

the people of which build a few ships, and cultivate rice, cotton, and indigo: the cotton has only the fault of being too short; the indigo is more brilliant than that of St. Domingo. The inhabitants, in general, amount to about 6000; but they increase rapidly, especially towards the Mississippi, where the planters are attracted by the beauty of the country, the purity of the air, and the neighbourhood of the Spaniards, who are now in possession of Louisiana. Their trade, at present, seems confined to furs, which they get from the Indians in vast abundance, and wood for building, dying, &c. In 1768, their exports amounted to 10,495l.; the year following, to 10,806l.; and, in 1770, 30 vessels entered their ports, and they fitted out 41. The affairs of this colony are at present administered by a Governor and 12 Counsellors. It was divided into two counties; but this law was repealed by the King:—and country-duties were imposed, which were likewise repealed.

The charges of both governments are defrayed by the mother-country, with whom exchange is at par. Protected bills subject the drawers to 15l. per cent. re-exchange, and 8 per cent. interest.

