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## AN ACCOUNT

## OF LOUISIANA.

The olject of the following pages is to consolidate the information respecting the present state of Louisiana, furnished to the Executive ly several individuals among the best informed upon that sulject.

Of the province of Louisiana no general map, sufficiently correct to be depended upon, has been published, nor has any been yet procured from a private source. It is indeed probable, that surveys have never been made on so extensive a scalc as to afford the means of laying down the various regions of a country, which, in some of its parts, appears to have been but imperfectly explored.

## BoUndaries.

The precise boundaries of Louisiana, westwardly of the Mississippi, though veryextensive, are at present involved in some obscurity. Data are equally wanting to assign with precision its northern extent. From the source of the Mississippi, it is bounded eastwardly by the middle of the channel of that river to the thirty-first degree of latitude : thence, it is asserted upon very strong grounds, that according to its limits, when formerly possessed by France, it stretches to the east, as far, at least, as the river Perdigo, which runs into the bay of Mexico eastward of the river Mobille.

It may be consistent with the view of these notes to remark, that Louisiana, including the Mobille settlements, was discovered and peopled by the French, whose monarchs made several grants of its trade, in particular to Mr. Crosat in 1712, and some years afterwards, with his acquiescence, tot he wellknown company projected by Mr. Law. This com pany was relinquished in the year 1731. By a secret convention on the

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$3^{d}$ November 1762, the French government ceded so much of the province as lies beyond the Mississippi, as well as the island of New Orleans, to Spain; and, by the treaty of peace which followed in 1763 , the whole territory of France and Spain castward of the middle of the Mississippi to the Iberville, thence through the middle of that river, and the Lakes Maurepas and Ponchartrain to the sea, was ceded to Great Britain. Spain having conquered the Floridas from Great Britain during our revolutionary war, they were confirmed to her by the treaty of peace of 1783. By the treaty of St. Ildeionso, of the 1 st of October $\mathbf{1 8 0 0}$, his Catholic Majesty promises and engages on his part to cede back to the French Republic, six nonths after the full and entire execution of the conditions and stipulations therein contained, relative to the Duke of Parma, " the colony or province of Louisiana, with the same extent that it actually has in the hands of Spain, that it had when France possessed it, and such as it ought to be after the treaties subsequently entered into between Spain and other states." This treaty was confirmed and enforeed by that of Madrid, of the 21st March 1801.-From France, it passed to us by the treaty of the 3oth of April last, with a reference to the above clatise, as descriptive of the limits ceded.

## DIVISIONS OF THE PROVINCE.

The province, as held by Spain, including a part of West Florida, is laid off into the following principal divisions: Mobille, from Balise to the city New Orleans, and the country on both sides of Lake Ponchartrain, first and second German coasts, Catahanose, Fourche, Venezuela, Iberville, Galvez Town, Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupée, Atacapas, Opelousas, Ouachita, Avoyelles, Rapide, Natchitoches, Arkansas, and the Illinois.

In the Illinois there are commandants, at New Madrid, St. Genevieve, New Bombon, St. Charles, and St. Andrew's, all subordinate to the commandant-general.

Baton Rouge having been made a government subsequently to the treaty of limits, ke. with Spain, the posts of Manchac and 'Thompson's Creck, or Feciciana, were added to it.

Chapitoulas has sometimes been regarded as a separate command, but is now included within the jurisdiction of the city. The lower part of the river has likewise had occasionally a separate commandant.

Many of the present establishments are separated from each other by immense and trackless deserts, having no communi-
cation with each other by land, except now and then a solitary instance of its being attempted by hunters, who have to swim rivers, expose themselves to the inclemency of the weather, and carry their provisions on their backs for a time proportioned to the length of their journey. This is particularly the case on the west of the Mississippi, where the communication is kept up only by water, between the capital and the distant settlements; three months being required to convey intelligence from the one to the other by the Mississippi. The usual distance accomplished by a boat in ascending, is five leagues; per day.
The rapidity of the current, in the spring season especially, when the waters of all the rivers are ligh, facilitates the descent, so that the same voyage by water, which requires three or four months to perform from the capital, may be made to it in from twelve to sixteen days. The principal settlements in Louisiana are on the Mississippi, which begins to be cultivated about twenty laigues from the sea, where the plantations are yet thin, and owned by the poorsst people. Ascending, you see them improve on each side till they reach the city, which is situated on the east bank, on a bend of the river, thirty-five leagues from the sea.

## CHAPITOULAS, FIRST AND SECOND GERMAN COASTS—CATA-HANOSE-FUURCHE, AND IBERVILLE.

The best and nost approved are above the city, and comprehend what is there known by the Paroisse de Chapitoulas, Premier et Sccond Cote des Allemands, and extends sixteen leagues.

Above this begins the parish of Catahanose, or first Acadian settlement, extending cight leagues on the river. Adjoining it, and still ascending, is the se-ond Acadian settlement or parish of the Fourche, which extends about six leagues. The parish of Iberville then commences, and is bounded on the cast side by the river of the same name, which though dry a great part of the year, ye:, when the Mississippi is raised, communicates with the Lakes Maurepas and Ponchartrain, and through them with the sea, and thus forms what is called the island of New Orleans. Except on the point just below the lberville, the country from New Orlems is settled the whole way along the river, and presents a scene of uninterrupted plantations in sight of each other, whose fronts to the Mississippi are all cleared, and occupy on that river from 5 to 25 acres, with a depth of 40 ; so that a plantation of 5 acres in

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front contains 200. A few sugar plantations are formed in the parish of Catahanose, but the remainder is devoted to cotton and provisions, and the whole is an excellent soil incapable of being exhausted. The plantations are but one deep on the island of New Orleans, and on the opposite side of the river as far as the mouth of the Iberville, which is 35 leagues above New Orleans.

## BAYOU DE FOURCHE-ATACAPAS, AND OPELOUSAS.

About 25 leagues from the last-mentioned place on the west side of the Mississippi, the creek, or Bayou of the Fourche, called in old maps la Riviere des Chitamaches, flows from the Mississippi, and communicates with the sea to the west of the Balise. The entrance of the Mississippi is navigable only at high water, but will then admit of craft of from 60 to 70 tons burden. On both banks of this creck are settlements, one plantation deep, for near 15 leagues, and they are divided into two parishes. The settlers are numerous, though poor, and the culture is universally cotton. On all creeks making from the Mississippi, the soil is the same as on the bank of the river, and the border is the highcst part of it, from whence it descends gradually to the swamp. In no place on the low lands is there depth more than suffices for one plantation, before you come to the low grounds incapable of cultivation. This creek affords one of the com. cations to the two populous and rich settlements of Ata ${ }_{1} ; ;$ and Opelousas, formed on and near the small rivers Teche and Vernillon, which flow into the bay of Mexico. But the principal and swiftest communication is by the Bayou or creek of Plaquemines, whose entrance into the Mississippi is 7 leagues higher up on the same side, and 32 above New Orleans. These settlements abound in cattle and horses, have a large quantity of good land in their vicinity, and may be made of great importance. A part of their produce is sent by sea to New Orleans, but the greater part is carried in batteaux by the creeks above-mentioned.

