

within the Kingdom and out of it, and concerning
Fabricks and Manufactures.

IMMEDIATELY upon the Establishment of this
Council of Commerce, the * Deputies of the said
Council apply'd diligently to the Duty of their
Office; and the ensuing Year presented to the
Royal Council no less than twenty Memorials con-
cerning the Commerce of that Nation to their
American Islands, *Guinea*, the *Levant*, *Spain*,
England, *Holland* and the *North*; the raising no-
minally the Value of Coin, and the Effects that
has upon Commerce; the granting Monopolies;
the erecting of exclusive Companies; and other
chief Points in Trade.

IN these Memorials are contain'd several Propo-
sitions for Regulations and Remedies in Trade,
many of which have since been thoroughly exe-
cuted, *to the Honour of those Deputies, and to the
great Advantage and Reputation of that Nation*,
as they have, since the Representations of the said
Memorials to the Royal Council, † extended
their Trade to the *Levant*, the *North*, *Africa*,
North America; the *South-Seas*, and to the *East*
and *West Indies*, even so far as to make more than
double the Value in Sugar, Indigo, Ginger and
Cotton in their *West-India* Islands than what is now
made by the *English*, who before that Time exceed-
ed the *French* in this Branch of Trade abundantly.

IN the Article of Sugar only, they have within that
Time increas'd from the Quantity of about || 30,000
English

* These Deputies have 10,000 Livres *per Annum* Salary,
(which is near 500 *l.* Sterling) allow'd them by the respective
Towns that elect them.

† It is computed that before the Year 1720, there was no
more than 30 Sail of Ships annually employ'd in the *American*
Trade from *Bourdeaux*, and that there are now 300 Sail employ'd
annually in that Trade from that City only.

‡ A Hoghead of Sugar, including Freight and other Charges
Home, may be computed, in an Average, at 12 *l.* to 18 *l.* *per*
Hoghead, according to the PLENTY or SCARCITY.