## BRISSOT'S TRAVELS.

afcent, and watered every where with fireams of all fizes; the foil is from three to feven feet deep, and of an aftonifhing fertility: it is proper for every kind of culture, and it multiplies cattle almoft without the care of man.

It is there that those establishments are formed, whose prosperity attracts so many emigrants; such as Kentucky, Frankland, Cumberland, Holfion, Mutkingum, and Scioto.

The oldest and most flourishing of these is Kentucky, which began in 1775, had eight thoufand inhabitants in 1782, fifty thousand in 1787, and seventy thousand in 1790.

Cumberland, fituated in the neighbourhood of Kentucky, contains eight thousand inhabitants, Holston five thousand, and Frankland twenty-five thousand.

On beholding the multiplication and happinefs of the human species in these rapid and profperous fettlements, and comparing them with the languor and debility of colonies formed by defpots, hew august and venerable does the afpect of liberty appear! Her power is equal to her will; fhe commands, and forefts are overturned, mountains fink to cultivated plains, and nature prepares an afylum for numerous generations; while the proud city of Palmyra perifhes with its haughty founder, and its ruins atteft to the world that nothing is durable, but what is founded and foffered by freedom. It appears that Kentucky will preferve its advantage over the other fettlements on the fouth; its territory is more extenfive, its foil more fertile, and its inhabitants more numerous: it is fituated on the Ohio, navigable at almost all feafons, this last advantage is equally enjoyed by the two fettlements, of which Iam

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