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" all other Nations out of the Ocean, till after the Year 1400, that the Art of falting and curing of Herrings being found out in *Flanders*, the Fisheries in these Netherlands, being added to our Manufactures, proved to be of more Importance than the Trade and Navi-

" gation of the Easterlings. Monsieur Huet, a famous Author, who made the Commerce of the Ancients and Moderns his particular Study, and was one of those Persons, whom the French out of Policy have fent into the principal trading Countries to inspect their Management, and pry into the Secrets of their Trade, in his Memoirs of the Dutch Trade, fays, " It is certain that there were some Ma-" nufactures established in Holland long " before their Fishery, Traffick and Na-" vigation; but then this was so incon-" fiderable a Matter, that it may be truly " faid, that the Fishery gave Birth to their "Traffick and Navigation;" and then adds, " This was the Opinion of M. de Wit,

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