## BATON ROUGE, AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

Immediately above the Iberville, and on both sides of the Mississippi, lies the parish of Manchac, which extends 4 leagues on the river, and is well cultivated. Above it commences the settlement of Baton Rouge, extending about 9 leagues. It is remarkable, as being the first place where the high land is contiguous to the river, and here it forms a bluff
from 30 to 40 feet above the greatest rise of the river. Here the settlements extend a considerable way back on the east side; and this parish has that of Thompson's Creck and Bayou Sara subordinate to it. The mouth of the first of these creeks is about 49 leagues from New Orleans, and that of the latter 2 or 3 leagues higher up. They run from north-east to southwest, and their head waters are north of the 3ist degree of latitude. Their banks have the best soil, and the greatest number of good cotton plantations of any part of Louisiana, and are allowed to be the garden of it.

## POINTE COUPEE, AND FAUSSE RIVIERF.

Above Baton Rouge, at the distance of 50 leagues from New Orleans, and on the west side of the Mississippi, is Pointe Coupée, a populous and rich settlement, extending 8 leagues along the river. Its produce is cotton. Behind it, on an old hed of the river, now a lake, whose outlets are closed up, is the settlement of Fausse Riviere, which is well cultivated.

In the space now described from the sea as high as, and including, the last-mentioned settlement, is contained three fourths of the population, and seven eighths of the riches of Louisiana.

From the settlement of Pointe Coupée, on the Mississippi, to Cape Girardeau, above the mouth of the Ohio, there is no land on the west side that is not overflowed in the spring, to the distance of 8 or 10 leagues from the river, with from 2 to 12 feet of water, except a small spot near New Madrid: so that in the whole extent there is no possibility of forming a considerable settlement contiguous to the river on that side. The eastern bank has, in this respect, a decided advaitage over the western, as there are on it many situations which effectually command the river.

## RED RIVER, AND ITS SETTLEMIENTS.

On the west side of the Mississippi, 70 leagues from New Orleans, is the month of the Red river, on whose banks and vicinity are the settements of Rapide, Avoyelles, and Natchitoches, all of them thriving and populous. The latter is situated 75 leagues up the Red river. On the north side of the Red river, a few leagues from its junction with the Mississippi, is the Black river; on one of whose branches, a considerahle way up, is the infant settlement of Ouachita, which, from the richness of the soil, may be made a place of importance.

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Cotton is the chief produce of these setulements, hut they have likewise a considerable Indian trade. The River Rouge, or Red river, is used to communicate with the frontiers of New Mexico.

CONCORD-ARKANSAS-ST. Charles, AND St. ANDREW, \&c.
There is no other settlement on the Mississippi except the small one called Concord, opposite to the Natchez, till you come to the Arkansas river, whose mouth is 250 lengues above New Orlcans.

Here there are but a few families, who are more attached to the Indian trade (hy which chiefly they live) than to cultivation. There is mo settement from this place to New Madrid, which is itself inconsiderable. Ascending the river, you come to Cape Girardean, St. Genevieve, and St. Lomis; where, though the inhabitants are numcrons, they raise little for exportation, and content themseives with trading with the Indians, and working a few lead-mines. This country is very fertile, especially on the banks of the Missouri, where there have been formed two settements, called St. Charles and St. Andrew, mostly by emigrants from Kentucky. The peltry procured in the lllinois is the best sent to the Atlantic market, and the quantity is sery considerable. Lead is to be had with ease, and in such quantites as to supply all Europe, if the population were sufficient to work the numerous mines to be found within two or three feet from the surface in varions parts of the country. The settements about the Illinois were first made by the Canadims, and their inhabitints still resemble them in their aversion to labour, and love of a wandering life. They contain but few negrose, compared to the number of the whites: and it may be taken for a generat rule, that in proportion to the distance of the capital, the mumber of blacks diminish below that of the whites, the former abounding most on the rich plantations in its vicinity.

## GENERAL DESCRIETION OF UPPER LOUISIANA.

When compared with the Indiana territory, the face of the country in Upper Louisiana is rather more broken, though the soil is equally fertile. It is a fact not to be contested, that the west side of the river possesses some advantages not generally incident to those regions. It is elevated and healthy, and well watered with a variety of large rapid strams, ealculated for mills and other water works. From Cape Birardeau, above the mouth of the Ohio, to the Missouri, the land on the east side
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of the Mississippi is low and flat, and oecasionally exposed to inundations; that on the Lonisiana side, comiguons to the river, is generally much higher, and in many places very rocky on the shore. Some of the heights exhibit a seene truly picturesque. They rise to a height of at least 300 feet, faced with perpendicular lime and free stone, carved into various shapes and figures by the hand of nature, and affisd the appearance of a multude of antique towers. From the tops of these elevations, the land gradually slopes back from the river, without gravel or rock, and is covered with valuable timber. It may be said with truth, that, for fertility of soil, no part of the world exceeds the borders of the Mississippi ; the land yields an aboudance of all the necessaries of life, and almosi spontaneously, very little labour being recuired in the cultivation of the earth. That part of Upper Louisiana which borders on North Mexico is one immense prairie; it produces nothing but grass; it is filled with buffalo, deer, and other kinds of game: the land is represented as toe rich for the growth of forest trees.

It is pretended that Upper Ionisiana contains in its bowels many sitver and copper mines, and varions specimens of both are exhibited. Several trials have beem made to ascertain the fact, but the want of skill in the artists has hitherto left the subject undecided.

The sath-works are also pretty numerous: some belong to individuals, others to the public. They already yield an abundant supply for the consumption of the country; and, if properly managed, might become an article of more general exportation. The usual price per bushel is 150 cents in cash at the works. This price will be still lower as soon as the manufacture of the salt is assumed by grovermment, or patronized by men who have large capitals to employ in the business. One extraordinary fact relative to salt must not be omitted. There exists, about 1000 miles up the Missouri, and not far from that river, a salt mountain! The existence of such a mountain might well be questioncd, were it not for the testimony of several respectable and enterprising traters who have visited it, and who have exhibited scveral bushels of the salt to the euriosity of the people of St. Louis, where some of it still remains. A specimen of the same salt has been sent to Marietta. This mountain is said to be 180 miles long, and 45 in width, composed of solid rock salt, without any trees or even shrubs on it. Salt springs are very numerous beneath the surface of the momtain, and they flow through the fissures and cavities of

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it. Caves of salt-petre are found in Upper Louisiana, though at some distance from the settlements. Four men, on a trading voyage, lately discovered one several hundred miles up the Missouri. They spent 5 or 6 weeks in the manufacture of this article, and returned to St. Louis with 400 weight of it. It proved to be good, and they sold it for a high price.

The geography of the Mississippi and Missouri, and their contiguity for a great length of way, are but little known. The traders assert, that 100 miles above their junction, a man may walk from one to the other in a day; and it is also asserted, that 700 miles still higher r , the portage may be crossed in 4 or 5 days. This portage is frequented by traders, who carry on a considerable trade with some of the Missouri In-dians.-Their general route is through Green Bay, which is an arm of Lake Michigan; they then pass into a small lake connected with it, and whish communicates with the Fox river; they then cross over a short portage into the Ouisconsing river, which unites with the Mississippi some distance below the falls of St. Anthony. It is also said, that the traders communicate with the Mississippi above these falls through Lake Superior, but their trade in that quarter is much less consiuerable.

