

I. From the Treaty of *Vervins* to the Treaty of *Nimeguen*, and so on to the Commencement of the War in 1668, growing in Power by her Arms, her Policy and her Trade.

II. FROM 1668 to 1714 exhausting her Strength, and ruining her Commerce thro' the Course of two bloody and consuming Wars with King *William* and Queen *Anne*, and their Allies.

III. IN the last place, recovering from the Wounds she received in these two Wars to her present State.

To enter into a Detail of the several Acquisitions of *France* by Negotiation and Conquest during the first Period, is no part of my Design, nor is it necessary in this Inquiry. I shall therefore confine my self to her Progress in Manufactures, the genuine Source of her Power.

BEFORE the Reign of *Henry IV.* *France* subsisted chiefly by Agriculture, and produced little for a Foreign Market be-