

the double purpose of keeping a good supply of summer water for the mills, and also to enable the millers to transport down the winding channels *saw-logs*, which are found, of good quality, on the shores of the marshy lake. These dams, although the millers *might dislike it*, were proposed to be knocked away in the spring, and the marsh drained as low as possible of its waters; in this state it was to lie and dry before the hot suns of summer; and at the close of autumn to be *set fire* to, and burned out of the way; the dams to be afterwards raised, when a lovely *lake* would be produced in its stead, which would not only give a free canal navigation, but tend greatly to destroy pestilential qualities. This plan was overruled, however by the growling of the millers, and the alarm that, if the marsh was left without water, the muddy venom would be set free, the exhalations from which might be more prejudicial to health than those in the present state. But when the marsh in its *present state* stops the progress of the public works during summer, what *worse* thing can it do? The plan will very likely yet be carried into execution. It is singular that the banks of this marsh are bold, and composed of moor-stone and granite, amongst which there are many singular holes and dens; but by *whom* inhabited, it