

tial way, to the full establishment of the civil authority of the place.

From this period, Newfoundland seems to have risen rapidly, and the succession of years has produced the most interesting and almost incredible improvement in the settlement.

In 1789, from the wise and cogent suggestion of Mr. Graham, who was Secretary to Admiral Milbanke during his government here, at that period, a Court of Common Pleas was instituted, to proceed, *by a jury*, in the form and manner of a Court of Common Law in England; which, strange as it may seem, was, for a time, much complained of. However, it is pleasing to recollect that this mild and impartial arrangement came from the heart of a gentleman, who now fills a distinguished seat in the judicature of the mother-country. About