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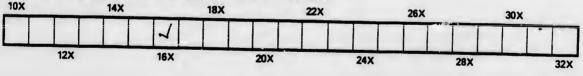
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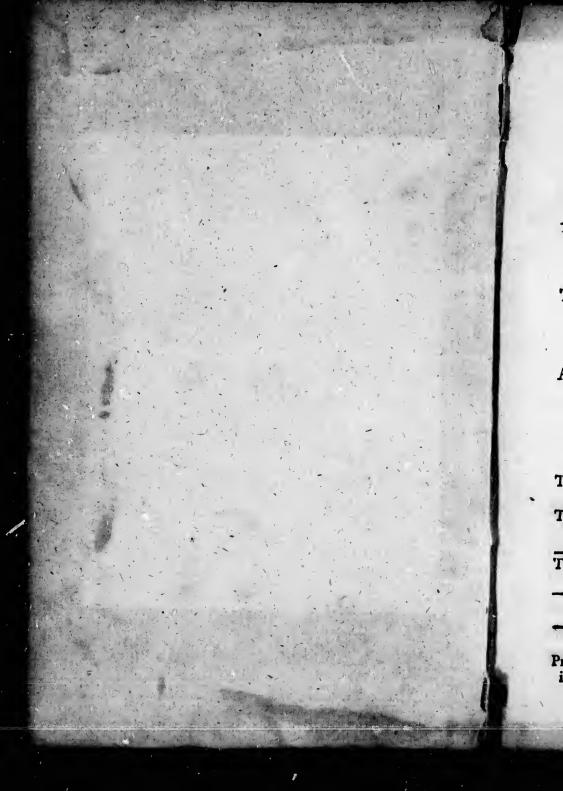
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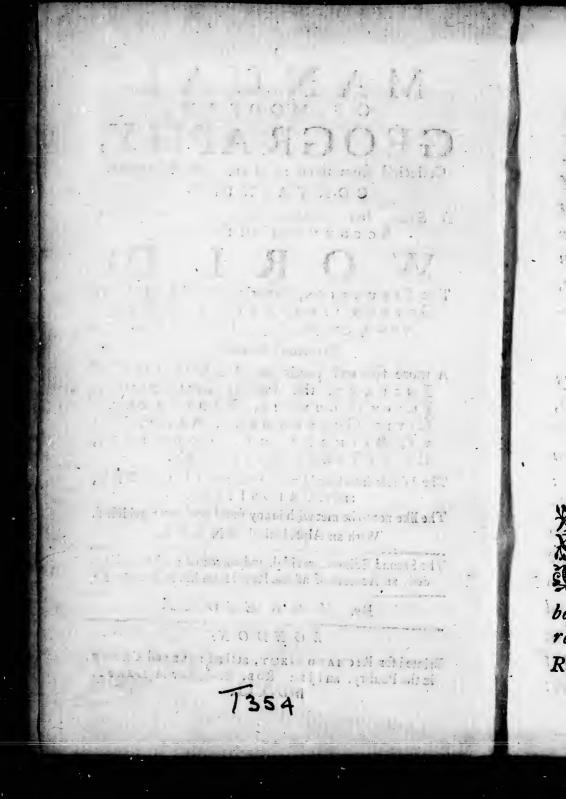
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TO THE

READER.

S Geography has for many Years been the Amusement of my Leifure Hours, so the Groundwork of this Manual was laid long ago: I began with collecting the most curious and remarkable Things out of every Author of Reputation, that fell into my Hands; at A 2 finst iv

first only for the Relief of my coon Mema. ry; I afterwards, methodiz'd those Collections, for the Use of some young Persons, then under my Care; to whom I communicated 'em, and (with the help of Maps) endeavour'd to make them under stand Geographical Terms, the Situation of Countries, &c. and in the mean while, I continued making Additions, as Opportunity offer'd.

About three Years fince, I inferted my new Collections in their proper Places, reduc'd the whole into fomething like the Form in which it now appears; and then dictated them to a fresh Set of Youths: My chief Views where to take off their Minds from those follies and Vanities, to which Youth is generally addicted: To fit them for Conversation: to lead them to contemplate and admire the Power and Wisdom of the Supreme Being, in forming and governing so wast a World as this of ours:

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ours: To give them some Knowledge of the several Nations of Mankind that inhabit it : To shew them the peculiar Happiness of Great Britain, their Native Country; and thus to teach them I bank_ fulness to divine Providence, which bas cast our Lot in so temperate a Climate; on so fruitful a Spot; where the surrounding Sea Jecures us from the sudden Inroads of a Foreign Enemy; and an excellent Constitution preserves all our Rights: and Liberties, Natural, Civil, and Sacred, As these Ends are well worthy of the Time Spent, and Pains taken, in: drawing up this small Treatife; so I have boneftly labour'd to make it capable (in Some Measure at least) of answering them all; whether I have done jo or not, muft. be left to others.

I have industriously extracted what I' thought to be the most material, from the Authors I have confulted; and when I found:

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my aces, the then bs: heir to o fit to and ning is of urs: found any confiderable Difference among ft them about the Extent of Countries, Diftance of Places, &c. I have always follow'd that Author which I took to be the best, And if any Story or Account Jeemed very extraordinary, I have generally told the Author from whom I had it; and fo can't think my Jelf accountable for the Faults of otbers: Mistakes are very common in Books of this Kind, which contain fuch a Multitude of Particulars; as Names, Numbers, &c. every wife and candid Reader makes reasonable Allowance for them : He does not conclude that this Man's Account must be false, because it differs from another's; much less does be from a few Mistakes, pronounce the whole uncertain and not to be regarded.

I am not ignorant, that we have already a great many Books of this Nature; but the best of them are quite too bulky, and the Price (of Course) too great, for many J

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many who have an Inclination to know fomething of the World about them, and of their Fellow Creatures, in the feveral Parts of it; and some are so old, that (by reason of new Discoveries made, and many Revolutions that have happen'd) they are of very little Use. There was indeed a little Thing publish'd about two Years ago, entitled, The Child's Geography; but whether it was properly fo call'd I shall leave those who have seen it to determine. I may powever wenture to fay, that had mine been thrown into that Form, and been printed in that Character, it would have made a Book twice as big. Instead of confounding the Reader with bard Names, or tiring bim, with dry tedious Descriptions; I have fludy'd to divert bim, with pleasant Stories, Sketches of History, and Curiosities; but all in as concife a manner as I could devile; that so the Book might be (according to its Title) a short, but comprehensive and entertaining

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ing Account of the known World.

But after all I have no very great O. pinion of my own Performance ; I am fenfible there are many Inaccuracies and Im. proprieties, which I hope a Sollicitude to crowd as much as poffible in a little room, may apologize for.

I bad indeed no Thoughts of publishing this Collection, till the far greater Part of it was drawn up; when I shew'd it to some Friends; but especially to two Gentlemen, whom I knew to be good. Judges in Things of this Kind; they all agreed, that it might be of Use to young Persons, and also an Entertainment to others, who have not an Opportunity of looking into large Volumes.

As to the Method of Education, which I have taken, and which laid the first Rudiments of this Treatife; I have the Pleasure

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Pleasure to find it recommended by the great Mr. Lock, in his Discourse on this Head; where he advises, that at the Same Time that a Child is learning Latin, he should be initiated in some of the Sciences; and expresses himself in this Manner.

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Geography, I think, fhould be begun with : For the learning of the Figure of the Globe, the Situation and Boundaries of the Four Parts of the World, and that of particular Kingdoms and Countries, being only an Exercise of the Eyes and Memory, a Child with Pleasure will learn and retain them. This is fo certain, that I now live in the House with a Child, whom his Mother has fo well instructed in Geography, that he knew the Limits of the Four Parts of the World, could readily point, being asked, to any Country upon the Globe, or any County in the Map of England, knew all strange in a science of end and the

the great Rivers, Promontories, Straits, and Bays in the World, and could find the Longitude and Latitude of any Place, before he was fix Years old. *

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If this Essay of mine may contribute to the forming the Minds of young Persons in this Way, and by the Pleasure of knowing Things, insensibly lead them on, to the gaining of Language; it will anfwer the Intention and best Wishes of the Compiler.

Findern, April 24. 1739.

POSTSCRIPT

As I communicated my Defign of Publifting this fmall Piece, to fome Friends (tho' without depending upon a Subfcription) fo they gave me unexpected Encouragement; for even more then the whole Imprefion were befpoke, before the Books

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Books were ready; and of courfe, fome Demands cou'd not be answer'd: This, and the Approbation I understood it met with, in many Places, have occafioned fo speedy a Publication of the fecond Edition. In Order to render which, more acceptable, I've carefully review'd the Copy, corrected the Errors, and some of the Inaccuracies in the former Impreffion; Iv'e also added (from the Court Kalendar) at the Defire of several Gentlemen, a Table of the crown'd Heads, and Royal Families, in Europe.

I've read the Manual over to a Number of Young Perfons under my Care; with a proper Map conftantly before us; which I've explain'd and made 'em to underftand. If but half an Hour, every Day, was this way redeem'd, there wou'd be Time enough left for Play; And I'm fatisfy'd from Experience, that if this Exercife was manag'd as it ought to be, all thoughtfull and ingenious Boys, wou'd rather look

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look upon it, as an agreeable Amufement, then an irkfome Task or Biarden. I wou'd therefore humbly recommend fuch an ufe of this Manual, to School-masters, and all employ'd in the Education of Youth. I'll venture to fay, that the Pleafur'e which honess and generous Minds must take, in feeing the diligent Attention, and happy Improvement cf the Children they're concern'd with, woud fully recompense all the Pains and Trouble, they are herein at, for their Advantage.

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bit a sea contine . EOGRAPHY is a Defcription of the Terraqueous Globe; its various Parts or Divisions; the Situation, Extent, &c. of each.

A Degree is 15 German, and 60 English Miles: A Minute of which is a M.

The Globe is 360 Ds. in Circumference; (i. e.) 21,600 Ms. under the Equator; 19,800 under the Tropicks; and \$,580 under the Polar Circles-Martin and others, call the Circumference 25,020 Ms. The Diameter of the Globe in the Equator, is 7,964 Ms.; at the Poles 7,930. But these Meafures are not exact; by Reafon; both the French and English make it a Spheroide; however, they differ about the Form of it.

The Axis is an imaginary Line, running thro' the Center of the Globe; the Ends or Extremities of which are call'd the Poles, North and South.

The Horizon (i. e. the Rational) is a great Circle, dividing the Globe into Upper, and Lower Hemispheres.

The First Meridian is a great Circle, running thro' the Poles, dividing the Globe into East and West Hemispheres, upon which are number'd the Degrees of Latitude, N. and S. towards each Pole.

The Equator, or Equinostial (fo called becaufe when the Sun is at this Line, Nights and Days are equal) is a great Circle, every where equally distant from each Pole; dividing the Globe into North and South Hemispheres; on which is reckon'd the Longitude Eastwards.

The Latitude is the Diftance of any Place from the Equator, N. or \$

The Longitude is the Diftance of any Place Eaftward from the 1st Meridian.

As for Inftance, when I fay that the C. of London is 52 Ds. and $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. Lat. and 18 and $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lon. I mean, that its 52 Ds. and $\frac{1}{2}$ (or 3150 Ms.) N. of the Equator, and 18 Ds. $\frac{1}{2}$ (or 1110 Ms.) E. of the 1st Meridian; or more E. than Teneriff, one of the Canary Is.

The Zodiack or Ecliptick, is a great Circle, twice cutting the Equator allant; half on the N. and half on the S. Side.

The Tropicks are two leffer Circles, parallel to the Equator; at the Diftance of 23 Ds. 30 Min. on each Side; that of *Cancer* on the North, and that of *Capricorn* on the South.

They're call'd Tropieks from a Greek Word, which fignifies to turn; because when the Sun reaches the D Pth peth Th

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es the former (viz. on the 11th of June) it proceeds no farther North, but turns again Southward, to the 11th of December, when it reaches the latter.

The Polar Circles (termed Artick and Antarctick, North and South) are leffer Circles, parallel to the Equator, at the Diftance of 23 Ds. 30 Mins.

The Globe is divided into five Spaces or Tracks, (called Zones) viz. 1. Torrid, which lies between the Tropicks, (comprehending 47 Degrees) 2 Temperate, on each Side, which lie between the Tropicks and polar Circles, (comprehending 4; Degrees each) and 2 Frigid, round each Pole.

The Spheres (i. e. Positions of the Globe) are Parallel, Right, and Oblique: The Parallel has the two Poles in the Zenith and Nadir; (i. e. Upper and Nether Part of the Globe) the Equator in the Horizon; and the Parallel Circles (viz. the Tropicks, &c.) parallel to the Horizon.

A Right Sphere has both Poles in the Horizon, the Equator running thro' the Zenith and Nadir, and cutting the Horizon at right Angles.

An Oblique Sphere has one Pole above, and the other below the Horizon; the Equator, &c. curting the Horizon allant.

The Antipodes are the People that live under oppolite Parallels and Meridians; whole Feet are op-

An Ocean is a large Collection of Waters, encompaffing a confiderable Part of a Continent.

A Sea is a smaller Collection of Waters, entirely, or mostly furrounded by Land.

A Gulf is a Part of the Sca, in a great Measure, furrounded by Land.

A Strait is a narrow Paffere, between a Gulf an I a Sea, or between one Sea and another.

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A Lake is a fmall Collection of flanding Waters, quite furrounded by Land.

A Continent is a large Tract of Land, containing feveral Countries.

An Island is a smaller Tract of Land, entirely furrounded by Water.

A Peninfula is a Tract of Land, furrounded by Water; exc^opt a narrow Neck; joining it to a Continent, or Island; which Neck is call'd an Ifthmus.

A Premontory is an high Part of Land, ftretching out into the Sea; the utmost Point of which is call'd a Cape.

All the known World is divided into four Continents; and the Islands belonging to each. The Continents are Europe, Afia, Africa, and America. I shall begin with the last.

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A MERICA (call'd the W. Indies, and New World, becaufe unknown to the Antients) was first discover'd by Christopher Columbus, an Italian, in the Service of the King of Spain, in 1492. He first landed at (what now is called) St. Salvador. But Americo Vesputio (who in quest of new Discoveries fail'd thither in 1497) had the Honour of having it call'd after his Name. Sailors call it 2300 Ms. from Europe.

America (fo far as discovered) lies from 56 Ds. of S. to 78 of N. Lat. from 240 to 345 Ds. of Lon.

It's reckon'd about 8000 Ms. from N. to S. and 2 or 3000 from E. to W. about twice as large as Europe.

It has on the W. Mar-del-zur, the vaft S. or pacifick Ocean : The Atlantick O. on the E. unknown Land or Sea N. and S. Most of the discover'd Coasts, and some of the Inland Parts, are now in the Hands of one European Nation or other. The aters, ining tirely

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t S. or E. uncover'd in the The The Continent of America is compos'd of two great Peninfulas, joined together by the Isthmus of Darien or Panama, about 60 Ms. b. It's divided into N. and S.

South America contains Terra Firma, Peru, Amazonia, Brafil, Chili, Paraguay, and Terra Magallanica.

Terra Firma lies from 282 to 309 Ds. of Lon. From 1 of S. to 11 of N. Lat. It's 1500 Ms. l. and 740 b. It has the Atlantic on the E. the Bay of Mexico on the N. the S. Sea on the W. Peru and Amazonia on the S.

The Soil is fruitful, Air extremely hot, and Days and Nights near equal. The Natives were Cannibals (or Men-eaters) and großs Idolaters; worfhiping amongst other fenselefs Objects, a prodigious Stone. They are tawny, strong Body'd, and make good Soldiers: Their Houses are made of large Timber join'd together; one of them would hold 600 Men. The Spaniards found in eight Houses 10,000 Souls.

This Country is mostly fubject to the Spaniards, who have divided it into 8 Provinces; Panama, Carthagena, &c. fome of which abound with Gold Silver, &c. and others with Corn and Cattle. The, Cpl. is Carthagena; a ftrong City, good Port, and very populous: We're told, that here are 40,000 Spaniards, and many more Indians. At Panama is kept the richest Fair in the World; for all the Treasure of Peru is bro't hither, and carry'd cross the Isthmus to Porto Bello on Mules.

Here's a Lake (call'd Parima) 400 Ms. 1. and 250 b.

The Spaniards have effablish'd Popery in this Country, and where-ever they have prevail'd.

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Pert: lies from 282 to 302 Ds. of Lon. from 24 of S. to 1 of N. Lat. It's about 1500 Ms. 1. and 300 b. It has the S. Sea on the W. Terra Firma On the N. Amazonia on the E. and Chili on the S. The Soil of this Country is fandy towards the Sea Coafts; in other Parts it's good.

The Air is exceffive hot in the Vallies; but very cold on fome Hills. Here, and in other Parts of the torrid Zone, when the Sun is fartheft from them; they have generally fair Weather; and therefore they call it Summer; when it's neareft to them, they have generally heavy Rains; and therefore they call it Winter. Acofta fays, that in fome Parts of this Zone, Eafterly Winds blow all the Year.

Here are two famous Roads, exceeding any Ron an Ways; made by the Incas (or Kings) of Peru; 1:20 Ms. 1. and 25 Foot b. The one is carry'd thro' a I lain, and is defended by Walls, within which are 'liecs on each fide. The other is cut thro' many Rocks, in marfhy Ground; its a good Cawfey; it certain Diffances, were built large and pleafant Irns: But the Spaniards have fuffered thefe to go to Decay.

Peru is the richeft Country in the Universe; it has a great many Mines of Gold, and Silver; their Temples were prodigiously rich; the Walls of one were overlaid with Plates of Gold, from Top to Bottom. The famous Silver-Mine o. Potofi, in less than 50 Years produc'd 111,000,000 Pieces of Eight.

The M. in which it lay, (in the Midst of a Plain) was in Shape of a Sugar-Loaf; it was fo dug, and undermined, that it was in a manner, a meer Shell; but it was funk with an Earthquake.

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for carrying Burthens; 114 lb. is a common Load; there are two forts; the one bears Wool, and the other is naked.

The Natives (except the Spanish Converts) worship the Sun, Moon, &c.

This Km. was (after a feven Years Maffacre and Blood fhed) in 1533, reduc'd by Pizaro, with an handful of Men: It's now subject to the K. of Spain, who keeps a Viceroy at Lima, the Cpl; which stands near the S. Sea.

The fecond C. is Cufco ; about 120 Ms. E. of Lima.

Amazonia, or Land of Amazons, has its Name from the Army of Warlike Women, that appeared on the Coafts, upon the first Approach of the Europeans. It has Peru on the W. Terra Firma on the N. Brafil on the E. and Paraguay on the S.

We are told, that it's 1260 Ms. 1. and 800 b. That it's divided into 6 Provinces: That it contains 50 different Nations: That they are grois Idolaters: And that they have no Temples, but carved wooden Images, in a Corner of their Houfes; which they worlhip, because they fancy them to be inhabited by fome Deities. But very little of this vaft Country is known; except about the R. which is faid to be the largest in the World. It's reckon'd to run (without Windings) 2000 Ms. It's fo wide in iome Places, that in the Middle, neither Shore can be feen.

Travellers fay, that the Air is good ; and the Soil fruitful : That here are Gold, Silver, Corn, Wine, &c.

Chili lies from 293 to 299 Ds. of Lon. from 25 to 44 of Lat. It's 1100 Ms. 1. and 360 b. It has Peru on the N. the S. Sea on the W. Amazonia on the E. and Paraguay on the S.

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On the E. of this Country run those prodigious Mnts, call'd the Andes, from N. to S. They are counted the highest in all the World : Tho' they are continually cover'd with Snow; and the Cold is fo violent, as fometimes, to kill both Man and Beast; yet there are feveral Vulcanos upon fome of them: The barren Hills are lin'd with Metals: The finest Gold is gotten here. The Vallies abound with Corn, Honey, &c.

The Chilians are Whites; ftrong, and fit for War; they cloath with the Skins of wild Beafts. They are faid to be the groffeft of all Idolaters; worfhiping the Devil himfelf, under the Name of Epinamon.

This Country is mostly fubject to the Spanish Governor at St. Jago (the Cpl.) who is under the Viceroy of Peru.

Paraguay, or Rio de la Plata (fo call'd from the great and famous R. Plata, in the Sands of which are found a great many Grains of Gold, and tome very large.) This River runs N. about 1200 Ms.; 60 Ls. up it ftands the C. Beunos-Ayres. This Country lies from 294 to 324 Ds. of Lon. from 18 to 37 of Lat. It's about 1200 Ms. I. and 950 b. It has Brafil on the E. the Main O. on the S. E. Chili on the W. and Amazonia on the N. The Air and Soil are both good: Here are Gold, Silver, Corn, Wine, &c.

The Natives are groß Idolaters. A great Part of this Country is fubject to the Spanish Governor at Assumption, (the Cpl.) upon the River, under the Vicerov of Peru; the rest are subject to Captains or Chiefs of their own chusing, call'd Caciques. Brasil lies on the E. Side of S. America: Its Coast is Semicircular; above 3000 Ms. 1. It's from

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309 to 324 Ds. of Lon. from 1 to 23 of Lat. It's about 1600 Ms. 1. and 950 b. It has the Main O. the S. E. and N. Amazonia and Paraguay on the W. The Soil is tolerable good; and Air render'd temperate by Sea Breezes. Here are Sugar, Amber, fome Gold, Tobacco, &c. which are exchanged with the Europeans for Cloth, Hofe, Tools, &c.

The Brafilians, and many other Indians, go either quite, or almost naked. Their Beds are a fort of Hammocks. They are utter Strangers to Agriculture. They live on the natural Products of the Earth, and by Hunting. Travellers fay, that in fome Parts of this Country there are neither Temples, nor Idols. Yet they are faid to believe the Immortality of the Soul, &c. When any Perfon is fick, the Doctor fucks the Part affected; if that do not fucceed, they lay the Patient down upon a Bed, and then fing and dance about him : When he is dead, the Women howl over him for one Night; then the Body is wash'd, painted, wrapt in Cotton, and fet upright in the Ground ; and fome Food is fet by it. When a King or great Man dies; they kill many of his Wives and Servants to attend him in the other World; and with his Corpfe they bury a great deal of his Wealth.

The Portuguese are Masters of almost all the Coasts, and 18 or 20 Ms. up in the Country, from whence the Natives are retir'd for the Love of Liberty: What they are posses of is divided into 15 *Captainships*, or Provinces; in each of which they have strong Forts; and some Towns and Settlements. Some Years fince, they have discovered a very rich Mine of Diamonds.

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Continent. The Straits between this and the Island Del Fuego, is 3 or 400 Ms. 1. and 8 or 10 b. It was first discover'd by Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese (whose Name it bears) in 1519. By this Strait, a Communication was open'd between the N. and S. O. and Magellan first failed round the World ; and Thomas Cavendifb next, viz. in 1581: But Merchants now fail S. of the Island thro' the Straits of Lemair. Very little of this Country is known, except the Coafts: It has Paraguay on the N. the Straits on the S. the 2 Os. on the E. and W. It's call'd 1600 Ms. 1. and 500 b. On the E. runs the great R. Plata about 1000 Ms. In the W. is a prodigious Mnt. under which runs a R. down which, as we are told, fome Portuguese were fo hardy as to venture in a flat-bottom'd Veffel; they were about 24 Hours under Ground. The Natives are faid to live mostly in Caves, and to worship the Devil under the Name of Setebos. The Europeans, who have ventured amongst them, have generally been difperfed, and fometimes perish'd with Hunger. The Spaniards indeed took Poffestion in 1 582, and afterwards built feveral Forts; but they were foon forc'd to withdraw: They fay, that there are no Trees, Fields, or Meadows; that the Ground is covered with white Sand, and confequently barren.

S. of the Straits of Magellan, lies a great triangular I. call'd Terra Del Fuego; but the Accounts given us of it, differ fo much, that our Knowledge of it, its Inhabitants, &c. is at best uncertain. I shall therefore proceed to the other large Peninfula, called N. America; many Parts of which we are much better acquainted with. N. America comprehends Mexico or New Spain, Granada, Florida, Terra Canadensis, and Terra Arctica. Mexico Mexico (according to fome) lies from 255 to 295 Ds: of Lon. from 13 to 32 of Lat. It's above 2000 Ms. 1. and 880 b. Others make it but 1000 Ms. 1. and 600 b. It's bounded by Granada on the N: its own Gulf on the E. Terra Firma on the S. and the S. Sea on the W. It's vaftly fruitful; and very fit both for Tillage and Pasturage; refreshing Showers in the hottest Months, and cool Sea Breezes all the Year; make the Air pretty temperate.

The chief Commodities are Gold, Silver, Cot-

N. B. The Cotron grows on Trees; (about as big as our Apple-Tree) they first bud, then blofform, and when the Blofform falls, then appears a green Knot, or Button, as big as a Tennis Ball, which has a thick Shell (black when ripe) and within that grows the Cotton.

In the Leaves of the Tunal Tree, are bred many little Infects; which, when dryed, are our Cochinite.

The Mexicans have been called the most docile and civiliz'd of all the Indians. They divide the Year into 18 Months; twenty Days in a Month. Both Men and Women here are excellent Divers: They take great Delight alfo in Dancing, (1000 together) with the Musick in the midit. Their Marriages were thus: The Priest ties a Corner of the Woman's Vail, to a Corner of the Man's Robe; leads them feven times round a Fire; and then pronounces them Man and Wife. Every one marries as many Wives as he will; and if any one prove unfaithful, he may put her to death.

Their Ships, or rather Boats, were Canoes. Gage fays, that 100,000 belong'd to the Gulf: They are generally made of hollow'd Trees: But Travellers tell

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The Mexicans are grofs Idolaters; worfhiping a Multitude of Gods; to whom they offer'd humane Sacrifices; (particularly their Prifoners) from 40 to 4000 at once: The Method was this: They laid the Sacrifice upon a Stone, feveral Steps high, over-against the Idol; 5 Priests held it, while the High Priest with a sharp Flint open'd the Break; took out the Heart; threw it in the Face of the Idol; and then tumbled the Body down; which was carry'd off, and eaten by them that took him: An humane Heart was a common Difh, at the Emperor's Table : Nay in fome Parts of the Indies they facrificed their own Children : But the Spaniards pretend to have conversed many of the Natives: "Tis however certain, that they have cruelly murder'd Multitudes of 'em : No lefs (faye Acosta, a Jesuit) than 50,000,000 in about 55 Years; to the very great Prejudice of Christianity : Their unparallel'd Barbarity occasion'd an eminent Indian to fay, " T hat one Spaniard, was enough to create an Mell." This

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This Country was in 3 Years, conquer'd in 1521, by Cortes (a Spanish Officer) with an handful of Men: He raz'd Mexico (the Capital) consisting of 80,000 Houses, and built a new C. upon the Spot; vassed by an Inundation in 1629; tho' it is now in a flourishing State: The Gazetteer fays, that it stands in a Plain, upon a Lake, about the same Distance from the Gulf on the E. and the S. Sea on the W. That there is no way of coming at it but along 3 Caufeys: E. of this City is Vera Crux, a fine and noted Port in the Gulf of Mexico.

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As this vaft Country is fubject to a Spanish Viceroy, at Mexico; fo the Spaniards bring Yearly from hence, and from Peru, immense Treasures, on board their *Flotilla*, and *Galleons*: One Fleet brought (besides 1056 Bars of Gold) 1200 Pounds Weight. One of their Mines was computed to have produc'd 2,000,000,000 Pieces of Eight, in the first 40 Years of working it. Indeed Gold, and Silver, were so for plentiful in these two Countries (if any Credit may be given to those who have been there) that Statues were made of Gold; and Temples cover'd with it, both within and without; nay Horses have been siven for a Bottle of Wine.

Granada lies from 245 to 259-Ds. of Lon. from 27 to 40 of Lat. It's about 800 Ms. 1. and 740 b. It has Florida on the E. Mexico on the S. the Sea (towards California) on the W. and unknown Land on the N. It is effected healthful, and temperate; but very fubject to Thunder, Lightning; and Hurricanes.

The Soil is dry, and barren. The chief Commodity is Cattle. A good Part of this Country is fubject

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fubject to the Spanish Governor, at Santa Fe; the rest remains under Captains of their own. The Inhabitants spend their Time mostly in Hunting. We are told, that some have no Signs of any Religion at all: But indeed we are utter Strangers to some Parts of thisCountry.

Florida lies from 260 to 283 Ds. of Lon. from 25 to 38 (or 30, for Carolina extends on the Coaft to the 30th, to St. Augustine) which makes it about 1380 Ms. 1. and 380 b.

It has the Main O. on the E. Carolina on the N. Granada on the W. and the Bay of Mexico on the S.

The Air is pretty temperate here, and People live to a great Age. The Soil is also fruitful.

The Commodities are fome Gold, Silver, Venifon, Fowl, Bever, &c.

Mr. Ogilvy defcribes the Bevers thus: They are amphibious Creatures; their Fore Legs and Feet are like a Dog's; the Hind Feet like a Goofe's; they have prodigious Strength in their Teeth, with which they'll fell large Trees; they build their Nefts of Sticks (upon the Shore) 5 or 6 Stories high; with an Hole towards the Sea, which they leap into, when attack'd by Land: The Skin of this Creature is most valuable.

The famous R. Miffiffipi runs on the W. or, as fome fay, through the Midit of this Country, dividing it into E. and W. La Salle fays 800 Ls; and then empties itfelf by feveral Mouths, into the Gulf of Mexico. As to Government, &c. fee Granada.

Terra Canadenfis, as I take it, includes all the N. Parts of the Continent; lying N. or N. E. of Florida: and fo the greater Part of it is very imperfectly Fe; own. Huntf any Stran-

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Terra Arctica comprehends the most Northern Parts, whether Continent, or Is. (mostly within the polar Circle) as Greenland, New Zembla, New Denmark, &c. all which are very imperfectly discover'd. All or most of the Discoveries this Way, have been made by Persons attempting to find a N. W. Passage into the S. Sea; instread of that by the S. through the Straits of Magellan: Of which the following is a brief Account.

In 1576, and 7, Sir Martin Frobisher fail'd this Way, with this View; but he was driven back by Ice, &c. He found fome Gold Oar, the first Voyage; but upon his Return, he could not fo much as find the Place.

In 1585, 6, and 7, Mr. John Davis made 3 Voyages into thefe Parts; but he was forc'd to return for want of Provision: He fays, the Country is full of Fir Woods, &c. the People barbarous and thievisch: He gave his own Name to a Strait, S. W. of Greenland; which it still retains.

In 1613, 22, and 24, William Baffin steer'd his Course this Way; he went further N. than any one had gone: Viz. to the 79th D. but despairing of Success, he return'd; calling the Bay by his Name, which it now bears.

About the fame Time, one Hudson also fail'd into these Parts; but thro' a Strait more Southern; in the 62d D. leaving the Continent on the S. and James, or Camberland I. on the N. By his Chart, he proceeded 100 Ls. farther than any had gone before

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Sir Thomas Button made farther Difcoveries this Way: He call'd the W. Coast from 55 to 75, New S. and N. Wales.

In 1631 Captain James failed into these Parts, through several eminent Perils: He call'd the S. Corner of the Bay by his own Name.

In 1667, one Gilham went farther S. still; to the 51st D. where he traded with the Natives for Furs, &c. He built a Fort which he called Charles: And this laid the Foundation of Hudfon's Bay Company.

The English, and French, have had many Struggles about the Places difcover'd in these Parts; but by the Treaty of Utrech, they were restored to the English.

Terra de Labrador, or New Britain, has Hudfon's Bay on the W. Canada on the S. the Main O. on the N.E. and S. Laurence's Bay on the S.E. It lies from 50 to 63 Ds. of Lat. from 290 to 325 of Lon. But little of this vaft Tract of Ground is known: The English and French lay claim to what is difcover'd of it.

Canade, or New France, has St. Laurence's R. on the S. E. Terra de Labrador on the N. and Louifiana on the W. The French extend it from St. Laurence's R. to the Miffiffipi R. about 2000 Ms. They fay, it half furrounds the English Plantations: But other Authors leffen it much, and make it inconfiderable; they tell us that it lies all N. of the former R; that they have indeed many Settlements in these Parts; the chief of which is Quebec (the Cpl.) about 300 Ms. from the Mouth of that R. Lat. 40 I half; but a great deal oft

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Acadie, or Nova Scotia, lies from 42 to 46 Ds. of Lat. It has St. Laurence's Bay on the N. his R. on the W. New England on the S. W. and the Main O. on the E. So that it may be called a Peninfula; for it has a Sea Coaft 300 Ls. long. It's about 440 Ms. 1. and 230 b. It abounds with Corn, &c. The Cpl. is *Port Royal*, or Annapolis Royal: (faid to be the only T.) It's not large; but has a Bafon capable of holding 1000 Ships.

This Country was long in Difpute between the French and English, but was by the Treaty of Utrech given to the latter.

I now proceed to the English Territories, or Western Empire; which lies altogether upon the E. Coast of the Continent, from S. Augustine in Florida, to Acadie. Between 30 and 46. Ds. of Lat. About 1000 Ms. feveral Times as large as Great Britain and Ireland.

It is divided into 7 Parts, call'd *Colonies* or Provinces: viz. New England, New York, New Jerfey, Penfilvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Carolina; with feveral Is. belonging to them.

New England was difcover'd by one Cabot, in 1497, in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth. It lies from 41 to 46 Ds. of Lat. It runs 350 Ms. along the Coafts, without reckoning the Angles. It is in fome Parts 250 and in others 80 b. The Air is temperate; and Soil very good; it abounds with the Neceffaries of Life. Tho' the chief Comodities are call'd Fifh, Mafts, Furs, &c.

There is in this Province a Ridge of Mnts. above 200 Ms. 1. call'd the White Mountains; because always cover'd with Snow; on the Top is

is a large Plain; and in the Midft a clear deep Pond.

New England is divided into 3 Colonies; the first (which is the largest and most populous) retains its Indian Name; viz. Massachusets. It is 110 Ms. 1. and 80 b. It is divided into 6 Counties.

1. The Main: Here are 5 Ts. and 4 Ministers.

2. Cornwall: Here are 5 Ts. and 5 Mrs.

3. Effex : Where there are 17 Ts. and 20 Mrs. (Salem the Cpl.) There are also feveral Is. belonging to this Province, fome of which are 8 or 10

4. Middlefex: Which has 21 Ts. and 19 Mrs. This County abounds with Cattle; the Cpl. is Cambridge; where there are 2 Colleges, and a Printing Houfe.

5. Suffolk : Here are 13 Ts. and 19 Mrs. The Cpl. of this County, and of the whole Province, is Boston; the largest and finest C. in America, except fome Spanish Ts. It lies upon its own Harbour; which is a very great and good one. Here are 3 Churches; I French Church, and 2 Meeting Houses; 1 of the Anabaptists; and 1 of the Episcopalians: (For the Independent Form of Church Government is effablished here.) The Inhabitants are call'd 12 or 13000.

