

same cause they are constantly watered by the clouds, covered with perpetual verdure, and rendered the garden of the world.

Obs.—Of the climate of England, Charles the Second remarked that this was attended with one advantage over every other country in Europe: for here he could go abroad more days in the year, and more hours in the day, with pleasure, and without either trouble or inconvenience.

12. The present population of the British islands is composed of descendants of the Britons or Welsh, the Irish, the Picts, the Romans, the Saxons, the Danes, the Normans; and the various nations which, through a series of ages, have settled in these islands, as a secure asylum.

13. The soil of Britain amply rewards the toils of the husbandman, yielding abundance of grain, fruit, vegetables, wool, cheese, butter, and all other necessities of life; neither is the science of agriculture any where practised with superior skill and success.

14. The peculiar sources of the transcendant wealth of Britain are, however, her extensive manufactures of woollens, cottons, linen, cutlery, and hardware; and her extensive commerce, which is five times greater than that of any other nation, ancient or modern.

15. Essential to successful commerce are—public liberty, which secures property, and confers independence on industry;—position, which affords convenient markets;—political independence, which arises from an insular situation;—and a superior navy:—four advantages possessed by Britain in an eminent degree.

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