## CANAL OF CARONDELET.

Behind New Orleans is a canal about 1 mile and a half long, which communicates with a creek called the Bayou St. Jean, flowing into Lake Ponchartrain. At the mouth of it, about 2 leagues and a half from the citv, is a small fort called St. Jean, which commands the entrance from the lake. By this creek the communication is kept up through the lake and the Rigolets to Mobille, and the settlements in West Florida. Craft drawing from 6 to 8 feet water can navigate to the nouth of the creek; but, except in particular swells of the lake, cannot pass the bar without being lightened.

## ST. BERNARDO.

On the east side of the Mississippi, about 5 leagues below New Orleans, and at the head of the English Bend, is a settlement known by the name of the Poblacion de St. Bernardo, or the Terre aux Boeufs, extending on both sides of a creek or drain, whose head is contiguous to the Mississippi, and which flowing eastward, after a course of 18 leagues, and dividing itself into two branches, falls into the sea and Lake Borgne. This settlement consists of two parishes, almost all the inha-

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bitants of which are Spaniards from the Canaries, who content themselves with raising fowls, corn, and garden-stuff for the market at New Orleans. The lands cannot be cultivated to any great distance from the banks of the ereek, on account of the vicinity of the marsh behind them ; but the place is susceptible of great improvement, and of affording another commutiention to small craft of from 8 to 10 feet draught between the sea and the Mississippi.

## settlements below ifhe english turn.

At the distance of 66 leagucs below New Orlcans, the scttlements on both banks of the river are of but small account. Between these and the fort of Plaquemines, the country is overflowed in the spring, and in many places is incapable of cultivation at any time, being a morass almost impassable by man or beast. This small tongue f land extends considerably into the sea, which is visible on both sides of the Mississippi from a ship's mast.

COUNTRY FROM PLAQUEMINES TO THE SEA, AND EFPECT OF THE HULIRICANES.
From Plaquemines to the sea is 12 or 13 leagues. The country is low, swampy, chiefly covered with reeds, having little or no timber, and no setllement whatever. It may be necessary to mention here, that the whole lower part of the country from the English Turn downward is subject to overflowing in hurricanes, either by the recoiling of the river or reflux from the sea on cach side; and, on more than one occasion, it has been covered from the depth of 2 to 10 feet, according to the deseent of the river, whereby many lives were lost, horses and cattle swept away, and a scene of destruction laid. The last calanity of this kind happened in 1794, but - fortunately they are not frequent. In the peeceding year, the engineer who superintended the erection of the fort of Plaquemines, was drowned in his honse near the fort, and the workmen and garrison escaped only by taking refuge on an elevated spot in the fort, on which there were notwithistanding 2 or 3 feet of water. These hurricanes have generally been felt in the month of Angust. Their greatest fury lasts about 12 hours. They commence in the south-cast, veer ahout to all points of the compass, are felt most severely below, and seldom extend more than a few leagues above New Orleans. In them whole course they are marked with ruin and desolation. Uitil that of 1793 , there had been none felt from the year 1780 .

PASSES, OR MOUTHS OF THE MISSISSIFPI.
About 8 leagues below Plaquemines, the Mississippi divides itself into three channels, which are callcd the Passes of the river, viz. the East, South, and South-west passes. Their course is from 5 to 6 leagues to the sea. The space between is a marsh, with little or no timber on it; but from its situation, it may hereafter be rendered of importance. The East pass, which is on the left hand going down the river, is divided into two branches about two leagues below, viz. the Pass à la Loutre, and that known to mariners by the name of the Balise, at which there are a small blor:k-house and some huts of the pilots, who reside only here. The first of these secondary channels contains at present but 8 feet water; the latter from 14 to 16 , according to the seasons. The South pass, which is directly in front of the Mississippi, has always been considered as entirely choked up, but has 10 fect water. 'The South-west pass, which is on the right, is the longest and narrowest of all the passes, and a few years ago had 18 feet water, and was that by which the large ships always entered and sailed from the Mississippi. It has now but 8 feet water, and will probably remain so for some time. In speaking of the quantity of water in the passes, it must be understood of what is on the bar of each pass; for immediately afier passing the bar, which is very narrow, there are from 5 to 7 fathoms at all seasons.

## COUNTRY EAST OF LAKE PONCIJARTRAIN.

The country on the east side of Lake Ponchartrain to Mobille, and including the whole extent between the American line, the Mississippi above New Orleans, and the lakes (with the exception of a tract of about 30 miles on the Mississippi, and as much square, contiguous to the line, and comprehending the waters of Thompson's Creek, Bayou Sara, and the Amet), is a poor thin soil, overgrown with pine, and contains no good land whatever, unless on the banks of a few small rivers. It would however afford abundant supplies of pitch, tar, and pine lumber, and would feed large herds of cattle.

## THE INHABITANTS, AND THEIR ORIGIN.

The inhabitants of Louisiana are chiefly the descendants of the lirench and Canadians. There are a considerable number of English and Americans in New Orleans. The two German coasts are peopled by the descendants of setters from Germany,

Germany, and a few French mixed with them. The three succeeding settlements up to Baton Rouge contain mostly Acadians, banished from Nova Scotia by the English, and their descendants. The govermment of Baton Rouge, especially the east side, which includes all the country between the Iberville and the American line, is composed partly of Acadians, a very few French, and of a great majority of Americans. On the west side they are mostly Acadians: at Point Coupée and Fausse river they are French and Acadians. Of the population of the Atacapas and Opelousas, a considerable part is American. Natchitoches, on the Red river, contains but a few Americans, and the remainder of the inhabitants are French; but the former are more numerous in the other settlements on that river, viz. Avoyelles, Rapide, and Ouachita. At Arkansas they are mostly French; and at New Madrid, Americans. At least two fifths, if not a greater proportion of all the settlers on the Spanish side of the Mississippi, in the Illinois country, are likewise supposed to be Americans. Below New Orleans the population is altogether French, and the descendants of Frenchmen.

## NEW ORLEANS.

By recurring to the maps and examining the position of Louisiana, it will appear, that the lower part projects considerably into the sea. It has in all probability been formed by the sediment brought down by the current and deposited on the flat coast. There is therefore on the east side but a very narrow slip along the bank of the river, from the sea to the Iberville. The land is not generally susceptible of cultivation more than a mile in depth from the river; the rest is low and swampy to the lakes and the sea, but in general abounds with cypress timber, which is sawed by mills, which are worked by artificial streams from the Mississippi in the time of freshes. They generally run five months in the year.

What has been said of the east, equally applies to the west side of the river. The soil and situation are nearly the same. After leaving the bank of the river, there is an immense swamp, intersected by creeks and lakes, extending to the high lands of Atacapas, and occupying a space of thirty or forty leagues.

The city of New Orleans, which is reguilarly laid out, on the east side of the Mississippi, in lat. 30 N . and long. 90 W. extends nearly a mile along the river, from the gate of France on the sonth, to that of Chapitoulas above, and a
little more than a third of a mile in brcadth, from the river to the rampart: but it has an extensive suburb on the upper side. The houses in front of the town, and for a square or two backwards, are mostly of brick, covered with slate or tilc, and many of two storics. The remainder are of wood, covered with shingles. The strects cross each other at right angles, and are 32 French feet wide. The squares between the intersections of the strects have a front of 300 French Sect. There is in the middle of the front of the city a place d'armes, facing which the church and town-house are built. There are from

The public buildings and other public property in New Orleans, are as follows:

Two very extensive brick stores, from 160 to 180 fect in length, and about 30 in breadth. They are one story high, and covered with shingles.