6. Hampshire: Where are 8 Ts. and 6 Mrs.

II. Plimouth Colony; which is 100 Ms. l. and 50 b. It's divided into 3 Counties.

1. Proper Plimouth ; which has 6 Ts. and 7 Mrs.

2. Barnstaples : Here are 6 Ts. and 6 Mrs. On this Coaft, there are two Is. One is call'd Martha's Vineyard; where are 2 English, and several 3. Briftol;

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3. Bristol; which has 4 Ts. and 3 Mrs. To this County belongs *Rhode* I. where are 2 Preachers: It is mostly inhabited by Quakers; who make fine Earthen Ware, which they barter for Furs, &c.

III. Conecticut Colony; which is 70 Ms. 1. and 5 b. It's divided into 4 Counties.

1. New London : Here are 9 Ts. and 8 Mrs.

2. Hartford; which has 11 Ts. and 12 Mrs.

3. New Haven ; where are 6 Ts. and 6 Mrs.

4. Fairfield : Here are 9 Ts. and 9 Mrs.

In this County runs Hudson's R. dividing this Colony from New Jersey.

New England has been many Years a flourishing Colony. A great Number of perfecuted English Nonconformists fled hither: Some in 1620; but a great many more in 1629. In 1650 the English were call'd 100,000. The Natives were gross Idolaters; but Dr. Mather, Mr. Eliot, &c. have converted abundance of them. There were in 1687, 6 Churches of Christian Indians; 18 Affemblies of Catechumens; and 24 Indian Preachers.

In 1705, there were 35 Indian Preachers, and 7 English, that understood the Indian Tongue.

There are in this Colony, 3 Colleges; at which are generally 2 or 300 Students.

The English here, and in all the other Colonies, are governed by an Assembly (like our Parliament) and a Governor sent over from England.

New York lies from 41 to 44 Ds. of Lat. It is 180 M. l. and 24 b. It has New England on the E. New Jerfey on the W. and S. and Long I. on the N.

This I. belongs to New York. It is about 150 Ms. l. and 18 b. Here is made fine Porcelain out of Sea Cockles.

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This Province is divided into 3 Counties, viz. Queens, Suffolk, and Richmond. It's fo fruitful a Spot that 1 Strike of Wheat will produce 100. Here are Furs, Logwood, &c. The Cpl. is New York; an handfome, well built T. of about 1000 Houfes: it flands upon its own R. on a rifing Ground.

There are feveral other confiderable Ts. as New Albany, (a Place of great Trade) King stone, &c.

The English are reckon'd 8 Times as many as the Natives; who worship the Devil whom they call Monetto.

Their Priests (call'd Pawaws) act as Conjurers. The Men follow their Sports, and leave the Women to plow and fow. Episcopacy is established here, but there are many Differences.

The Dutch were poffefs'd of this Province, but were driven out by the English in 1664. They call'd it New York from the D. of York; whom the King made Proprietor of it.

New Jersey lies from 40 to 42 Ds. of Lat. It's about 250 Ms. 1. and 120 b. It has New York and the O. on the E. the Main O. on the S. Penfilvania, &c. on the W. and the Indian Country on the N.

There is a Communication by fine Rs. between this Province, New York, and Maryland.

The Air in this Country is very healthful; and Soil generally fertile.

The chief Trade of this Province is exporting Provifions to the Sugar Is. &c. The English are call'd 12000, of which 2000 are fit to bear Arms. The Natives are about 200; which are very ferviceable to them.

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New Jerfey is divided into E. and W.

There are in E. Jersey, 9 Ts. of Note; to each of which a large Tract of Land is appropriated viz

1. Bergen, which contains about 350 Souls, (mostly Dutch) who have 20,000 Acres.

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2. Elizabeth Town	250	40,000.
3. Newark	100	50,000.
4. Piscataway	80	40,000.
5. Woodbridge	120 .	30,000.
6. Port Ambeg	.40	1,070.
7. Middlesex	100	32,000.
8. Shrewsbury	160	:30,000.
9. Freehold	40	20.000

W. Jerfey has 6 Ts. of Note, and in fome Parts the Plantations lie fo thick, that they refemble Towns.

Tho' Episcopacy is establish'd here; yet full Liberty of Confcience is allow'd; and there are many Persuasions.

Penfilvania was fo called from Sir William Penn, a famous Quaker; whofe Succeffors, or their Deputies govern the Province (as Proprietors) under the K. of England.

It has New Jerfey on the E. the Indian Country on the N. and W. and Maryland on the S.

It's about 330 Ms. 1. and 200 b. It's dividedinto 6 Counties. The Cpl. of the whole is *Philadelphia*: Begun by *Penn* in 1682. It's very, large and fine: It confifts of about 14 or 15,000 Houfes; in 2 long Streets, 100 Foot wide; and there is a Square of 10 Acres in the Center, it flands between 2 Rs.: And is fo form'd as to front both, for the Space of a M. One of thefe is the R. De*la-War*; la-War; the chief in the Province: It's navigable for about 300 Ms. Here is alfo a pleafant airy Place, called German T. It's composed of High and Low Dutch. The Welfomen have likewife a populous Plantation of 40,000 Acres. Their Cpl. is Radnor.

Here are feveral other Ts. as Chefter, Newcastle, Dover, and Lewes, each a Cpl. of it's County.

The Inhabitants of this Province, are of various Nations; but the English are most numerous: They with their Negroes, are computed to 35,000. They are also of various Religions; but the Majority are Quakers. The chief Commodities here are Flower, Liquor, Pipe Staves, &c.

Maryland (fo called from Mary Queen to K. Charles I.) lies between 37 and 40 Ds. of Lat. It's reckon'd larger than Old England. It has Virginia on the S. the O. on the E. unknown Country on the W. and Penfilvania on the N. The Air and Soil are both pretty good. It's divided into 12 Counties, in each of which, are 3 or 4 Parifhes. The Clergy have their Salaries in Tobacco : From 30,000 to 60,000 Pound Weight. Every Male, (even Negroes) from 16 to 60, pays 40 Pound per Ann.

The only C. in this Country is St. Mary's T. It ftands on St. George's R. and (fays the Gazetteer) is the Cpl. tho' it has but 60 Houfes. Annapolis is the Cpl. tho' it has but about 40 Houfes; yet fo numerous are the Plantations, that the English were (40 Years ago) call'd 30,000.

Into this and all the other Plantations, are Yearly imported vast Numbers of Negroes, from Africa: A Man at 261. and a Woman at 241.

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Here are Skins, Stock Fish, &c. but the chief Product is Tobacco; fold at 1 d. per Pound.

Virginia (fo called from the Virgin Queen Elizabeth) lies from 37 to 42 Ds. of Lat. It's about 260 Ms. 1: and 250 b. It has Carolina on the S. Maryland on the N. E. the O. on the S. E. the Country of the Indians, and Apalachean Mountains on the N. W.

The Soil is very rich and fat; but the Air is exceeding hot for 3 Months.

The chief Commodity is Tobacco; 150 Ships have been loaden with it in a Year.

The Cpl. is James T. which stands upon the R. Pauharan, near the Mouth, Some call Williamsburgh the Cpl.

When the English first came hither, there were 20 Nations of Indians; who could have brought 20,000 Men into the Field; but now they can't raise above 5 or 600. The petty Ks. that remain are tributary to the English: Most of them are yet Pagans: Their chief Riches confiss in Pearls, and Furs; which they fell to the English.

In 1703, the Number of the Counties, Parishes, Acres, and Militia in this Province, was as follows:

23 Counties. 49 Parishes. 2,162,472 Acres. 60,616 Perfons. Of which 25,033 were Males, 35,583 Females and Children. 9,522 Militia. 2,363 Horfe. 7,159 Foot and Dragoons. Befides 6000 in Nether Neck; and 1,200 French Refugees. So that the English and those that are subject to them, may be call'd 70,000.

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The E. Border of this Colony (as well as of Maryland) lies upon the great Bay of *Chefapeak*; which is 14 Ms. b. at the Mouth; and 36 in the wideft Place; viz. at the Mouth of the *Patow*mack R. which divides Maryland from Virginia. *Carolina* (fo call'd from K. *Charles* II.) lies from 30 to 37 Ds. of Lat. It's about 360 Ms. l. and 330 b. in the N. Part. It has Florida on the S. the *Atalachean* Mints. on W. Virginia on the N. and the O. on the E. Both Air and Soil are pretty good here.

This Province is made very pleafant with many great Rs. and Lakes; which are very ufeful.

Carolina is divided into N. and S. Each has a diffinct Governor. The N. is divided into only 2 Counties (of this Albemarle is the Cpl.) The S. into 4; of this Charles T. is the Cpl.

This Colony abounds with Provisions; great Quantities of Beef, Pork, Corn, Rice, &c. are Yearly exported hence.

To encourage Perfons to go and fettle in this Province at first, every Man that went over with his Family, was allowed for every Perfon 100 Acres of Land; paying after 19 Years, 1 d. per Acre.

On the Back (i. e. on the S. W.) of this Colony lies the New Colony of Georgia.

I now proceed to the American Is. 2 of which are call'd the Northern, viz.

I. California: This is a vaft I. in the S. Sea, over against New Spain, and Granada; feparated from them by an Arm of the Sea; or a prodigious R. (as fome fay.)

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It's very imperfectly known: Gordon fays, that it was difcover'd by Sir Francis Drake; but that being cold, dry, and barren; it's left in the Hands of the Natives. But the Gazetteer makes it fubject to the K. of Spain. We are told that the Spaniards have feveral Harbours here, and a Pearl Fishery.

II. Newfoundland; which is a Sort of a Triangle: The N. Point of it is feparated from New Britain, by the Straits of *Bell Ifle*: The W. Side lies upon St. Laurence's Bay: The S. Point extends towards Acadie; and all the other Parts lie to the O. It's 360 Ms. 1. and 300 b. It's reckon'd about as big as Old England.

This I. has many good Harbours and Bays; but as the Cold in Winter, and Heat in Summer, are intolerable; and it's mostly over run with Woods; fo it's thinly inhabited; tho' one of the best Fisheries in the World: A Ship of 150 Tuns, and 20 Men, may in a good Year catch Cod worth 30001. 400 Ships have been here loaded in a Year. As this I. belongs to the English, fo they have feveral Forts and Garrisons upon it. The Natives colour their Bodies with Oker; and cloath with Skins. They are faid to own a supreme Being, and the Immortality of the Soul; but have many wild and absurd Notions.

N: B. Some under the Name Newfoundland include all the Is. that lie about it.

Between this I. and Acadie, lies Cape Briton or Gaspe I. which commands the Entrance into St. Laurence's Bay: It's about 110 Ms. I. and 60 b. It was by the Treaty of Utrecht given to the French.

S. E. of Florida lie the Bahama Is. (called

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400) from 23 to 28 Ds. of Lat. of which the following are the chief.

Cuba; This is a great I. It lies from 19 to 23 Ds. of Lat. from 277 to 285 of Lon. It's about 800 Ms. l. and 150 b. The Air is temperate, but Soil barren; tho' it produces Gold, Silver, Cinnamon, and Trees that drop the beft Rozin

The Cpl. is Havanna; a ftrong and populous C. confifting of 2000 Families: Here is a fine Harbour that will contain 1000 Ships; tho' the Entry is fo narrow, that it will admit but 1 Ship at a Time. This is the Rendezvous for all the Spanish Ships in July and August, that are bound for Europe: Here resides the Governor.

Hispaniola, or St. Domingo, lies E. of Cuba; feparated by a Strait about 40 or 50 Ms. over. It's between 18 and 20 Ds. of Lat. Some call it 400 Ls; others 290 Ms. L. and 150 b.

The Natives of this I. and of Cuba were a wild People, but the Spaniards have fent them to another World, to make room for themfelves; tho' the French have the W. Part of it: St. Domingo is the Spanish Cpl. a great rich and strong C. And 20 Ls. E. is St. Jago. The French Cpl. is La grand Govage, a Fort on the W. Shore.

Here are Sugar Canes, Cotton, and fome Mines of Gold.

Porto Rico lies 25 Ms. E. of this. It's about 30 Is. 1. and 20 b. It's Product is Gold, Sugar, &c. Hubner fays the Spaniards found it fo populous in 1493, that they maffacred 600,000. The Cpl. is Porto Rico, which is a very good Port.

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I now pass to the Antilles or Caribbe Is. (call'd 30.). They lie between Porto Rico and the N. E. of Terra Firma: They belong to feveral Nations. As for Instance, Martinico belongs to the French. They call it 45 Ls. round, and fay they have 15,000 Souls in it.

Some belong to the Dutch. Such as,

1. St. Vincents; 60 Ms. W. of Jamaica. It's about 8 Ls. and 7 b. It produces Sugar, &c. But Part of it belongs to the English.

2. Bonair ; which is about 17 Ls. round ; it abounds with Cotton, &c.

3. Curaffay; this is the chief of their Plantations: Here refides their Governor. It's about 13 Ls. r. This Colony is compos'd of various N2tions.

4. Oruba; which produces Sheep, Goats, &c. 5. St. Eustace; there are about 6 or 700 Dutch here.

The most confiderable belonging to the English are,

1. Barbadoes; which lies in the 14th D. of Eat. It's but about 24 Ms. 1. and 15 b. Its divided into 11 Parishes: 'The Cpl. is Bridge T. confisting of 1200 good Stone Houses; which are as dear as at London.

The Air is hot and moift: The Soil is prodigioufly fruitful; like a Dunghill, or Hot Bed; it produces Crops all the Year. It's call'd the chief of the Sugar Is. We are told, that the Trade employs 60 or 70,000 Negroes, which fell well here. An Infant for 61. a Man from 40, to 2001. Nay one that can boil Sugar well, for 3 or 4001. Some Hundred Ships are Yearly loaden from this D 2 fmall fmall I. The Annual Revenue from Imports and Exports is faid to amount to 40,000 l. of which 10,000 l. goes to the Crown. It imports most of the Necessianies of Life: Provision from New England and Carolina. Clothing, &c. from Old England.

2. Jamaica; It's of an oval Form; about 15 Ls. S. of Cuba. It's in 17 and 18 Ds. of Lat. 170 Ms. l. and 65 b. It contains 4 or 5,000,000 Acres. Tho' Days and Nights are almost equal; and Winter only distinguish'd from Summer by violent Rains, Thunder, &c. yet the Air is tolerably temperate.

This I. was long in the Hands of the Spaniards; who clear'd it of it's Inhabitants in a cruel and barbarous Manner; but Oliver Cromacell took it from them in 1655.

It's divided into 16 Parts. Port-Royal was the Cpl. but in 1692 it was almost ruined by a most terrible Earthquake; and in 1702 it had like to have been entirely destroyed by Fire: It's still an excellent Harbour for the largest Ships : And is secured by a strong Castle. Spanish T. is now the Cpl. It confiss of 5 or 600 Houses.

This has been the most flourishing Plantation in the World: The English have been 60,000 and their Negroes 100,000; but they have been fadly diminished by Difeases, Wars, &c. There is however now a Militia, of 7000 and some Troops of Horse, and twice as many may be easily raised.

The Commodities are Sugar, Pepper, &c.

3. Nevis. Which is about 6 Ls. r. Here the Sugar Trade employs 3 or 4000.

4. St. Christopher: This is about 25 Ms. 1. and 7 b.

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Ms. 1. and But But I pass by these; and several of the Bahamas; which the English were in Possessing of ; but the French and Spaniards invaded them, plundered, and destroyed their Settlements; and carried away half their Blacks: fince which, these Is. have been a Shelter for Pirates.

Bermudas, (or Summer Is.) lie in the 33d D. of Lat. and 312th of Lon. They are a great Way from any Land: About 500 Ms from Carolina; which is the neareft Land. They were first difcovered by one Bermudas a Spaniard; and after by Sir George Summers. There are a great many of them, but the chief are Bermudas, St. George, and St. David.

The Soil is rich and fruitful; it bears 2 Crops a Year: It's Products are various Fruits, Cedar-Wood, Tobacco, &c. And it's called the most healthful Spot in the Universe: No venomous Creature can live here. It's a populous Spot; the Inhabitants are computed to 10,000. The Cpl. is St. George; which confists of 900 or 1000 good Houses: and it's defended with 6 or 7 Forts.

A SIA is bounded on the E. by the Sea of China; on the S. by the Indian O. Bay of Bengal; and Arabian Sea: On the W. by the Red Sea; Iithmus of Suez; the Levant; Euxine Sea and Muscovy; and on the N. by the Tartarian or Icy O.

It lies from 2 to 74 Ds. of Lat. from 50 to 165 of Lon. It's about 5000 Ms. l. 4000 b. and 18,000 r.

It contains Tartary, China, India, Perfia, and Turkey in Afia. With many confiderable Is.

Tartary lies from 80 to 165 Ds. of Lon. from 35 to 73 of Lat. It's about 3000 Ms. 1. and C 3 2,250 2,250 b. It has China on the S. Muscovy on the W. and the Main O. on the N. and E. The Cpl. is Chambalu.

This vaft Country is very imperfectly known. Geographers tell us that in the N. there is one Day and one Night in the Year 2 Months l. That it is very barren, and thinly inhabited: The chief Commodities are Rhubarb, Silk, Flax, &c.

The Tartars commonly live in Tents; which they remove, according to the Seafon of the Year. Their Furniture is two Kettles; one for their Tea, and the other for their Food.

A great Part of this People are Pagans; profeffedly worlhipping the Devil: Part are Makometans; and Part Christians: I'm afraid, the far greater Part come under the first Denomination.

About 112 Ds. of Lon. and 52 of Lat. is a People, call'd the *Buvares*; they worship the Sun and Moon; they fometimes kill their Priests; faying, that they only dispatch them, to pray for them in the other World; which is the proper Office of such fort of Men: I hope this is not Priesteraft.

Tartary is divided into Muscovite Tartary, Chinese Tartary, and Independent Tartary.

Some Modern Authors make the first vasily large: The Muscovite Embassiador Ades travell'd in 1692 by Land to China: He calls the Czarina's Afiatick Dominions by this general Name Samoiodes. He extends it the whole Length of Europe, and divides it into feveral Provinces. He fays that Siberia alone pays the Empress 100,000l. in Sables, Martins, &c. He mentions a Lake (called Janiscowa) where the Muscovites dig up, and load Yearly 25 Ships with Salt: Others tell vy on the The Cpl.

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China lies from 135 to 150 Ds. of Lon. And (from the I. of Hainun to the great Wall) from 21 to 42 Ds. of Lat. It's about 1300 Ms. 1. and 1100 b. It has the O. or Sea of China on the E. Tartary on the N. India on the W. and S.

The Air is generally temperate, and Soil rich and Good. Here are Gold, Silver, Silk, Porcelane Difhes, &c.

China is divided into 15 or 16 Provinces, in which there are 162 great Cs. 270 lefs; and 1200 more of a lower Rate. The Souls are computed to 70,000,000. The chief Cs. are.

1. Pekin; the Cpl. which is 18 Ms. r. The Inhabitants are call'd 2 or 300,000.

2. Nankin; which is by far the largest: The C. is furrounded with a Wall 24 Ms. 1. And there is another round the Suburbs; which is 48 Ms. 1. We are told that it contains near as many Souls as London and Paris. Here is a famous Tower; the Front of which is faced with Porcelane.

3. Canton; the Cpl. of a Province 20 Ms. r. From this C. to Pekin, there is a Canal about 1,200 Ms. 1. only intercepted with a Mtn.

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in this Country. There are in one C. and the adjacent Villages, above 200,000 Weavers.

In the N. is the famous *Wall*, built by the Chirefe to prevent the Incurfions of the Tartars: It's 500 Ls. 1. 15 Yards high, and 6 Yards thick: It was 5 Years in building; and employed almost every third Man in the Empire.

The Chinefe have many thousands of Characters or Letters; and yet (as we are told) but 337 original Words; every one of which, has feveral different Senfes, according to the Tones or Accerts. They begin at what we call the Enc Book; write and read from the right Hand to me left; and from the Top to the Bottom: Upon Paper made of the inner Bark of a certain. Tree : One Sheet is 10 or 12 Foot 1. Their Language is exceeding diftcult to be learnt.

The Chinefe are effeem'd a wife and ingenious Feople : They are extravagant in their Drefs ; filent at their Meals; and odd in their Cuftoms. They gird a female Infant's Feet fo ftrait, that a Woman's shoe here is but as big as a Child's of 6 or 7 Years old, elfe where.

Le Brayne fays that they bury in Coffins; and lay Money under the Corpfe according to the Rank of the Perfon. That after fome odd Ceremonies; they build a Tomb over the Grave, of fuch Materials, that it is impossible to break or remove it: That in their Funeral Processions, they carry one of their Saints under a Canopy; to whom they offer a raw Hog, and an He Goat. And that after the Interment, they feast under a Pavilion.

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The Religion of China is Paganifm ; the Inhabitants worthip feveral Idols; One in the Shape of a Dragon; and one called Fo from an Emperor of that Name. The better Sort are Pythagoreans; holding the Doctrine of Transmigration; and profess themselves the Disciples of Confusius. A Man of excellent Gravity and Virtue, who taught the Observation of the Law of Nature ; and preached a strict Morality ; as the greatest Felicity Men can enjoy: He made many Convens ; and fent out 600 Scholars. He is faid to have liv'd 4 or 500 Years before Chrift.

The Government here is defpotick Monarchy. The Emperor's Revenue is called 21,600,000 l. per Ann. befides the Contribution of Provisions for his Court.

India or Indostan, lies from 103 to 134 Ds. of Lon. from 2 to 35 of Lat. It's about 1800 Ms. l. and near as much b. It has China and the O. on the E. Tartary on the N. Perfia on the W. the Bay of Bengal and Main (). on the S.

Hubner fays this is properly call'd the East-Indies. That it's a large rich and powerful Empire, lying between the two famous Rs. Indus and Ganges.

It is divided into 3 Capital Parts; viz. the Continent off of Indostan. The Peninfula on this Side the Ganges. And the Peninfula beyond the Ganges .

I. The Megul's Empire: Geographers call it 700 Ms. 1. and 400 b. But our common Maps make it not near fo big. It contains above 30 fmall Kms: Delli, Agra, Bengal, &c. The last lies in the S. upon the Bottom of the Bay; or Cos

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both Sides the Ganges. This famous R. comes out of Tartary; runs 850 Ms. (befide Turnings) and then falls into the Bay by feveral Mouths, (fome fay 7) The R. Indus runs above 600 Ms; and then empties itfelf by 3 Mouths into the Arabian Sea.

Agra (the Cpl.) is in the Form of a Half Moon ; it's call'd 9 Ms. 1. and 40 r. It's encompaffed with a Wall, faid to be 100 Foot thick. Here is a Monument, which employ'd 20,000 Men, for 22 Years; it cost about 300,000 l. Though there are reckon'd to be 25,000 Christian Familics, in this C. yet the prevailing Religions are Mahometanism, and Paganism. The Emperor, &c. (fays Hubner) are of the former; the Vulgar mostly of the latter : The great Idol is call'd Matto; in the S. is a Temple dedicated to him, which is cover'd and ceil'd with pure Silver: Many of the Indians think, that washing in the R. Ganges, clears them of all their Sins : Some of them believe the Immortality of the Soul; and the Doctrine of Transmigration, fo strictly; that they will eat nothing, that ever had Life; nor fuffer fo much as a Fly to be kill'd, for fear of disturbing a Father, Mother, &c. They fay, that. the Soul of a Drunkard, goes into a Swine; of a Lustful Man, into a Goat; of a Proud Man, into a Licn; of an Idle Man, into an Als; of a Cruel Man, into a Tyger; of a Diffembler, into an Ate, &c.

When any one dies, he is buried in an open Tomb; and the Prieff fays thefe Words, over the Corpfe: This our Brother when alive, confifted of 4 Elements; let each take it's Share; Fire to Fire; Air to Air; Earth to Earth; and Water to Wa-

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The Roads throughout the Empire are very b. and lin'd on each E'de, with fine Trees.

In the S. Parts, it rains inceffantly, for 3 or 4 Months; and the Wind blows 6 Months S. and 6 Months N.

Here are Mines of Gold and Silver, precious Stones, Cotton, Silk, Drugs; and feveral Sorts of wild Beafts; as particularly Rhinocerofes; which are bigger than our Oxen: This Beaft has but one Horn, a little above his Nofe.

The Great Mogul, to whom this Empire is fubject; is the richeft Prince upon Earth; his Throne is fo adorn'd with Gold and large Jewels; that its no where to be equall'd; 50,000 Horfe (befides Foot) are encampt at his Palace Gate. We are told, that when he travels, he is attended with 30,000 Servants, and 100,000 Soldiers: Hubner fays that in 1658 he had 50,000 Elephants, 216,000 Horfe, and 864,000 Foot. That he bas alfo a Guard of 100 Tartarian Ladies, arm'd with Bows, Simitars and Darts; commanded by one of their own Sex.

The Great Mogul is the Proprietor of all real Effates; and the Lives of the Subjects are at his Difpofal. His Laws are very fevere against Offenders; who when judg'd worthy of Death, are executed by Elephants.

In the Km. of Guzarate on the Gulph of Cambaya, Lat. 21, is Surat, a famous C. and an important Port: The Dutch have a Factory here; and fo have the English; it is indeed the Staple of their Trade in the E. Indies.

II. The Peninfula within, or on this Side the C 5 Ganges, Ganges, has the Bay of Bengal on the E. the Mogul's Empire on the N. the Arabian Sea on the W. and the Indian O on the S. It's 1000 Ms. 1. and 480 b. The Air is very hot, and Soil fruitful; the Commodities are Silk, Spices, Drugs, &c. It contains feveral Kms. as Decan, where are fome good Ports; particularly Bombay, which has an Harbour capable of receiving 1000 Ships:-Its fubject to the English.

On the S. W. of this is Goa (an I. 20 Ms. r.) Goa is alfo a great firong T. fubject to the Portuguese; as is most of the Km. of Canora.

Here is likewise the Km. of Malabar, about 300 Ms. l. and 140 b. The chief Product is Pepper. Calicut is the Cpl

The Inhabitants are Pagans, Mahometans, and Chriffians of St. Thomas. As they are also in the Km. of Ccromandel; which lies E. of this.

Father Martin, fays, that when the Prince of Marata died (viz. in 1710) he faw his 47 Wives burnt with his Corpfe, in the following Manner.

A Pile of Wood (furrounded with a Ditch) was built without the T. on the Top was laid the Corpfe, richly drefs'd; after it was fix'd came the Women, deck'd with Jewels and Flowers: Having walk'd feveral Times round the Pile; they flung themfelves one after another, into the midit of the Flames: The first faid *fbe was fenfible that fbe was throwing herfelf headlong into Hell*: Tho' fome of them shewed great Intrepidity, yet they roar'd dreadfully, tumbled over one another, and flrove in vain to get to the brim of the Pit; for great Pieces of Wood were cast on them: After they were all recker.'d Deitics. He adds; This Custom only, prevails among Perfons of the highest Quality.

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The Km. of Golconda lies on the W. Side of the Bay; and reaches to Indoftan: It's 5 or 600 Ms. 1. Dr. Fryer fays, that the K. of this Country keeps an Army of 100,000 Men, and yet pays a Tribute of 400,000 l. per Ann. to the Great Mogul.

About 96 Ms. E. of this, is a rich Diamond Mine, which has employ'd 60,000 Perfons in working it.

Between the S. E. of this Peninfula and Ceylon, lie the *Pearl Banks*: They are Rocks of White Coral Stone; to which flick the Oysters, that contain them: They live about 6 Years; after which the Shells open, and the Pearl drops: The Merchants therefore have them fearched every Year, to fee if the Shells be ripe; upon Notice of their being fo; they hire Boats and Divers, to gether the Oifters: Most of them indeed have no Pearls; but fome have many; from 5 to 8 a piece: They are rub'd with Salt, and powder'd Rice, to give them a Glofs.

On the Coafts of Coromandel is the Km. of Tranquebar: The Cpl. of the fame Name, from a mean Village is become a rich, and one of the largest Cs. in the E. Indies. It was built by the Danes; and is in their Hands; who have fent Miffionaries to convert the Natives to Christianity feveral Years ago. And the Apostle St. Thomas is faid to have come to this Country.

About 40 Ms. N. of this, on the Coaft of Malabar, is Fort St. David; which belongs to the English; who from hence bring a great deal of Callico, and Muslin:

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Tho' there are in this Peninfula many Jews and Chriftians; yet the Natives are groß Idolaters. They build Pagods to Monkeys in fome Parts, and worfhip them. - Many worfhip all Day what they fee first in the Morning.

There are feveral other Kms. in this Country, as Bifnagar, Narfinga, Canano, &c. fome of which are mostly subject to the Dutch: as Part of others are to the Portuguese, which I pass by and proceed.

111. The Peninsula beyond, or on the other Side the R. Ganges, has the Bay of Bengal on the W. China on the E. Indostan on the N. and the Indian O. on the S. It's 1440 Ms. 1. and 750 b. in the N. It comprehends many confiderable Kms. as particularly.

1. Pegu on the W. Coaft; the K. of this Country was once very rich and powerful: Several Ks. and States were fubject to him: In 1567, when he befieged Siam, he had with him 26 Ks. bis Vaffals, and 1,400,000 Men; and yet it held him 21 Months; but this Km. is now fo diminished and reduced, that its become fubject to the K. of Ava; who is a great and mighty Prince.

2. Tonquin or Tunquin, in the N. E. It Borders upon China, which it was formerly fub-

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ject: It's 400 Ms. 1. and 150 b. faid to contain 20,000 Cs. and Ts. Cecio or Ceco, is the Cpl. which is called 20 Ms. r. and faid to confift of 18 or 20,000 Houfes. The Villages are innumerable; there are fome upon the Water.

The K. of this Country has kept an Army of 2000 Elephants, 12,000 Horfe, 2 or 3,00,000 Foot, and 500 Gallies. He has a Land Tax of 9 d. per Annum for every 80 fquare Yards of Arable Land.

The Commodities are Silk, Cocoa, &c.

The Priests here are called *Talopins*, in other Parts *Bonzis*; in a Flood they preach one after another for many Hours, every Day to a great Audience. Many in this Km. worship the 5 Parts of the E. (counting the Middle one) drest in Cloaths of 5 different Colours; but the Danish Missionaries have converted a great many in these Parts.

The Inhabitants of this Country dye their Teeth black; both Men and Women drefs alike; many have no Glafs Windows, nor Chimnies; but make their Fire out of Doors.

3. Cochinchina: This lies S. of Tonquin, upon its own Bay, over-against the I. Hainum. Its 5 or 600 Ms. 1. and 200 b. Reckon'd to be as big as France. Sinuva is the Cpl. The K. of this Country goes out of his Palace but once a Year, to receive Homage from his Vassal the K. of Civa.

4. Siam, one of the largeft in all the Peninfula; it extends from Shore to Shore; E. and W. and S. almost to the Line, between Borneo, and Sumatra: It contains feveral Kms. The

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The Cpl. Siam, is a very great C. 9 or 10 Ms. r. There are in it 200 Fagods (or Temples) with Statues of Gold. Upon an Altar in the great Pagod, there are Figures of Maffy Gold, about the Height of a Man. And beyond thefe is another 45 Foor high, and 7 or 8 b. all of Gold; computed to be worth 1,000,000 l. And the Royal Palace is covered with Gold.

The S. Part of this Km. is called *Malucca*: Its 270 Ms. l. tho' but narrow. *Malucca* the Cpl. is a great T. fubject to the Dutch. This Country is divided into 10 Provinces; which fome term Kms.

Every Subject in Siam is oblig'd to ferve the K. Gratis for half the Year. The People wear nothing on their Heads, Feet and Legs.

The K. marries his own Sifler, and any Man marries as many Wives as he will, but fhe that brings him a Portion is called his Great Wife.

The Europeans hire Wives, for any Term of Time.

The Monfoons (i. e. the Periodical, or Trade Winds) blow here N. and S. The S. begins in January, and the N. in July: About the Spice Is. they blow E. and W. E. from September to April; and then the continual Rains begin.

In these Parts is the terrible Typhon; (i. e. a circular Hurricane) it rifes in the W. and goes r. (encreasing) in about 20 Hours; it bears down all before it; and makes difinal Work between this Country and Japan; but it comes (as we are told) but once in 6 or 7 Years.

Persia lies from 65 to 105 Ds. of Lon. from 24 to 44 of Lat. It's about 2,400 Ms. 1. and 1200 b. It has the Mogul's Empire on the E. Tartary and the Cafpian Sea on the N. Afiatick Turkey on the Is. r.

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Sir John Chardin, (who liv'd many Years in this Country) fays, its very populous for 6 or 7 Ms. about a great T. and then Defart for 40 or 50 Ms: That Snow lies for 6 or 7 Months on the Top of the Mtns. in the N. Parts.

In the Middle is Ispahan the Cpl: It stands upon the R. Zenderu, brought through a Mtn; a Work which employ'd for 20 Years, sometimes 20,000, and sometimes 100,000 Men. It's a great and noble C. 24 Ms. r. encompassed with a Mud Wall; it's reckoned to contain as many Souls as London: The Market Place is one of the largest and most stately in the Universe: It is 710 Paces 1. and 210 b.

The Royal Mosque, (or Temple) is a rich and grand Structure, taking up 3 or 4 Acres of Ground. In the Midst of the C. stands a surprising Pillar, built of Beasts Bones, and Horns.

There are a great many Suburbs, and I that contains 4000 Houfes, and 12 Churches. It's inhabited by Armenians.

The English, Dutch, and Portuguese, have all Factories here.

The Holftein Ambassador fays, that there are about this C. 1,460 Villages, chiefly employ'd in the Silk Manufacture. We are told that 20,000 Bales * are Yearly exported. Raw Silk is fold at 2s. 6d. per Pound.

The 2d C. is Taurus, wherein are 15,000 Houfes; and as many Shops; 250 Molques, and

* N. B. A Bale is 216 Pounds,

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273 Baths. The Governor's Revenue is about 100,000 l. per Ann.

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The Cpl. of the N. is Derbent (lately taken by the Muscovites) It lies in the 49th D. of Lat. at the Foot of Mt. Caucasus, upon the Caspian Sea.

The Cpl. of the S. is Gambroon, upon the Gulph: It is the beft Landing Place on the Coaft: The Englifh and Dutch Merchants drive a great Trade here in Pearls, Calicoes, &c. Geographers fay the Wind changes 3 or 4 Times a Day hereabouts.

At the Mouth of the Gulph is the Province and I. of Orimus; 1.2 Spanish Ms. from the Continent, it's 9 Ms. r.; it was in the Posseficient of the Portuguese, but by the help of the English, recover'd in 1672. Some Part of this I. is cover'd with good Salt.

This vast Country is divided into 10 Provinces, every one of which is govern'd by a *Chan* or Viceroy; who is an abfolute Prince; only he is obliged to have ready at the K's. Call, a certain Number of Soldiers.

This Monarch's Title is the Great Sophi: He is call'd the Lieutenant of Ali; whole Return the Perfians are in daily expectation of: The Effates and Lives of the Subjects are at the K's Disposal: His Court is vastly grand; when Embassadors are admitted, he fits upon a Gold Carpet, and abundance of Gold Vessels are placed about him: His Army and Houshold are maintain'd without any Expence to him. His Annual Revenue is computed to 2,500,000 l.

