers, two guards are assigned; and to seven, three guards. These guards perform the offices of servants; and will cook for passengers, if they do not choose to have their victuals from the tavern.

Within the lazaretto, is the governor's house; and a chapel, in which divine service is regularly performed; as also a tavern, from which persons under quarantine may have their dinners and suppers sent them; and which has likewise the exclusive privilege of supplying them with wine. Two days before the quarantine is finished, the bills are sent in, which being paid to the cashier, they receive a clean patent.

The quarantine of passengers who come with a foul bill, or in one of the two first ships from the same place with a clean bill, is thirty-one days, including the day they go out. If any account arrive of the plague having broke out in the place from which they came with a clean bill, after they left it, they are allowed no advantage from their clean bill; for, in this case, they must be confined fifteen days, and also fumigated before they come down stairs, and are permitted to go to the *parloirs*. In case any of the company to which they belong die, their quarantine recommences.

The *parloirs* are long galleries with seat in them, situated between the gates, and separated by wooden balustrades and wire lattice

* At Malta, says Mr. H. "a letter, brought by a ship just arrived from Turkey was, I saw, received with a pair of iron tongs, dipped in vinegar, and then put into case, and laid for about a quarter of an hour on wire grates, under which straw and perfumes had been burnt: after which the case was opened, and the letter taken out by one of the directors of the office. And this is the usual method of receiving letter here."