A government house, stables, and garden, occupying a - front of about 220 fect on the river, in the middle of the town, and extending 336 feet back to the next street.

A military hospital.
An ill-built custom-house of wood, almost in ruins, in the upper part of the city, near the river.

An extensive barrack in the lower part of the city, fronting on the river, and calculated to lodge 1 or 1400 men .

A large loi adjoining the king's stores, with a few sheds in it. It serves as a park for artillery.

A prison, town-house, market-house, assembly-room, some ground-rents, and the common about the town.

A public school for the rudiments of the Spanish language.
A cathedral church unfinished, and some houses beionging to it.

A charitable hospital, with some houses belonging to it, and a revenue of 1500 dollars amually, endowed by an individital lately deccased.
The Canal de Carondelet has beca already described.

## NUMBER OF INHABITANTS.

According to the arnexed census, No. I. of Louisiana, inchoding Pensacola and the Natchez, as made in 1785,

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the whole number of inhabitants amounted to 32,062 , of which 14,215 were free whites, 1,303 free people of colour, and 16,544 slaves.

The statement No. II. from the latest documents, makes the whole number 42,375 , the free whites 21,244 , the free people of colour 1,768 , and the slaves 12,920 .

A particular statement respecting the population, \& . of Upper Lousiana, and another containing the census of New Orleans, in this year, are numbered III. and IV. in the Appendix.

These papers certainly exhibit a smaller number than the real popalation of the country. From an official document, made in July last, and received from Atacapas since the statement No. II. was formed, it appears that it contained $\mathbf{2 , 2 7 0}$ whites, 2 1o frec people of colour, 1,266 slaves, in all 3,746 souis, instead of 1,447 , as therein stated. It is liighly probable that the return for the neighbouring district of Opelousas is in the same proportion mider-rated.

A conjectural estimation made by a gentleman of great respectability and correct information, residing at Natchez, raises the number of whites in the island of New Orleans, on the west side of the river, and some settements on the cait side, to 50,150 , and the number of blacks to 39,820 . His statement is also subjoined, No. V.

It is at all times dificult to obtain the full ecusus of a comtry, and the impediments are increased in this from its scattered population. The actual enumeration may therfore fall short of the true numbers.

## MILITIA.

There is a militia in Louisiana. The following is the return of it, made to the court of Spain, by the Baron of Carondelet.
From Balise to the city-volunteers of the Mis- Militia. sissippi-4 companies of 1 on men each-complete 400 City-Battalion of the city, 5 companies - - 500 Artillery company, with supern:merarics - - 120 Carabineers, or paivileged companies of horse,

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2 \text { companies of } 70 \text { cach-incomplete - - } 100
$$ Mulatues, 2 companies; negroes, I do. - - 300

Mixed legion of the Mississippi, comprehending Galvez Town, Batua Ruuge, Point Coupée, Atacapas, and Opelousas, viz,

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2 Companies of genadiers,
8 do. of fusilecrs,
4 do. of dragoons,
2 do. Jately added from Bayou Sara.
Militia.
16 companies of 100 men each - - - - 1600
Avoyelles, 1 company of infantry - - - - 1 co
Ouachita, 1 do. of cavalry
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Provincial regiment of Germans and Acadians, from the first German coast to Iberville, 10 Companies, viz. 2 of arenadicrs, $\left.\begin{array}{l}8 \text { of fusileers, }\end{array}\right\} \quad 1000$

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2 Companies of horse and foot incomplete
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The same rentleman alluded to, page 13, makes the number of the militia to amount to 10,340 men wihin the same linits to which his estimate of the population applies. He distributes them in the several settlements, as follows:

1. The island of New Orlams, with the opposite margin and the adjacent settlements - - 5,000
2. The west margin from Manchac, including Point Coupece, and extending to the Red river -
3. Atacupas, along the coast, between the Delta of the Mississippi and the river Sabine -
4. Opelousas

350
5. Red river, including Bayou Bueuf, Avoyelles, Rapide, and Natchitoches
6. Ouachita

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9. New Madrid and its vicinity - - - -
10. Hhasis and Missouri - - - -
11. The settlements on the east side of the Mississippi, from the American line to the Iberville, and some other settlements - - -

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It is to be observed, that none of these statements include the comutry beyond the river Sabine, nor even all those which lie castwardly of it. Data are also wanting to give them.

## FORTIFLCATIONS.

St. Louis has a lieutenant-colonel to command in it, and but few troops. Baton Rouge is an ill-construeted fort, and has about 50 men. In describing the canal of Carondelet, the small fort of St. Jean bas been mentioned, as has the block-house at the Balise in its proper place. The fortifications of New Orleans, noticed before, consist of five ill-constructed redoubts, with a covered way, palisade, and ditch. The whole is going fast to decay, and it is supposed they would be of but little service, in case of an attack. Thengh the powder-magazine is on the opposite side of the river, there is no sulficient provision made for its removal to the city, in case of need.

The fort of Plaquemines, which is about twelve or thirteen leagues from the sea, is an ill-constructed, irregular brick work, on the eastern side of the Mississippi, with a diteh in front of the river, and protected on the lower side by a deep creek, flowing from the river to the sea. It is, however, imperfectly closed behind, and almost without defence there, too much reliance having been placed on the swampiness of the ground, which hardens daily. It might be taken, perhaps, by escalade, without difficuity. It is in a degree ruinous. The principal front is meant to defend the approach from the sca, and can oppose, at moit, but eight heavy guns. It is built at a turn in the river, where ships in general must anchor, as the wind which brings them up so far is contrary in the next reach, which they mostly work through: and they would therefore be exposed to the fire of the fort. On the opposite bank are the ruins of a small closed redoubt, called Fort Bourbon, usually guarded by a sergeant's command. Its fire was intcuded to flank that of the fort of Plaquemines, and prevent shipping and craft from ascending or descending on that side. When a vessel appears, a signal is made on one side, and answered on the other. Should she attempt to pass, without sending a boat on shore, she would be immediately fired upon.

## INDIANs.

The Indian nations within the limits of Louisiana are, as far as known, as follows, and consist of the numbers hereafter specificd.

On the eastern bank of the Mississippi, about 25 leagues above Orleans, the remains of the nation of Hommas, or Red Men, which do not excecd 60 persons. There are no other lurlians settled on this side of the river, either in Louisiana or West llorida, though they are at times frecuented by partics of wandering Choctaws.

On the west side of the Mississippi are the remains of the Tomsicas settled near and above Pointe Conpée on the river, consisting of 50 or 60 persons.

## In the Alacapas.

On the lower part of the Bayou Teche, at about it or 12 leagues from the sea, are two villages of Chitimachas, consisting of about 100 souls.

The Atacapas, properly so callecl, dispersed throughout the district, and chicfly on the Bayou or creck of Vermillion, about 100 souls.

Wanderery of the tribes of Bilexis and Choctaws on Bayou Crocodile, which empties into the Teche, about 50 souls.

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Two villages of. Alibamas in the centre of the district near the church, consisting of 1 oc persons.

Conchates dispersed through the country as far west as the river Sabinas and its neighbourhood, about 350 persons.

## On the River Rouge.

At Avoyelles, 19 leagues from the Mississippi, is a village of the Biloni nation, and another on the lake of the Avoyelles, the whole about 60 souls.