The ancient Perfians worfhipped the Sun, Fire, &c. to these they facrific'd. Their baptizing of Infants pair tho try ligid are or l mar then prom W wort alfo their

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About 500 Years before Chrift, there arofe in Perfia, a famous Imposter, Zoroaster: He indeed reformed the Religion of the Magians; (who held that there were 2 Principles, one Good, and the other Evil) and afferted, that there was one superior to both; and their Creator. But he faid that he had been taken up to Heaven, and that he brought Fire from thence; and placed it upon one of their Altars, from which it was carry'd to all the rest; and carefully kept in. But his Doctrine was extirpated about 1,100 Years after, by Mahometanism; which now generally prevails; with this Difference from the Turks, that they fay Ali was the true Successor of Mahomet; whereas the Turks fay Osmon.

The Patriarch of the Perfians refides at Ifpaban; that of the Turks at Bagdat. But tho' Mahometanism is established in this Country; yet there is a general Toleration of all Religions

All Marriages are in the Name of Alla (i. e. God) Mahomet, and Ali: The Form (as we are told) in fome Parts is this. The Molla or Prieft links the Hands of the Man, and Woman in a Cow's Tail; pours Oil upon them, bleffes them, drives the Cow into the Water, and then pronounces them Husband and Wife.

Wives are bought here with Money, and Money worth, which is returned if they part. They may alfo be hired : But Men do what they will with their Slaves.

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The Perfians are very inquifitive into future Events; fond of Aftrology, and very devout: They pray 3 Times a Day, and beginning any of Work of Importance.

The Grandecs dine upon a painted Cloth, (as big as the Room) fpread on the Floor: They use Handkerchiefs tuck'd in their Girdles, instead of Napkins: The Ladies wear their Hair down, and Strings of Pearls from their Heads to their Breasts. The common Drinks in this Country are Water and Coffee.

Ogilby fays, that when a Woman has hard Labour here, her Friends creep 3 or 4 Times under a Camel's Belly; or run to the next School, and beg or buy off all Offenders; which they think meritorious, and ferviceable to the poor Woman.

The Perfians bury 5 Hours after Death, having wash'd the Corpfe in Rose-Water; they put on its best Cloaths; many fing before it to the Grave; where the Molla reads a Chapter of the Alcoran; then takes up the Head, holds it a while, then lays it down again; after, it's placed without a Cossin, on the right Side, with the Face to wards the W. then a second Chapter is read, afterwards he holds fome Earth over its Face, and reads a third Chapter, and then they leave it.

Our Author fays, that they carry old Perfons in a Cage to a Mtn. where they are left to flarve.

In Perfia, and many Parts of the E. Indies, are a Set of Philosophers, call'd Bramans, and Bramines; very remarkable for their abstemious Way of living, they act as Prietts, are effected as

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Turkey in Afia lies from 12 to 46 Ds. of Lat. from 47 to 80 of Lon. It's bounded on the W. by Thracius Bolphorus, (or Straits of Conftantinople) the Archipelago, Levant, Ifthmus of Sucz and the Red Sea; on the S. by the Straits of Babelmandel, and the Indian O. on the E. by Perfia, and the Arabian Sea; and on the N. by the Euxine, (or Black) Sea and Circaffia; a Country upon the Borders of Muscovy between the Euxine and the Cafpian Sea. It's about 2040 Ms. 1. and 1980 b. It contains Natolia, Arabia, Syria, and the Euphratian Provinces.

Natolia, (or Afia Minor) has the Euxine Sea on the N. the Euphratian Provinces on the E. the Levant on the S. and the Archipelago on the W. So that it's a fort of a Peninfula.

The Air in this Country is various; the Soil is very good; but it wants Rain in many Parts. The Commodities are Oil, Raw Silk, &c. A great deal of the Inland Provinces lies in a manner uncultivated; as do many other Countries that are under the Ottoman Yoke.

In this Part of Turkey are feveral of the Provinces and Places, that are mentioned in the Bible. Here are St. John's 7 (once) famous Churches: Ephefus, Sardis, and Laodicea; which are now, poor mean Villages: But Pergamus and Thyatira are in a tolerable Condition: Philadelphia is pretty well peopled; the Chriftians are reckoned to be about 2000: Smyrna is a great and populous C. It's the best Port in those Parts, and has one of the finest Harbours in the World, World; upon a Gulph of the Archipelago: It's the grand Rendezvous of Merchants, from various Nations. This C. is called 24 Ms. r. About 60 Ms. N. flood the famous C. Troy; now in Ruins.

Mount Ararat (on which Noah's Ark refled after the Deluge) is by fome fuppofed to be in this Country.

Arabia is about 1500 Ms. 1. and 900 b. It hath Diarbeck, the Gulph of Persia, and Arabian Sea on the E. Palestine on the N. the Red Sea on the W. and Main O. on the S. It's divided into 3 great Parts, viz. Arabia Petraa, Deserta, and Felix. The Air is very hot, and Soil various; as the feveral Names import.

Arabia Felix is the largest; It takes in all the S. Part. The W. Coasts are dry and barren, notwithstanding it's Name.

The Gazetteer makes Sanaa (on the Red Sea) the Cpl. But the most confiderable C. is Mecca: It ftands in a Valley, incompassed with Mtns. It confifts of about 6000 Houfes. It's Death for any Christian to come within 5 Ms. of this Place. : The C. fubfifts by Pilgrims; who come with the Caravan, 90 or 100,000 in a Body : They bring most of their Provision along with them; and pay very dear for what they buy here : When they are within 6 or 7 Days Journey of the C. they firip themfelves; tye bits of Cotton about their Waifts; put on thin Shoes; and fo walk to the, C. When they come there; they first wash, put off their Shoes, and then go to the Temple; which is vaftly large; like the Royal Exchange, but near ten Times as big : Here the Pilgrims walk

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walk or run r. the Beat Allah, * Bow to, kifs and adore a Stone, at the Corner of it, hundreds at a Time. The Beat has a fine Covering, and many coffly Ornaments; the Covering is every Year fold to the Pilgrims, at a great Price: When the Pilgrims have been here fome Time, they go 60 or 70,000 in a Body, to the Hill Mina, or Muna; (where they fay Abraham offered up his Son Ifaac) and each throws 7 Stones, at a little old Pillar; (which they call throwing Stones at the Devil) thefe they fancy the Angels to gather up, before the next Year: Some are above a Year in performing this Pilgrimage. Every Muffelman is obliged to undertake it, once in his Life; either in Person, or by Proxy.

At this C. 571 Years after Christ, was born that Grand Imposter Mahomet. (or properly Mahomed) of one of the nobleft Families in all the C. but his Father dying when he was but 2 Years old, all the Power and Wealth of the Family devolved (according to the Laws of the Country) to his Uncle; who brought him up to Merchandize, and fent him into Syria ; when 25 Years old he left his Uncle, and became Factor to Cadigha, a rich Widow, whom he marry'd 3 Years after: Being thus become poffect of a large Fortune, he for fome Years affum'd Authority, and took State upon him; when 38, he left Bufinefs, and fet up for a Propher, (but as he had liv'd a vicious Life) he first pretended to reform himfelf: With this Pretence, he retir'd every Morning to the Cave Hira, profeffedly to medi-

* A Pillar of Stone in the Midst of the Temple.

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tate, falt, and pray; for the Space of 3 Years. He first work'd upon his Wife, by Means of a Fugitive Monk) and perfuaded her to believe that he faw Visions, and heard strange Voices in his Cave, and that he frequently convers'd with the Angel Gabriel, was one Night carried up into the 3d Heaven, &c. She was the first Profelyte to his Imposture : In the 40th Year of his Age, (having gain'd a Reputation of Sanctity) he began to propagate his Delusion, but privately the first 4 Years, during which, he perverted 10 or 11 Perfons of Note; then under his Uncle's Protection, he published fome Chapters of what is commonly call'd the Alcoran * (i. e. the Turkish Bible.) In his 44th Year he publickly declar'd himfelf to be the Great Prophet of God, fent to reclaim them from the Errors of Paganism, and to teach them the true Religion; which he faid was the old Religion, given to Adam, and reftor'd to Abraham; who taught it to his Son Immael, their Fore-father : To encourage the Arabians to embrace his new Doctrine; he promifed to all his Difciples a Paradife, (fuited to the Guft of that People) in which there were beautiful Women, cooling Rs. pleasant Fruits, &c. partly by Promifes, and partly by Threatnings, he gain'd over vast Multitudes; but being gravell'd by a Demand of Miracles, and forfook by fome of his Followers, he retired to Medina, took the Sword in Hand to back his Caufe, and taught those about him; not to dispute about, but fight for their Religion, and propagate it with Fire and Sword : He in this Way met with furprifing Suc-

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cels, and prevail'd over prodigious Numbers : But in the 63d Year of his Age, and 23d of his pretended Miffion, he was poifon'd by eating Part of a Shoulder of Mutton. His observing by his Trade into Egypt, Syria, and Palestine; that both Jews and Christians were divided into Sects, put him upon raifing himfelf a Party, by advancing a new Religion : The Arabians were a very ignorant People, and by frequent Converse with the Christians, less stiff for gross Idolatry, and better dispos'd for fuch a Change ; prepar'd for a Medley of Judai sm, Christianity and Paganism, with an Indulgence of Senfual Delights ; which is a Description of Mahometanism : And it is also to be remember'd that it was about this Time that the Bishop of Rome usurp'd the Title of Universal Head of the Christian Church.

This Man was the Founder of the Ottoman, or Turkish Empire, which now comprehends fo great a Parr of Europe, Afia, and Africa. The Mahometan Hegira (or Account of Time) commences July 16. 622 of the Christan Æra, from the Imposter's Flight to Medina, which is the next C. in this Country. Medina lies about 270 Ms. from Mecca; it's but a poor finall T. confifting of 1000 or 1200 Houses: Render'd famous by Mahomet's Tomb, which is in a Corner of the great Mosque : It stands on low Pillars of black Marble, cover'd with a Carpet of green Velvet; fent annual by the Grand Seignor; for the old one is every Year cut into innumerable Shreds, and fold by the Priefts as Relicks to the Pilgrims: It is fenc'd about with a Brafs Grate, and hung round with Silk Curtains, like a Bed : It has over it a Canopy of Silver embroider'd with Gold;

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fent Yearly by the Bassa of Egypt. About 100 Lamps are kept burning by it. The New Atlas fays, that it's Death for any Christian to come within 15 Ms. of this C.

The chief Product of this Country is Drugs and Spices: "Tis thought that the Wife Men who came to fee the Holy Child *Jefus*, liv'd in this Part; here is fuch Pleuty of Balm, Myrrh, and Franckincenfe. Here is likewife abundance of Coffice: The Tree at Maturity looks like an Appletree of 8 or 10 Years Growth: It's always Green; when the Bloffom talls, then appears the Fruit, like a large Cherry (within an Husk) which is the Berry.

In this Country are feveral large Provinces, and fome term'd Kms. of which very little is known; as for Inflance.

Aden, which lies down to the Straits of Babelmandel; the Cpl. is Aden; a large trading, rich, and populous C. It has only a forry Wall and a few Cannons.

Monab or March: The K. of this Country pretends to be defcended from Ali, Mahomet's Son in Law. This Prince acts as Mufti, or High Prieft; He has indeed no Temple in his Km. for fear of being murdered therein, as they fay Ali his Predeceffor was; but he goes every Friday in great Pomp, to a magnificent Tent, a M. out of T.; in which he flays about an Hour; during which he reads the publick Prayers, and makes a Sort of a Sermon, wherein he praifes God, and celebrates the Memory of Mahomet.

Arabia Petrea lies in the N. W. Part; upon the N. Part of the Red Sea and S. of Syria.

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The chief Scene of Mofes's Life, was in this Part of Arabia: He is thought to have led the Ifraelites out of Goshen (which lay E. of the R. Nile) through the Red Sea at Coromandel, near the N. End of it, where it's 15 or 20 Ms. over, and about 60 Yards deep.

'Tis fuppos'd that Job's Uz, Edom, Cush, &c. lay in the N. of this Country: That Ethiopia was not that vast Empire in Africa, but a Part of Arabia Petræa.

It is probable that Solomon's Servants travell'd through this Country to Ezion Geber; thought to be a Port on the Red Sca, the Harbour of that Prince's Ophir (or E. India) Fleer: Which Port is now either demolished or call'd by another Name.

Arabia Deferta, lies in the N. E. Part of this wide Country, bordering in the N. upon Diarbeck, feparated from it by the famous R. Euphrates; which rifing in Armenia Major, (or as fome fay from the Black Sea) divides the Euphratian Provinces from Natolia, Syria and Arabia Deferta, then being join'd with the R. Tygris, falls into the Gulf of Baffora, or Perfian Bay.

Syria is a Sort of a Triangle, of which the E. Part of the Mediterranean (or Levant) makes one Side, Westward.

Mr. Wells confiders this Country as containing 3 Governments, viz. 1. That of Aleppo; the Cpls. are Aleppo and Scanderoon.) 2. That of Damafcus; (the Cpls. are Damafcus, Jerusalem, &c.) 3. That of Tripoli; (the Cpls. are Tripoli, Gaza,

But most Geograghers divide it into Syria proper, Phenicia, and Palestine. Syria proper has D 2 Diarbeck

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Diarbeck on the E. Arabia on the S. the Levant on the W. and Natolia on the N. It's about 350 Ms. 1. and 250 b.

The chief Products are Silk, Spices, &c. In the N. E. Corner of the Levant is Scandercon, (or Alexandretta) a confiderable T. with a very fine Harbour: Near to this is the Ruins of a Pillar. called Jonah's Pillar; thought to be the Place where this Fish difgorg'd him. About 35 Ms. from this is Alepto; it's a great Mart, and pretty good C. 6 Ms. r. The Souls are call'd 250,000. Here is fuch Plenty of Grapes; that every one makes his own Wine, which is very good, and firong. About 200 Ms, S. of this is Dama (cus, (once the Cpl) thought to be one of the most ancient Cs. in the World: It's now a pleafant T. about 2 Ms. 1. furrounded with Gardens, for many Ms. Mr. Maundrel tells us of feveral Curiofities he faw here, one of which was a prodigious Stone; 21 Yards 1: and 4 thick.

Tho' this Place is fubject to the Turks, yet all Christians have full Liberty of Confeience. 45 Ms. W. of this is *Tyre*; once a famous C. now a mean Borough, of a few Houses; but here are noble Ruins. And 20 Ms. from Tyre is Sidon, the Seat of a Bassa.

As to Phenicia, the greatest Part of it is entirely ruit'd by the merciles Arabs.

Palifine, Judea, or the Holy Land, has Syria proper on the N. and E Arabia on the S. and the Levant on the W.

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Air is pleafant and healthful, but Soil not near fo fruitful as formerly; many Parts are dry and barren : It produces fcarce any Thing for the Merchants. In the S. Part is the Dead Sea ; which Maundrel fays is not Salt, but bitter ; he faw Birds fly over its and Shells on the Shore; he went into it, and found it ftrangely to bear up his Body : He fays Jordan is about 20 Yards over; and 3 deep. That a Cedar in Lebanon, was 12 Yards r. and that 5 Yards high it divided into 5 great Limbs; each as big as a great Tree. That the Dew of Hermon wets like Rain. That Jerufalem, once fo famous, is in difmal Ruins, and not above 3 Ms. r. The Popish Priests pretend to shew almost all the Places about this C. mentioned in the Bible; but no Credit is to be given to their Account. This poor Country is intirely fubject to the Ottoman Yoke ; and in most Places like a Wildernefs.

Judea is inhabited by Jews, Mahometans, and Chriftians: The Jewifh Creed is as follows.

1. That their is one God, and but one.

2. That the Law is perfect and perpetual.

3. That Chrift as a temporal Saviour is yet ex-

4. That Images are detestable.

5. That the Sabath (which is our Saturday) is firstly to be kept.

6. That there will be a Refurrection, and future State.

This People is a dreadful Monument of divine Vengeance, upon obstinate Infidels and impenitent Sinners.

The Eupbratian Provinces are fo called becaufe they lie upon or near to the R. Eupbrates. D 3 They

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They have Muscovy on the N. Persia on the E. Natolia on the W. And Arabia on the S. They are about 600 Ms. 1. and 480 b. The Eastern Part is fubject to the Sophi of Persia, and the Western to the Turks.

Armenia in the N. W. is 300 Ms. 1. and 280 b. The Soil in fome Parts is fo fruitful, that Wheat grows tipe in 60 Days, and Barley in 40.

Diarbeck lies S. between the Rs. Euphrates and Tygris: It's reckon'd to contain the Countries formerly called Melopotamia, Babylonia, (or Chaldea) and Affyria, upon the Borders of Perfia.

Diarbeck (the Cpl.) stands upon the Tygris: It's recken'd the most populous C. in all Assick Turkey: We are told, that there in it 20,000 Christians. It's also a Place of great Trade. Bagdat stands upon the R. Tygris; Which rifes in Armenia, and some Ms. below this C. stalls into the Euphrates. This is a very considerable Place about 8 or 9 Ms. r.

The Gazetteer fays that 38 Ms. from this Place (upon the *Euphrates*) flood ancient *Babylon*; once a prodigious C. Semiramis furrounded it with a Wall 25 Yards high, and 13 thick, fo broad, that 6 Coaches might pafs abreaft upon it: In the midft of the C. was a most furprizing Pyramid, 1000 Paces Square at the Bottom: There were 8 Towers one above another; the Height mention'd by fome Authors is incredible; Sir Ifaac Newton has given us the beft Plan of it.

Cyrus K. of Perfia took this vaft C. by a Stratagem: He turn'd the Courfe of the R. Euphrates, (which ran through it) and march'd his Army down the Channel: It's faid that one Part was invaded E.

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vas ed invaded by the Perfians, 2 or 3 Days before all Parts knew that it was taken; * we are told that Cyrus found herein 400,003,000 l. And that Alexander afterwards transplanted from it, 5 or 600,000 Souls.

Aflatick Is. And first, those in the Mediterraneanz: Which lie S. S. W. and W. of Natolia: Their Number is very great; tho' the confilerable Is. are called 12; of these Cyprus (the most Eastern) is the largest. It lies about 60 Ms. from the Continent: It's 170 Ms. 1. and 47 b. Candia or Creta is 185 Ms. 1. and 38 b. Rhodes is about 150 Ms. r. Scio is 120 Ms. r. we are told, that there are in this I. 3000 Papists, 10,000 Turks, and 100,000 Greeks. Patmos, a Defart I. about 18 Ms. r. Leanos, Tenedos, Delos, Coos, &c.

Some of these Is. produce Wine, Fruits, &c. They are all subject to the Turk.

The Maldives are a String of Is. lying W. and S. W. of Malabar, from 6 Ds. of S. to 14 of N.-Lat. They are reckoned at least 1000: But many of them are cover'd with Crab-fifth; others with Penguin. (a Fowl like a Duck, that cannot fly.). These Is. are divided into 13 Provinces: Male is the chief, and Residence of the K. to whom they are subject. The Soil is vastly fertile; it produces 2 Grops a Year; Flesh is so cheap that, a Cow may be bought for 8 Pounds of Iron, and an Ox for 3 s. 6 d. and 400 Cocoa Nuts for 8 d. Most of the Vessels used here, are made of the Wood or Bark of the Cocoa Tree; and of the Shell of the Nut: With the Leaves

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they cover their Houfes, fome of which are built of Stone, gotten (as we are affur'd) out of the Sea, thus: The Natives (who are expert Divers) first fasten a Rope about a Stone, and then having bored Holes through very light Boards, they bring the Rope through the Holes, and then force them down Edgewife, one after another to the Stone, and fasten them there : When they had funk a proper Number of Boards, they float, and bring up great Stones, Cannons, &c.

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Different Trades are fix'd in different Is. and fo they depend one upon another.

The Natives are of an Olive Colour; they go naked; but were abundance of Rings and Jewels. They fave their Hair, and the Parings of their Nails, to be buried with them. Tho' the Women bring no Fortunes, yet they have Jointures: The Groom and his Friends bargain with the Bride's Friends; when the Prieft is fatisfied that they have agreed; he pronounces them Man and Wife; and then they go to feek the Bride.

Their Burials are thus: The Corpfe is wash'd, and cover'd with a fine Cloth; (which is the Prieft's Perquifite) the Right Hand is laid upon the Ear, and the Left upon the Thigh, and the Body upon the Right Side, with the Face towards Mecca; as it's convey'd to the Grave, the Relations of the Dead fcatter Corn, and give the Prieft Money, to pray for the Soul; which is done thrice at the Grave 3 after which he tells them, that it's got to Paradife; hereupon they make a great Feast; at which, and indeed all their Meals, they fit crofs Legg'd, on the Ground. The Women in thefe Is, make all their Yifits in the Night. This People are a Sort of Mahometany: At 15 every one appears at the Mosque, to profess his. Faith; which is a very odd one.

Ceylon lies at the Entrance of the Bay of Bengal, on the W. Side, near to Malabar: It's 250 Ms. 1. and 156 b. Befides Spices, this I. produces a great deal of Rice; the Seed is fleep'd before it's fown, and the Ground overflow'd, as it is feveral Times afterwards.

The Inhabitants were groß Idolaters, paying Adoration to their Prince, &c. But the Dutch (to whom a good Part of the I. belongs) have made many Converts, and (as we are told) fettled the Proteftant Religion here.

The chief of the Sunda (or Spice) Is. are I. Sumatra: It lies on both Sides the Line: It is about 780 Ms. 1. and 200 b. The Air is extremely hot, and the Soil generally good, tho' like a Spunge, it drinks in all the Rain that comes.

Pepper grows here like Hops, from a planted Root; it runs up a Pole; they hang in Clufters; (40 of a Bunch.) It bloffoms in April, knits in June, is Green in August, Red in October, and Black in December; when the Clufters are cut off and dry'd till the Grains fall out; as they will in 8 or 10 Days: One Plant bears 6 or 7 Pounds; but after 4 Years it declines.

This and feveral other Is. abound with Cloves, and Nutmegs. The Tree is like a Laurel; the. Fruit grows like Grapes; they are gathered from August to January, in fuch Plenty, that 131,670. Tuns have been Yearly exported. The Leaf (within a thick Husk) is the Mace; within that is the Nutmeg.

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The Priefts here are cloath'd all over to cloie, that their Garments look as if they were glued on; they have Horns on their Heads, hanging backwards, their Faces painted, and Tails hanging behind; becaufe (as they fay) their God appeared in this Form. The Laity have only Pieces of Linnen twifted about their Waifts.

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This I. is fubject to the Queen of Achem, or Achem; who is a powerful Princefs both by Sea and Land; the keeps 8 or 900 Elephants: She is Heir to all her Subjects that die without Male Heirs. But the Maritime Parts are fubject to the Dutch: The English have also Pepper Factories at Jambi, and are much esteem'd by the Queen.

Java lies very near to the S. Part of Sumatra. It's 660 Ms. 1. and 100 b. Bantam was, Jocatra (now Batavia) is the Cpl : It's a very large and Arong T. and its Harbour is one of the fafeft in the World : Here refides the Governor General of the Dutch E. India Company, who is exceeding grand and powerful.

It has very large Territories in these Parts, and ordinarily keeps 10 or 12000 Soldiers in Pay. The English have likewise some Factories here.

N. of this on both Sides the Line, lies Borneo; one of the largeft Is. in the World: It is about 700 Ms. 1. and 560 b. Here are many Mines of Gold and Diamonds: The Dutch have fome Places on the Coafts, and the chief Trade of the I. The Inhabitants are Part Pagans and Part Mahometans; very rude and ignorant: They fancy all Maladies to come from evil Spirits; and therefore facrifice to them in the open Fields. Women marry at 8, and bear at 9 Years of Age. Wives are are bought and fold here; fo that he who has many Daughters, is called rich. bill, as a france of the

E. of this I. lies Celebes, or Macassar: It is about 350 Ms. 1. and 240 b. Macassar is the Cpl. Jampamdam, &c. are in the Possessin of the Dutch. Borneo with feveral Is, E. of it is Ceram, Ternate, &c.) are called the Moluccas. Their chief Product is feveral Sorts of Spices. They are mossly subject to the Dutch. E. of these is New Guinea; where feveral European Nations have Forts, &c. And S. of the Maluccas is New Holland, a vast Gountry; but these are very imperfectly known.

N. of the Maluccas, towards China lie the Philipine I. from 5 to 21 Ds. of N. Lat. They are commonly call'd 1000. The chief of them is Luconia, or Manilla; 5 or 600 Ms. 1. and 180 b.

The Produce of these Is. is Rice, Wax, Honey, Grains of Gold, wash'd down from the Mtns. They are generally subject to the K. of Spain; who keeps a Viceroy here. N. of these 24 Ls. from China, is the I. of Formosa; a very truitful Spot. It's about 183 Ms. 1. and 70 b. The Chinese that inhabit is, are a Sort of a Republick: The Portuguese have fome Forts, &c. here: And the Dutch have one at Ovan, (the Cpl.) their Missionaries have taught 6 or 700 to read and write; and have converted many of the Natives.

About 800 Ms. E. of this lie the Ladrones, or Is. of Thieves; Guam is the chief; to which from Corientes in Mexico, (the fhortest cut from the W. to the E. Indies) is about 7,300 Ms. which Dampier fail'd. in 51 Days; i. c. above 143 Ms. per Day.

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Here are Apples call'd the Breadfruit; they are are baked and eaten as Bread; which Dampier fays is very good: Here is a fort of Wine (called Toddy) drawn from the Stump of a Cocoa Tree; by cutting off a Bough, and hanging at the Stump a Callabafh, into which the Juice runs, while the Fruit on the other Parts grows; of the Husk of the Nut are made Cables, Sail Cloths and Oaker for chalking of Ships.

Japan or Japon confifts of one great and feveral leffer 1s. The great one (commonly called Japan, but by the Inhabitants Niphon) lies from 157 to 172 Ds. of Lon. from 35 to 41 of Lat. It's about 500 Ms. 1. and 200 b. This Country produces Gold, Silver, Rice, Ivory, &c.

The Cpl. is Meaco; It's faid to have been 20 Ms. Land 8 b. But it has been much leffen'd by Fire; tho' it is now reckon'd as big as London: We are told, that it contains 180,000 Houfes. 2001 Ms. from this is Jeddo; where the Royal Treasure is kept. This C. is called 3 Ls. 1. and 2 b. and its faid to be as populous as most in Europe: The Royal Palace is cover'd with Gold; at a Diffance, it looks like a T. of Gold The grand Idol is of pure Gold, but of a frightful Shape : It's plac'd on Horfeback ; upon an Altar cover'd with Plate; the Houfings of the Horfe are embroider'd with Gold, and fet with Diamonds. Some call this C. the Cpl. but in 1658 100.000 Houses were burnt down in 2 Days. Here is indeed the flatelieft Temple in the Empire; in which is a monstrous Idol of Copper; Herbert fays, that his Chair is 70 Foot high and So b. His Head big enough to hold 15 Men; and his Thumb 40 Inches r.. The Top of this Idol

Idol reach'd to the Roof of the Temple. In the Road between these 2 Cs. was another Idol of Copper, call'd Nabis; 22 Foot high tho' kneeling. But the Popish Missionaries pretend to have converted Multitudes : They fay, that there were once 600,000 Christians in this Country; but that in 1616 (upon the Jesuits meddling with Affairs of State) a dreadful Perfecution arole, in which most of them were put to Death.

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The 3d C. is Surunga, which is prodigiously large. In it one of the Emperor's Sons usually refides.

The 2d I. is Bengoximo. About 60 Ms. 1. and 30 b. The 3d is Fivando, or Fucato. The 4th is Jesso, N. of Japan, (separated by a Strait 12 Ls. over.) The Cpl. is Matzumay: Where the Viceroy refides to receive the Emperor's Tribute : But how far this I. extends N. is unknown; fome think it joins to N. America.

The Emperor of Japan is a grand Monarch ; no lefs than 20 Ks. are tributary to him : his Revenue is call'd 283,000,000 Crowns, (or according to some Authors) 15,000,000 l. per Annum. 'Tis a Custom, not to cut either his Hair, or his Nails, after he is crown'd.

The Japannese are excefsive takers of Opium ; fometimes an Ounce at once; which only makes them giddy. Their common Cloaths are made of Calico. Murder is in this Country punished with a Fine. The Relations commonly take Revenge, and fo the fines are multiply'd: Adultery is punished with the Death of both Parties : We are told, that when a fober Japannese hears any one blafpheme God; or curfe himfelf; he generally uses this Phrase: Is not the Man a Fool to give bimsclf to the Devil, and renounce Paradise? AFRICA

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FRICA is a great Peninfula, for as it is feparated on the N. from the Continent of Europe, by the Mediterranean, fo it's join'd to Afia, on the N. E. by only the Ifthmus of Sues ; which is a Neck of Land (70 or 80 M. b) that lies between the Levant, (or most Eastern Part of the Mediterranean) and the Red Sea ; which Sea divides the 2 Continents, for about 1200 Ms. It's in fome Parts near 200 Ms. over. The Paffage out of this Sea, into the Main O. is called the Straits of Babel-mandel ; where the Current always fer's cut; as it fet's in, at the Straits of Gibraltar. As it is difficult to account for that prodigious Quantity of Water, that is poured into the Mediterranean by the Straits and many Rs. fo it is no lefs difficult, to conceive, how the Red Sea is fupply'd : I would therefore to remove both thefe Difficulties, fuppofe, (along with the Doctrine of Exhalations) a fubterraneous Paffage through the Ifthmus of Suez : But if there be in the former Straits, 2 Currents opposite to each other; an upper Current, running E. and a lower, running W. (as fome tell us) then there may be the like in the latter; and fo both the Difficulties vanish.

Africa has the Straits of Gibraltar, and the Mediterranean on the N. the faid Ifthmus, Red Sea and Indian O on the E. the Main O. on the S. and the Atlantick on the W. It lies from 1 to 68 Ds. of Lon. from 38 of N. to 34 of S. Lat. It is reckoned 4300 Ms. 1. and 4020 b.

It contains Egypt, Barbary, Bildu Igerid, Zaara, Negroland, Guinea, Æthiopia, and Nubia.

Egypt (once Mizraim) lies from 21 to 31 Ds. of N. Lat. From 33 to 63 of Lon. It is 600 Ms.

Ms. 1. and 3 or 400 b. It has the Red Sea and Ifthmus of Sucz on the E. Nubia on the S. Barbary, &c. on the W. and the Levant on the N. It's divided into 3 great Parts, call'd Lower, Middle and Upper. But the Air in each is very hot, and unwholefome : Nor is there oft any confiderable Rains to cool it. In fome Parts there are for feveral Days fuch Clouds of Duft as fuffocate Travelers. And yet the Soil is vafily fat and fruitful, by the Annual Innundation of the R. Nile for 3 or 4 Months: On this depend their Crops. If the R. rifes lefs than 16, or more than 24 Feet plumb, a Scarcity is apprehended. It's reckon'd

at the Height to be 300 Times as b. as the Channel. This R. is efteem'd one of the most famous in the World. It's computed to run 2000 Ms: It

rifes in Abyfina, from the Lake Dambea ; near which, it falls into a Cataract of 80 or 100 Feet floaping.

This furprizing Flood may be occasion'd by the continual Rains from many Months in Æthiopia, which caufe this, other Lakes, and many Rs. to overflow: They all empty themfelves into the Nile, and raife it to this prodigious Height.

Between this R. and the Red Sea lay the Province of Gofhen where the Ifraelites were plac'd.

Alexandria (built by Alexander the Great,) was call'd the largest C. in all the World : But Grand Cairo is the Cpl. it's one of the biggeft Cs. in Africa ; it's faid to be 48 M.r. It ftands on the E. Side of the R. a little above the Place, where it branches itfelf out into feveral Channels: It contains (as we are told) 16,000. Streets; Marshill us a star I timit 200,000

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ico,000 Houles; 10,000 Cooks Shoops; and 5,000 publick and private Mosques. The Streets of this great C. are watered twice a Day, and Water is set at every Door.

Nine Ms. from hence are prodigious Piles of Building, (called *Pyramids*.) One of them is 680 Feet square, and 520 high, and so wide at the Top, that 60 Men may stand upon only 4 Stones; the least of which is quite too big for any of our Carriages.

There are also in this Country, Pits from which are dug Mummies, (i. e. dry and uncorrupted Humane Bodies) with Plates of Gold under their Tongues, and Heads cover'd with Gold and Pearls.

Corn is fo cheap in Egypt that 1 d. will buy 7 Times as much Bread there as in England; and 22 or 24 Eggs; which are here hatch'd artificially; in the Sun, in Dung, and in Ovens; 75, or 80,000 at a Time.

Heylin tells us, that there are a great many Crocodiles upon the Coafts, which from an Egg grow to 30 Feet I. of which the Tail makes 15: That the Female lays 60 Eggs; hides them 60 Days; fits on them 60 Days; has 60 Teeth; 60 Bones in her Back; and oft lives 60 Years: They are amphibious, and have 4 Feet about half a Yard long.

The Quality's Servants in this Country are Eunuchs. All here ride upon Affes. The Women ride aftride; they are very leud; and colour their Faces with a naity Paint. Whoredom is not only allow'd, but encourag'd; yet it's common for Men to burn their Flesh when they go a Courting, to shew their Love to their Mistresses.

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Though there are some Jews here, yet the Egyptians are strict Mahometans.

There was once abundance of Christians in this Country; for Godean fays, that in the last of the Ten Perfecutions no less than 144,000 were put to Death here, and that a great many more died in Slavery and Banishment.

Egypt is subject to a Turkish Bashaw, who has 15 Governors under him, and a great Army; tho' his third of the Revenue is call'd but 12,000 l. per Annum. The Language of the Country is Arabick.

Barbary lies from 27 to 38 Ds. of Lat. from 7 to 52 of Lon. It's 2700 Ms. 1. and 600 b. It has Egypt on the E. Bildulgerid on the S. the Atlantick on the W. and the Mediterranean on the N.

As to the Air and Soil, fce Egypt. There are two Harvests in a Year in this Country.

The Commodities are Corn, Honey, Wild Beafts,

Barbary is divided into 6 Kingdoms, viz. 2 on the W. and 4 on the N. Tho' fome of them are more properly *Republicks*, under the Protection of the Turks, whole Bashaw is very tyrannical, where he has Power. Tho' these are in some Parts but meer Cyphers, for as the People live intirely by Pyracy, and are the greatest Rogues in the Universe, (commonly call'd Corfars or Rovers) so they are governed by a Divan, i. e. a Council of 48, and a President (call'd the Dey.) But this is to be understood of those that lie upon the Coasts.

The Kms. are 1 Morocca. Subject to its own Prince, who has the Title of Emperor; he is a very arbitrary and defpotick Monarch: One of them

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them is faid to have flain with his own Hands 20,000 of his Vaffals; who were thought to go frait to Paradife. N. of this, and feparated from it by the R. Azamor, is the Km. of *Fez*: Part of Old *Mauritania*. The chief Cs. are Old and New *Fez*: The former is a great C. 120 Ms. from the Mediterranean: It has 86 Gates, 200 Streets, and 700 Molques. New Fez is about 1 M. from the Old. Both are reckoned to contain 300,000 Souls; of which 4 or 5000 are Jews; who are the chief Bankers in the Kingdom.

