

prudence of government, from their apparent advantage to individuals in particular, and the community in general.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

It has been remarked, by an observer on the spot, of eminent discernment and penetration, that if the colony is intended only as a receptacle for convicts, this place stands unequalled, from the situation, extent, and nature of the country: but that, if taken in a commercial view, its importance will not appear striking, as the New Zealand hemp, of which sanguine expectations were formed, is not a native of the soil: and an adjacent island, where an assurance was entertained of finding it, is without it; consequently, the scheme of being able to assist the East Indies with naval stores, in case of a war, must be rendered abortive, both from the deficiency and quality of the timber growing in this country. It is also given as an opinion, formed on due observation, that, through sufficient numbers, and industry in cultivation, the country would, in the course of a few years, produce grain enough for the support of its new possessors; but to effect this, the present limits must be greatly extended.

To men of small property, contracted desires, and a disposition for retirement, the continent of New South Wales may have its inducements. One of this description, with letters of recommendation, and a sufficient capital to furnish an assortment of tools for agricultural and domestic purposes, possessed also of a few household utensils, a cow, a few sheep, and breeding sows, with proper protection and encouragement, might obtain a comfortable subsistence, and a moderate independence in a course of time. But they who are induced to emigrate thither, are recommended, before they quit England, to provide all their wearing apparel for themselves, family, and servants; their furniture, tools of every kind, and implements of husbandry,