At the Rapide, 26 leagues from the Mississippi, is a village of Choctaws of 100 souls, and another of Biloxes, about 2 leagucs from it, of about 100 more; about 8 or 9 leagues higher up the Red river is a village of about 50 souls. All these are occasionally employed by the setters in their neighbourhond as boatmen.

About 80 leagues abore Natchitoches on the Red river is the nation of the Cadoquies, called by abbreviation Cados; they can raise from 3 to 400 warriors, are the friends of the whites, and are esteemed the bravest and most generous of all the nations in this vast comutry; they are rapidly decreasing, owing to intemperance and the numbers anmally destroyed by the Osages and Choctaw:.
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There are, besides the foregoing, at least 4 to 500 families of Choctaws, who are dispersed on the west side of the Mississippi, on the Ouachita and Red rivers, as far west as Natchitoches; and the whole nation would have emigrated across the Mississippi, had it not been for the opposition of the Spamiards and Indians on that side, who had suffered by their aggressions.

## on the river arkansas, \&c.

Petween the Red river and the Arkansas there are but a few Indians, the remains of tribes ahmost extinct. On this last river is the nation of the same name, consisting of about two hundred and sixty warriors; they are brave, yet peaceable and well-disposed, and have always been attached to the French, and espoused their cause in their wars with the Chickasaws, whom they have always resisted with success. They live in three villages: the first is at 18 leagucs from the Mississippi on the Arkansas river, and the others are at 3 and 6 leagues from the first. A scarcity of game on the eastern side of the Mississippi has lately induced a number of Cherokecs, Choctaws, Chickasaws, \&c. to frequent the neighbourhood of Arkansas, where game is still in abundance: they have contracted marriages with the Arkansas, and seem clined to make a permanent settlement, and incorporate themselves with that nation. The number is unknown, but is considerable, and is every day increasing,

On the river St. Francis, in the neighbourhood of New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Riviere à la Pomme, and the environs, are settled a number of vagabonds, emigrants from the Delawares, Shawnese, Miamis, Chickasaws, Cherokees, Piorias, and supposed to consist in all of 500 families: they are at times troublesome to the boats descending the river, and have even plundered some of them, and committed a few nuurders. They are attached to liquor, seldom remain long in any place, many of them speak English, all understand it, and there are some who even read and write it.

At St. Genevieve, in the settlement among the whites, are about 30 Piorias, Kaskaskias, and Illinois, who seldom hunt, for fear of the other Indians : they are the remains of a nation, which 50 years ago could bring into the field 1200 warriors.

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## ON THE MISSOURI.

On the Missouri and its waters are many and numerous nations, the best known of which are : the Osages, situated on a river of the same name, on the right bank of the Missouri, at about 80 leagues from its confluence with it: they consist of 1000 warriors, who live in two settlements at no great distance from each other. They are of a gigantic stature and well proportioned, are enemies of the whites and of all other Indian nations, and commit depredations from the Illinois to the Arkansas. The trade of this nation is said to be under an exclusive grant. They are a cruel and ferocious race, and are hated and feared by all the other Indians. The confluence of the Osage river with the Missouri is about 8 leagues from the Mississippi.

Sixty leagues higher up the Missouri, and on the same bank, is the river Kansas, and on it the nation of the same name, but at about 70 or 80 leagues from its mouth. It consists of about 2.50 warriors, who are as fierce and cruel as the Osages, and often molest and ill-treat those who go to trade among them.

Sixty leagues above the river Kansas, and at about 200 from the mouth of the Missouri, still on the right bank, is the Riviere Platte, or Shallow River, remarkable for its quicksands and bad navigation ; and near its confluence with the Missouri divells the nation of Octolactos, commonly called Otos, consisting of about 200 warriors, among which are 25 or 30 of the nation of Missouri, who took refuge among them about 25 years since.

Forty leagucs up the River Platte you come to the nation of the Panis, composed of about 700 warriors in 4 neighbouring villages; they hunt but little, and are ill provided with fire-arms: they often make war on the Spaniards in the neighbourhood of Santa Fé, from which they are not far distant.

At 300 leagues from the Mississippi, and 100 from the River Platte, on the same bank, are situated the villages of the Mahas. They consisted, in 1799 , of 500 warriors, but are said to have been almost cut off last year by the small-pox.

At 50 leagues above the Mahas, and on the left bank of the Missouri, dwell the Poncas, to the number of 250 warriors, possessing, in common with the Mahas, their language, ferocity, and vices. Their trade has never been of much value, and those engaged in it are exposed to pillage and ill treatment

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on the right bank of the Missouri, dweil the Aricaras, to the number of 700 warriors; and 60 leagues above them, the Mandane nation, consisting of about 700 warriors likewise.These two last nations are well disposed to the whites, but have been the victims of the Sioux, or Nandowessies, who being themselves well provided with fire-arms, have taken advantage of the defenceless situation of the others, and have on all occasions murdered them without mercy.

No discoveries on the Missouri, beyond the Mandane nation, have been accurately detailed, though the traders have been informed that many large navigable rivers discharge their waters into it, far above it, and that there are many numerous nations settled on them.

The sioux, or Mandowessies, who frequent the country between the north bank of the Missouri and Mississippi, are a great impediment to trade and navigation. They endeavour to prevent all communication with the nations dwelling high up the Missouri, to deprive them of ammunition and arms, and thus keep them subservient to themselves. In the winter they are chiefly on the banks of the Missouri, and massacre all who fall into their hands.

There are a number of nations at a distance from the banks of the Missouri, to the north and south, concerning whom but little information has been received. Returning to the Mississippi, and ascending it from the Missouri, about 75 leagues above the mouth of the latter, the river Moingona, or Riviere de Moine, enters the Mississippi on the west side, and on it are situated the Ayoas, a nation originally from the Missouri, speaking the language of the Otachatas : it consisted of 200 warriors before the smallpox lately raged among thein.

The Saes and Renards dwell on the Mississippi, about 300 leagues above St. Louis, and frequently trade with it; they live together, and consisted of 500 warriors; their chief trade is with Michilimakinac, and they have always been peaceable and friendly.

The other nations on the Mississippi higher up, are but little known to us. The nations of the Missouri, though cruel, treacherous, and insolent, may doubtless be kept in order by the United States, if proper regulations are adopted with respect to them.

It is said, that no treaties have been entered into by Spain with the Indian nations westward of the Mississippi, and that its treaties with the Creeks, Choctaws, \&c. are in effect su-

## ( 20 ) <br> perseded by our treaty with that power of the 27 th of October 1795.

## OF LANDS AND TITLISS.

The lands are held in some instances by grants from the crown, but mostly from the colonial government. Perhaps not one quarter part of the lands granted in Louisiana are held by complete titles; and of the remainder, a considerable part depends upon a written permission of a commandant. Not a small proportion is held by occupancy with a single verbal commission of the officer last mentioned. This practice has always been countenanced by the Spanish government, in order that poor men, when they found themselves a little at ease, might, at their own conveniency, apply for and obtain complete titles. In the mean time, such imperfect rights were suffered by the government to descend by inheritance, and even to be transferred by private contract. When requisite, they have been seized by judicial authority, and sold for the payment of debts.