Just within the Straits of Gibraltar lies Ceuta, which is in the Hands of the Spaniards. It has been many Years befieged by the Natives but in vain. E. of this Km is that of Aigiers: The Cpl. is Algiers, over-against Minorca. It was a great C. It had 107 Mosques, and 14000 Houses; which contain'd 5 or 6 Families each. But in 1088, the French threw into it 10,420 Bombs, which almost demolish'd it: But it's long fince rebuilt, and the Inhabitants are the most noted and riches Rogues in the World.

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E. of this is the Km. or rather Republick of *Tunis.* The Op! is *Tunis*, it flands 9 Ls. from the Ruins of Old Carthage, in a Plain, at the Bottom of its own Gulf. It's one of the beft Bays in the Mediterranean. And E. of this is the Republick of *Tripoli*: The Cpl. is *Tripoli*, another Neft of Pyrates. And E. of this is the Km. of *Barca*; it's very large, reaching to Egypt on the E. but a great Part of it is very barren, and no better than a Defart.

S. of Barbary, between it and Bildulgerid, lie the Arlas Mtns. which (befide N. and S.) run from E. to W. quite crofs the Continent.

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The Inhabitants of this vaft Country are call'd Moors. They are Mahometans, and have fo great a Veneration for the Alcoran, (which they call the Word of God) that they walk oft for fear of defiling it. Their common Phrafe is this : As there is one God, fo Mahomet is bis Prophet. But they have many very odd Cuftoms.

They throw into the Straits feveral Wax Candles, and a Pot of Oil, as a Sacrifice to Marabbot, a Saint which they fay lies on their Shore; and when in Danger, they offer to him 2 or 3 Sheep.

The Women here paint their Hands and Feet; and wear Rings of Gold, &c. about their Legs and Arms: In Summer they go in their Smocks. Matches are always made by the Parents, without any Courting: The Men fee not the Women till they go to Bed; for they are conftantly vail'd, and will not fpeak to their own Husbands in the Streets.

No Vice is here fo common as Sodomy. Idiots are thought to be infpired.

The Tables in this Country are about 4 or 5 Inches high; to which the Natives fit crofs-legg'd upon the Ground.

B ldulgerid (the ancient Numidia) lies from 25 to 33 Ds. of Lat. from 4 to 56 of Lon. It's about 3000 Ms. 1. and 480 b. It has the Defart on the S. Egypt on the E. Barbary on the N. and the Atlantick on the W. The Air here is prodigious hor, and Soil ve y barren; tho' it produces Corn, Cattle, Dates, &c.

The Natives are ignorant, rude, and addicted to Robbery. Here are a great many petty Ks;

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but all or almost of them are subject to the K. of Morrocco. Mahometanism is profest, but Paganism prevails. The indeed both the Country and Inhabitants are little known to the Europeans.

Zaara (or Defait) is Part of ancient Lybia. It lies from 22 to 28 Ds. of Lat. from 2 to 43 of Lon. It's about 2400 Ms. and 360 b. It has: Bildulgerid on the N. and E. Nigritia on the S, and the Atlantick on the W.

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The Air is fultry, and Soil dry; Water is fo fcarce here, that a Camel (as we are told) has fometimes been kill'd, for the Water he carried in his Stomach. The Commodities of this Country are very inconfiderable. As to Religion, fome are Mahometans, and fome of no Religion at all.

Zaara is faid to be divided into 10 Kms. the Lords or Princes of which are call'd Xeques.

Nigritia (or Negroland) lies from 8 to 23 Ds. of Lat. from 1 to 43 of Lon. It's 900 Ms. b. and above 2000 l. It has Nubia on the E. Zaara on the N. the Atlantick on the W. and Guinea on the S. It's divided into 2 grand Parts by the River Niger, the largeft R. in Africa: It runs (by Computation) 2800 Ms. and then falls into the Atlantick at Senegal Bar, over against the Cape Verde Is.

Tho' the Air is intollerable hot, yet those Parts that lie near the R. are very fruitful. Here are Elephants and other Beafts: Some Mines of Gold and Silver, &c. but the chief Export is Slaves, which are generally Blacks: On the the Coafts not only Captives, but Wives and Children are fometimes fold: The English have almost monopolized the Negro Trade: They have employed 100 Ships in transporting Slaves from hence into Ar of

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This Country contains 15 or 16 Kms. But mamy abfolute Princes pay an acknowledgement to the K. of *Tombute*, who is a mignty Monarch 3 as is alfo the K. of *Mandinga* on the Western Coasts. He has the Title of Emperor; feveral of the Guiuea Ks. are subject to him. The Natives (call'd Soufo's) that live in Ts. are part Mahometans, and part Pagans 5 who worship Trees, Rocks, yea even the Devil himself: But those that live in Defarts, have scare either Religion or Laws. The Defarts are so dry that Travellers are forced to carry their Water along with them 4 or 500 Ms.

Mr. Jobson tells us a comical Story of one of these Ks. (viz. the K. of Ale) that when he holds a Council, he causes a Ditch to be dug 3 Foot deep; towards which he and his Lords hang down their Heads, while they confult about Atfairs of State, when the Counsel breaks up; the Soil is thrown in again, and the K. withdraws, faying these Words. "This Ditch will keep our "Secrets."

This Author affares us, That Wives are bought in this Country for Cocoa Nuts (50 a common Price) that when when the Bargain's, the Groom and his female Friends carry off the Bride in the Night: That the young Men make a fnew of refcuing her. That the Ladies paint upon their Bodies, feveral Beafts, and go naked to fnew their Paint.

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That the Women do not lie with their Husbands, while they are big or fuckle; but that Plurality of Wives is allowed: That Children go quite naked till 15 Years old. That Drums are in this Country made of hollow Trees, open at one End, and cover'd at the other with Goat Skins.

Guinea (call'd by fome part of Nigritia) lies from 5 to 13 Ds. of Lat. from 6 to 34 of Lon. It's 1600 Ms. 1. and 480 b. It has Ethiopia on the S. and E. Nigritia on the N. and the Atlantick on the W. Tho' the Air is extremely hot, yet the Soil is very fertile: Here are 2 Winters; 2 Summers, and 2 Harvefts in a Year.

This Country is divided into 4 great Parts, and 52 Kms. fome of which are very fmall. e. g. that of *Quoja*. Snoek fays, that when he faw the K. of this Part, he had on a brown Cloak, and Woollen Cap; that all his Robes were not worth 2 l. and yet he had 400 Wives, and 12 Sons, who ruled each a few Huts, and 4 Daughters, who got their Living by wh-ring.

But fome of them are very great and powerful; befides the Emperor of Guinea, (to whom many Princes are fubject) there is in the E. the K. of Benin, whofe Vaffals feveral neighbouring Ks. are: Benin (his Cpl.) is one of the largeft Cs. in Africa. The People of this Km. are the most polite of all the Negroes: They ufe Circumcifion; own a God that created all Things; and that he is a good Being; yet they have many Idols: They worship the Devil, for fear he should hurt them. They offer Sacrifices (fometimes humane) to him; and once a Year to the Sea: They always go naked from the Waiste upwards; and have many many odd Cuftoms. Every Widow here becomes a Slave to her own Son; tho' he cannot fell her without the Ks. Leave.

In fome Parts of this Country (Travellers tell us) the Women go quite naked : They have Ivory Rings to their Nofes, which hang down to their Chins; their Hair reaches the Ground, of which they make themfelves Turbants.

Snoek tells us, that there are in Guinea Elephants 4 Yards high; and that the Corn here is Millet, which has 3 or 4 Ears upon one Stalk, each of which produces 300 Grains: That it is fold at 10 d. per Strike, and Rice at 1 d. per Pound: That when any one dies, all the Male Neighbours come to the House, and run up and down as if they were stark mad; while the Women cry out as hard as ever they can for 24 Hours: Then the Corpse is carried to the Place where the Person was born; and buried there, with one Pot of Rice, and another of Palm Wine.

The chief Commodities of this Country are Ivory, Gold, and Gold Duft wash'd down from the Mans. in fuch Plenty, that 23 Tuns are Yearly exported; hence one of the Coasts is called the Golden, another the Ivory or Tooth Coast; from the Abundance of Ivory in that Part: And a 3d is called Malaquette; because it produces a vast deal of long Pepper.

Divers European Nations have Settlements upon these Coasts. The Danes have 14; the Pruffians'2; the Portuguese several; the English 4 or 5; (e. g.) at Sherbro, the I. of Lemberman (in the 6th D. of Lon. and 6th of N. Lat. It's about 70 Ms. 1.) &c. But the Dutch have more than

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than any of them: Tho' these Settlements are generally only fo many Forts with 15 or 20 Guns, and a few Men.

Nubia lies from 9 to 23 Ds. of of Lat. From 44 to 57 of Lon. It is about 840 Ms. 1. and 570 b. It has Egypt on the N. Nigritia on the W. and Ethiopia on the S. and E.

The Air is vafily hot, and there's little Rain: The Soil is fruitful about the R. Nile, and barren in other Parts. Here are Gold, Civet, Ivory, &c.

The Sheep in this Country have monftrous Tails; weighing 25 and 30 Pound.

Nubia is govern'd by its own Prince; who is very power^cil: His Cpl. is Dancala, upon the R. It confifts of 10,000 Houfes, and is pretty populous.

Christianity was once planted here ; but the People are either Pagans or Mahometans: Tho' indeed this Country is very imperfectly known.

Ethiopia comprehends all the S. of Africa, from Sea to Sea; and is reckon'd about half the Continent: It comprehends a many great and mighty Nations: It's call'd 3,600 Ms. long, and 2,180. b.

It is first divided into Interior and Exterior, or Upper and Lower. The former call'd (Abyfinia) lies from 9 Ds. of N. to to 16 of S. Lat. From 38 to 61 of Lon. which makes it 1500 Ms. 1. and 1380 h. But fome extend it not near fo far; they make it about 1000 Ms. 1. and 900 b. It has Nubia, Nigritia, &c. on the N. and Lower Ethiopia on the E. S. and W.

The Air is very cold upon fome of the Hills; but the Vallies are warm and populous. The Soil is fruitful about the R. Nile, but mountainous and an Pla cov

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and barren elfewhere. We are told that there is one Plain or Defart, 3 or 4 Days Journey over; that is cover'd with a Sort of Salt.

The Products are Gold, Corn, Cattle, &c. Flesh is so cheap here, that an Ox is bought for 3 s. 4 d.

This Country contains 26 Kms. The' the only confiderable Prince had formerly (according to fome) the Name and Title of *Preftor John*; (i.e. Apoftolick Prince of Slaves) he's now call'd K. of Ks. He is an abfolute Monarch : And is ador'd by his Subjects. We are told that at every Coronation, the following Ceremony is observ'd.

As his Majefty is walking over rich Carpets, he is ftopt with a Silk Cord, held crofs the Street, by young Ladies; who (upon his reaching the Line) cry out thrice, Who's there? To which he answers, I am the King of Sion; and then with his Sword cuts the Cord afunder: Upon which they all cry out; Verily thou art the King of Sion.

We are affur'd, that though there be many Jews and Mahometans in this Country; yet the Main Body is Christians. Friday, Saturday, and Sabbath-Day, are all observed here by several Sorts of People; many Circumcise out of Custom, and Baptize also.

It is a current Tradition amongst the Abyssins; that the Queen of Skeba who went to visit Solomon, was Empress of this Country: That soon after her Return, she was deliver'd of a Son begotten by Solomon; who after some Years went to Jerusalem; where he was by his Father instructed in the Jewish Religion; and assumed the Name of David his Grandsather. And some have thought that the Eunuch which Philip baptized, came from hence; and upon his Return converted E

his Countrymen to Chriftianity. But it is highly probable that both the Sheba and Ethiopia, mention'd in the Bible, lay much nearer to Judea, in fome Part of Arabia. But be this as it will; we are affured that this Péople have the Bible entire; and that they look upon it as the Rule of Faith and Practice. Several Attempts have been made to pervert them to Popery, which once occasion'd great Effusion of Blood; prov'd all in vain; and at laft occasion'd the Banishment of all the *Portuguese* Miffionaries out of the Empire.

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Ethiopia Exterior lies from 22 Ds. of N. to 35 of S. Lat. From 30 to 68 of Lon. It includes a prodigious Tract of Ground ; from the S. of Egypt to the Straits of Babelmandel; and from thence along the Coaft S. W. to the Cape of Good Hope ; and N. again on the W. Coaft up to Guinea; which makes, it above doco Ms. upon the Coafts : But it is divided into a great many Parts; fome of which are called Empires, others Kms. and fome which we fcarce know the Names of, or little more than the Names. (e.g.) The Kms. or Provinces of Amamir, and Dangali, lie down by the Red Sea. N. E. of these is the Km. of Adel, which extends to the Frontiers of Abyflinia; but here is little known except the Cpl. Zeilu; (over against Aden in Arabia) which has a good Harbour on the Red Sea.

Southwards on the Coaft's lie the Kms. of Anmian and Zanquebar: The latter is 650 Ms. 1. and 150 b. It is divided into feveral Provinces, the most Southern of which is Mofambique; over against Madagascar: Here are Gold, Ivory, &c. The Portuguese have the chief Trade in these Parts: They pretend to have converted Multitudes. Father

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Father Labo fays he baptiz'd 270 in one Day. But the People are general Pagans or Mahometans. This Miffionary tells us of monftrous Serpents 7 Feet 1. and as thick as a Man : That a Camel is fold for 12 s. an Ox for 4 s. a Sheep for 1 s. 3 d. and an Hen for 1 d. That they have 2 Harvefts in a Year; They fow in January, and reap in April ; fow again in September, and reap in December.

Herbert fays, that in this Country, a Father marries his own Daughter; and a Mother her Son: That they oft eat their own Children: That the Women's Aprons are made of Mats.

North of this towards the Red Sea is the Km. of Agan; which abounds with Horfes, Ivory, &c. It contains the Km. of Magadoxa, and the Republick of Brava, (the only Republick in Africa) which is tributary to the Portuguefe.

Cafferia contains the S. Parts of Africa, on both Coafts to about the 14th D. of Lat. on each Side ; which makes the Semicifcle or Bow, about 2,500 Ms. Tho' in fome Parts it's very narrow: In the Midft of it comes down the Empire of Monomotapa; which is called 900 Ms. 1. and 720 b. It contains 25 Kms. which are all tributary to the Emperor.

There are fo many Mines of Gold in this Country, and fo much Gold found in the Rs. that the Portuguefe call him the Golden Emperor. His Body Guard is 1200 flout Women, and 200 Dogs.

N. of this is the Empire or Kingdom of Monomugi, which fome make 780 Ms. 1. and 330 b. but others make it near twice as big. Here are many petty Ks. all fubject to this Monarch. This Country abounds likewife Gold and Silver.

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N. of this, lies a vaft Country, called Lower Guinea: It's 1100 Ms. 1 and 820 b. It takes in the 15 first Ds. of S. Lat. comprehending feveral confiderable Kms. As Leango: Where it's a Custom for the Children to cut off the little Finger of their left Hand, when their Father dies, to be buried with him.

Southwards of this is the Km. of Congo: It lies to the W. Coait, on both Sides of the R. Zaire. It is 960 M. l. and 600 b. Divided into 3 great Kingdoms.

The K. of this Country is one of the greatest in all Africa; Heylin fays he can raife 400,000 Men: His Robes are Cloth of Gold, fet with Pearls: He wears 3 Chains of Gold about his Neck, and a Crofs of Gold upon his Left Arm: Yet when he has dined, he waits on his Lords at Dinner; who afterwards all fall at his Feet, and do him Homage : And then they fpend the Afternoon merrily together. The Women here do all the Agriculture. The Natives are the blackeft of all the Negroes : It is computed that 25,000 of them are Yearly The Bulk of this People are groß Idoexported. laters : in fome Parts they hang up the Bones of the Dead, and worthip them : But the Royal Family embrace'd Christianity in 1491. Every Prince (as we are told) at his Coronation ; fwears upon the Gofpel to propagate the Chriffian Religion. The Dutch have converted fome, and the Portuguese more: The latter have great Sway here.

The Cpl. is St. Salvador; which lies 140 Ms. from the O. It is a great C. and reckon'd to contain 160,000 Sculs. The Portuguese have fo grand a Factory here, that (according to some) the C. is subject to them. They export livery, Cosffee,

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Coffee, Tamerins, &c. which are the chief Commodities of the Country.

But I industriously pass by many great and mighty. Nations, to say something of the Cafers, or Hottentors about the Cape of Good Hope, from Kolben.

The Cape is in the 35th D. of S. Lat: and 42d of Lon. Here the Dutch have the beft Settlement in all Africa. They have built a regular Fortress of Stone, with 5 Bastions; on which are planted 60 Cannons; and just by it a T. of about 200 Houses. They have also extended their Plantations 70 or 80 Ms. up into the Country. They purchas'd a large Tract of Land on the E. Coast, (called Terra du Natal) for 15001. in Toys; and they have New Colonies upon the Shore to Mozambique. Their Governor lives in great Splendor; He is ferv'd in Plate, and has the best Wines that the World affords. 150 Dutch Ships annually put in here for Refreshment.

The Air in this Country is very hot; our Christmas is the Height of their Harvest. Land is as common as the Air, nor does any one known. his own: It is very fruitful; one Strike fown by the Europeans produces 60 or 70: The Corn is trod out by Horfes or Oxen. The only Way of improving the Ground, is feafonably fetting the Fog (as we call it) on Fire; which will run for many Miles: (there being nothing to flop its Course) and looks with a very dreadful Aspect ; as if the whole Country was on Fire. On the Tops of Hills are fine Meadows, that feed abundance of Cattle; which are very cheap: An Ox is bought for one Pound of Tobacco; a Sheep for Half a Pound, and a Lamb for a Quarter. Tho? this. People have abundance of Salt; yet their E.3. 1 11 Wealth

Wealth lies chiefly in Cattle, which are oft devour'd by Wild Beafts; to prevent this, they make their Sheep pafs oft thro' a fmoaky Fire; the Smell of which terrifies their Enemies: They alfo keep a great many Dogs, which are very ferviceable; tho' they are the uglieft Creatures in the World.

The Weddings are celebrated thus. The Men of the T. (call'd Craal) fquat in one Circle, the Women in another, the Groom and Bride in the Centers; then comes the Priest and piffes a little upon the Man, afterwards on the Woman, &c. till he can p-fs no longer; and then with a Bleffing pronounces them Man and Wife. As foon as an Infant is born, they flatten its Nofe, and rub it all over with Cow Dung; which they wash off with the Juice of a certain Herb : When this is dry, they befmear it with Sheeps Fat, &c. upon which they fcatter a Powder ; which flicks on like a Crust : This they call Cafe-hardening. If there be a Boy and Girl at a Birth, and the Parents fay, they can't keep both; they are allow'd to bury the Girl alive : Before a Woman fees her Husband after lying in, the daubs herfelf as the Child was daubed; and the Man does the like; the naftier they are, the finer they think themfelves. They take one Tefficle from every Male, when 8 Years old, to prevent double Births; and this they call making a Man of him. The Boys are under their Mothers till 18, then they are difmiffed, and oft abufe them.

When any are by Age entirely ufelefs, they are fhut up in Huts out of T. where they perifh with Hunger, When any one lies a dying, the Neighbours fcreen and howl about the Houfe, as if they

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they were mad; the Dead are buried in their Mantles, in the next Hole: And the T. is removed, for fear leaft the Ghoft should disturb the Places. Their Ts. are all circular : their Houses are made of bending Poles, in 2 Rows, fasten'd. at Top, cover'd with Matts and Skins.

Every T. has its Chief (like our Conftable) who (to try a Perfon accufed of Murder, Adultery, or Theft,) calls out the Men of the T. as his Judges: They fquat in a Ring, and the Prifoner in the Center: After the Caufe is heard, the Majority pronounce him innocent or guilty; if the former; then the Accufer gives him fome Cattle, for the Injury done his Reputation: If the latter; he is inftantly knocked on the Head; but his Family fultains no lofs.

Here is allo a Chief of Chiefs (like our High Conftable) who with the Chiefs of feveral Ts: tries all Caufes between T. and T. The only Degree of Honour in this Country may be called Knighthood of the Order of the \mathcal{P} —fs, which is conferr'd for any notable Exploit. That which with us would be effected the greatest Affront, is here looked upon as the highest Honour.

A War in this Part of the World, feldom last above a Day; for if a General falls, his Army flies.

The common Food of the Hottentots is wild Roots, and Cows or Ews Milk: The Women drink only the Ew's: They get the Roots with a Child on their Backs; which they fuckle over their Shoulders; for their Breafts are prodigious long.

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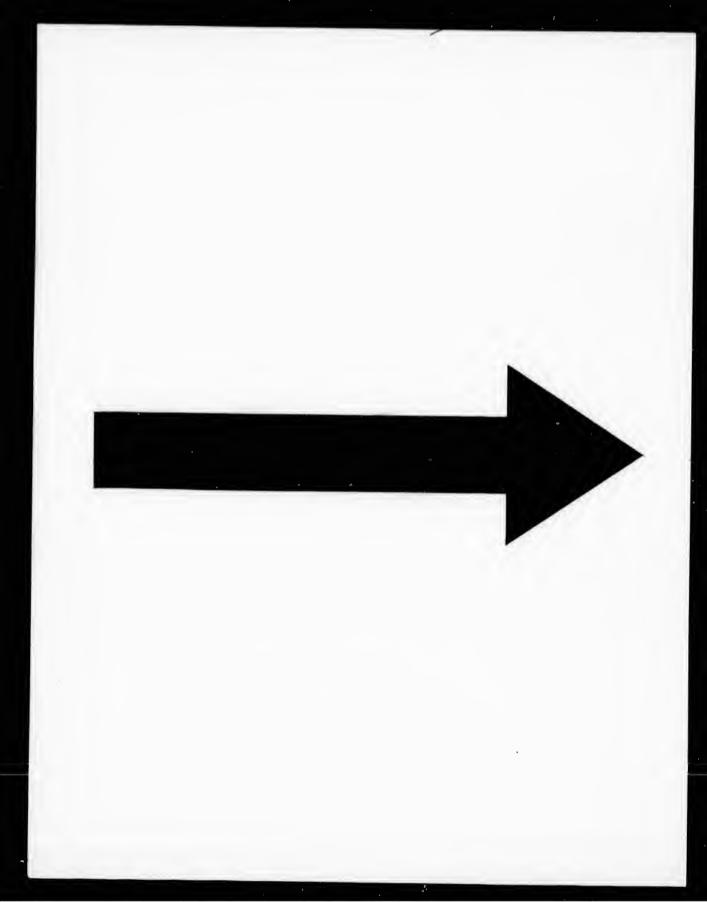
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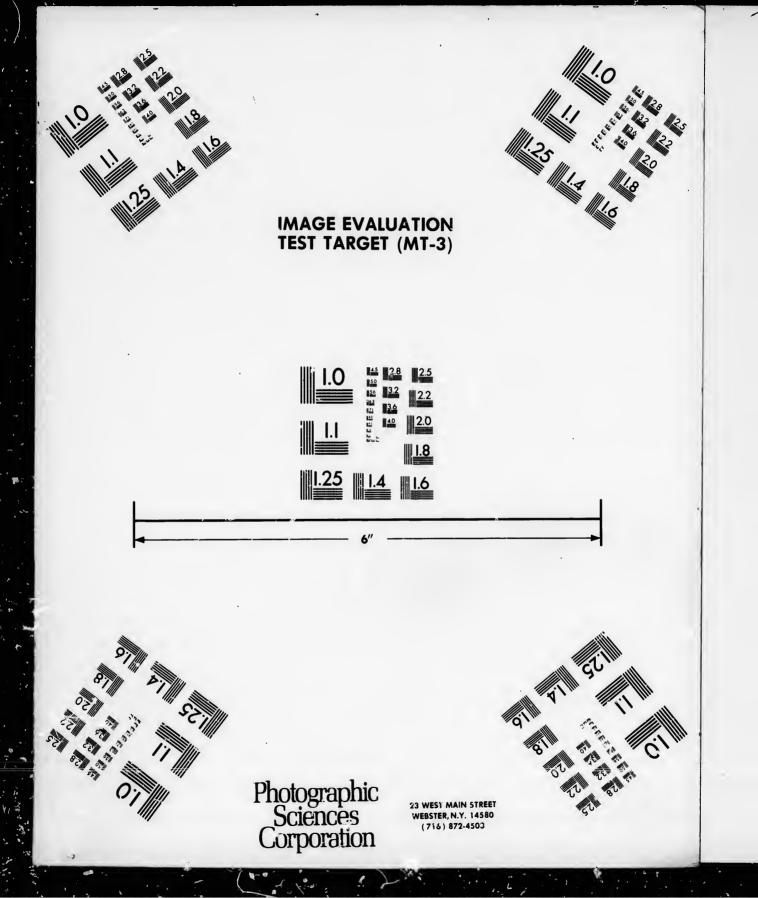
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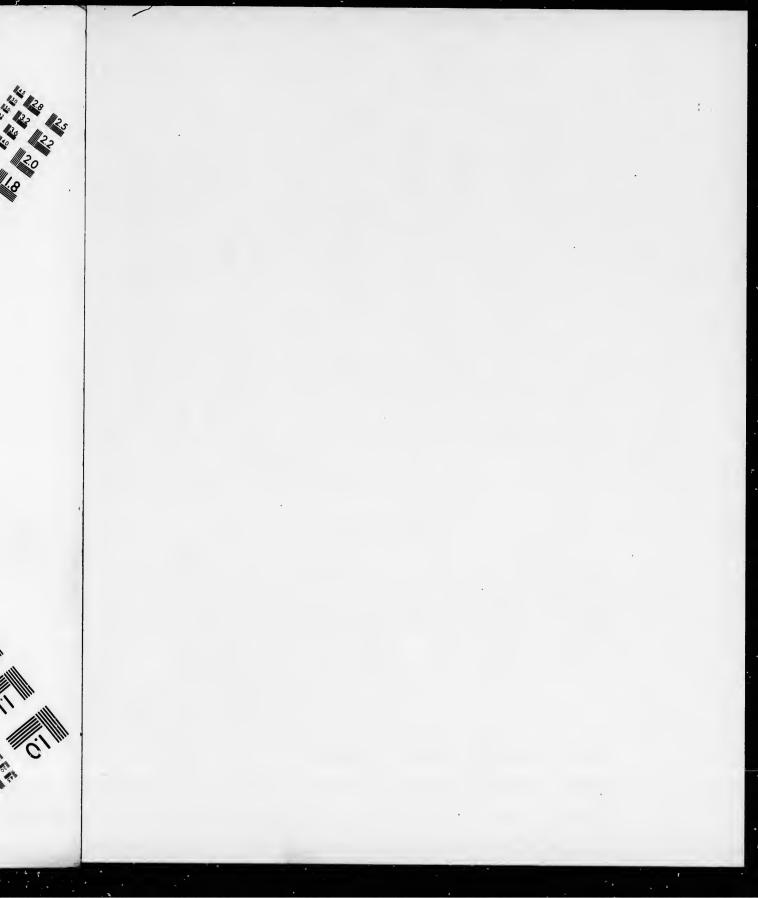
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If a Cow will not give her Milk, they hold up her Tail, and blow in her — rfe. They churn in a Bag, made of a Beaft's Skin, (Hair inwards) by toffing it between two, till the Butter comes; which they never eat, but fell

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felves, and their Cloaths with it. Their Clothes are made of Sheep Skins; they wear one Piece round the Waifle, another makes a Mantle, and a 3d a Cap; which they keep on till it is wern out. The Language of this People is exceeding difficult; Burton calls it an inarticulate Noife; like the gabling of Turkeys: They are very ignorant idle, and obdinate. The beft Account that can be got from them, of any thing is; that it's Hottentot Cuffom; and away they run with incredible Swiftnefs. But they are not fo flupid as fome have made them; for fome have learnt French, Dutch, &c. And they are vaftly free and hofpitable; under the Conduct of one Man, a Perfon may travel through the Country, without any Expence.

As to Religion, they own one Supreme Being, the Creator of all Things; yet they do not worfhip him, but the Dead, the Moon, and a little Infect, (fcarce known any where elfe) by hooting, clapping their Hands, leaping Dancing, and Singing; till they are quite out of Breath: Nay fo deaf are they to all Reafon, that there is but little hope of their Conversion.

I'll conclude my Account of Ethiopia, with obfervings that the *Monfoons* blow from S. E. and N. W. That in fome Parts of the Torrid Zone, upon the Hills falls fo much Snow, as forces the Inhabitants to retire into the Valleys.

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there is a Kind of Dew, (or Sweat) congealed upon the Trunks of Trees; like Sugar Candid; and on the Leaves, like Pearls; which is what we call Manna. He fays, that Coral is the Stem of a Plant that grows in the Bottom of the Sea: it is at first fost; but by being expos'd to the Air,, hardens gradually.

African ISLANDS.

The chief in the Indian O. and indeed one o the largest in the World, is Madagascar; which is : about 200 Ms. from Mozambique on the Continent: Ir lies from 12 to 26 Ds. of S. Lat. from 66 to 76 of Lon. It is 640 Ms. 1. and 300 b. Several European -Nations, have had Settlements here; but I know of none now fubfilling : The S. Parts are best known. The Air is pretty temperate, and the Soil is good. . It is divided into 28 Provinces, which are faid to be under fo many Princes; all fubject to one; call'd the Tfchich. Here is great Plenty of Cattle ; fome Oxen without Horns : others with Horns, hanging by a Bit of Skin; and Cows that have Buncheson their Backs, 30 and 36 Pound Weight A Beaft is bought for a Trifle; a Bit of Leather, a Brafs Ring, &c. Here are alfo Silk, Cotton, and Rice in the Ear, at all Seafons, and feveral Sorts . of Honey.

In this Country grows a Plant (called Douron) like a Plume of Feathers: the Leaves are 2 Feet b. and 8 or 10 Feet 1. Thefe Leaves are us'd for-Napkins; and Ropes 250 Yards 1 are made of the Bark. The Tortoifes upon this Coalt are very. large; 7 or 8 Feet Diameter.

The Madagafoarians are Part White, and Part Black; they live in wooden Huts, which they Exs

there is a Kind remove at Pleasure : They are a superstitious, de ceitful, cruel, and revengeful People: They are faid to have no Matrimonial Ceremony; but to take for Husband and Wife their nearest Relations: Some of them have confused Notions of the Creation, Deluge, Jefus Chrift, &c., They look upon Crocodiles to be Devils, yet fwear by, and facrifice to them: in fome Parts, there are no Temples, nor any Appearance of Devotions in other Parts, they are Mehometans; they Circumcife, observe Friday, &c. and will are survice

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Near to this I. is that of Joanna, or Anjuan ; it is a very fruitful Spot; in which all Things are common, except the Cocoa Walks. This I. is govern'd by its own K. The Queen is never feen, when the fpeaks to any Subject, the is cover'd with a Piece of thin Silk. Merchants going to Surat, &c. call here, for Refreshment; our E. India Company has a Settlement in the I. 13.55

I now pafs by many fmall Is. about Madagafcar, and near to the Straits of Babelmandel, (i. e. the Entrance into the Ried Sea) to take a little Notice of fome, that lie in the Atlantick O. fresh

St. Helen's, lies in the 16th D. of S. Lat. and 13th of Lon. It is one of the most distant Is. in the World from any Continent. It is 1200: Ms. from Africa, and about 4,500 from England ; It is about 30 Ms. r. but a very healthful Spot. Here is fuch Plenty of good Water, that it is call'd the Virgin's Inn. This I. belongs to the English, the E. India Company keeps a Governor in it.

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of N. Lat. About 150° Ls from the Continent. There are about 1000 Note; the chief is St. Fage. The Air is very hot and unwholefome: Here is fuch Plenty of Salt, (form'd out of the Sea Water) that 2000 Ships might annually load here: The Englift carry off waft Quantities: It is bought for a little Powder, Shot, old Cloaths, &c.

The Tortoifes here, are feveral Hundred Weight: They are hunted in the Night with Lanthorns, when found, they are turned on their Backs, which kills them: they lay very large Eggs, (fometimes 150) and hide them in the Sand.

Thefe Is. are fubject to the Portuguese. St. Thomas is about 180 Ms. r. It lies under the Line about 200 Ms. from the Continent. The Air is fo intolerable hot here, that the Portuguese (to whom it is fubject) keep within for feveral Hours, and dine under Ground. The I. produces. fo much Sugar, that 3,200,000 Pounds are faid to be Yearly exported, of which the K. has the: Tenth.

The Canary Is. (reckon'd 12) lie about: 150 Ms. from Morocco in the 6 first Ds. of Lon, and from 26 to 30 of N. Lat. Here are 2 Harvests in: a Year; one in February and the other in May. The Grand Canary is 90 Ms. r.

Thro' one of these Is. (viz. Teneriff) the first Meridian runs; from an Hill (called the Pike) the Lon. is reckoned Eastward r. the Globe. This is thought to be the highest Mtn. in the World :: It may be feen 120 Ms. off at Sea :: It's reckoned 2 Ms. and half high perpendicular:: It's 3 Days Journey up to the Top. Herbert fays, there iss E 6. Woodi Wood at the Bottom, Snow in the Middle, and Sulpher at the Top: (which is above the Clouds) for there is a dreadful Vulcano, which oft throws out Flames, &c.

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The Azores (in Number 9) lie in the 39th and 40th Ds. of Lat. and between 344 and 354th of Lon. over against Portugal, at the Distance of 800 Ms. They abound in Corn, Fruits, &c. but the Sea about them is very unconstant and turbulent, for 7 or 8 Months in the Year; we are told that there is not one good Harbour; but only open Bays. St. Michaels is the largest Tercers the strongest; the Cpl. is Angra according to fome; but others fay Fanzal, which contains of or 7,000 Houses; and 25,000 Souls. Those Is. ere subject to the K. of Portugal.

Madara or Madaras lies about Midway beween Morocco and the Azores, in the 33d D. of Lat. and 3d of Lon. It's about 60 Ms. r. Its chief Product is excellent Wine, of which 20,000 Pipes are annually exported. This I. is likewife fubject to the K. of Portugal.

and comical Ceremony used by Sailors when under the Line; which they call a Christing.

The old Seamen come in Difguife; to a Fref Man; take him up, and place him upon a Stick, that lies crofs a great Tub full of Water; then they hold a Bafon before him, and a Sword over his Neck; if he throws them fomething into the Bafon, they only make a black Crofs in his Forebrad, fprinkle him, make him fwear to do the like to every Fresh Man, and fo difmifs him: But if he will give them nothing, they pull the Stick Stick from under him, pour Water on him, and beat him, till they got fomething out of him.

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FUROPE is reckon'd the least, but most populous, and best cultivated of any of the 4 Continents: It lies from 37 to 72 Ds. of N. Lat. from 70 to 84 Ds. of Lon. It is about 2100 Ms. from N. to S. and near twice as much from E. to W. It has the Northern O. on the N. Tartary on the E. the Mediterranean on the S. and the Atlantick on the W.

It contains Scandinavia, and Mofcovy, i n he N. Poland, Germany, and France in the Middle ; Spain, Italy, and Turkey, in the S. Scandinavia comprehends Norway, Sweden, and

Denmark.

