

COMPARATIVE STATE

OF THE

MOLBAY AND VENEREAL DISEASES.

IN drawing a comparative State of the Venereal Disease with that which is now so incidental to this Climate, in tracing the *Difference*, or *Similarity* of their appearance as well as of their *Mode of Infection* and *Cure*, it will be necessary to give some account of the former.

THE *Venereal Disease* made its first appearance in Europe in the year 1493, being imparted into Spain by the ships crew of *Columbus*, who contracted it among the Savages of America, on the Island of Hispaniola, which they had discovered, and brought it from thence to their native Country, from whence it is now spread over most parts of the known world.

THE first writers on the subject as well as those of our time, differ among each other, in the account of its *Origin* and the means by which it was first contracted; some affirming it to have been a Disorder peculiar to the Savages of *America* when discovered; others that it was generated by the Brutality of the Spaniards, a number of whom would satiate their Cruelty and Lust on the Body