Until within a few years, the governor of Upper Louisiana was authorized to make surveys of any extent. In the exercise of this discretionary power, some abuses were committed; a few small monopolies were created. $\because \mathrm{t}$ three years ago, he was restricted in this branch of his du. ; since which he has been only authorized to make surveys to emigrants in the following manner: 200 acres for each man and wife, 50 acres for each child, and 20 acres for each slave. Hence the quantity of land allowed to settlers depended on the number in each family; and for this quantity of land they paid no more than the expense of survey. These surveys were necessary to entitle the settlers to grants; and the governor, and after him the intendant at New Orleans, was alone authorized to execute grants on the receipt of the surveys from the settlers. The administration of the land office is at present under the care of the intendant of the province.

There are no feudal rights nor noblesse.
It is impossible to ascertain the quantity of lands granted, without calling on the claimants to exhibit their titles; the registry being incomplete, and the maps made by the different surveyors-general having been burnt in the fires of New Orleans of 1988 and 1794, no estimate has been obtainect.

All the lands on both sides of the Mississippi, from the distance of 16 leagues below New Orleans to Baton Rouge, are granted to the depth of 40 acres, or near half a league, which is the usual depth of all grants. Some have double and

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triple grants; that is to say, they have twice or thrice 40 acres in depth; and others have grants extending from the Mississippi to the sea or the lakes behind them. In other parts of the country, the people, being generally settled on the banks of creeks or rivers, have a front of from 6 to 40 acres; and the grant almost invariably expresses a depth of 40 acres. All the lands ungranted in the island of New Orleans, or on the opposite bank of the Mississippi, are sunken, inundated, and at present unfit for cultivation; but may, in part, be reclaimed at a future day by efforts of the rich and enterprising.

## CULTIVATION OF SUGAR.

The sugar-cane may be cultivated between the Iberville and the city, on both sides of the river, and as far back as the swamps. Below the city, however, the lands decline so rapidly, that beyond 15 miles the soil is not well adapted to it. Above the Iberville, the cane would be afficted by the cold, and its produce would therefore be uncertain. Within these limits the best planters admit that one quarter of the cultivated lands of any considerable plantation may be planted in cane, oue quarter left in pasture, and the remaining balf employed for provisions, \&c. and a reserve for a change of crops. One Parisian arpent of 180 feet square may be expected to produce, on an average, 1200 weight of sugar, and 50 gallons of rum.

From the above data, admitting that both sides of the river are planted for 90 miles in extent, and about three fourths of a mile in depth, it will result that the annual product may amount in round numbers to 25,000 hogsheads of sugar, with 12,000 puncheons of rum. Enterprising young planters say, that one third, or even one half of the arable land, might be planted in cane. It may also be remarked, that a regular supply of provisions from above, at a moderate price, would enable the planter to give his attention to a greater body of land cultivated with canc. The whole of these lands, as may be supposed, are granted; but in the Atacapas comtry there is undoubtedly a portion, parallel to the sea-coast, fit for the culture of the sugar-cane. There vacant lands are to be found, but the proportion is at present unknown.

In the above remarks, the lands at Tcre aux Bueufs, on the Fourche, Bayou St. Jean, and other inlets of the Mississippi, south of the latitude supposed to divide those which are fit, from those which are unfit, for the cultivation of the cane, have been entirely kept ont of view. Including these, and taking
taking one third instead of one fouth of the lands fit for sttgar, the produce of the whole would be' 50,000 instead ot 25,000 hogsheads of sugar.

The following quantities of sugar, brown, clayed, and refined, have been imported into the United States from Louisiana and the Floridas, viz.

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OF THE LAWS.
When the country was first ceded to Spain, she preserved many of the French regulations, but by almost imperceptible degrees they have disappeared, and at present the province is governed entirely by the laws of Spain, and the ordinances formed expressly for the colony.

## COURTS OF JUSTICE.

The governor's court has a civil and military jurisdiction throughout the province. That of the lieutenant-governor has the same extent in civil cases only.

There are two alcades, whose jurisdiction, civil and criminal, extends through the city of New Orleans and 5 leagues around it, where the parties have no fuero militar, or military privilege; those who have, can transfer their causes to the governor.

The tribunal of the intendant has cognizance of admiralty and fiscal causes, and such suits as are brought for the recovery of money in the king's name or against him.

The tribunal of the alcade provincial has cognizance of criminal causes, where offences are committed in the country, or when the criminal takes refuge there, and in other specified cases.
The ccclesiastical tribunal has jurisdiction in all matters respecting the church.

The governor, licutenant-governor, alcades, intendant, provincial aleade, and the provisor in ceclesiastical causes, are respectively sole judges. All sentences affecting the life of the culprit, except those of the alcade provincial, must be ratified by the superior tribunal, or captain-gencral, according to the nature of the cause, before they are carried into execu-
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tion. The governor has not the power of pardoning criminals. An auditor and an assessor, who are doctors of law, are appointed to give counsel to those judges ; but for some time past there has been no assessor. If the judges do not consult those officers, or do not follow their opinions, they make themselves responsible for their decisions.

The commandants of districts have also a species of judicial power. They hear and determine all pecmiary causes not exceeding the value of 100 dollars. When the suit is for a larger sum, they commence the process, collect the proofs, and remit the whole to the governor, to be decided by the proper tribunal. They can inflict no corporal punishment except upon slaves; but they have the power of arresting and imprisoning when they think it necessary; advice of which, and their reasons, must be transmitted to the governor.

Small suits are determined in a summary way by hearing both parties viva voce; but in suits of greater magnitude the proccedings are carried on by petition and reply, replication and rejoinder, reiterated until the auditor thinks they have nothing new to say. Then all the proofs either party choose to adduce are taken before the keeper of the records of the court, who is alwavs a notary public.

The parties have now an opportunity of making their remarks upon the evidence by way of petitic ; and of bringing forward opposing proofs. When the auditor considers the cause as mature, he issucs his decree, which receives its binding force from the governors signature, where the cause depends before him.

There is an appeal to Havauna, if applied for within five days after the date of the decree, in causes above a certain value. An ulterior appeal lies to the Audience which formerly sat at St. Domingo, but which is now removed to some part of Cuba, and from thence to the council of the Indies in Spain.

Suits are of various durations. In pecuniary matters, the laws encourage summary proccedings. An execution may be had on a bond in 4 days, and in the same space on a note of hand after the party acknowledges it, or after his signature is proved. Moveable property is sold after giving 9 days warning, provided it be three times publicly cried in that interval. Landed property must be likewise cried three times, with an interval of 9 days between each, and it may then be sold. All property taken in execution must be appraised and sold for at least half of the appraisement. In pecuniary matters, the governors decide verbally without appeal, when the sum does not
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not exceed 100 dollars. The alcades have the same privilege when the amount is not ahove 20 dollars.

In addition to these courts, 4 years ago there were established 4 alcades de barrio, or petty magistrates, one for each of the 4 quarters of the city, with a view to improve its police. They hear and decide all demands not exceeding yo dollars, exercise the power of committing to prison; and in case of robbery, riot, or assassination, they can, by calling on a notary, take cognizance of the affair; but when this is done, they are bound to romit the proceedings to some of the other judges, and, in all cases whatever, to give them information when they have committed any person to prison.

Most of the suits are on personal contracts, rights to dower. inheritances, and titles to land. Those arising trom personal quarels are generally decided in a summary way. The inhabitants are said not to be litigious.

