

The numbers, here annexed to the names of shires, are their respective totals, as they appear in the abstracts of the different enumerations referred to. But, in the two former of these, extracted from Sir John Sinclair's work, these totals comprehend the population of some places, which are not included under the same heads, in that of 1801. An addition must therefore be made in the third column, equal to the population of those places, in order to give a fair comparative statement. The discrepancies alluded to, arise from two circumstances: 1. In the enumeration of 1801, no return was obtained from the parish of Kirkmichael and Cullicudden in Ross-shire, from that of Kilfinichan in Argyleshire, or from the Islands of Tyree, Rum, Muck, and Canay. To supply this omission, the population of these places is added, on the supposition of its remaining the same as reported to Sir John Sinclair a few years before; a supposition which, though not perhaps minutely correct, cannot lead to any material error.

2. The parishes of Abernethy, Croy, Moy, and Urquhart, though chiefly belonging to Inverness-shire, extend into the adjoining shires of Elgin and Nairn. The whole population of these parishes is included by Sir John Sinclair, in that of Inverness-shire: but, in the enumeration of 1801, the people in each division of these parishes are separately stated to their proper shires. To reconcile this difference, that part of the population of these parishes, which is included under the heads of Elgin-shire and Nairn-shire, is added in the third column to the total of Inverness-shire.

There are other parishes, which are, in like manner, divided between the shires of Ross and Cromarty, those of Argyle and Inverness, and those of Sutherland and Caithness. This renders it necessary to throw these shires together; for otherwise a mere comparison of the totals, as