Norway lies from 57 to 72 Ds. of Lat. from 20 to 48 of Lon. It is about 800 Ms. 1. and 240 b. a great Length, but Narrow: It lies on the W. and N. W. of Sweden. The N. Part is called Finmark or Lapland. The Air is extremely cold, and Soil barren. The longest Day and Night in the N. are 2 Months each: These Parts are indeed thinly inhabited, and by the meanest of the People; who are very hardy and ignorant; they have no Houses; but live in Tents, or under Ground, on Fishing, Hunting, and Shooting ; their Bread is dried Filh, &c. - may a same i to it waster -On the E. are inacceffible Mtns. always cover'd with Snow.

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Lutheranifm is established in this Country, but Paganism rather prevails in the Northern Paris.

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Norway is subject to the K. of Denmark, who keeps a Viceroy at Bergen, which is the Cpl.

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Sweden has Norway on the W. and N. the Sound and Baltick on the S. and Moscovy on the E. It lies from 56 to 69 Ds. of Lat. 32 and 55 of Lon. It is called 800 Ms. 1. and 780 b. But in the last Reign, feveral fine Provinces (all S. of the Baltick) were quite lost and difmember'd. The late *Czar* of M scovy conquering one Part; and the late K. George buying another.

The Air is mighty cold, in the N. The Soil is tolerably tertile.

The Atlas fays, that Winter here lasts 9 Months, that there is neither Spring, nor Autumn; that Summer comes all on a fudden, the Heat of which is fo great, that it fometimes fets Woods on Fire. That when the Ice of any Lake, &c. breaks, the Cleft runs quite a crofs with a prodigious Noise. That on barren Ground they fire Trees, &c. fpread the Ashes, and fow their Seed therein, without any more Pains. That there are but 6 Weeks between Seed Time and Harvest.

M. Manpertuis tells us, that in Finland and Lapland, he was wretchedly tormented with great Flies, with green Heads; which drew Blood wherever they fixed; as foon as a Difh of Meat came to Table it was covered over with them, and a great Part of it devoured. He fays, that in fome of the Woods, there are near as many Trees fall'n, as flanding; the Soil not being able any longer to nourilh them, nor deep enough for them to take firm Root; a fmall blaft of Wind blows them down.

The Cold in Lapland, is fo extreme, that when any one drinks a Dram of Brandy, (the only. ly Liquer that keeps liquid) his Tongue and Lips freeze to the Glafs, and come away bloody. He tells us, that if the Door of a warm Room be open'd, the external Air inftantly converts the Vapour in it, into Snow; and whirls it round in white Vortexes. He adds, but while the Earth is cover'd with Snow and Ice, Fires of various Conftellation of Orion is fometimes as red as Blood. He fays that in April the Thermometer varies 22 Divisions in lefs than a Day; pay that there is in 12 Hours, all the Variety that's felt in the temperate Zone, thro' the whole Year. That in May, when the Sun never fets, it for a confiderable Time, makes no Impression upon

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In the N. they grind Birch Bark with a little Corn, to make Bread of. In Winter, they travel upon the Snow, in Sledges, drawn by Rain Deer, at a prodigious Rate.

Here are a great many wild Beafts, efpecially Wolves: The tame Cattle are but fmall.

The Commodities are Copper, Iron, Tar, Mafis, &c. and in fome of their Mines are found Loadstones.

The Sweeds are a firong and martial People. Their Government now, is a limited Monarchy; confifting of the K. and States of the Realm; which meet at Stockholm. This is the Cpl; it's a confiderable C. built on 6 Is. join'd together by wooden Bridges; It makes a grand Appearance, having many flately Pallaces cover'd with Copper. The Harbour (fays Hubner) is large, but very dangerous to come at on account of Rocks, &c. but Eachards Gazetteer calls it a fafe Port. The Annual Revenue venue of this Km. is call'd 1,000,000 l.

Lutheranism is established ; but Ruffians and Papists enjoy their Liberty

Denmark has the German O. on the N. and W. the Baltick on the E. and Holffein on the S.

It lics from 44 to 48 Ds. of Lat. 27 to 32 of Lon. It's 180 Ms. 1. and 150 b.

The Air is grofs and foggy: Here also are only Summer and Winter: the Extremity of Cold, (much exceeding that in England) succeeds that of Heat.

This Km is divided into 3 Parts, viz. the Peninfula of Jutland, and the 1s. of Funen, and Zeeland i which lie in the Mouth of the Baltick i and make 3 Paffages between Sweden and Jutland, viz. the Sound, (N. E. of both the Is.) the great Belt, (between 'em) and the little Belt, (S. W. of both.)

Jutland is 180 Ms. 1. and 90 b. The S. Part is called Slefwick; it belongs partly to the K. of Denmark, and partly to the Duke of Holftein: There are in the N. 950 Pars. and in the S. 280. The Cpls. are Albourg and Wiburg.

Zceland is almost round. It's 58 Ms. 1. 52 b. and 180 round. The Cpl. is Copenhagen, a firong C. and one of the beft Ports in the World : It's reckoned to be about as big as Briftol: it has 340 Pars. and 7 or 8,000 Houfes. It flands upon the Sound; which is about 2 Ms. over; (much narrower than either. of the Paffages.)

Thro'this Strait, (as we are told) 300 English, and 1,000 Dutch Ships pass yearly; and every one pays a Duty more or less: A Ship of 200 Tuns, has paid from 2 l. 14 s. to 1161 Some Years this Duty has risen to 240,000 l. and others but to

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In this C. is to be feen the famous Ticko Brahe's Globe, which is 6 Feet Diameter.

The I. of Funen is 48 Ms. 1. and 40 b. Its the best Part of Denmark : Here are 348 Pars. The Cpl. is Odenfee. The Coins in this Country are a Rixdollar, 4s. 6 d. a Ducate 9 s. a Rose Noble 18 s. and a double Rose Noble 11. 16 s. od.

The K. of Denmark is pretty ftrong at Sea: He has often 36 Ships at Copenhagen; and can fit out 15 in a few Days: He keeps 3,000 Seamen, in conftant Pay, at Copenhagen. His Km. is Hereditary; he's an abfolute Monarch; and the Peafants are wretched Slaves.

The establish'd Religion is Lutheranism. Amongst the Clergy, there are 10 Superintendents, (fort of Bishops) but they have neither Courts, nor Temporalities: The best Benefice is about 450 l. per Annum.

Moscowy or Russia has the frozen O. on the N. great Tartary on the E. Turkey on the S. and Sweden and Poland on the W.

It lies from 46 to 70 Ds. of Lat. from 35 to 65 of Lon. It's about 2000 M. l. and 1600 b. much larger than formerly, by the Conquests the late Czar and present Czarina have made from the Sweedes, Turks and Persians: Besides what lies in Afia; it extends the full length of Europe (on the E. fide) to the Caspian and Euxine Seas.

The Atlas divides this vaft Empire into 4 great Parts, viz. W. Mofcovy, E. Mofcovy, Mofcovian Tartary, and Mofcovite Lapland.

The Air and Soil must be various, in fo prodigious a Country. In Lapland the former is very cold, cold, and the latter very barren : Here are Froft and Snow for 9 Months together. The Laplanders wear a fort of Sandal or Clog; made of Bark, near 5 Foot 1. as long behind the Heel, as before the Toe: In thefe, they walk upon the Snow.

Between the N. Party of Moscovy and Nova Zembla, is the Strait of Weygate; where the Sea is fometimes frozen up for 2 or 3 Years together. The Cpl. of the N. is Arch Angel (in the White Sea) formerly a confiderable Port; but it's now very inconfiderable.

Mofcow was the Cpl. of the Empire ; it has been twice as big as it now is. In the faral Year 1611, 41,000 Houses were burnt down; and 200,000 Moscovites were flain by the Poles. Tho' its now call'd 16 Ms. r. and faid to contain 700,000 Souls. There are in it 2,000 Churches and Chapels; in one of which hangs a Bell, thought to be the largest in the Universe: It weighs 15 Tun; is 19 Feet high; 18 Diameter, and 2 thick : Whenever it is toll'd, there are 24 Men below, and feveral above. But this C. is now not near to populous as formerly : It has been greatly declining fince the late Czar forfook it; for the Sake of Petersbourg ; which he rais'd from a little Fishing T. to a Royal C. and famous Port; and it is every Year encreasing. Here the Court now constantly refides. This new C. stands at the Bottom of the Gulph of Finland, in the 60th D. of Lat. and 40th of Lon.

The Commodities of this Country are Wax.

Honey, Tallow, Hemp, &c. The Mofcovite Tartars are a very ignorant, sude, and nafty People; they'll ride upon their Fich Ball on the

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Fleich all day, and cat it at Night; without any other Cooking. They have no fixt Habitations, but rove about at large, with their Families and Cattle. They live in Tents, made of Reeds, &c. their Children at 8 Years old, lie in the open Air. Indeed all the Mofcovites are naturally rude, lazy, and flupid; but they are lately much improved various Ways; particularly in military Difeipline by Scotch and German Officers : And the Court of Petersbourg is now gay, grand, and polite.

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The most considerable Rs. in this Country, are the Don (or Tanais) and Volga; the latter runs near 3,000 Me and then empties itself into the Caspian Sea by 5 or 6 Mouths.

The Government here is Desportch Monarchy: The Effates and Lives of the Subjects are at the Disposal of the Prince; whose Will is looked up on as the Will of Heaven. His Title is the Czar, or great Duke; tho' the late Czar. Peter the Great, affum'd the Stile and Title of Emperor. A Princess is called Czarina.

The Czan's Family (reckon'd 1,000) is supply'd by the Produce of Crown Lands) i. c. certain Cs. Ts. &c.) and the Surplus has amounted to 23,000 Rubles per Anni His Life Guards are 5,000 Horse and 16,000 Foot; and he has 100,000 Men in his Garrifons.

He never marries a Foreigner; nor will he fufter his Subjects to travel: His Sifters and Daughters are his Slaves; they are flut up in Monatteries: None of his Relations dine with him : His Dutchefs is never feen by the Courtiers; if fhe is fick

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fick, before the Doctor enters the P.oom, it is darkened; and he feels her Pulfe, thro' a Veil of Silk. All Women are treated very ill here; no Man will bow to a Lady: At Service Timo they ftand in the Porch, &c. as unclean: They bathe naked with the Men. At leaft thefe were Cultoms amongst the Moscovires, tho' it's highly probable, that many of them are now laid aside. The Czar defrays the Expences of all Ambassadors while in his Dominions.

As to Religion, the Moscovites call themselves the pure Greek Church; but many are little better than Pagans; the' feveral Attempts have been made to reform them, some of which have prov'd fuccessful.

The Patriarch of Moscow was their Pope ; but the late Czar abolish'd his Authority: The Bishops have the Tithes, and the Parsons only what we call Surplice Fees. Here are Swarms of lazy Monks. This People are nearer to the Protestants than to the Papists: When the late Czar was at Paris, in 1717, a Proposal was in vain made him, for uniting the Romish and the Russian Churches. They are indeed Papists in some Things, but deny many of their Absurdities: They have many Crosses and Images, especially of Saints; every Family has the Image of its Tutelar Saint in some part of the House, before which they stand, and tay fome Prayers. If any is excommunicated, so is his Image.

They baptize by plunging 3 Times in Water and dedicating the Child to fome Saint (St. Nicolas is the chief. They give the Sacrament in both Kinds, but mix the Elements, and eat them, with Spoons: They go 3 Times a Day to Church 3 but Ø

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but have no preaching; inftead of that they read the Rible, and St. Chry foftom's Homilies. They have a mighty Veneration for their Churches; if a Dog enters into one, they think it defil'd. Our Author (a German Ambaffador) fays his Landlord took all Images out of his Rooms, left they fhouid be angry, for being lodg'd with Pagans. After the Czar has faluted a Popifh Ambaffador, he wafnes his Hands Nay a Curate would not give his Excellency his Hand, for fear of being defil'd. When a Mofcovite enters a Room; he first looks about for the Image, to which he bows thrice, and then falutes the Company.

The Priefts abfolve the dying, and put between his Fingers a Certificate, that he may flew it to St. Peter, at the Gates of Paradife.

In the Northern Parts, especially in Siberia; there are many gross Idelators, and even Pagans; but as the late Czar (who did Wonders in civilizing and reforming his Subjects) fent Miffionarie, amongst the Officeks, &cc. fo we will hope that their superstitious Customs will by Degrees be laid afide.

Poland lies from 36 to 53 Ds. of Lat. 46 to 56 of Lon. about 700 Ms. 1. and 600 b. It has Germany on the W. the Baltick, &c. on the N. Molcovy on the E. and Hungary on the S.

It's divided into 22 Provinces, most of which, are called Palatinates.

The Air in the N. is very cold. The Soil is various.

The Commodites are Hemp, Flax, Iron, Deals, &c.

The Poles are lufty and ftrong Body'd Men. The Peafants are born Slaves, and inur'd to Bondage. dage. In fome Parts they can have no Lands, all

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Cracow (where the Ks. are crown'd and interr'd) is the largeft and best C. in the Km. Yet Warfaw is the Cpl. which is a great, fine, and populous C. furrounded with 2 Walls and a Ditch. In a neighbouring Field the Ks. of Poland are chosen (for the Km. is elective) where the Lords, &c., have their Tents, and are encamped.

The K. must be a Papist, and he must not be a Native.

The Government here may be called an Aristocracy. The Crown General has fo much of the Military Power; the Primate (who is the Pope's Legate) of the Ecclefiaftical; and the Diet of the Civil; that they leave the K. but very little Power: Without the Diet he can neither make Peace nor War, nor do any thing of thing of Importance, that is of a Publick Nature.

The Atlas calls his Revenue but 1 50,0001.

The Diet confilts of the K. Senate, and Deputies, (called Nuncios;) There are 17 Ecclefiafticks and 128 Lay Lords, (which make the Upper Houfe) and 248 Deputies; (which make the Lower Houfe:) Thefe must all to a Man a gree: One Negative breaks up the general, and petty Diets; which oft occasions wretched Tumults 11

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mults and Confusion. The Diet fits not above fix Weeks upon any Occasion, for in that Time, they have spent all they brought with them, upon their pompous Equipages and Retinues.

The Poles are biggotted Papifts, tho' by the Laws of the Land all Religions are tolerated, yet the Protestants (effectially at *Thorn*) have been ill used, and fome barbaroufly put to Death.

The late K. turn'd Papift, for the Crown ; in 1696. But 1704, he was oblig'd to refign all but the Title, to Staniflaus Palatine of Posen; who was fet up, by Charles the 12th (the late K. of Sweden) but upon that K's. Misfortunes; he loft the Km. and his Palatinate too, fled with his Family into France, where the French Monarch marry'd his Daughter. Upon his Retreat, Auguftus return'd, and dy'd K. of Poland : As foon as he was dead; the K. of France fent Staniflaus with long Bags of Money, into his native Country; but (Augustus II. being supported by the Czarina) he was foon forced to flee to Dantzick; where he was clofely befieged by the Mofcovites and Poles; and from whence he narrowly efcaped leaving his Rival in Poffession of the Throne. The French K. with a Pretence of Supporting him, attacked the Empire and with the Spaniards, &c. drove the Germans both out of Sicily and Italy. But this War was foon over, and Staniflaus at last got the Dutchy of Lorain; the Duke having in Lieu of it, Tulcany; and Don Carlos in exchange for that Naples and Sicily: Called the 2 Sicilies.

In Poland there are 3 Archbishopricks; #4 Bishopricks, and 4 Universities; and a School in almolt every Village. The chief Study of the Poles is the Latin Tongue.

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In the N. of Poland lies the great Dukedom of Lithuania; it was about 400 Years ago annext to the Crown of Poland. It's 660 Ms. 1. and 360 b. It's divided into ten Palatinates. Grodno is the Cpl. where the Diet us'd to meet every third Year: Some of the Inhabitants are yet Pagans, and worfhip Serpents, &c.

In the N. of this is the Sovereign Dutchy of Courland, 200 Ms. 1. and 60 b. The Cpl. is Mittaw.

The Courlanders are fubject to their own Duke, who (tho' he receives the Investiture of it from the K. of Poland, and is called a Vaffal of the Crown) calls his Diet, and enjoys all the Enfigns of Sovereignty.

The Courlanders are generally Lutherans. Germany lies from 45 to 55 Ds. of Lat. from 23 to 38 of Lon. It is 900 Ms. 1. and 600 b. It has Denmark and the Baltick on the N. Poland, 8c. on the E. the Territory of Venice, &c. on the S. France, &c. on the W. Gordon fays that this great Body contains above 300 different Sovereignties. Tho' all or most of them own the Emperor, as supreme Head of the Empire.

Germany is divided into 10 Circles; each of which (except that of *Belgium* or *Burgundy*) has a Vote at the Diet; which confifts of the Emperor, Electors, the Ecclefiaftical and Secular Princes, and the Free Cs.

Belgium comprehends the 17 United Provinces. Divided into Holland, and Flanders, or the Neatherlands.

Holland contains 7 Provinces; viz. Holland, (properly fo called) Zealand, Utrecht, and Guelderland, towards the S. Over-Ifiel, Friefland, and

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nd, nd Holland is a Confederacy of these 7 Provinces, for their mutual Defence; independent on each other: The Soil tho' wet and fenny is good, but the Air bad. The whole Gountry is of fmall Extent, but crowded with People, fo that it is compared to a Bee-Hive.

Holland (proper) is about 80 Ms. 1. and 40 b. The Cpl. is Amfterdam, (which ftands in moorifly Ground, upon Piles, &c.) one of the richeft fineft trading Cs. in all the World.

It was reckon'd 80 Years ago, to have \$4,000 Houses; (Paris was then faid to have but 46,000) and it's vastly encreased fince: It is fortify'd with strong Walls, Gates, and a broad Ditch all round.

Ten Ms. W. of this is *Haslem*; a large, firong, and populous C. It fustain'd a furious Siege for 10 Months.

And 14 Ms. S. W. of this is Leyden; one of the nearest and pleasantest Cs. in Europe: It has 8 Gates, 180 Streets, 24 Channels, and 95 Bridges: It's a famous Upiversity; at which there have been 2,000 Students at a Time. Eight Ms. S. W. from this is the Hague; which indeed is only a Village, but there is fearce one in the World like it: It's very large, pleasant, and populous; It's furrounded with a broad Ditch: Here the States General always meet; the it has no Vore. S. F. from this (at the Distance of 6 Ms.) is Delpho, a stately C. about 2 Ms. round. It is also fortified with Walls and a Ditch: It has F feveral Currents of Water, running thro' it, as many Cs. here have. And 8 Ms. from hence N. E. is Rotterdam; next to Amfterdam for Trade. Here Eraimus was born. 9 Ms. S. E. is Dert 3 another large, firong, and populous C. The famous Synca that condemn'd the Arminians fat here.

To this Province belongs the Texel, an I. about o Ms. I. and 5 b.

The Province of Holland is almost as confiderable as all the other fix: It raises near one half of all publick Sums. It fends 19 Deputies, 1 for the Nobles; and 18 for fo many Cs. Altho each may fend as many as they will, yet they have only one Voice: The Expences of all the Deputies are defray'd by the Publick.

The Province of Zealand is but 30 Ms. 1. and 17 b. The Cpl. is *Middleburg*, a great, rich, and trading C. 5 Ms. S is *Flufbing*, which is well built and fortify'd. This Province is divided into 2 Counties, and each has its States: Here are 12 Cs. that fend Deputies.

The Provinces of Usrecht is 30 Ms. 1. and 25 b. It lies S. on the Zeyder Seas the Ground here is higher, and the Air better, than in any other Part of Holland: The Cpl. is Usrecht; a great and fair C. and flourishing University: It fends 6 Deputies.

The Province of Guelderland with the County of Zallfhen is 50 Ms. 1. and 40 b. The Air and Soil are good here; vail Herds of Cattle are fed in this Province. It contains 5 Counties, 16 Cs. 230 Villages, and 6 Forts. The Cpl. is Nemuguen, a confiderable C: 22 Ms. N. E. is Zurphen, a large,

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The Province of Over. Iffel is 60 Ms. 1. and 40. b. It fends 3 Deputies. Deventer is the Cpl.

The Province of Friefland is 40. Ms. 1. and 25. b. The Cpl. is Francker : It's a fmall, but ftrong C. and Univerfity.

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> The Province of Groningen is 46 M. 1. and 24 b. It fends only 2 Deputies (the Cpl. is Groningen, a great and impregnable C. and an University.) Dutch Brabant lies S. of Holland : It is 55 Ms. 1. and 31 b. The Cpl. is Breda. Here are feveral other confiderable Ts. Dutch Flanders lies S. of Zealand; and is a very good Frontier: It is 31 Ms. 1. and r3 b. Here is Sluys and 12 more ftrong C. Dutch Limburg contains 3 Counties: On the Borders is that great and impregnable C. of Maestriecht, 4 Ms. round. Near to it is a Stone Quarry, (in an Hill) under 50 Yards of Rock and Earth level with the Banks of a fine R. The whole Hill (by getting out the Stone) is almost undermined : There are Thousands of square Pillars, 20 Foot high, to support the Weight above. It is a safe Retreat in any Danger, and big enough to hold 40,000

The States General cannot make Peace or War, without the Confent of every Province, nor can the Provincial States determine, without the Confent of every C. But in criminal Cafes. each C. has a Power within its felf.

The Dutch are very jealous of their Liberties, and do without a Stadtholder as long as ever they can; for his Power is very great: He com-F 2

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mands the Army and Fleet, difpofes of all military Pofis; and is supported with large Pensions; Revenue of Lands, &c.

Officers Pay here is but fmall; a Vice Admiral has 500 l. and the Penfioner (as we are told) but 200 l. per Annum.

A Spirit of wonderful Diligence and Industry infpires the Body of this People: Their Genius lies principally to Navigation, and Merchandize: They are faid to have more Shipping, then all Europe.

The Capital Stock of their E. India Company (raifed by 6 Ts. at first) was 6,459,840 Florins (i. e. 1,076,640 l.) and is now 5,000,000 l. N. B. A Florin is 3 s. 4 d.

This Company has, 160 Ships at Sea, and 15,000 Men in the Indies: It can raife 30,000 Men, and fit out 50 Men of War.

It is reckoned, that 12 or 13,000 are employ'd in manufacturing the Silk, they import from Perfia.

Taxes here are many, and very heavy; fome Diffies of Meat pay 25 or 30. A Bed coffs rod, cr. 1 s. per Night, Houfes are very dear; and L and fells at 40 Years Purchafe.

Sir William Temple calls the publick Revenue but 189,000 la

The Dutch Army in a Time of Peace, is 26,000 they they can raife 120,000. They employ 30 or 40 Men of War in Conyoys, and in Other Cremerell's Time, they had 150 Ships of

War. Their Commodities are Butter and Cheefe; of which, they export annually to the amount of 180,000 l.

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Holland is very level and full of Rs. and artificial Canals, (between T. and T.) about 7 Ells deep, and 17 b.; on each Side of which, there is oft a Row of Trees.

All Religions are fully tolerated in Holland; that generally profess'd, is *Calvinifin*. But there are no Arch-Bishops, or Bishops, with pompous Titles, or vast Revenues, in this Country; nor indeed in any other *Protestant* Nations; except England and Ireland.

Flanders has Holland on the N. Germany on the E. France on the S. and the German (). on the W. Gorden calls it 240 Ms. 1. and 180 b. The Air is healthful, and Soil very fertile.

The chief Ts. are Ghent, (6 Ms. round within, and 10 without the Walls.) It has 7 Churches, and 55 Monafteries. Bruges, Bruffels, Oftend, &c. tome of which are now declining.

Near to St. Omers there are feveral floating Is. moved with Ropes; tyed to ftrong Poles, fixt fall in the Ground: Many of them are inhabited: In one there is a Church and a Monaftery.

These are subject to the Emperor, whose Governour or Viceroy relides at Bruffels.

The helifh Court of Inquisition, has driven all. Protestants hence.

There are in Germany 9 other Circles, viz.. 1. that of the Lower Rhine; 2. that of the Upper Rhine; 3. that of Franconia; 4, and 5... those of Lower and Upper Saxony; 6. that of Bayaria; 7. that of Swabia; 8, that of Westphalia; and 9. that of Austria. In each of these F 3

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are diverse Princes, some of whom have Territories in feveral Circles.

The first Rank of German Princes is that of Electors; which are the 9 that follow: 1. the Elector and K. of Behemia, (now Emperor.) 2. the Elector of Brandenburg, (K. of Pruffia.) 2. the Elector of Brunswick, (K. of Great Britain.) 4 the Elector of Saxony, (K. of Poland.) 5. the Elector and Duke of Bavaria. 6. the Elector Palatine of the Rhine. 7, 8, and 9. the Electors and Archbishops of Mentz, Cologn, and Triers, or Treves.

The Major Part of these chuse the Emperor; (as they do the K. of the Remans, prefumptive Heir to the Empire) and pretend to a Power of dethroning him : and notwithstanding the formal Acknowledgments they make to him, they enjoy and exercise every Branch of Sovereign Power within their own Dominions.

We shall fay fomething of the just mentioned. Circles, and

First of Austria; which may be confider'd as taking in the S. Parts of the Empire, belonging mostly to the Emperor.

In this lie the Country of Tirel, (Inffruck the Cpl. and Bishoprick of Trent, (Trent the Cpl.) and E. of these the Arch Dukedom of Austria. 170 Ms. 1. and 70 b. The Cpl. of which is Vienna; the Imperial Residence. It is a great and strong C upon the Danube; in which are several Curicssities, particularly, a Steeple, 160 Yards high. E. of this are Hungary (which is partly subject to the Emperor, and partly to the Turks; the Cpl. is Buda) Transilvania, and Moravia. N. of Austria is the Km. of Bohemia, 160

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160 Ms. 1. and 150 b. (Prague the Cpl. 2 Ms. r. 50,000 Jews are reckon'd to be in this C.) N. E. of this is the Dukedom of Silefia, 235 Ms. 1. and 70b. (Breflaw the Cpl.) both thefe helong chiefly to the Emperor; and in both there are a great many Protestants, who have oft fuffer'd Perfecution, on the Account of their Religion.

The Emperor has also Dominions in the Circle of Stuabia, and feveral Cs. elfewhere; as Ratisbox in Bavaria; a rich and pleafant C where the Diet of the Empire meets; to which the Princes fend their Deputies: From these we are told the Emperor may maintain an Army of 85 or 90,000 Men.

N. of Bohemia is the Circle of Upper Saxony = In the S. Parts of this, lies the Territories of the Elector of Saxony, which are very confiderable. The Revenue is called 400,000 l. per Ann. The Cpl. is Drefden: Here are likewife many perty Sovereignities.

The N. of this Circle lies to the Baltick; it belongs mostly to the K. of Prussia, who has I. Brandenburg, 190 Ms. 1 and 90 b. (Berlin the: Cpl.) 2. (N. of this) Pomerania, 150 Ms. 1. and 50 b. the Cpl. of which is Stetin, and E. of this a great Part of Prussia; (Koningsburg the Cpl.): which lies upon the Gulf of Dantzick; and feveral other Principalities; of which, he generally keeps a great standing Army, of 50 or 60,000

W. of Brandenburg is the Circle of Lower Saxony. In the S. of which, lie the Dominions of the K. of Great Britain; viz. the Dukedoms of Magdenburg, Zell, Brunfwick, Hannover, and F 4 Lunenburg

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Lunenburg, and N. W. Ferden, Bremen, &c. So that his late Majefly was a very confiderable and powerful Prince, before his Acception to the Briuilh Throne; for (as we are told) the Annual Revenue of the Electorate was long fince 300,000 l. befide Bremen and Ferden; which colt him 300,000 l. and feveral other Acquisitions.

In the N. Part of this Circle lie 1. the Sovereign Dutchy of Holficins (Labeck the Cpl. in which is Hamburg, a great Port one of the tipheit, molt populous, and trading Cs. in all the Empire, and 2 E. of this (by the Baluck) the Dakedom of Meckle berg, the Cpl. of which is Refleck.

N. B. The Proteflant Religion prevails in the Northern Parts of Germany: The 4 last named Princes, are all of that Religion W. of this Circle is that of Weltphalia; which is very large, but divided amongst abundance of Princes, viz. the K. of Prussia, the Electors of Cologn, Palatine, &c. Some of the Districts here are very small, viz. about 40 Ms. 1. and 23 b.

S. of this Circle, is that of the lower Rhine; the Cpl. of which Heidelburg; in which was a famous Library; but (to the great Lofs of the Proteftant World) it was convey'd to the Vatican; after the Defeat of the Elector Palatine, Brother in Law to Charles I. of England : But the Heidelburg be the Cpl. yer Marbeini is the ufual Refidence of the Elector; between whom, and the Ecclefiaftical Electors, this Circle is chi fly divided. To this joins the Circle of the Upper Rivine;

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The Cpl. of the S. is Francfort; a very large and firong . C. in this Circle there are many Protestants, both Lutherans, and Calvinitis. Now. of these Circles is that of Franconia, a. 11 2

which is likewife fubject to many Princes ftil'd. Bifhops, Marqueffes, &c. the Cpl. is Nuremburg, encl of the fineft and richeft in all the Empire.

inSt of this is the Circle of Swabia s a great Part of which belongs to the Duke of Wirrenburgy. and Marquifs of Baden : What belongs to the former, is a very fruitful, and populous Country : Stugart is the Cple In the E. of this Circle is the Bishoprick of Augsburg, where the People are moltly Lutherans: 1600 216 80525 du I on T And on the W. is Mace; of which the Cols is Strasbing how fubjective the French and blod And S. E. of this is the Circle of Bavaria ; (Munich the Cpl.) which belongs chiefly to its 34, 17 31 5

But in the S. E. there is the Sovereign Billiop? rick of Saltz burg; the Cpk of which is Saltz) burg; from whence, many thoufands of Protestants, have been lately banish'd, on account of their Re-

. There are in the Empire feveral Universities, Schools, &c. as particularly at Hall; in Upper Sax. ony; one of the most famous in Europe, foundded by Dr. Herman Frank : It took its Rife, froma dew Mites, thrown into his Alms Box, placed at his Study: Door : It was after a Time, encous raged, and fupported by the Bounty of great Mon south a four this side of our Wirres. ei Im

far and near. Here 500 Orphans are taken care of, fubfisted, and instructed. The German School has 1600 Scholars, in 32 Classes; under 8 Tutors: The Latin, &c. has 26 Tutors; and 300 Scholars.

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The Frederician University (fo called from the K. of Pruffia its Patron) is one of the most flourishing in the World : It had fome time fince above 3000 Students, from various Parts of Europe.

"I will conclude my Account of Cermany, with observing, that by the Laws of the Empire, the Papifls, the Lutherans, and the Calvinifls, (or Reformed) all freely enjoy their own Principles, and worship God in their own Way; but the z laft, have out been perfecuted by the first.

The Lutherans are nearer to the Papists than the Calvinists, as to the Lord's Supper; for they hold, That the Bedy and blood of Christ are really present, and exclusibilited to the Communicants in t bas Ordivance.

Swifferland has France on the W. Italy on the S. Tyrol on the E. and Germany on the N. It (with the Territories of its Allies) lies from 46 to 48 Ds. of Lat. and from 25 to 29 of Lon. It is 240 Ms. 1. and 120 b. It is full of great Mountains (call'd the *Mips.*) many of which, are conflantly cover'd with Snow: Thefe Mountains divide Germany and France, from Italy.

Bleau fays, that it is Winter on the Top, Spring below, and Harvelt in the Vallies. (Here are many fine Springs, and a Well that ebbs and flows every Day; and feveral Cataracts; one at Schaffkaujen, where the Rhine falls at once 35 Yards from a Rock, like one of our Wares.

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This Country is divided into \$3 Provinces, (term'd Cantons) which are to many independent Commonwealths or Republicks, all in a Confederacy for their mutual Defence.

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The General Diet (confifting of 2 Deputies from each Canton) meets annually at Baden; 14 Ms. from Zurick: But the Government of fome of these Cantons may be call'd Democratical. Every Man here pleads his own Cause : It is reckoned the fewer Laws the fewer Law Sui s.

The Swiffers are early train'd up to War stheir Recreations are military: They are firing bodyld, and make excellent Soldiers: Many thoufands are hired to their Neighbours; to whom, they are very faithful, while well paid.

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The Abbot of St. Gall, and feveral Bifhops, are in Alliance with them, and fo are the Grifons, whole Country is 80 Ms. 1. and 60 b. It is divided into 3 Parts (call'd Leagues) viz. the Upper, or Grey League, that of the House of God, and that of the 10 Jurifdictions: This People are govern'd by a Diet, of 67 Deputies; which meet at Coir the Cpl. All Males here are train'd to War. They can raise 20,000 Men. They are generally Protestants.

The Principality of Neufchatel, the Valtelin, &c. are also in Alliance with the Swiflers : In the former, there is a Village, that can in an Instant, raife 600, armed Men.

In the S. We of Suifferland, is the famous University and Grong C. of Geneva ; with a Suburb of about 4 Miles round; its a Republick.

The Lake of Geneva is 48 Ms. 1 and 12 b. and in fome Parts 250 Yards deep; it is faid to be the biggeft fresh Water Lake, in all Europe; it sometimes ebbs and flows like al Sea; even when there is no Wind.

The chief Rs. in Germany are 1. the Danube, which runs Eaflward by Vienna, thro' Turkey interthe Euxine Sea. 2. The Rhine, which rifes in Swifferland, runs N. between Germany on the E. Lorain and Flanders on the W. 3. The Elb, which runs N. W. by Hamburg, emptying itfelf into the German Sea, (as also does the Rhine, but more S.)

France lies from 14 to 27 Ds. of Lon. from 43 to 51 of Lat. It is about 780 Ms. I. and 500 b. It has Germany, &ce on the E. Flanders on the N. the Bay of Bifcay on the W. Spain and the Mediterranean on the S.

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The Air is good, and Soil fruitful. Air is France is divided into 12 great Parts, call'd Governments.

The Commodities are rich Wines, Silks, &c. The Opl. is Paris; a great and fine C. The Houfes are generally 6 or 7 Stories high. Sir William Petit reckon'd that there were but 23,229 Houfes; and near 500,000 Souls: And in London tor, 315 Houfes and near 700,000 Souls; that it (with Westminster and Southwark) stands on twice as much Ground as Paris, and that it has 6 Times as many Shops.

At Arles, in Provence, is extant an old Roman Obelisk of one Oriental Grannate Stone, 2 Foot high, and 7 Diameter, at the Bottom.

The Kings of France (for all Females are excluded by the Salique Law) are abfolute Manarchs sthere are indeed many Partiaments, but they only execute the K's Pleafure. His Revenue is call'd' 1 5,000,000 1. per Annum? He has kept an Army of 100,000 Horfe, and 300,000 Foot. His Title is Most Christian Majesty des There are in France 18 Archbishops, 109 Bishops, 16 Heads of Religious Orders, 5 50 Abbies of Nuns; 1356106 Monks 5 14077 Convents of all Orders ; 1 240 Priories ; i 1 5;200 Chappels ; Tand about \$6,440 Parishes : 16,000 Camons ; 5,000 Abbots; 13,000 Chanters : 6,000 Singing Boys; 95,600 Monks : 13,500 Mendicants: 9,500 Carmelates, &c. reform'd; 20,000 Capuchins ; 2,500 Minims; 500 Hermits; in all 122,600 and 82,000 Nunson Total 204,000. With the si in onit

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is about 26,000,000 l. p. An. N. B. The French reckon their Money by Livres; a Livre is 1 s. 6 d.