IAWYERS AND COSTS OF THE COURTS, AND THEIR oreicers.
The number of lawyers is small, not exceeding 3 or 4 attornirs. Their fees are small. Suits are carricd on m writings called escritos, which may be drawn up by the partics themselves if they please, but they must be presented by the escriGann or notary, who is heeper of the records of the court.

The fees of the judges are 25 cents for cevery half signature or bourish (which is usually affixed on common occasions), 50 cents for every whole signature, and 2 dollars and three fourths for every attendance, as at a sale or the taking of evidence.

The fees of the abogada, or person consulted by the judges on law points, are 12 and a half conts for every leaf of which the process consists, and 4 dollars for cecry point of law cited. Those of the attorncy, when employed, are 62 and a half cents for a simple petition or escrito; but if it should be necessary to read a process in order to form his petition, and it should require much time and labour, he is compensated in proportion, besides 12 and a half cents per leaf for peruring the papers. For attendance on any business he is allowew dollar and 50 cents for the assistance of 2 and a half hours. The notary has 50 cents for each decree or order of the judge, 25 cents for a notification in his ofice, and 50 cents for one out of it, but within the city; i dollar and seren eighths for every attendance of 2 and an half hours on business, and 25 cent: additional for cevery leaf of paper writea by him.
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A comnselior or two have sometimes resided at New Orleans; but being generally found obnoxious to the officers of the government, they have not continued there. The counsellor values his own services, and in general exacts large sums. The attorney-general receives from the party who employs him more than is allowed by law.

## CRIMES, CRIMYNAL JURISPRUDENCE, AND PUNISHMENTS.

In cases of petty crimes, the cognizance of the proper court may be said to be final and without appeal; and most commonly such causes are decided in a summary way. With re.spect to crimes of deeper die, more solemnity is used. A person skilled in the laws is always nominated by the court to defend the accused. The trial is not public, but examinations and depositions in writing are taken privately by the auditor at the time most convenient to himself, at which, nevertheless, the counsel of the accused is adnitted to be present. He has also every kind of privilege granted to him in making his defence. Such suits are generally very tedions and expensive, when he is wealthy. The condemned is entitled to an appeal, as in civil cases, provided he gives security for the payment of the future costs. There appears, however, to be a virtual appeal in every capital condemnation, because a stay of execution takes place until the confirmation of the sentence returns from St. Jago de Cuba, where there is a grand tribunal established, consisting of five judges, before whom counsellors plead as in our courts.

Crimes of great atrocity are verv rare. Murder, by stabbing, seems to be confined to the Spanish soldiers and sailors. The terror of the magistrate's power restrains assaults, batteries, riots, \&c.

Punishments are generally mild. They mostly consist of imprisonment and payment of costs, sometimes the stocks. White men, not military, are rarely, perhaps never, degraded by whipping; and in no case do any fines go into the public treasury. Murder, arson, and aggravated robbery of the king's treasury or effects, are punished with death. Robbery of private persons to any amount is never punished with death, but by restitution, imprisonment, and sometimes enormous costs.-Crimes against the king's revenue, such as contraband trade, are punished with hard labour for life, or a term of ycars on board the gallies, in the mines, or on the public works.

LEARNING.
There are no colleges, and but one public school, which is at New Orleans. The masters of this are paid by the king. They teach the Spanish language only. There are a few private schools for chiddren. Not more than half of the inhabitants are supposed to be able to read and write, of whom not more than 200, perhaps, are able to do it well. In general, the learning of the imhabitants does not extend beyond those two arts, though they seem to be endowed with a good natural genius, and an uncommon facility of learning whatever they undertakc.

THE CHURCH.
The clergy consists of a bishop, who does not reside in the province, and whose salary of 4000 dollars is charged on the revenue of certain bishopricks in Mexico and Cuba; 2 camons, having each a salary of 600 dollars ; and 25 curates, 5 for the city of New Orleans, and 20 for as many country parishes, who receive cach from 360 to 480 dollars a year. Those salaries, except that of the bishop, together with an allowance for sacristans and chapel expenses, are paid by the treasury at New Orleans, and amount annually to 13,000 dollar:

There is also at that place a convent of Ursulines, to which are attached about 1000 acres of land, rented out in 3 plantations. The muns are now in number not more than 10 or 12, and are all French. There were formerly abome the same number of Spanish ladies belonging to the order, but they retired to Havama during the period when it was expected that the province would be transferred to France. The remaining nuns receive young ladics as boarders, and instruct them in reading, writing, and needle-work.

They have always acted with great propriety, and are gencrally respected and beloved throughout the province. With the assistance of an amnual allowance of 600 dollars from the treasury, they always support and educate 12 female orphans.
of the officers of government.
The officers who are merely judicial have been already menlioned, and therefore some of them will be altogether omitted in this place. The executive officers appointed by the gosernor, for each division of the province, and called commandants, are generally taken from the army or the militia. When the oettlement is small, some respectable character is
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appointed to the civil command, and the militia officer has the direction of military matters. Where there is a garrison, the commandant is sub-delegate of the intendant, and draws upon him for all expenses incurred. In that case, he has the charge of all matters relating to the revenue within his district.
The duty of commendants is to superintend the police, preserve the peace of the district, examine the passports of travellers, and to suffer no strangers to settle within the limits of their command, without regular leave obtained from government. They are to prevent smuggling, to certify that all lands petitioned for by the inhabitants are vacunt before they are granted, and, when required, put the owner in possession. They are besides notaries public; and in their offices it is necessary to register all sales of lands and slaves, and even to make the contracts for those purposes before them. They act as sheriffs, levy executions on property, attend and certify the sale, and collect the proceeds. They also take inventorics of the property of intestates. By an ordinauce of Baron $\mathrm{Ca}-$ rondelet, syndics are established every 3 leagues, who are subordinate to the commandant, decide small canses, and have the police of roads, levies, travellers, and negrees.

The officers of the general govermment are the following: Beside his judicial power the governor is chief of the army and militia, and the head of the civil government. He is also president of the Cabildo, or provincial council. He appoints and removes at pleasure the commandants of districts, He appoints the officers of militia, who are nevertheless commissioned by the king, and he recommends military officers for preferment. He is auperintendent of Indian affairs, He promolgates ordinances for the good govermment and improvement of the province, but he has no power to assess taxes upon the inhabitants without their consent. Until the year 1798, he possersed the sole power of granting lands, but it then passed into the hands of the intendint.

The cabildo is an hereditary council of twelve, chosen originally from the most wealthy and respectable families. The governor presides over their meetings, Their office is very honourabie, but it is aequired by purchase. They have a right to represent, and even remonstrate to the governor, in respect to the interior government of the province. The police of the city is under their control and direction. In it they regulate the admission of physicians and surgenns to practise. 'Tw, members of the cabildo serve by turn monthly, and take upon themselves the immediate superintendence of markets, bakers,

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strects, bridges, and the general police of the city. This council distributes among its members several important offices, such as alguazil mayor, or high sheriff, alcalde provincial, procureur-general, \&c. The last-mentioned is a very important charge. The person who holds it is not merely the king's attorney, but an officer peculiar to the civil law. He does not always prosecute; but after conviction he indicates the punishment annexed by law to the crime, and which may be, and is, mitigated by the court. Like the chancellor in the English system, he is the curator and protector of orphans, \&cc. ; and finally, he is the expounder of the law, the defender of the privileges belonging to the town, province, or colony, and the accuser of every public officer that infringes them.

