

sake of the productions of their hands. Now if we had no experience of what would follow on this change of motive, we may picture to ourselves that it would form an interesting subject for speculation ; but we have had this experience : we have seen that a rapid multiplication of the human species has been the result. Population has made its greatest start immediately after the improvement of manufactured articles.

This fact appears to warrant an inference, not indeed gratifying or creditable to human nature, but still I believe a just inference, namely, that the wish to enjoy the result of their labour is the most effectual of all motives to induce men to feed and clothe their fellow-creatures ; and the presumption thus afforded is confirmed by other well-known occurrences, tending to prove that the manufacture has not been caused by the population, but has itself given opportunity to the increase of numbers. For instance, in those places where, from local and accidental circumstances, any thing particularly attractive could be produced or prepared, there population sprung up ; the improvements in the manufacture of cotton, by which it has been rendered so attractive an article of commerce, have been succeeded by a rapid increase in the numbers of human beings. No one could, for a moment, think of asserting that the numbers of individuals in the cotton districts of England, caused the discovery and adaptation of the improvements in