Poperv is now the only Religion in France: The Prote ants (term'd Hugonots) were volcrated, by the Edict of Nants, in 1598; but Lewisthe 14th, 1685, abolifh'd it; fince which, they have been furiously perfecuted, and are either all fled, or forced to conceal their Sentiments.

On the E. of France lies the Sovereign Dutchy. of Lorain, subject to its own Prince.

are Nancy and Barleduc. This Dutchy is now in the Poffettion of Staniflaus, Father in Law to the K. of France.

Spain (with Portugal) lies from 34 to 44 Ds. of Lat. from 9 to 22 of Lon. It's 600 Ms. 1. and. 760 b.

It's encompassed by Sea except on the N. E. where the Fyrenean Mins. part it from France. 240 Ms from Mediterranean to the O. It has the Bay of Bifcay on the N. the Atlantick on the W. the Straits and Mediterranean on the S. and E.

Spain is divided into 14 Provinces; 8 of which are called Kms. As the Km. of Arragon, Sc. Here are 8 Archbishops, and 46 Bishops. The Air is fo hot in the Southern Parts, that they keep within, feveral Hours, about Noon, in Summer.

The Soil in many Parts, is very dry and barren.

The chief Commodities are Wines, and Fruits, of feveral Kinds and it a state of the state of the

The Cpl. is Madrid, a large, fair, populous, tut unwalled C. which flands about the middle of the Km. upon a Hill, in a fruitful Country. Here, as well as at Lisbon, is annually a very odd Diversion, Diversion, call'd the Bull Feast. When & Knights on Horseback fight furious Bulls, (before the K. &c.) which generally kill many Men.

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Eighteen Ms. from Madrid is the Efeurial, where is a Palace faid to be the largest, and most magnificent, in Europe; to have been 21 Years in Building; and to have 11,000 Windows. The Parks, Gardens, &c. belonging to it, are call'd 108 Ms. r. 40 Ms. from Madrid is Toledo faid to be the richest Archbishoprick in Christendom worth 76,000 l. per Annum. Here are many good Ports, especially Barcelone, in the Mediterranean; and Cadiz, in the Atlantick : About 60 . Ms. S. E. from which is Gibraltar : It fands upon a Rock, in a Peninfula, in S. molt part of all Spain : It gives Name to the famous Straits which divide Europe from Africa about 15 Ms. over. It's one of the Arongest Cs. and Castles (if not the frongest) in all Europe, yea in the The Rock (towards the Bottom of World. which it stands) is about 1 M. and a quarter high ; in which is a Cave, big enough to hold 1000 Men ; upon the Top, is a Watch Tower ; from which, one may fee 120 Ms. up the Mediterranean. It has been in the Hands of the English ever fince 1704; brieg'd, but in vain: And it's now Aronger than ever it was, and pronounc'd impregnable.

The Spaniards import yearly from America a vast deal of Silver and Gold; but so much of it for Foreigners, that it's commonly faid, Spain keeps the Cove, but others milk ber.

The Spaniards are bigotted Papifls. Here are 9 Tribunals of the Inquificion, which employ 30,000 Informers. Heylin tells us, that they are very

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very idle and proud, that the Men are extremely jealous of their Wives, And that they use Spectacles, when young.

The Government here is Defpotick Monarchy? the K is fill'd his Cathelick Majefty.

Portugal has Spain on the N. and E. the Atlantick on the S. and W. It lies from 9 to 12 Ds. of Lon. from 37 to 42 of Lat. It's about 315 Ms. I. and 105 b.

The Air in fome Parts of this Country is temper'd with Sea Breezes and not fo hot as those Parts of Spain, that lie in the fame D. of Lat. Some Parts are very dry and montainous; but it produces plenty of Grapes," Oranges, &c. ...And by the Mines of Diamonds lately difcover'd in Brafil; the K. of Portugal is become one of the richest Princes in Europe : He's alfo an Arbitrany Monarch Dots surth ir or agound shive, doidw The greatest Curiofity in this Country is a Fountain, that flows in Summer, and is drylin Winter: It turns every Thing caft into it, into Stone. """strip a bo r . It's maning or Country it dotters "The Cpl. of this Km. is Lisbon; a large and noble C. It flands 10 Ms. up the Rev Tagaist Lies 6 Ms. by the R. Side 1 It has 22 Gates nor wards the R. and 16 to the Land 19 It's above 20 Ms: r. It has a very fine Harbour for the largeft Ships 10 11,000 Beeves, 11,000 Goars, and 100,000 Sheep, are faid to be annually kill'ddin this C. The Toll on Flesh has been farm'd at 5,000 Ducates per Annum. In this C. istian Englis Nunnery; confifting of an Abbefs, a Fieft, a Confeffor and 30 Nuns all English. 185% The Portaguese (as well as the Spaniards) are reckon'd very much given to Gallantry, and less out four that, a althen H antrolal creding VCIY

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ceeding proud; Painting is very fashionable amongst the Ladies. Every ordinary Mechanic here wears his Spado; (i. e. a Sword about twice the length of ours.) The Quality are drawn by Majoes, i. e. Mules as high as our Horses.

Here, as well as in Spain, is the Hellich Court of Inquisition, of which the following is a brief Account: When any Perfon is taken up by its Officers, he is thrust into a little nafty dark hole (where he has nothing but a' Quilt and a p-fs Pot) where he fees no Body but his Keeper: Ho is feldom told his Crime, and never his Accuser? When he is brought out, he is charg'd with Herefy; if he don't confeis, he is wrack d in the following Manner: He is ftript naked; and by Imall Cords ty'd firait about his Wrifts, Hoilteth up a great Height; and let down by Jirts ; then drawn up again, &c. for the Space of an Hours till almost all his Joints are put out? This is done thrice; if he don't confeis what they require ? If he do, he is wrack'd to make him tell his Com? panions. After the Wrack, his Bones are carefully fet, to fit him for a fecond Torture. Some have lain 6, or 7 Years in this dreadful Prilon. When they have got a fufficient Number, they fix the Execution; (term'd An Act of the Faith) Then the poor Prifoners' are brought out (dreit in frightful Coats, with Flames and Devils painted on 'em') and deliver'd' to the Civir Magiltrate ; whom they entreat to be merciful to 'em'; tho' he dares do no other than execute them. It they will not then profess themselves Papills, they are fet 'on a Board 3 or 4 Yards high, and ty'd to Stakes behind : Here flaming Torches are held

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18 T to their Faces; and flow Fires are made fo low, that they are generally 2 Hours a dying. Tho' I'm inform'd, that of lare, they are oft firangled, before the Fire reaches them. The K. and Court are always Spectators at these Executions.

Mr. Gavin tells us that one Part of the Cafile, or Palace, where the Court of Inquifition is held; is a Sort of Seraglio: Into which are forcibly carry'd by Night, the most beautiful young Ladies that can be found throughout the Km. (60, or 70 have been the common Number) These well dreft and accommodated, are kept in fine Apartments, for the Use of the 3 grand Inquisitors. A particular Account of this Seraglio, &c. may be found in this Gentleman's Masser Key to Popary, Part the 1st.

Italy lies from 23 to 37-Ds. of Lon. from 38 to 46 of Lat, It is (fays Gorden) 760 Ms. 1. and but 134 b. But in the N. it is 2 or 3 times that Breadth. It has Germany on the N. the Mediterranean on the W. and S. and the Adriatick (or Gulf of Venice) on the E. and fo is a Sort of a Peninfula: It has been compar'd to a Boot; of which Savoy, Monferrat, Venice, &c. (in the N.) make the wide Top: Tufcany, the Papacy, &c. the Middle: And the Km. of Naples the Bottom: The fmall of the Leg and Foot.

The Air in Italy is generally pretty good; but in fome Parts groß and unhealthful: It is reckon'd worft about the Middle. The Soil is fo fertile, that it is call'd the *Garden of Europe*: The chief Products are Corn, Wine, Fruits, &c.

But here as in other Popifh Countries, there are fo many Holy Days, that the Prothane are not fufficient for improving and managing the Ground

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Ground as it ought to be; and there are fuch Swarms of Ecclefiafticks, (who always live of the Fat of the Land) that the Laity must be very poor and milerable. Befides the Pope, about 70 Cardinals, and 2 Patriarchs, there are (according to Gordon) 32 Archbishops, 48 Bishops, immediately subject to the Pope, 25 exempt from the Jurifdiction of their respective Metropolitans. and 194 subject to the feveral Archbishops. Befides Abbots, Cannons, &c. and an infinite number of Secular and regular Priests, Nuns, &c.

But to fay fomething of the most confiderable Parts of this Country. And first of

Naples which includes all the S. Part of Italy: It is 220 Ms. 1. on the Western Shore, and about as much on the Eastern, and 110 b. in the N. Naples the Cpl. is one of the most beautiful Cs. in Europe: it stands in a pleasant Plain, on the W. Coast, 112 Ms. S. E. of Reme: It is called 9 Ms. r. Dr. Burnet reckons it about half as big as London: It has a fine stand sout half which is guarded by 4 Casses. In this C. there are 300 Churches, 121 Monasteries, and 59 Nunneries; which contain about 12,421 Perfons. The Plate in the Churches is valued at 8,000,000 Growns: The Ecclesiasticks are computed to have 4 5ths of the Km. The Jesuits are the chief Merchants here; the best Wines are retail'd

Eight Ms. from Naples is Mt. Vefucius: It is about a M. in Diameter; in the Midil of which is a new Mt. thrown up; which is quarter of a M. high; Smoak, Fire, Stones, &c. have oft proceeded out of the Top of it: In 16;1, there was fo violent a Shock, that the Sea retir'd; Ships were

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were left dry upon the Shore; many Ts. were fwallow'd up; 30,000 Souls, and valt Herds of Cattle were defiroy'd: Nay fuch retrible Streams of Fire iffu'd from it to the Sea, as endanger'd even Naples itfelf: And there have been 7 Eruptions fince.

This Km. was lately fubdu'd by the Spaniards, &c. and is now fubject to *Don Carlos* (the K. of Spain's eldeft Son by his prefent Queen (who had it upon an Exchange for Tufcany, &c.

N. of Naples (on the W. Coalt) lies the Dukedom of Tufcany: It is 130 Ms. h and 120 b. The chief Ts. are *Florence*, 125 Ms. N. W. of *Roma*. It is an old declining C. and not large; for there are a great many Vineyards within the Walls's and yet, it is but 6 or 7 Ms. r. It has 3 good Caftles, in which its main Strength lies. 50 Ms. S. W. of this is Leghorn; a great, rich, and ftrong C. a Free Port; with a fine Harbour; it is frequented by Merchants of all Nations: The Jews are here allow'd a Synagogue; (they are reckon'd to be 4 or 5000) and the Greeks have alfo a Church.

Within this Dukedom lies the Republick of. Lucca It is but 27 Ms. 1. and 25 b.

E. of Tufcany lies the Papacy (or Land of the Church) which is 240 Ms. L. and 92 b. It contains 12 Provinces, (or Diffricts) all fubject to the Pope; whofe Title is His Holinefs: He is allow'd by all Papifts to be the Supreme Eccleftaftical, and in many Popifh Countries is a fort of a Civil Head too: He has a Number of Cardinals, which are his Privy Council; thefe at the Death of a Pope, chufe a Succeffor, out of their, own Body.

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The Papal Revenue is call'd 2, 500,000 l. per Ann. But in this Sum I prefume is not included the Rent which (the Author of *full View of Popery* tells us) was paid by authoriz'd Whores, in the C. of Rome; who were (as he fays) in Paul III's Reign 40,000, each of which paid his Holinefs & d. per Weeks which amounted to 52,000 l. per Ann.

Rome the Cpl. is an ancient, magnificent, and large C. It is call'd is or 16 Ms. r. but in that Gompafs are a great many large Vineyards; &c. that it is now not populous i The Souls in it are reckon'd but 120,000. The famous R. Ty-

Here are a great many flately Palaces; but that of the Pope's (called the Vatican) is by far the largeft: It contains 125,000 Rooms: In the grand Hall, where the Pope gives Audience to Embaffadors, there are many Pictures reprefenting and approving of the Maffacre of the Protestants. This Palace is truly a Composition of many beau-

Juff by it, flands the Church of St. Peter's; which is not only the most magnificent in the C. but it has fcarce its equal in the World. The Porch is 299 Feet I. 44 b. and 154 high; it is supported with a great many Marble Pillars: The Length of the Church within is 594 Feet. The Roof is valted, and divided into many squares; each of which is almost fill'd with a Gill Rose; it is supported by vast Pillars of Stone, to Feet alunder. Each Pillar is 105 Feet r. The Obelistine in the Middle, is one great Stope of speckled Marble, 108 Feet high: The Cupola is 432 Feet high; 520 r. without; and 429 within The

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The Diameter of the Ball is 8 Feet. The Infide of the Cupola is curioufly painted in Mofaick, representing the Heavens, &c. Under the Center of it flands the High Altar of St. Peter ; over which is a fine Canopy of Brafs, fupported by A Brafs Pillars, of a Scrpentine Form : wreath'd about with Vines of Brafs, and little Angels climb, ing up the Branches: The Pillars are 50 Feet high, each weighs 25,000 Pounds ; on the Corners of the Canopy are 4 large Angels of Brais Gilt ; on the Middle is a Globe of Brass, with a Crofs (of the fame) on the Top, all Gilt. This Church (fays Laffel) is big enough to contain. 200,000 Perfons. There are in it 22 Chapels : It was built by Conftantine the Great ; but fo much repair'd and adorn'd, that it was 100 Years about: It cost 40,000,000 Crowns & the Choir only coft 107,551 Crowns: About 20,000 l. per An. is allow'd for the maintaining it, &c.

Within the Papacy, lies the fmall Republick of St. Marino: It is about 10 Ms. r. It contains only one Mtn. and about 5,000 Souls.

95 Ms. N. E. of Rome, is the risheft Curiofity in the World; viz. The celebrated Chappel of the Lady of Loretto: It is like a Room 15 Feet fquare (built of red Stone) the Door is of folid Silver; within is a Silver Altar, the Cloth which covers it, is valued at 140,000 Crowns; on each fide are 2 Branches of Gold; and beforeit a Lamp of Gold, as much as 2 Men can carry: Behind the Altar, are the Cedar Statues of the Bleffed Virgin and her Son: With Crowns of Diamonds on their Heads, and Knots of the fame upon their Breafts; the Vails that hang before 'em are worth 40,000 Crowns: Behind the Statues, are

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arc 12 Lamps of Gold, 2 feet r. each: In this Chappel there are many Lights conftantly burning: It has a Cafe of Marble, and is furrounded with Statues of Marble; and a great Church is built over it.

We are told that in 7 or 8 Weeks 500;000 PHI grims have come to vifit it : Vaftly rich Prefents have been made it ; one of which was an Angel of Gold, holding an Heart fet with Diamonds : Great Chefts of Money and large Revenues belong to it.

The Legend fays, that in this Chappel, the Angels appear'd to the Holy Virgin : That when the Turks invaded Judea, the Angels took it up at Nazareth; carry'd it from Place to Place, and at laft fet it down, where it now flands.

In the N. E. of Italy lies the Territories of the Republick of Penice; which (befidus what lies on the E. fide of the Gulf and many Is. in the Ægean Sea or Archipelago) is 180 Ms. I. and go b. fo that its by far the largeit and most Powerful Common Wealth in Italy: it confists of a Dege, and Senare: The Doge has indeed the State, but hardly a Shadow of the Power of a K. The are chosen (by Ballor) Yearly 120 Senators: who determine Peace, War, &c.

The Cpl. is Venice, a large, rich, and beautiful C. It flands at the Bottom of its own Gulf; upon a great many Is. about 4 Ms. from the Continent: Thefe Is. make abundance of Canals; upon which, ply 10 or 12,000 Gondolas, (or Boars.) The Bridges over thefe Canals are call'd 400. The Grand Canal runs thro' the midft of the C. over which is a very fine Marble Bridge; which flands

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Ands upon 10,000 Piles : It confifts of only one Arch, which is 90 Foot wide, and 24 high ; upon this Bridge there are 2 Rows of Shops.

One of the grandest Things in this C. is the Square of St. Mark; which is 280 Paces 1. and 100 b. It's encompassed with magnificent Houses. But the Arst nal is indeed the largest and most noble Pile of Building in all the C. it's about a M. r. here are reckon'd to be 20,000 Canons of feveral Sizes.

At this C. is annually celebrated one of the oddeft Ceremonies in the World; call'd the Marriage of the Republick with the Sea; after the following Manner.

The Doge dreft in Cloth of Gold, attended by about 100 Senators, &c. walks to the Church of St. Mark; where Mass is faid; after which, they take their Gondolas; (the Doge's is curioully carved, and rightly gilt; it's faid to be worth 20,000 l.) when they have row'd above 2 Ms. from the C. the Doge throws a Gold Ring into the Sea; (but the Master of the Vessel by a fine Line, that runs thro' it recovers the Ring, which is his Perquisite;) this being done; they return to a grand Feast.

W. of Venice lies the Dukedom of Mantua. It's 6c Ms. 1 and 34 b. Mantua the Cpl. ftands in the middle of a Marsh (made by the R. Mincio) in a very bad Air; it's 4 Ms. r. but not populous; it's encompassed by a Wall, and defended by a ftrong Citadel; this C. is thought to be even older than Rome.

S. of this (200, Ms. N. from Rome) flands Modena, the Cpl. of a Dukedom, which is 60 Ms. 1. and 56 b. This is also an old C. it flands in

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in a pleafant Plain, on the R. Secchia. N. of this lies the Dukedom of Parma; 60 Ms. 1. and 40 b. Parma the Cpl. is a rich and populous C. 220 Ms. N. W. from Rome. Dependent upon, and adjoining (on the W.) to this Dukedom is that of Placentia, or Piacenza; but it is very fmall: W. of this lies the Republick of Genoa. The Cpl. Genoa is one of the chief Cs. in Italy. It ftands on the Side of an Hill, at the Bottom of its own Gulf: The Territory lies on each Side, down to the Mediterranean. N. of this is the Dukedom of Milan; which is 80 Ms. 1. and 60 b. Milan the Cpl. is a very fair and rich C. and the Citadel is one of the ftrongeft in the World. This Country is fubject to the Emperor. S. W. of this is the Dukedom of Mont ferrat, (Cafal the Cpl.) which is fubject to the Duke of Savoy: ... the the si

Full W. of the 3 last Dukedoms, between them and France lie the Dukedom of Savoy, and Principality of *Piedmont*: The former is 180 Ms. 1. and 100 b. extending Northwards to Switzerland. The Cpl. is Chambery; but about 55 Ms. W. of Lyons. The latter is 100 Ms. 1. and 70 b. The S. Part lies upon the Mediterranean. Turin is the Cpl. and usual Refidence of the K. of Sardinia, to whom both these Countries are subject.

S. E. of Milan lies the County of Tirol, fubject to the Emperor; and within it the Bishoprick of Trent.

N. B. All the N. Part of Italy is call'd by the general Name of Lombardy.

Italy abounds with Curiofities; which it would be endlefs to give any Account of; otherwise I might mention the Tarantula (a great and yene-G

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of Water falls notefsbt hah 100 Yards; making a prodigious Noife, which may be heard 4 or 5 Ms.

But I pais by thele Things, and shall conclude my Account of Italy, with a brief Abitract of the Romish Eaith; (taken out of the noted Greed of Pope Pius IVA) in (196 and 196), account of

The peculiar Articles are these 12 that follow. F. That the Church of Rome is the Mother and MArais of all Churches, and the only true Church ; which alone can fix the Sense of Scripture, and on which all Doctrines depend;

and dry all possible Means to be extirpated and de-Ardy'd: Agreenbly to this Brinciple, Millions (as Pobelbre oblerv'd) have been unjustly, and barbaiously, put to Death, in food Bloods

3. That the Bishop of Rome is St. Peter's Succellor, Christis universal Vicar upon Earth, and the Storeme Indilable Head of all Christians.

4. That there are 7 Sacraments, viz. Baptifm, Confirmation, Orders, Pennance, Marriage, the Eucharift (i. e. the Lords Supper) and Extreme a Universe, it doider a solution of sime channels when

5. Twat Grat Tradition is no begreeciv'd with as much Reverence as the Word of God nom adain 1974 D 6. That 6. That the Scriptures and Mafs should not be in the Vulgar Tongue,; because Ignorance is the Mother of Devotion.

7. That in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the whole Substance of the Bread is by Confecration, turn'd into the whole Substance of Christ's Body, Soul, and Divinity; that in the Bread alone a whole Christ, and true Sacrament is receiv'd; (for the Wine is drunk by the Priests only) and that in this Sacrament, a true, and propitiatory Sacrifice is offer'd to God, for the quick and the dead.

8. That the Images of the Virgin Mary, &c. are to be worthiped.

9. That Auricular Confession must be made to a Priest, who has a Power of pardoning Sin.

ro. That when we do well (thro' God's Grace) we as much merit a Reward, as we do Punishment; when we do ill; and that there are Works of Superrogation.

II. That departed Saints offer up Prayers to God for Men; that it is good and profitable, humbly to invoke them, and flee to them for Help.

12. That there is a Purgatory, (i. e. a middle State between Heaven and Hell) where Men are to fatisfy for their Sins; and to be made meet for Happines: The Souls imprifon'd there, are to be releas'd by the Prayers of the Priest, which are bought with Money.

By this Craft (faid Demetrins) we have cur Wealth, Acts xix. 25.

Turkey in Europe, lies from 36 to 49 Ds. of Lat. from 35 to 56 of Lon. Gordon makes it 660 Ms. 1. and 660 b. It has Poland on the 1/2 // // // Dr. G. 2 / 24 of . N.

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N. the Euxine Sea, &c. on the E. the Archipelago on the S. Germany and the Territory of , enice on the W. It comprehends many great Provinces (e. g.) Greece, which includes Macedonia in the N. the Morea in the S. and feveral Provinces in the middle.

Greece lies from 37 to 43 Ds. of Lat. from 38 to 45 of Lon. It's about 360 Ms. 1. and 400 b. The Air and Soil here are both good. The Commodities are raw Silk, Oil, Honey, &c.

In the N. of these Countries are the 9 Danubian Provinces; 2 of which, viz. Meldavia and Transilvania are mostly under the Protection of the Emperor; and a great Part of Dahnatia is subject to the Venetians.

These Provinces are so called because they lie upon or near to the *Danube*; the longest and largest R. in Turkey: It is navigable for Vessels of Burden about 1350 Ms. It rifes in or near Switzerland, runs by Vienna, thro' the midst of the Country, and empties itself by 5 or 6 Mouths into the Euxine or Black Sea.

In the Province of Romania, flands the large, fameus, and ancient, C. of Conftantinople; which is the Cpl. of the Empire: It flands upon the *Hellefront*, (Thracius Bofphorus, Dardanelles) or Strait between the Euxine and Archipelago; which part Europe from Afia: Its Situation is reckon'd one of the pleafanteft in the World; and its Harbour one of the fafeft and beft; it lies 6. Ms. along the Shore: It has a double Wall to the Land. The Streets of this C. are very narrowdark and dirty; the Houfes are motily of Wood, and jet out to far that they almost meet above. They are also very low and generally cover'd with with red Paint. The Air is very unwholfome, and Plague common here.

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In this C. there are many great Mosques; and one to large that 40,000 Perfons, (as we are told) meet in it at their Prover. But the largest and most magnificent Buildings are the Old and New Seraglio; the Old is three quarters of a M. r. but the New is call'd 2 or 3 Ms. in Circumference. In it are many very great and fine Apartmente, for the Emperor, his Sultanas, his Concubines, his Ministers of State, &c. as well as Baths, Schools, &c.

In this vaft Pile of Building is a Bed Chamber ; the Walls of which are faced with the fineft China; the Floor is cover'd with Carpers of Silk and Gold; the Canopy Hangings, &c. are all Clothof Gold; the Bed Pofts are of Silver. In the Apartments for the Women (which refemble a Nunnery) there are commonly about 1,200 Ladies; the most beautiful that can be either bought or stole, 10 are lodg'd in a Room (with a Lamp always burning) and an old Woman to guard them. This Bawd at certain Seafons, chules out the handfomest of them, and places them in a Row; when the has to clone; the Sultan comes, and walks 4 or 5 Times by them, and throws his Handkerchief at that he likes best : This the old Woman dreffes, perfumes, paints, and then leads, her to his Bed ; near which are many Wax Tapers burning, and feyeral. Moorifh. Women fitting, by them. In the Morning, he leaves her his Apparel, and all the Money he has in his Pockets; and afterwards fends her a Present greater or less, as he likes her: She who bears him the first Gi Child,

Child, is called the Sultana, and if it be a Son, fie is confirm'd in that Dignity, and all the reft honour har as Queen's all indeed that have Children, are call'd Sultanas, but have not the Title of Queen's fine who has this Honour, is attended by a Captain, and 40 Black Eunuchs.

The Sultan's Daughters are not allow'd to converfe with any Men befides their Husbands; over whom they are Maffers, and as a Badge of their Superiority, the Daggers, and oft flab or put them away; and g they may matry others.

On the N. Side of the Euxine Sea is Crimea s it is a Peninfula, in the Shape of an Head and Neck, This Country is under its own Prince (call'd the Cham) but fubject to the great Turk, whofe Title is the Grand Seignter, and Subjime Highmefs; but the laft Year the Mulcovites invaded it, and made bloody Work amongst the poor Tartars.

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There are in Turkey, Jews, Chriffians, and Mahometans. In fome Parts the greater Number are Chriffians of the Greek Church, whole Faith differs from that of the Weltern Churches, in the following Articles. 1. They deny that the Holy Ghoft proceeded from the Son. 2. They deny Purgatory. 3. They believe that the Souls of the Good enter not into Giory till the Refurrection. 4. They admit Children of 7 Years old to the Sacrament. 5. They reject Extreme Unction and Confirmation. 6. They admit only the marry'd into Orders. 7. They adom their Churches with Pictures, but have no Images. 8. They observe 4 Lents. ** x.E

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The chief Articles of the Musielmen or Mahometan Creed are these Ten. That Circumcifion is neceffary to Salvation. A loss That every Musielman must once in his Life go to Mecca, either in Person, or by Proxy. 3. That no Wine is to be drunk : No Swines Flesh

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Prophet, fent to foretell the coming of Mahomet : That be did not die but another in his Place 4 , out

1.8. That a Month's Fast is to be kept Yearly when a g. That Men must pray 5 Timesia Day reasonable

10. That an hundredth Part of every Man's Estate is to be laid by, for Charitable Ufes :, That Care is to be taken of, and Charity extended towards ufeleft. Bruit Animals: In conformity to this Article, many fuch are kept in Sort of Hofpitals for their past Services.

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Sicily, which is about 2 Ms. S. of Italy; divided by the Fara of Meffina: In this Strait are the 2) Whirlpools of Scylla, and Charibdis; which make the Paffage very dangerous.

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Sicily lies from 31 to 33 Ds. of Lon. from 36 to 38 of Lat. It is about 170 Ms. 1. and 90 b. The Air here is very good, and Soil truitful: Here are Corn, Silk, &c. The chief Ts. are Meffina and Palerme. The former lies upon the Faro (or Straits.) It is an ancient, great, and ftrong C. with a very fine Harbour: The latter flands on the Weftern Shore; it is a large, rich, and populous C.

Catana is alfo a confiderable C. about 60 Ms. S. from Meffina. Ten Ms. from this, is the dreadful Valcano, Mt. Ætna or Gibel : The Mtn. is called 100 Ms. r. The Afcent is divided into 3 Parts: The 1ft is about 12 Ms. the 2d 10, and the 3d 12 more : And above these there are leffer winding Afcents; and 1 of near 2 Ms. The Vorago at the Top, is faid to be 4 Ms. r. From whence there has oft run a Stream of Fire; and fometimes valt burning Stones are thrown up a great height.

Fazelus fays, that it continually fends forth Smoak and Flames. That in fome Parts of this Mini it is fo cold, that it freezes every Night in the Year, well an absolute to the mouth of the

This I. was lately taken from the Emperor by Don Carlos; to whom it is now Subject: He is fill'd K. of the 2 Sicilies, (i. e. of Naples and Sicily.) He is an arbitrary Prince, and a biggotted Papift.

About 60 Ms. S. of this, is the I. of Melita, or Malta, It is 50 or 60 Ms. r. It is fubject to 7 Great Men, commonly call'd the Knights of Malta. S. of Genoa, at the Diftance of 90 Ms. is the R of Corfica; It is 110 Ms. 1. and 45 b. The Cpl. M fura F pa F th Is of C C a St

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Cpl. is *Bastia*, a confiderable C. and strong Castle: It stands in the N: Part of the I. on the Sea, and has a good Harbour. Here are Corn, Wine, Oil, &c. the neither Air nor Soil are counted good:

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This I. is fubject to the Genocfe; but there has been and now is an Infurrection; which the Genoefes cannot fupprefs withour Foreign Aids. A Body of French are landed there, to reduce the I.

About 12 Ms. S. of Corfica is Sardinia (a Km.) It's 135 Ms. 1. and 52 b. The Cpl. is Cagliari.

This I. produces fo much Corn that we are told 1,000,000 Strikes has been exported in a Year. This Km. is fubject to its own Prince, who is alfo Duke of Savoy.

About 30 Ms. N. E. from Alicant in Spain, is; Yvica's which is but 30 Ms. I. and 25 b. And 40 or 50 Ms. N. E. of this is Majorca; which is 50 Ms. I. and about 30 b. And 20 Ms. N. E. of this is: Minorca; about 45 Ms. I. and 24 b.

The Air of these Is. is temperate and Soil fruitful in the inland Parts; but the Coafts are generally rocky: They are subject to Spain; except *Rort Makon*, or *Maon* (which lies in the S. W. part of the last) here is a good Harbour and strong Fort that commands the I. This was taken by the English (whose it now is) in 1708, with the Loss of 50 Men; the' it had a Garrison of a. 1,000.

I now pais to the Northern Is and ift to those of Fero; (about 17 in Number) They lie in the soth D. of Lat. and 17th of Lon. between Greenland and Norway: Here are Loaditones, Skins, St. G.5, N.

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N. W. of these is Greenland; which so far as discovered (on the W. Side) is from 76 to 82 Ds. of Lat. The Air is extremely cold: Here and in Nova Zembla, there is one Night 3 Months l. and one Day (of Course) of the same length.

Here are White Bears 6 Foot high and 14 long; one of them yields 112 lb. Weight of Fat 1 These. Creaters will run to help one another, when atrack'd; if one is kill'd, the rest, carry it, off, and eat it if not prevented.

Many Whales are caught by the English, Dutch, &c. upon this Coast and Greenland.

Our S. Sea Company has annually employ'd in this Fishery 18 or 20 Ships of about 300 Tup, and 49 Men : They fet out in March ; begin to fifh in, May; and give over by Middummer ; becaufe ; then they begin to gender. Their Way of Fifh-, ing is this : They fallen their Ships to the Ice, and as each Ship has 6 Boats, fo 2 of them, with 12 Men are ordered out, to watch the coming of the Whale; they are also fasten'd to the Ice; at a finall Diftance from the Ship : As foon as ever they fee him, they rull fwiftly upon him, behind that he may not fe the Boat, nor reach it with his Tail: The Man that is at the Head of the Boat, darts an harping from with all his might into the Body of the Fifh, and leaves it there; to this Iron there is fasten'd a Cord, of about 270 Yards long : As each Boat has of fuch Cords, fo they expeditionly (tye one to another, as Occa-o fion ferves: As foon as the Whale is frucks the other 4 Boats join the 2 first; against the Whale rifes : They thrust sharp Lances into any Part of? him they come at : He dies by Lofs of Blood, fooner or later according to the Wounds he has receiv'd

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receiv'd. A large Whate is about 70 Foot long, and 12 high the is oft 18 of 19 Inches thick of Par, which yields 3 or 4,000 Gallons of Oil. The Whale-Bone is the Gills y which confilts of II or 1200 Pieces ; molt of them 15 Boot long. and 4 bread. A good Whale is worth above r, bowl. The Female has Tears, and Suckles, after the Manner of Land Animals 1 A young one when brought forth is as big as an Hoghead I and he cros dacal The Whale's Throat is fo Grait that there is hardly room for a Man's Arm to pals: It is probible therefore that this was not the Fifhorhat fwallow'd Jonah; and the rather becaufe it's faid no Whale was ever feen in those Seas It is more probable that the great Filh fpoken of, 2 Jonah 1. 17. was a Shark , which is not only a very voracious but a very large Fish; weighing 4,000 th. and 'a Man has actually been found intire in the Belly of the Shark. & the man in the story of the shark

The Women in Greenland paint their Faces with Black and blew Strokes. - Mast Tu sa sur A. 276 Miles B. of this is Nova Zembla Affcovoet for 17 for 17 1 Ds. of Bat. but whisther I. lor part of a Continent vis uncertainty viso ous visin Iceland lies from 64 to 68 Ds. of Lat from 345 to'8 of Lon. It's 345 Ms. 1. and about 200 bolt's a or see Ms. W. of Norway; and sko N. of Scorand. This Country is very Mountainous and cold ver there are feveral hot Springs; particularly Mount Hechi, which throws out fealding Water! Alhes, Stones, &c. The Houles here are half under Ground. The Bread is made of Filh Bonk's grown'd & &c. o et aladia das 52 has (o os bas 1 The Commodities are Sulphur, Furs, &c. This Country is fubject to the K. of Denmark. 19 M

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Greenland lies near the N. of America: N. E. of Davids Straits. It extends from the 60th D. of Lat. we know not how far either N. E. or W. the coldnefs of the Country prevents Travellers from making farther Difcoveries: They affure us, that the Inhabitants of this I. live in Tents; which in Summer Time, they carry about with them in Boats. That in Winter, they live under Ground in Caves, which have a Communication one with another, like: Rabbits Boroughs. Their Boats are made of Whale Bones flitch'd together with the Sinews of Beafts, and cover'd with Fifh Skins: That they wear the Skins of Birds. &c. That they worfhip the Devil, &c.

with, viz. the leffer and greater British Is. And first of the leffer.

About 12 or 14 Ms N. of Scotland lie the Orcades, or Orkney Is: They are in the 57 and 58 Ds. of Lat. Of these 26 are inhabited; besides which, many are only used for Pasturage, and are called Holms. 15.1 10

60 or 70 Ms. N. E. of these is Shetland; which comprehends 46 Is and 40 Holms: They lie from S. E. 10 N. W. for about 80 Ms. The Air here is very cold, but very healthful.

Wellern Is. Gorden calls them 300. The 2 largeft are those of Sky (very near Scotland: It's 80 Ms. 1. and 20 b.) and Lewis, which is 67 Ms. 1. and 25 b.

W. of Westmorelan I, (at the Diffance of about 30.

30 Ms.) lies the 1. of Man; which is 30 Ms. 1. and 12 b. It is divided into 17 Parifhes. The Cpl. is Caftle Town: This I. belongs to the Earl of Derby, (who is still'd Lord or King in Man) under the K. of England: Tho' fome Barons have Lands here: The Earl has his Civil and Military Officers, who act by his Commissions: He also hold's Courts: He pardons and executes in his own Name; and (abaring his Homage to the K. of England) he is an absolute Prince.

The Air here is very fharp and cold. The Inhabitants are call'd Manks-Men.

N. W. of N. Wales (at a little Diffance) is the I. of Anglefey. It is 40 Ms. 1. and 26 b. It is reckon'd one of the Counties of Wales: It is very fruitful in Oorn, &c. which is exported to Wales.

S. of Hampshire lies the I. of Wight: It is reck; on'd a Part of that County. It's isparated by a narrow and rapid Current, or Channel: It's about 35 Ms. I. and 22 b. It's encompass'd with Rocks; (especially towards France,) and is fortify'd with Stakes and Castles. This I. is a pleafant and fruitful Spot. It is divided according to fome into 36, and according to others, into 52 Parishes. Here are 3 Market Towns; the Cpl. is Newport 1 it is reckon'd to contain 25,000 Souls.

S. W. of this, near the Coafts of Normandy lie feveral fmall Is. viz. Alderney, which is 8 Ms. r. Guernfey, which is 12 Ms. each Way. Jerfey which is 12 Ms. 1. and 7 b. Scrie, &c. all which belong to England.

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Ireland has the Main O. on the W. N. and S. St. George's Channel and the Irith Sea on the E. (between it and Great Britain.) The Channel is 90 or 200 Ms. over. Ireland hies from 7 to 12 Ds. of Lon. from 51 to 56 of Lat. Gordon calls it 205 Ms. I. and 150 b.

The Soil here is generally fruitful; the Air in fome Parts is unhealthful: It's observable, that no venemous Creature will live in this Km.

Ireland is a very cheap Country; here is plenty of Butter, Cheef, Fleih, Woollen, and Linnen Cloth; the Manufacture of the laft is now very much improv'd and brought to great Perfection.

This Country is divided into 4 Provinces, and fubdivided into 31 Counties. The Cpl. is Dublin; a large, fine, rich, and populous C. a good Porr, University, &c.

Here are 4 Archbilhops; (the Archbilhop of Hrmagh is Primare of Ireland) and r8 Bilhops. For Epifcopacy is eltablished; the there are many Differences; but the far greater Part of the Irish are Papifts. Is and the far greater Part of the Irish are

In the County of Antrim is the famous Caufe way call'd the Giants: It ruhs 200 Yards into the Sea: It's from 40 to 80 Yards b. and in fome Places 12 Yards above the Sands, 200 is in 1000 of a content

Ireland is a Km. fubject to the K. of Great Britain, who governs it by a Viceron, call'd Lord Lieutenant's and in his A' fence by a Lords Juftices: Here is a Parliament conflicting of Lords and Commons, as in England; who with the Lieutenant, make Laws for the good Government of the Km. But thefe Laws mult all parts the Broad Seal of Great Britain; or elfe they are of no Force. Great

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Scotland (feparated from England, by the R. Tweed; and Solway Firth) lies from 54 to 58 Ds. of Lat. from 11 to 17 of Lon. It's 250 Ms. I. and 150 bit It's (by the R. Tay) divided into Highlands and Lowlands ; and fubdivided into 31 Shires, and a Stuartries.

The Air here is very cold, but generally pure and healthful. Some Parts are tolerably fertile; bht others: Mountainious, and thirdy peopled : The Inhabitants of this Km. are reckould to be 1,500,000 minutaining this Km. are reckould to be

In this Country are many Lakes; call'd Loughs Ono of which (viz. Loughnefi) is (according to Gordon) 1,000 Yards deep: It never freezes but always retains its natural Har; near to it is a great round Minnabove 2 Ms high perpendicular; at the Top of it, is an unfactomable Lake (call'd Meak fur runny) which never freezes

"The Seatch Dreis is much plainer than the Englicht The meaner (Sort (expecially the Highlanders (wear Bonnets upon their Heads, and cover their Bodies) with Plaids. N. B. A. Plaidois a Piece of Silk or Cloth 7, or 8 Yards 1. which they whap themfelves int you could be and on be as

Here are 4 Universities, viz. Edinburgh, Glafer gouis Abenden, and St. Addrewsi The first is the Opts of the Km. s It's a large, fine, flately G. The Houles in fome Partstof it are st or 12 Stories high on one fide, and 8 or 9 on the other; which oft beiong to as many Landlords.

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As to Civil Government fee England, to which it was united in 1703.

Presbyrery is eftablish'd here : the Church (called? the Kirk) of Scotland, is govern'd by Kirk Sellions, Presbyteries, Provincial, Synods, and General Affemblies : The 1ft confifts of the Minifter, Elders and Deacons : This meets once a Week Of thefe. there is one in each Rarifh, i.e. 890 which is the Number of Parifies. Of these there are only 31 that have more than one Minister : There have in Scotland no Pluralities, Curacies, or Non-Refidencies allow'd ; nor docs any Minister use Notes in : the Pulpit. The 2d confilts of the Minifters and one Elder, from feveral neighbouring Parifhes; at feweil 12, at most, 24: Of these there are 69.1 Several of these Presbyteries make a Provincial Synod ; of which there are 15 in the Km. Thefe meet twice a Year : As there lies an Appeal from the ift to the 2d, from the 2d to the 3d, fo from the 3d to the General Affembly; from which there is no Appeal This meets once a Year at Edinburgh, at which is prefent either the K. or his Reprefentative; called the Lord Commiffioner.

The General Affembly confifts of a Number of Ministers and Ruling Elders (who are commonly of the first Quality in the Km.) from every Presbytery.

I now proceed in the last Place, to our Native Country, of which I shall give a more large and particular Account from several Authors.

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South Britain, or England with Wales, lies from 17 to 20 Ds. of Lon. 50 to 55 of Lat. It has St. George's Channel and the Irifh Sea on the W. the British Channel on the S. the Straits of Dover on the S. E. the German O. on the B and Scotland on the N.

England is in Shape triangular. The longeft: Side from Berwick N. to Lands End S. W. is 386 Ms. From Sandwich E. to Lands End W. by S. is 280 Ms. And from St. Davids in Wales to Leon flaff in Suffolk is 280 Ms. from Barwick to Portfa mouth N. and S. is 320 Ms. It's computed to contain 39,038,500 Acres.

England is reckoned near 10 times as big as Holland; five times as big as Flanders; half as big as Italy; and above a 3d part as big as France. The Air in this I. is very mild and temperate y and Soil very fruitful: It has within its felf Meat) Drink and Clothes fufficient for all its Inhabitants; and a great deal to fpare for other Nations thar want any of these. It yearly exports a large Quantity of each; and imports for them Fruits, Wines, Silks, &c.

Wales has England on the E. St. George's Channel and Irifh Sea on the W. N. and S. It is call'd a Principality; for the K. of Englands eldeft Son has the Title of Prince of Wales.

The Country is generally very rough and Mountainous. It produces Cattle, Lead Oar, Coal, Fifh, Stc. It is divided into 4 Circuits; each of which contain 3 Counties.

The Welch have a Language of their own. The Vulgar, are generally very rude, and ignorant. England is various ways divided (e. g.) r. Into 6 Circuits, viz. the Weftern Circuit, the Home Home Circuit, the Norfolk Circuit, the Middand Circuit, the Oxford Circuit, and the Northern Circuit, thele of Circuits comprehend 38 Counties in Middlefex is not oreckon'd, becaufe of its vicinity to Landon Nor Chefbire, abecaufe a County Palatine; having a Judge, & peculiar to itfelf.d Theorem States and the insight

England with Wales is divided into two Provinces, or Archbishopricks, Jviz Those of Canterbury, (S. of the Rs. Trent and Humber) and Tork (No of these Rs.) of M Can is which is the

These 2 Provinces are divided into 26 Biflopricks (Dioceffes or Sees) and these again into 60 Arob-Decouries : and these into Rural Deanries There are also 26 Deans of Collegiate and Cathedral Churches 544 Probendaries : And about 9913 Rectors and Vicars, besides Curates. The Clergy are ireckond (in:all) 14 and 15,000 of the little of the loce back

The Revenes of the Church, are oft faid to be much lefs now, than before the Reformation; but thefe who affert this, included order that Denomination; Monks, Friars, and Nuns, who had 190 great Houfes; (befides fmall Priories) the Revenues of which, amounted: to 285,0001. p. An and might (as Lands have role fince) have been worth feveral times that Sum: Whereas those that are properly the Clergy, and have the Care of Souls are much better provided for now, than they were in Times of Poperys for the Impropriations complain'd of, were never in their Hands; but only feiz'd from the lazy Regulars; that had begg'd, and engrofs'd them all long before.

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in that af Canterbury 22 Bilhops make the Upper Houte: 22 Deans, 50 Arch-Deacons, 26 Proctors for the Chapter, and 46 Proctors for the Clergy, make the Lower House. These are (whenever the K. pleases to call them together) to confider Ecclefialtical Affairs; but of late they have had little to do, and have feldom fat.

All the English Bishops are Peers of the Realm, made by the K. only; who fends down his Conge' d' Effire; (or leave to elect) to the Dean, &c. to elect the Perfon he nominates, to the vacant See: Every Bishop fwears Allegiance, and does Homage to his Majeffy for his Temporality, or Barony; as an Acknowledgement, that he holds it of the K.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has the Honous and Power to hold Courts, and grant Licences, and Dispensations, (lays Chamberlayne) in all Cales heretofore fued for in the Court of Rome, not repugnant to the K's Prerogative, &c. Is not this as much as to fay; that he is an English P-pe, fo far as our Conflictution admits of.

His Titles are thefe.

His Grace the Most Reverend Father in God, Iord, Ancu-Bisbop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Metrepolitan.

He takes Place of all Subjecte, except the Royal Family.

The Titles of a Bishop are, The Right Reverend Father in God Lord Bishop of:

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3dly. England and Wales are divided into 52Counties or Shires.

The following Table thews at one View.

. The Names of the Counties Asphabetically

a. The Number of Members each County fends to Parliament.

3. The chief Product of each County.

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r. The Circumference or Miles round.

6. The Number of Acres in each County.

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11. The Capital of each County.

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I shall now proceed to give a more particular Account of the principal Ts. &c. in feveral of these Counties from fome modern Authors.

In Bedford/bire abundance of Lace of all Sorts and Prices is woven.

Bedford the Cpl. is call'd an old clean T. the R. Oufe runs thro' it : Here are 5 Churches and feveral Hofpitals.

Dunstable is a large and populous T. famous for the many Straw-Hats that are made here : No Spring is to be found about it; but there are 4 great. Ponds, Ithat are never dry. In this Place, there liv'd an old Woman, that had 19 Children at 5 Births; 3 at each of the 3 first; and 5 at each of the 2 last

In Berksbire are several confiderable Ts. Reading is a populous and thriving Place with 3 Parishes: It is seated on the R. Kennet.

Abirgdon is a pretty large and handfome T. of two Parifles. It has a fine Crofs ; and feveral good Streets which meet in the Market-Place : 1 cii H tl C

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It stands upon the Thames, up which the Barges come to T. Here is one of the finelt Market Houfes in the Km. built on many lofty Pillars. In the Hall over it are kept the Town Affizes ; (those for the County are held at Reading.)A great deal of Canvas and Sail Cloth is made here.

Windfor, (20 Ms. W. of London) is charmingly fituated near the Thames ; upon the Top of a Rifing Ground, that overlooks all the adjacent Country. Here is a large Cafrie, called 1 M.r. Edward 111. made a Palace of it, by inflituting here the famous

To this T. belong 2 Parks; the one 3 Ms. r. and the other 14.

Maidenhead is a pretty large, and well built T. The Inhabitants have the Priviledge of chufing their Minister, who is not subject to the Bishop's Visitation.

The T. of Buckingham flands in a low, but fruitful Spot : It is almost furrounded by the R. Oufe: The Buildings are old ; and the Caffle in Ruins: The 2 Members of Parliament sent from hence, are chosen by the Bailiff and 12 Cpl. Burg geffes only.

Ailesbury is the largest and best T. in the County. It stands in a Vale so fruitful, that one Field (call'd Bury Field) is let for 8001. p. An. Eaton (seperated from Windfor by a Bridge) is a very noted Place, for a famous College, call'd the first School in England: It was founded by Henry VI. It confifts of a Provolt, 7 Fellows. 2 Schoolmasters, 2 Conductors, an Organist, 7 Clerks, 70 K's Scholars, 10 Choristers, a Regifter, and 12 Servants: The Matters have 7 Affistants, because there are generally a great ma-

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ny Scholars (feldom lefs than 300) and of the 1st Rank in the Km. All or most of the Perfons belonging to this School, have fettled Salaries, and Accommodations: There are likewife 25 decripid Men who have their Maintenance here.

The N. Part of Cambridgesbire is call'd the life of Ely: It is very low and watery.

The T. Cambridge stands on the R. Cam. It is ill built, and fituated in a dirty Spot, but the largenefs of it's University, and Magnificence of its Buildings, make amends for all. Here are 16 Colleges, founded at different Times, by feveral Perfons. The T. infelf is divided into 16 Parifies.

Nevemarket (famous for the Races in October and April) confilts but of one Street, yet has Accommodations for a great deal of Quality that always attend the Races.

Chefter is a large old C. with a Caffle; it flands on the R. Dee. Here are 9 Churches, and 4 great Streets. It is 2 Ms. r. encompassed with a Wall, upon which is a very pleafant Walk, tho' in some Places, it is almost level with the Ground, on the Infide.

of In "this County are Nantwich, Middlewich, Northwich, &c. Ts. famous for their Brine-Pits, from whence abundance of Salt is constantly made. Cornwall takes in the utmost S. W. Part of this I. Fere in Falmouth, an old capacious Harbour; at the Entrance, is a Rock, upon which flands the Caffle of Pendennis; which is one of the largest in England; where is constantly kept a Garrison. Launceston is a populous trading T. flanding upon the Afcent of an Hill. 1. 1.

St. Ives is a rich and neat T.

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About 26 Ms. N. W from Lands-End, (the most S. W. Point in the Km.) lie the Is. of Scilly, in Number 140: St. Mark is the largest: It is 6 Ms. 1. and 3 b. Here is an Harbour, Castle, &c. Some of these Is. are good for Tillage, and others for Pasturage; but most of them are only Rocks, commonly cover'd at high Water.

Carlifle is an old, but well built, rich, and populous C. It ftands pleafantly; and is well water'd by feveral Rs. Here is a Caftle and ftrong Wall, thro' which there are 3 Gates. It confifts of only 2 Parishes.

Cockermouth is a populous T. with a firong Caftle : It flands at the Conflux of two Rs. which almost furround it.

The greatest R. in Derbysbire is the Trent; It comes out of Staffordshire; receives first the Tame, then the Dove, and below the Derwent, Soar, &c. and at last falls into the Humber.

The most confiderable Bridge in this Part of the Nation is over this R. at Swarkestone : It is called a M. 1. but the greater Part of it is rather a rais'd Causeway (with a Wall on each Side) between 2 Meadows.

Derby Rands on the S. W. Side of the Derwent, which is now navigable to the T.

Here are 5 Churches. The chief (Allballows) is one of the most beautiful Towers in the Nation, about 60 Yards high.

The most remarkable Thing in this T. is the late Sir Thomas Lombe's famous Engine, for working &c. of Silk; (commonly call'd the Silk-Mills.) It is a large and handfome Building: It ftands upon Piles, in the R. There are in it, H 2 20,586

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20,586 Wheels,- and 97,546 Movements; which work 73,726 Yards of Silk, every Time the Water Wheel goes round, which is thrice in a Minute, and 318,594,960 Yards in 24 Hours. One Water Wheel moves the Whole; one Fire Engine warms it, one Regulator governs it, and yet any Part may at Pleasure, be stopt separately : It ordinarily employs about 2 or 300 Women and Children.

Chefterfield is the 2d T. in this County. It ftands upon the Rifing Ground, and is pretty large, tho' it has only one Church with a Spire Steeple, compos'd of a Frame of Wood, and cover'd with Lead: It appears to Spectators to ftand awry. This T. has a Mayor and Aldermen, yet it's no Borough.

Wirksworth is a confiderable populous T. ftanding in a Part of the County that abounds with Lead; there have been Groves or Mines in the T. Street, yea in Houses.

Ashbourn is very noted for many great Fairs for Horfes, &c.

The N. Part of this County (call'd the Peak) is very rough and mountainous, the Air is very cold, but healthful.

But it is most remarkable for 7 Wonders (as they are call'd) viz.

1. Chatfworth, the Duke of Devonshire's noble Palace, upon the Derwent: It's compos'd of a grand Square; in which are many State Rooms, &c. The Gardens are also adorned with exquifite Water Works.

2. Maintar; a great Hill which is almost perpetually shivering down Earth and Stones, with a dreadful Noise.

3. Eden

3. Eden or Elden Hole; a terrible Chafm, 14 Yards 1. and 7 b. It could never be fathomed, and is therefore call'd bottomlefs: The Water that drops down prefently congeals into lifeles.

4. Buxton Medicinal Wells; where there's an hot; and a cold Spring, very near each other; which form a Bath of a temperate Heat: It is enclos'd with an handfome Stone Building; which is much frequented in the Seafon; as likewife is the Bath at Matlock near Wirkfworth.

5. Tidefwell Well, which ebbs and flows irregularly 3 Quarters of a Yard; it makes a very strange Noife when it ebbs: It is about a Yard deep, and a Yard b.

6. Pool's Hole; a Cave at the Foot of a great Mtn. The Entrance is shallow; but those who have crept in, fay that it opens to a prodigious height; That there are many surprising Reprefentations, both of Art and Nature; produc'd by the petrifying Water, continually dropping down.

7. That which goes by the odd, and indecent Name of the Devil's Arfe: It is an aftonifhing Cavern, under an Hill; wide at the Entrance, but narrow within; and is very dark and flippery, by reafon of a Current of Water under Foot. And the Rock hangs fo low that a Man can't go upright. Having paffed this, and a Current, (which fometimes can't be forded) the Arch opens again; and there is a 2d Current, with great Banks of Sand: And after this a 3d Current; which is unpaffable; and then the Rock clofes.

Devonshire is famous for the Manufacture of Serges, &c.

Exeter (the Cpl.) flands upon a Hill, yet is well water'd with Springs: It is a fine C. 2 Ms. H 3 and

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and a half r. It confifts of 4 great Streets, that meet in the Center: Here are 6 Gates through an old Wall that encompafies the T. Its Sea Port is Topfbane, near to which is Torbay, where K. William landed.

Plimout b is a famous Magazine for the Sea Scrvice; it lies upon its own Bay, which is a very good one: It is commanded by a Caftle, which has 5 regular Baftions, on which are 2 or 300 Guns mounted: It has conffantly a pretty ftrong Garrifon: The T. is regularly built, very populous, and the largest in the County. To it was brought fresh Water 7 Ms. by Sir Francis Drake a Native of this Place.

Biddeford is an ancient Port, of confiderable Trade: It's Bridge over the Towridge, for Number, Length, and Height of the Arches, exceeds all in the Km.

Okehampton is a noted T. for Serge Weavers.

Dartmouth is a confiderable Port : It has a fine Haven, into which runs the R. Dart.

Dorchester flands on an Ascent from the R. Frome, where it opens to the Downs: Here are 3 wide neat Streets, and 3 Churches.

Lyme-Regis is another good Port: Part of it flands fo near the Sca, that the Houfes are fometimes wash'd by it, 10 or 12 Feet high. The Harbour is defended with a Fort.

Weymouth or Melcomb-Regis, for (as the Author of a Journey through England tells us) they make but one T. and yet from hence go 4 Members to Parliament, and from no other Place except London: It flands on the R. Wey (which is navigable) and is guarded with 2 Caftles.

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Pool is a finall but rich and populous T. flanding upon a Peninfula. In this Harbour there are 4. Tides a Day; 2 of which are occasioned by a large Island in the Mouth of the Harbour, which obstructing the Water, as it runs out; caufes it to flow back into all Parts of the Harbour; this is call'd the 2d Flood.

Shaftsbury is an old 'T. on an Hill, ill water'd.

Sherborn flands on the Side of an Hill, with a R. running through it: Tho' it is no Corporation, it is 5 Times as big (fays our Author) as fome that are, and fo populous, that it's reckon'd to, contain 9 or 10,000 Souls.

A Blackfmith's Shop in this County was about 38 Years ago fir'd by Lightning: At that Time all the Files, &c, attain'd a magnetick Virtue; which they still retain without any fensible Diminution.

Durbam is a County Palatine; it is commonly call'd the Bishoprick.

The C. of Durham is old, but pretty large, and populous; it stands very pleafantly, on a rifing Ground, in a Peninfula, form'd by the Ware: Here are 6 Churches befides the Cathedral. which is one of the most beautiful in England. The R. Derwent which runs through this County spreads itself into a great Lake, beyond Hay-Cafile in Cumberland. About 2 Ms. from Durham, is a most remark ble Spring; (call'd Salt Water Haugh) it bubbles up in the Midft of the Ware, for 40 Yards in Length, and 10 in Breadth: It is fo Salt (in Summer) that it makes the whole Stream brackish, for 100 Yards below: The Water when boil'd makes good Bay Salt ; but in Winter it is lost among the Freshes. Ten H 4

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Ten Ms. N. E. of Durham is Sunderland, a confiderable T. with a good Harbour, a fine new Pier, and great Coal Trade: It is at High Water, almost encompassed by Sea.

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This T. is noted for Bays, Says, &c. with which the Nuns, &c. are cloathed; the Manutacture employs all the adjacent Country: The Factors have (as we are told) return'd from London 50,000 l. p. Week.

Chelmsford (call'd by fome the Cpl.) flands in a delightful Plain, upon a fmall R.

Wanslead has a famous Royal Palace; wherein are many fine Apartments; but it's now branch'd out to the Citizens, for Lodgings: it flands in a spacious Forest, not far from the Royal Chace called Enfield.

Harwich is a fmall, but clean and populous T. (in a Peninfula) confifting of 3 Streets: Nigh to this is *Beaconhill*, upon which is one of the finelt Walks in the Km. At the Foot of this Hill is a Well, that turns Wood into Metal, of which Coperas is made.

The C. Glowcester stands upon the Severn, which rifes in Montgomeryshire, runs 70 Ms. thro' Shropshire, and Worcestershire, and 40 thro' this County. It is navigable up to Shrewsbury, and in some Places 2 or 3 Ms. over; and empties it felf into St. George's Channel between Monmouthshire and Cornwall.

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In this R. as well as in the Humber, is oft a violent and fudden Tide, (call'd Hygra Boor, or Eager) which rolls in at once with an Head of Water; or 4 Foot high; making a prodigious Noife.

Gloucester is a pretty large old C. With 6 Churches.

Partly in this and partly in Somersetsshire is the C. Bristol: It stands on both Sides of the R. Avon; over which is a Bridge, with Houses upon it as on London Bridge. It's a very neat, rich and populous C. and one of the largess in England. It contains about 5000 Houses. It's reckon'd next to London for Commerce : It's also famous for the Woollen Manufacture : It's Mart or Fair is one of the greatest in all the Km.

There are feveral confiderable Ts. and Ports in Southamptonshire or Hampshire; as

Yarmouth, in the I. of Wight.

Portfinoutb (almost over against the I.) is the only T. in England that is regularly fortify'd. It has a good Ditch, and 4 Platforms of Cannons, &c. It's called the Key of England, and has a famous Harbour. Without the Walls is a very fine Dock; on which are employ'd 1,200 Workmen in a Time of Peace.

N. B. The Channel between this and the I. of Wight is call'd Spithead, the usual Rendezvous of the Fleet.

Near to this T. is Southampton; which flands at the Bottom of an Arm of the Sea. Here isone Street the longest and broadest in the Km.

Winchester, (by fome call'd the Cpl. of the County) is an ancient C. about 3 Ms. r. It confifts chiefly of one Street; it's furrounded with H 5 Chaik

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Chalk Hills; has one R. running through it, and is wash'd by another. The Cathedral has neither Tower nor Steeple, but is very grand and magnificent within.

Hertford is not large, it has only 2 Churches. It flands upon the R. Lea, by which it fends off a great deal of Malt to London.

St. Albans is a fine large T, thought to have the belt Wheat Market in England. Its Jurifdiction extends to 15 Neighbouring Parishes.

Hereford flands upon the R. Wye. It's but a dirty Place, tho' it's pretty large, and has 6 Churches. The common Drink here is Cyder, which is very cheap and good.

Huntingdon is a populous tho' not large T. It flar ds upon the R. Oufe,

St. Ites is a pretty T. on the fame R.

But the most remarkable T. in this County is

Gedmanchessier: It's not a Market T. but the largest Village for Husbandry, in all the Km. The Inhabitants met James I. with 70 Teams and Picughs. He made it a Corporation, confisting et 2 Bailists and 12 Affistants.

Cantenbury flands in a pleafant fertile Country : yet it n akes but an indifferent Figure : It's about 3 Mss r. It confills of 4 Streets which meet at St. Ann's Church (in the Centre) befides which there are 15 Churches.

15 Ms. N. F. of this C. is *Thanet Ifle*: It has the Sea on the N. E. and S. and the R. Wantfom on the W. It's 10 Ms. 1. and 8 b. The Inhabitants are moftly Mariners and Fifthers.

Maidfiene is a confiderable T. ftanding in a delicious Spot; there are Gentlemen living within 10 Ms. of it, whole Estates amount to 50,000 l. p. Annum. Tunbridge

Tunbridge lies between 2 Hills, which abound with Houses and Gardens, for the Entertainment of the Quality, that come from London; &c. te take the Pleafures and Diversions of the Place, and drink the celebrated Waters.

Dover is a famous Sea Port, the Caftle stands on an high Rock 2 Ms. r. It is now turn'd into a Prison; at the Bottom of the Hill stands the T. which is pretty large and has 2 Churches. But our Author fays that it's ill pav'd and that the Houses are very poor. This T. is right over against Calais in France; at the Distance of about 30 M. tho fome make it much more, and others lefs.

Dover is one of the Cinque Ports : But Eachard makes them 6, viz. Dever, Rye, Hythe, Romney, Sandwich (in this County) and Hallings in Surrey : The Members from these Ts. have the Title of Barons of the Cinque Ports. They support the Royal Canopies at Coronations, and have them for their Fees: But most of them are call'd poor miferable Boroughs.

Rochester is a C. noted for its fine Cathedral, and Stone Bridge.

Chatham is one of the best Docks in the Km.

Greenwich (3 Ms. from London) is famous, for its grand Hofpital for infirm Seamen: The Penfioners are about 300. They have 6 Nurles, who have each 61. per An. befides Perquifites 3 or 4. Ms. below this is Woolwich; it's a confiderable T. with a large Magazine for the Navy. Here is alfo a Royal Palace. 1.13

Gravesend (20 Ms. from London) is a little confused T. always full of Seamen.

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Lancaster stands upon the R. Lens: It has a convenient Harbour: It's an old, but thriving T. with only one Church.

Manchester stands upon a flony Hill: It's a very large, populous, and growing T.

The chief Employ of this and feveral other Places in this County is the Woollen and Cotton Manufactures.

Liverpool is a good Port and another populous T. It's call'd the 3d in the Nation for Trade to our Plantations: It has a fine Dock capable of containing 70 or 80 Ships.

In this County is a fort of Coal (call'd Kennel) fo fine and hard that Salts, &c. are made

² Leicefter flands upon the Soar ; it is a large old T. and has been a ftrong one. The Caftle, and fome Parts of the Walls are yet to be feen : It is a very good Market both for Corn and Cattle. T2 Ms. S. of it is Harborough, and 8 Ms. N. Loughborough. both confiderable Market Ts.

Lincoln is a great old C. with 14 Churches, a flately Cathedral, and Caffle that overlooks the T. It flands on the Side of an Hill, upon the Witham; which is here divided into 3 Channels; over which there are many Bridges in the lower

Stamford'is a large and populous T. with 6 Churches; it flands on the Side of an Hill, (at the Foot of which runs the Weyland,) Part in this County and Part in Northampton.

Boston is a pretty good Port; it has the finest

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and higheft Tower in England, 280 Feet high. Near this Place come up fuch Shoals of Sticklebacks in Winter, (if the Weather be mild,) that that in 1736, one Boat caught in 4 Tides 13 Chaldrons: There has been made in one Seafon, 100 Tun. of Oil from them : it is worth about 10 l. p. Tun. The Fifh are caught by hanging out a large Net on each Side the Boat ; which is fometimes fill'd, as faft as it can be heav'd up and emptied.

Gainsborough stands upon the R. Trent; it is a well built, trading T. and one of the chief in the County.

Grantham is a very old T. the Church has a Spire Steeple, 275 Feet high.

Crowland is a fmall Market T. in the Fens, on ly accessible on the N. E. Side ; the Inhabitants oft go in Boats to milk their Cows.

London is the Cpl. of Middlefex and indeed of the Km. It is partly in this County and partly in Surrey; it is one of the largest, fairest, most populous, and famous Cs. for Trade in all the World It is in 51 Ds. and a half of Lat. and 18 and a half of Lon. It is about 60 Ms. from Sea. It stands upon the gentle rifing Banks of the fine R. Thames (on the N. Side) which runs for fcveral Ms. close by it. London is 279 Ms. almost S. of Edinburgh. 250 S. E. of Dublin. 208 almoft N. W. of Paris. 210 almost W. of Amsterdam. 580 S. W. of Copenhagen. 730 almost W. of Vienna. 760 N. E. of Madrid. 830 W. of Cracow. 840 N. W. of Rome. 880 S. W. of Stockholm. 1020 N. E. of Lisbon. 1570 almost W: of Constantinople. And 1570 almost W. of Mofcow.

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This celebrated C. is encompais'd with a Wall which is 3 or 4 Ms. r. thro' this Wall there are rs Gates into the C. But the Suburbs are feveral Times as big as the C. and Yearly encreasing. On the S. Side the R. is the Borough of Southmark, which is very large and populous; reckon'd to contain 10,000 Houfes. It is join'd to London by the Bridge, which flands upon 19 wide Arches: It is 400 Yards I. and 20 Feet b. between the Houfes on each Side, which make an entire Street. This Bridge was 33 Years in building; it was finish'd 1209.

On the W. of London, in this County is the C. Westminster; which was formerly at a M's Distance from it, but is now contiguous. Here stand the old Royal Palace of St. James, (the usual Refidence of the K.) the Houses of Lords and. Commons; the Abbey, &c.

London (With Westminster and Southwark) was many Years ago above 7 Ms. 1. and 3 b. 16 or 17 r. and rekon'd to take up 2287 Acres : To contain above 5000 Streets, Lanes and Alleys; about 150 Churches and Chappels; 100 Meeting Houses; 110,000 Houses; 700,000 Souls. There were long fince 22 Markets; 21 Prifons; 233 Constables; 215 Scavengers; 1,100 Watchmen.

In 1666, there happened a most dreadful Fire, which continued for the Space of 3 Days; in which it burnt down (besides many stately Edifices) 6 Chapples, St. Paul's, and 87 Parish Churches; 13,200 Houses; 400 Streets; 15 of the 26 Wards; and shatter'd 8 more; yet there were only 8 Perfons burnt; the whole Loss was computed to 10,000,000l. But in 4 Years time 10,000 Vall

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10,000 Houses were rebuilt. It would be endless to take Notice of all the grand and magnificent Buildings in this prodigious C. such as the Palaces, the Halls, the Churches, the Offices, the Arsenals, the Schools, the Hospitals, the Theaters, the Prifons, &c.

The Tower of London in the E. End of it, may rather be call'd a T. than a Citadel, for it. contains feveral Streets. It is furrounded by an high Wall and b. Ditch: In one Part, are kept the *Regalia*. in another, the Mint; in a 3d, the Archives or Records of the Km. Here is alfo a Magazine for Land, and Sca Service; in which (fays the Author of a Journey, &c.) are feveral Pieces of Curiofity, e. g. 6 Mortars, each of which will throw a Bomb, (of 500 Pounds Weight) 2 Ms. and one that throws 9 Shells at once: The Tower is likewife a Prifon for State Criminals, who are fometimes convey'd hither by Water: Here are alfo kept feveral Wild Beafts.

The Royal Exchange is an handfome oblong Building; 203 Feet l. 171 b. and 56 high; there are above Stairs 200 Shops; which have let for 50001. p. An. befides Warehoufes, &c. below. In the Center is a Marble Stature of K. Charles This Place is the Rendezvous of Merchants trading into all Parts of the World.

Guildhall or T. House of London (fays our Author) is a vast, but ancient, Pile; the great Hall is 160 Foot l. near 50 b. and 55 high.

The Monument (erected in Commemoration of the Fire) is built of Free-Stone. It is 202 Foot high; the Steps up it are 345. There are feveral Inferiptions upon it; that upon the Bafe of the Pedastal is to this Purpose, The late dreadful Fire Fire was begun and carried on by the Treachery and Malice of the Popifh Faction, in order to carry on their horrid Plot for extirpating the Proteftant Religion and old Englifh Liberty, and the introducing Popery and Slavery. 'Twas erafed in the Time of K. James II. but cut again very deep in the Reign of K. William.

The Cathedral of St. Paul's, is prodigioufly large: It is 570 Foot 1. 311 b. and 340 high. A good way up the Steeple, is a Gallery, (call'd the Wispering Gallery) 110 Foot Diameter.

This grand C. is divided into 26 Parts called Wards: As each of thefe is govern'd by it's Alderman, fo the Whole is govern'd by a Lord Mayor, 25 Aldermen, and 2 Sheriffs: Sir Henry-Picard (a Vintner) when Mayor, had the Honour to dine 4 Ks. at his Table, viz the King of England, the K. of Scotland, the K, of France, and the K. of Cyprus; and falling to Game after Dinner, (as we are told) emptied all their Pockets.

The Militia of this C. confifts of 4 F. egiments of Foot, making about 9,000 Men befides 2 of the Tower Hamlets, and I of Southwark, which make above 900.

To London is brought by exquisite Art, and at vast Expence a R. (call'd the New R.) 60 Ms. out of Hertfordshire. It runs in fome Places 20 Foot under Ground; and in others 20 above Ground, in open Troughs; there are about 800 Bridges over it.

In this County is Hamiticn Court (about 15 Ms. from London.) It was built by Cardinal Woolfey; the R. Thames runs half round it; the Park and Gardens, are 3 Ms. in Circumference,

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Chelsea 4 Ms. up the R. is a large Village, noted for its fine and curious Gardens, and also for its famous College, or Hospital for old, and decrepid Sea Men.

The C. Norwich stand upon the R. Yare: It is a very great, rich, and populous Place; about 3 Ms. r: Here are 12 Gates, 36 Churches, 7,000 Houfes, and about 30,000 Souls.

This C. is fo famous for the Woollen Manufacture, that 100,000 l. worth of Stuffs, Crapes, &c. are reckon'd to be yearly made here.

Great Tarmouth is a pretty clean T. furrounded by an old Wall: It lies between its Harbour and the Sea, in a fort of a Peninfula: It is a good Port, has a very large Key which makes a fine Street.

Lynn Regis lies upon the Oufe, near its Mouth. It is a large T. and confiderable Port.

Northamptonfhire is faid to have more Noblemen's Seats than any County in England.

Northampton is reckon'd to be about the Center of the Km. It is one of the prettieft Inland Ts. in it. The Market Place is a large fine uniform Square. The Walls are 2120 Paces in Compafs. This T. ftands upon a finall R. which has its Name from the T.

In the N. E. of this County, upon the Borders of Huntingdonshire is the C. Peterborough, upon the R. Nen: The Dean and Chapter (i. e. 6 Prebends) are Lords of the Mannor.

Northumberland takes in all the N. Part of England to the R. Tweed. The W. Part is very rough and hilly.

Newcastle upon Tyne is a very large, well built, rich and populous T. It is divided into 8 Parish-

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es. It stands 10 Ms. from Sea. The Coal Trade is the principal Trade in these Parts: It employs an infinite Number of Hands, as well as Ships: From hence London, most of the Eastern Coasts &cc. are furnish'd with Coal, which they call Sea Coal, because brought them by Sea. It is computed that 600,000 Chaldrons are Yearly carry'd to London.

N. B. A Chaldron is 30 Strike; i. e. about 25 Hundred Weight.

On the S. Side the Tine is a large Suburb (call'd Garespead) join'd to the T. by a noble Bridge, upon which there are Houses on both Sides Part of the Way. And crofs the Bridge is an Iron Gate, which fome have made the Partition between this County and Durham, but they really part at a Blewish Stone upon the Bridge, at feveral Yards Diftance from the Gate.

Here is a noble Key, in which Ships come up as high as the Bridge.

From this T. towards Carlifle is feen fome Remains of the famous *Picts Wall*, which reach'd from the Eaflern to the Weffern Shore; about 80 Ms,

7 or 8 Ms. below Newcastle lie S. and N. Shields, where the Coal Fleets take in their Loading; fo that these Villages are very populous.

Eight Ms. N. is Blyth, a little but growing Port for the Coal Trade.

On the N. Side flands Tinmouth Caftle : It has been call'd a large, and flrong Fortification, well mounted with Cannons, the Defence of the Harbour and Mouth of the R. But I'm inform'd that it is now in a bad Condition : Crofs the Mouth of the R. there runs a Sand Bed, (call'd the Bar) where where the Water is but 7 Feet deep when the Tide's out. There is also a Fort, call'd Cliffords, that effectually fecures the Mouth of the Tine, &cc. In the very N. Point is Barwick; a strong, and pretty large T. but less than formerly: It is encompassed on 3 Sides by the Sea, and the R. Tweed; over which is a noble and beautiful Bridge of 15 Arches; to this Bridge small Ships may come fastely.

A famous Range of Mtns. (call'd *Chevior* Hills) feperate this County from Scotland; Snow lies upon fome of the Cliffs, till Midfummer.

About 8 Ms. from Barwick, upon the Coaft, lies Holy I. encompafied (at high Water) with Sea: Here is a fmall T. ftrong Fort, and 24 good Harbours.

7 Ms. S. E. of this are the Farm Is, and 17 farther the Coket I. but these are of small note.

Nottingham is one of the most ancient Ts. in the Km. It stands upon a Hill, near the Conflux of the Rs. Trent and Lin; about half a M. from the former, and upon the latter, from which the T. is fupply'd with Water; which by an Engine is thrown up into a large Cistern, (containing 10,000 Hogsheads) on the Top of an Hill; from whence it is carried thro' Lead Pipes, into almost all Parts of the T. Upon this Hill (W. of the T.) stands the Castle; which belongs to the Duke of Newcastle: Nottingham is a County of itself: It is a large and populous T. of confiderable Trade: It has 3 neat Churches. In this Tic a Cellar 46 Foot deep; and in it a Cask that holds 1,440 Gallons.

The C. Oxford ftands on a Flat, at the Conflux of 2 Rs. It makes a fine Appearance, with its Steeples,

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) re Steeples, &c. Here are 13 Churches befides the athedral. The Univerfity confilts of 17 Coledges, and 7 Halls; at which there are reckon'd be about 2,000 Scholars; This Univerfity and that of Cambridge, fend each 2 Members to Parliament, befides those fent by the Ts.

Banbury is an old Borough : It stands in a fertile Plain by the R. Charwell. The Chapter here confifts of a Dean and 8 Prebends.

At Woodstock in this County in the midst of a fine Park, stands the celebrated Blenheim House; built for the Duke of Malborough upon the glorious Victory he obtained over the French (near a T. of this Name) in 1704.

Rutlana is by far the fmalleft County in England. The Affizes are held in a Caftle at Okeburn. They have a Cuftom in this T. that if any Nobleman comes on Horfe back within its precincts, to take off one of his Horfe's Shoes, or Money in lieu of it: Several Horfe-Shoes are nailed upon the Door of the Juffices Hall; and over the Judge's Bench, is a fine Shoe, 5 Foot and a half 1.

Shrewsbury flands on an Hill in the Form of an half Moon: It is almost furrounded by the Severn: It is a large T. with 6 Churches. It's the common Mart, between England, and Wales.

Ludlow is not a great T. but it is one of the neatest prettiest Boroughs in the Km.

There are feveral confiderable Ts. in Somer. fetshire. As

Bath, an ancient compact C. with 3 Churches. It is celebrated for its hot. Waters, &c. on the Account of which 8,000 Families are faid to have been here at once.

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Wells, (a very old C.) fo called from the many Wells that fpring up in it.

Taunton-Dean is a large T. with 2 Churches. It is a famous Place for the Woollen Manufacture; which (as we are told) employs 8 or 9,000 Perfons. It ftands upon the R. Tone, which is navigable to the T. and over which is a very noble Bridge.

Bridgewater is a large and populous T. and Port: The Freemen of this Place, are free in all Parts of England, except London.

In this County liv'd and died (1634) one Parr in the 153d Year of his Age.

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Newcastle under Line, and the adjacent Country are famous for Earthen Ware, which is fent all over the Km. and out of it.

Tamworth is a cloathing T. Thefe 2 are Boroughs.

Burton stands upon Trent, over which there is a fine Bridge of 35 Arches. This T. is noted for good Ale; a great deal is yearly fent by Sea to London.

Tutbury is a finall Market T. in this County, where there is annually a very rude and odd Diverfion, call'd the Bull-running: They take a Bull, cut off Part of his Tail, of his Ears, and of his Horns; they foap him all over, blow Pepper up his Nofe, and then leave him for a while.

A great Number of Fidlers, &c. meet at an Inn, where they hold a Court, and chuse 'em a K. for the next Year; the Man that is rais'd to this Dig-

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nity, has a Chain of Silver put about his Neck, to which hangs a Coat of Arms, upon a Silver Plate; when this is done, the Proceffion begins: First the Constable with his Staff; after him 12 Halbert Men, and then the K. who is follow'd with the Muficians playing; on each Side are 7 Men with white Wands : They walk to the Church, where some Prayers are read; then they go to an old ruinous Castle; where the Court is open'd again, and a comical Oath given the Fidlers: Then they return to a plentiful Dinner at their Inn; after which, they fmoak and drink till about 4 a' Clock ; then go to the Bull : He is brought (with Ropes about his Head) into the Street, where all are charg'd to fland upon their Defence, and to keep 40 Feet from the Bull, which is then turn'd loofe: Immediately begins a furious Contest between the Men of Staffordshire and those of Derbyfhire : Each party frives with the ut most Fury, to drive him into their respective County, and to mark him there, by cutting off a Piece of an Ear : The Marker receives 3 s. 4 d. of the K. after the Bull has been baited with Dogs, he is fold, and the Money given to the K. There is always a vaft Concourse of People at this foolish Revel; many Heads. and fometimes Bones are broken: Yet a valuable Charter is held by it.

N. B. 60 or 70 Houses fell Ale on this Day. Wolverhampton, Walshall, and Bilson, are confiderable growing Ts. all employ'd in the Iron Manufacture.

Bury, or St. Edmundsbury (in Suffolk) flands on the rifing Ground in a very good Air: It is a pretty large T. Here are 2 Churches, and an annual Fair, that lafts 10 Days.

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Ipfwich is a great but not populous T. It has a R. running through it: It is divided into 12 Parishes, (fays the Author, &c.) which give Names to the feveral Parts of the T.

Through Surrey runs the R. Mole, in one Place it runs 2 Ms. under Ground.

Guilford is a mighty neat and beautiful T.

Epfom is a charming Place : The T is femicircular; I M. and a half l. It has a Church at one End, and a Palace at the other. Here are very pleafant Gardens, and Trees before the Doors : It is much frequented for its healthful Air, and Mineral Waters; from which is extracted a Salt for the Apothecaries call'd Epfom fait.

Richmond (call'd 8 Ms. from London) is a confiderable T. Here the K. has a Palace, and feveral Perfons of Quality have their feats in, or near it. And to this joins the celebrated Kew.

Kenfington was a fmall Village, but it is now become a great T. K. William bought it of the Earl of Nottingham: The Gardens and Houfes are very fine, fit for the Entertainment of the greatest Princes.

Chichefter in Suffex, in a very pretty C. It is fituated on a Flat, 3 Ms. from Sea. It is walled round. It flands in the Form of a Crofs, confifting chiefly of 4 Streets, at the End of each is a Gate.

Lerves has a fmall R. running through it. Near this T. is an Hill. from which is a fine Prospect 30 Ms. E. and 40 W.

Arundel, Shoreham, Steyning, and Bamber, are call'd (by the Author, &c.) poor miferable Ts. However, each of them fends 2 Members to Parliament.

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Warwick is a neat pretty T. on a Rock, upon the R. Avon: Here is a famous Caftle, which overlooks all the adjacent Country.

Coventry is a County of itfelf; it is a great and populous C. The chief Bufinefs is weaving Stuffs, and Silks, which employs a Multitude of Hands. Here is one of the fineft Croffes in England; adorn'd with the Statues of Ks. &c. tho' it is now going to Decay. There is annually in this C. a very odd Cavalcade. A Girl rides thro' it in an uncommon Drefs attended with the Corporation feveral Companies, &c. in Commemoation of an Ancient Story; which is as follows.

In Edward the Confession's Reign, Leofrick Earl of Coventry, having oppress the Citizens with heavy Taxes, engag'd to remit them, upon his Lady (Godiva's) riding naked through the C. It is added, that being made a Capital Crime for any to look out at the Lady: One Man transfgrefs'd, and was hang'd for it; and his Effigy is to this Day peeping out at a Window.

Birmingham is a most noted T. for the Iron Manufacture: It is the largest, most populous, and growing T. (that is no Corporation) in all the Km.

In 1700, there were in it, 30 Streets; 100 Courts, and Alleys; 2504 Houfes; 15,032 Souls; I Church; I Chappel; I School, and 2 Meeting Houfes. In the 31 Years next enfuing, (viz. 1731,) there was an Encreafe of 25 Streets; 50 Courts, and Alleys; 1225 Houfes; 8254 Souls; I Church; I Chappel, and 2 Meeting Houfes. Kendal in Westmoreland, is a pretty T. A

Place of great Refort and confiderable Trade.

Tie C. Salisbury (in Wilt pire) flands on the Avon, in the midft of a Plain. It has 3 good Churches, befides the Cathedral, which is the fineft in all the Nation: It has (fay fome) as many Doors as Months, Windows as Days, and Pillars as Hours in the Year. The Spire is the higheft in England: It is 410 Foot high, twice as high as the Monument. This C. confifts of many fpacious Streets with a Rivulet running thro' each. The Market-Place where the Streets meet, is very fpacious, and well pav'd.

Salisbury Plain is a Chalky Down, extending (fays our Author) 25 Ms. E. to Winchefter; and 14 to Shaftsbury; without fo much as one Houfe or even a Tree to be feen. But the Earl of Pembroke has planted a Tree at every M's. end, to Shaftsbury, which are very ferviceable to Travellers.

Upon this Plain is the greatest Wonder, Curiofity, and Piece of Antiquity throughout the Nation (commonly called Stone Henge) viz. A circular Hurdle of large Stones, upon the rifing Ground furrounded with a deep Ditch, over which there are 3 Passages, at each of which, on the outfide, are 2 great Stones, and 2 lefs within: Beyond the Ditch is an Afcent, of 35 Yards, to the main Work, which confifts of 4 Circles of Stones: The outmost Circle is 300 Foot r. the Stones are 4 Yards high, 2 b. and 1 thick. Two Yards within this is a Row of leffer, Stones; and 3 Yards farther is the chief Part of the Work. (called the Cell) made up of 2 irregular Rows of Stones. Those of the outer are 20 Foot high, 2 b. and 1 thick. These are coupled at Top by great transome Stones, 7 Foot 1. and 3 and a half thick

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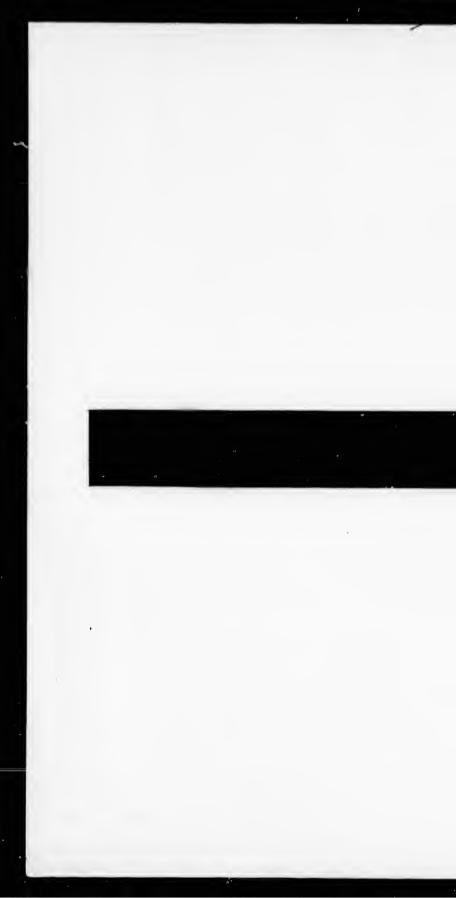
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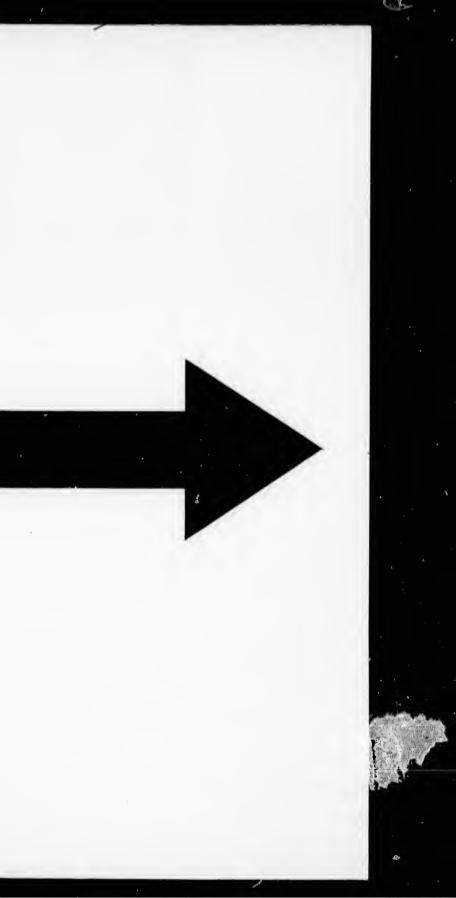
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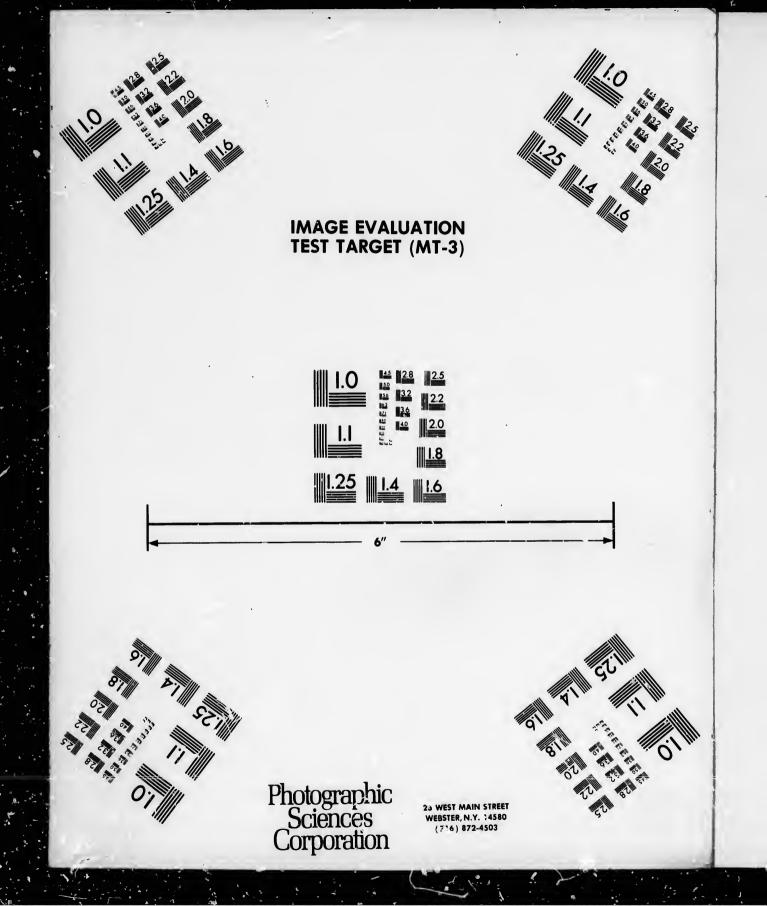
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thick; within this is another Row of Stones, 6 Foot high. It is commonly faid that no Man can count these Stones; or give any fatisfactory Account of them, and the rather because there are no fuch Stones near this Place.

Malmsbury is an old but neat T. of confiderable Trade.

Old Sarum is a mean Village, yet it fends 2 Members to Parliament, chofen by 10 Electors fays our Author, tho' fome fay, it's in the Hands of one Gentleman.

The chief Employment in feveral Parts of this County is the Woollen Manufacture.

Wcreester is a large, pleasant, and populous C. with 12 Churches. The Trade of this Place also is the Woollen Manufacture. This C. stands upon the Severn; at the Gates of it was fought the last Battle between K. Charles II. and Oliver Cromwell; which prov'd fatal to the K.

Scourbridge is noted for its Iron and Glafs Work.

Droitwich is remarkable for its Salt Springs.

Yorkshire is by far the largest County in England: It is divided into 3 great Parts (call'd Ridings) E. N. and W.

Tork is the 2d C. in the Km. It flands on a Flat; the R. Oufe runs thro'it: It's very ancient and large but not populous: It is divided into 28 Parish s; the Mayor has the Title of Lord. What was the Castle, now makes the pleasantest and finest Prison in the Nation.

Hallifax is a confiderable and populous T. the Parish is fo large that there are in it 22 Churches, Chappels, and Meeting-Houses of various Denominations.

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Wakefield and Leeds are also confiderable Ts. This Part of the County is chiefly employed in weaving Cloth, both Broad, and Narrow.

Rippon stands upon the Ouse. It's a large and populous Borrough. Here's a Collegiate Church with 3 losty Spires.

Sheffield stands on the R. Don: This T. is vastly populous; thousands are here employ'd in the Iron Manufacture.

Hull or Kingfton upon Hull, ftands at the Conflux of the Hull and Humber; in the Shape of an half Moon. It is one of the ftrongeft Fortreffes in all the I. Its Caftle is reckon'd impregnable by its Situation Hull is a T. of vaft Trade; the Cuftoms are faid to amount to 35 or 40,000l. per Annum.

Scarborough is a pretty large T. on the Side of an Hill. The Caftle stands upon a Rock that advances into the Sea. This Place has for fome Years been prodigiously crowded on Account of its Mineral Waters; but in 1737, an unheard of Catastrophe befell it : Part of the Hill behind the Well funk down gradually, which rais'd it, and the adjacent Ground, confiderably, and thruss it nearer to the Sea; but it is now faint to be recover'd.

Near Boroughbridge is a curious Monument of Antiquity, viz. 4 great Piramidical Stones standing on an end; (call'd the Devil's Arrows)

The N. W. part of this County is call'd Richmondshire; the Cpl. is Richmond on the R. Swale an old T. with 2 Churches.

In this County liv'd, and dy'd 1671, Henry Jenkin 168 Years old. And in James 1. Reign

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there liv'd in one Parish, 8 Persons whose Ages together amounted to 800.

REAT-BRITAIN (tho' but fmall) G is a very confiderable, and powerful Nation : In the Civil Wars, it was reckon'd to maintain 200,000 Foot and 50,000 Horfe: And it has the flrongett Fleet of any Km. upon Earth ; of which the following is a brief Account. 1 31 5 . 10. 10 ... 2013 . 1 . to

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The following is an Account of the Charges of the Fleet.

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T HE Kingdom of England is an hereditary, limited Monarchy; or (as fome have call'd it) a Compound of Monarchy, Ariftocracy, and Democracy.

The K's Title is, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, Ec.

He has Power to pardon Crimes; to remit Penalties; to make (by his Letters Patents; new Boroughs, Universities, Fairs, &c. to create Peers, &c. He may deny his Affent to any. Bill. He disposes of all Posts civil and military; nay he I 6.

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can make Peace or War with any Foreign Prince or States; but he cannot make new Laws; or raife Money without his Parliament.

The K's. eldeft Son is born Duke of Corneval, and generally foon created Prince of Wales.

All his Children are born Princes and have the Title of Highness.

The Primum Mebile of all civil Government, in Great Britain, is the K's. Privy Council; which confilts of a Number of Lords and Gentlemen, who confult about Matters of the higheft. Nature; iffue out Proclamations, &c. In all Debates the loweft gives his Opinion first, and the K. last gives his Judgmenr, which determines the Matter in Debate. So that this is a very August and Honourable Assembly. As upon the Ks. withdrawing from the Board, the Council is broke up; fo if he. be absent, it's only a Committee of the Council.

The highest Court in the Nation is the Parliament, which confilts of 2 Houses, that of Lords, and that of Commons' which are summon'd to to Westminster-Hall, by the K's Writ, (or short Letter) sent to every Peer: And at the same Time, Writs are also sent to the Sheriffs' of Counties; Mayors, &c. of Boroughs to chuse, and return. (within 50 Days) their Representatives to Parliament.

The House of Lords confilts of 206 English, and 36 Scotch Peers, which are (according to the Union): scholen by, and out of, the Body of Scotch Peers.

These 222 Lords are of feveral Ranks or Degrees, (befides Bilhops) viz. 31 Dukes; which have the Title of Grace. 2 Marquiss; whose Title is Most Noble. 85, Earls; 15 Viscounts; and 63 Barons; the Title of the 3 last is Right Honourable. These with the 26 Bishops make the Upper House: But of this Number there are About about 30 that fit not in the House, because they are *Papiss*. The Lords fit in their Robes, according to their Dignity, and Order of Creation, except the Ministers of State, who take Place of even *Dukes*: The youngest Peer votes first: The Question here is, *Content*, or not Content; but in the Lower House Yea or Nay.

The Lords admit Proxies, but the Commons do not. The Judges fit in the Upper House but have no Votes.

As to the Number of the Commons, K. Henry VIII. found 296; he added 32. Edward VI. 22. Queen Mary 12. Queen Elizabeth 31. K. James I. 31. There were at the Union 513; to which the 45 from Scotland being added, made the prefent Number, viz. 558.

The Commons wear no Robes, except the Speaker and Clerks. They fit promifcuoufly; only the Speaker has his Chair: To him all Speeches are directed: But among the Lords, to the whole Houfe.

Every Parliament now fits 7 Years, and in that Time has 7 Seffions: At the beginning and end of each the K. comes in State to the Houfe of Lords; and fends the Gentleman Ufber of the Black Rod (by whom all Meffages are fent from the Lords to the Commons, as those from the Commons to the Lords are fent by a Serjeant at Arms) to command the Commons to give their Attendance. To them and the Lords his Majelty makes his Speech from the Throne.

The Chancellor is always Chairman in the Houfe of Lords. But the Commons at the beginning of every Paliament chufe them a Speaker.

Any Member flands up and moves for leave to bring in fuch a Bill; which (if allow'd) he and others prepare, and bring in. It's read the first Time

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e t Time, and order'd to lie upon the Table, to be perufed by the Members. Some time after, it's mov'd that it be read a 2d Time and committed; (i. e. referr'd to a certain Number of Members to be examin'd, &c.) and then there are generally the warmeft Debates. If the Motion be carry'd, after it has gone through the Committe, it's read again, and it's mov'd that it be engrofs'd :: (i. e. written fair over on Parchment) When this is done, it is fent up to the Lords for their Concurrence: When it has paffed them alfo, it lies for the Royal Affent; after which it becomes. a Law, or Aff of Parliament.

N. B. Bills for a General Pardon, or Act of Grace, are read but once, and can't be alter'd.

N. B. All Money Bills begin with the Commons, who allow not the Lords to have a Power of rejecting, or altering of them. Every Queffion is determin'd in both Houfes by a Majority. Each Houfe adjourns itfelf at Pleafure: But the K. proregues; (i. e. puts an end to the Sefiion) and diffelves; (i. e. breaks up that Parliament, in crder for a new one) The K's. Death uffed to diffolve the Parliament, but it is otherwife now.

The High Court of Chancery is the 1st in the Km. It's defign'd to moderate the Rigour of Common Law; to judge according to Equity, Conficience and Reafon. Here is but one Judge, viz. the Lord Chancellor; whose Sentence is definitive, without a Jury; and only to be reversed by the House of Lords. He has 12 Affistants; call'd Masters of Chancery; the 1st of which is the Master of the Rolls: A Place of great Dignity, ard Power; for this Gentleman holds Courts; tries Causes, &c. But (as Martin observes) there are so many Officers in this Courts, that renders Suits very chargeable, and tedious. The The King's Bench is the higheft Court at Common Law: It's Power and Jurifdiction are very great all England over; in it are handled all the Pleas of the Crown, Treafons, Felonies, &c. to this Court belong I chief and 3 other Judges.

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In the Court of Common Pleas, are debated Caufes or Pleas, between Subject, and Subject : Here also is 1 chief and 3 inferior Judges : None but Serjeants at Law are allow'd to plead in this Court.

In the Exchequer, are tryed all Caufes relating to the K's. Revenues, Customs, Fines, &c. There are 4 Judges belonging to this Court, who are call'd Barons; and the first of them, Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

As to the Civil Government of England, next to the Princes of the Blood, are the Ministers of State: or great Officers of the Crown.

The ift is Lord High Steward: But he is now only created pro inac Vice, at Coronations, Arraignments of Peers, &c. which are no fooner over but his Commission ends.

The 2d is the Lord High Chancellor : His Office. is to keep the Broad Seal of Great Britain : His. Place is faid to be worth 10,000 l. p. An. N. B. If a Commoner enjoys this Office, he is only call'd Lord Keeper. There are many Officers under this Lord, whole Salaries amount to a large Sum.

The 3d is the Lord Treasurer; he has the Charge of the publick Money: He fixes the Officers of the Cultoms in all the Ports thro' out the Km. He Leases Crown Lands, &c. but this Post is now in the Hands of 5 Persons, call'd Commissioners of the Treasury; who have each 16001. p. An. and those under them, have 1 or 2,0001. p An. amongst them.

The 4th is Lord President of the Council : this Office

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The 5th is the Lord Privy Seal: He passes all Grants, Charters, &c. that don't pass the great Seal: his Salary is call'd but 1500 l. p. An. but it is worth a great deal more.

The 6th is Lord Chamberlain; he (at Coronations) prefents the K. with his Robes; dreffes and undreffes him, and has 40 Ells of Crimfon Velver for himfelf: He has alfo the Government of the K's. Palaces; provides all Things for the Houfe of Lords; fixes publick Mournings; difpofes of the Sword of State; walks on the K's. Right Hand. Under this Lord are the Gentleman Ufber of the Black Rod; 15 Gentlemen of the Bed Chamber, who have each 1,000 l. p. An.) 8 Grocms; the Mafter of the Robes; the Vice Chamberlain; the Groom Porter, who have about 500 l. p. An. each: The Mafter of the Ceremonies; who has about 300 l.

The Salaries of thefe and other Officers under this Lord are reckon'd to amount to near 40,000 k p. An. His own fixt Salary is but 1200 l. p. An. but it is much mended by the Fees paid by Archbishops, Bishops and Barons, when they pay their Homage to his Majesty.

The 7th Officer is the Earl Marshal of England: This Place is Hereditary to the House of Norfolk: but that being Popish, it is executed by a Protestant Lord; who determines all Disputes about Deeds of Arms; and Matters of War (within the Realm.) But this Lord's Power is now very small to what it has been.

The 8th is the Lord High Admiral of England He i as the Management of all Maritime Affairs, the Government of the Navies, &c. He has a Power of commissioning Vice Admirals, Rear Admirals, &c. Ec. To him also belong Wrecks, &c. yea a Power of Life and Death is lodg'd in his Hands.

But instead of this Officer there are now 7 Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, who have each 1,0001. p. An. Their Secretary has 8001. The Clerk and Assistants 4001 p. An. each. The Treasurer of the Navy has 20001. p. An. 5 Comptrollers of the Victualling Office, 5001. each.

The 9th Officer is Steward of the K's Houfbold; who has about 15001. p. An. The Treasurer, and Comptroller of ditto 12001. each. The Cofferer and 6 Clerks of the Green Cloth 5001, each. The Lord Almoner (who disposes of the K's Alms) has 2 or 3001. p. An.

There are befides these several other Officers, whose Salaries together amount to 5 or 6000 l. p. An.

Amongst the Prime Ministers must be reckon'd the Secretaries of State; for they transact the most important Affairs of the Nation, keep the Signet, &c. There are 3 Principal Secretaries; 2 for England, and 1 for Scotland. The Salary and Perquisites of one of these are call'd 8,000 l. p. An. and the Under Secretaries have handsome Salaries.

Another great Officer is the Master of the Horse; his Salary is call'd only 800 l. p. An. but it is reckoned to be worth 6 or 7000 l. and the Officers under him have 8,400 l. p. An. besides 1,000l. to those who take Care of the K's Race Horses.

The Captain of the Yeoman of the Guard, has 1,0001. p. An. his Lieutenant 8001. an Enfign 3001. 4 Corporals 1501. each; 8 Ufhers 501. 100 Yeoman 401. each.

The Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners has 1,000l. p. An. the Standard Bearer 300 l. a Clerk 120 l. and 40 Gentlemen 100 l. each.

The Master of the Wardrobe has 2,000 l. and his Deputy 300 l. The

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The Chief Ranger of St. James's Park has also 1,000 The K's. Attorney General's Place is reckon'd worth 4 or 5,000 l. and the Sollicitor General's a very handfome Sum.

Of the 12 Judges 9 have 1,500.1 each; and the 3 Chiefs 2,000 1, each.

The Conftable of the Tower has 1,000 l. p. An, and his Lieutenant 700; the chief Engineer 300 l. 2 others 150 l. each s the Mafter Gunner 190 l. the Warden of the Mint 600 l. the Mafter Worker 500 l: the Effay Mafter 400 l, the Comptroller 340 l.

The Governours of his Majefty's Caltles and Garrifons have about 5,000 l. p. An.

The 2 Commissioners for the Post Office have each 2,000 l. and those under them about 2,000 l. more.

The Commissioners and Officers for taking Care of his Majesty's Palaces, &c. have 3 or 40001

The 8 Commissioners for Trade and Vlantations have 8 or 9,000 p. An. and those under them 12 or 1300 l.

The 7 Commissioners for the Customs have 1,000 l. p. An. each and their Secretary has 890 l. The Comptrollers and Receivers General, &c of the Customs have about 12,000 l. p. An. amongst them.

The 5 Commissioners for the Duty on Salt have erch 5001. 5 for the Stamp Office 4001. each and their Officers about 3,0001.

The Commissioners for Licenses, &c. have 800 l. and those under them 700 l.

The 6 Commissioners of Taxes have 500 l. r each; and those under them about 440 l.

The 9 Commissioners of the Excite, have each 1,000 l. p. An. and Officers under them 5 or 6,000 l Besides these there are 50 Collectors. who have 200 l. p. An. each; 200 Supervisors, 100 l. 0001

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each; and 2,500 Excisemen, 50 l,each; 50 Clerks 40 l, each: 50 Supernumeraries 25 l, each. Total of Salaries 158,200 l, which is reckon'd a 19th Part of the Produce of the Excise. The Salaries of the Officers for the inward and outward Business of the Port, arise to about 15,000 l. p. An.

Befides all these there are a great many Officers, whofe Salaries I can't learn'; however from those I have mentioned, one may be able in fome Meafure to answer a common Question, viz, What becomes of the Money raifed every Year in England It has been remarkt, that the Monarchial form of Government is very expensive. But as ours is a mixt one confifting of K. Lords and Commons the last of which are the Representatives of the good People of England, fo it's our peculiar Happinefs, that we are under no Laws, but fuch as may be faid to be of our own making. And it's a further Happineis, that we have now a Prince mento the l'aront, was income no Detire of any Power but that of protecting his fubjects; continuing and enfuring to them, all their just Rights. and Liberties; and in a Word of making them a great, flourishing and happy People. 1'll therefore conclude with a brief Account of our Prefent. Sovereign, and his Royal Family. Together with a Lift of all the Sovereign Families in Europe.

King George II. was the only Son of his late Majefty, K George I. who was eldeft Son of the late Elector of Brunfwick, &c. by his Royal Confort the Princefs Sophia; who. was Daughter to the K. of Bohemia who married Elizabeth (Daughter to K James I.) and therefore the was Niece to K. Charles I. and Coufin German to K. Charles II. and K James II.

His prefent Majefty (who afcended the Throne of his Royal Anceitors, the 11th of June, 1727) was bern Oct. 30th 1683; and in 1705 he married the Illustrious Princefs of Brandenburg Aufpach, who died (univerfally lamented)

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Nov. 20th 1737 : By whom he had 2 Princes and 5 Princeffes, viz.

1. Frederick Lewis, born Jan. 20th 1706-7 ; who married April 27th 1736, Augusta Princefs of Sazgotha ; by whom he has I Daughter and 2 Sons, viz. Princess Augusta, born July 31ft 1737 ; Prince George, born May 24th, 1738; and Prince Edward Augustus, born March 14th 1738-9.

. 2. Princes Anne born Oct . 22d 1709, and marry'd 1734, to his Serene Highnels the Prince of Ora

3. Princess Amelia	born May 30th 1711.
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7. Princess Louisa	born Dec. 7th 1724.
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Lewis King of France Feb. 1710 Philip King of Spain Dec. 1680	1730 1715 Mary of Poland	1703,
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Frederick K of Sweden April 1676 Augustus King of Poland Oct. 1696 Charles King of Prufia June 1712	733 Mary of Auftria	168 8 1699
Carlos King of Naples June 1716	730 Elizabeth of Lorrain 739 Mary of Poland	711 724
Stanislaus Duke of Lorra n Francis Duke of Tufcany	born December 1	77
Charles Elector of Bavaria Charles Elector of Palatine Philia Flagaria	born November 16	97 61
Philip Elector of Mentz Francis Elector of Treves	born June 16	65 82
Clement Elector of Cologn A Lift of the Roy	born August 17 yal Families	00
Mary Arch Dutchess of Austria Leonone Arch Dutchess of Austria	born May a born February 1717	
Amelia Arch Dutchefs of Auftri	a born April 172	1 .

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