The cabildo is also vested with a species of judicial authority.

The intendant is chief of the departments of finance and commerce, and exercises the judicial powers already mentioned. He is entirely independent of the governor, and no pub.lic monies can be issued without his express order. The land office is under his direction.

The contador, treasurer, and interventor, are officers subordinate to the intendant. The first has four clerks under him, and keeps all accounts and documents respecting the receipt and expenditure of the revenue, and is therefore a check upon the intendant. The treasurer is properly no more than a cashier, and is allowed one clerk. The interventor superintends all public purchases and bargains. The administrator is also subordinate to the intendant, and, with a number of inferior officers, manages every thing respecting the custom-house. Every clerk in these offiees receives his commission from the king.

The auditor is the king's counsel, who is to furnish the governor with legal advice in all cases of judicial proceedings, whether civil or military.

The assessor's functions are similar to those of the auditor, and are properly applicable to the intendant's department.

Boilh of the officers last-mentioned are also the counsellors of some of the other tribunals, as before intimated.

A secretary of the government and another of the inten, dancy.

A surveyor-genemal.
$\Lambda$ harbour-master.
A storekeeper, who takes charge of all public moveable property.
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An interpreter of the French and Spanish languages-and a number of other inferior officers.

All appointments in the province with a salary of more than 30 dollars per month, are made by the king, and most of those with a lower salary uy the governor or intendant, as belongs to their respective departments. There are no officers closen by the people.

The salaries and perquisites of the principal officers are as follow :

| Governor, annually | 6,000 p. salary | 2,000 p. perquisites |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Intendant | 4,000 | none |
| Auditor | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Contador | 2,000 | none |
| Assessor | 1,200 | 1,000 |
| Treasurer | 1,200 | none |
| Administrator | - 1,200 | none |
| Secretary of governmeat | 600 | 2,000 |

The commandants of districts receive each 100 dollars from the king annually, unkess they are possessed of a military employment or pension.

TAXES AND DUTIES.
Instead of paying local taxes, each inhabitant is bound to make and repair roads, bridges, and embankments through his own land.

A duty of six per cent. is payable at the custom-house, on the transfer of shipping. It is ascertained upon the sum the buyer and seller declare to be the real consideration. As no oath is reguired from cither, they seldom report more than half the price.

The following taxes are also payable in the province :
Two per cent. on legacies and inheritances, coming from collaterals and excceding 2,000 dollars.
Four per cent. on legacies, given to persons who are not relatives of the testator.

A tax on civil employments, the salaries of which exceed: 300 dullars annally, called media annata, amounting to half of the first year's salary. By certain otficers it is to be paid in two annual instalments, and by others in four. The first person appointed to a newly-created office pays nothing, but the tax is levied on all who succeed him.

Seven dollars is deducted from the sum of 20 paid as. pilotage by every resel entering or learing the Mississippi; but.

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but the treasury provides the boats, and pays the salary of the pilots and sailors employed at the Balise. The remainder of the 20 dollars is thus distributed:-W'o the head pilot 4to the pilot who is in the vessel 4 , and 5 to the crew of the row-boat, that goes out to put the pilot on board, or take hime ashore.

A tax of 40 dollars per ammm for licenses to sell liquors.
A tax on certain places when sold, such as those of reg:dor, motary, attorney, \&cc.

But the principal tax is that of 6 per cent. levied on all m ports and exports, according to a low tariff; the proceeds of which nett about 120,000 dollars, whilst all the other taxes are said not to yield more than 5 or 6,000 dollars amually.

## EXPENSI:S AND DI:BT.

The expenses of the present gopernment, comprehending the pay and the support of the regiment of Lomisiana, part of a battalion of the regiment of Mexico, a company of dragoons, and one of artillery, which form the garrison of the cointry, including Mobille; the repairs of public buildings and fortifications; the maintenance of a few gatlics to convey troops and stores throughout the province; Indian presents, and salarics of officcrs, clergy, and persons cmployed for public purposes, amoment to about 650,000 dollars. A smm in specie, which does not generally exceed 400,000 doltars, is annually sent from Vera Cruz; but this, together with the amomin of duties and taxes collected in the province, laves unally a deficiency of 100 or 150,000 dollars, for which certificates are issued to the persons who may have furnished supplies, or to oflicers and workmen for their salarics. Hence a delot has sccumblated, which, it is said, amounts at present to about 450,000 dollars. It bears no interest, and is now depreciated 30 per cent. The latter circumstance has taken place not from want of confidence in the eventual payment of the certificates, but from the uncertainty of the time when, and the want and gencral value of specie. The whole of this debt is said to be due to the inhabitants, and to American residents. It would bave been long since paid off, but for a diversion of the funds destined for that purpose, to different and extermal objects,

## IMPORTS ANB IPXPORTS.

The productions of Louisiana are sugar, cotton, indign, rice, furs, and peltry, lumber, tar, pitch, kead, flow, horser,

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and cattle. Population alone is wanting to multiply them to an astonishing degrec. The soil is fertile, the elimate salnbrious, and the means of conmmication between most parts of the province certain, and by water.

The following has been received as a sketch of the present exports of Louistiana, viz.

## Dollars.

20,000 hales of cotton, of 3 cwt. \} $\mathbf{c}, 344,000$ increasing.
cach, at 20 cents per $\mathrm{Jb} . \quad-\quad$. 45,000 casks of sugar, 10 ewt. each $\}$ 302,400 ditto. at 6 cents per Ib .
800 ditto molasses, 100 gallons each
32,000 ditto.
Indigo - . . . . . . $100,000\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { diminishing } \\ \text { rapidly. }\end{array}\right.$
P'eltry - - . . . - . - - 200,000
Lumber - - . . . - - - 80,000
Lead, corn, horses, and cattle, un-
certain.
All other articles, suppose - - - 100,000

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2,158,000
$$

According to official returns in the treasury of the United States, there was mported into our territory from Louisiana and the Floridas, merchandise to the following anomints, in the several years prefixed:

## Dollars.

In 1799 to the value of - $-507,132$ 18 co - - - - - 90,, 322 1801 - - - - - 956,635 1802 - - - - - $1,006,214$

According to the same authority, which makes the total of the exports to amount to $2,158,000$ dollars, the imports, in merchandise, plantation utensils, slaves, \&ic. amount to 2,500,000, the difference being made up by the money introdued by the geverament, to pay the expenses of governing and protecting the colony.

According to the returns it: the treasury of the United States, exports have been made to Louisian and the Floridas, to the following amount in the gears pretixed:
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In 1799 to the value of
3,056,268 in foreign articles.
447,824 in domestic ditto.

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In $1800-\left\{\begin{array}{r}1,795,127 \text { in forcign articies. } \\ 2,40,062 \text { in domestic ditto. }\end{array}\right.$

Dullars 180 | $\overline{2,035,789}$ |
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| $1,770,794$ |
| in foreign articles. |
| 137,204 |

Dollars $\overline{1,22,4,710}$
It is to be observed, that if the total of the imports and exports into and from these provinces (of which the two Floridas are but a very unimportant part, with respect to both), be as above supposed, viz.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Imports - - }--\quad 2,500,000 \text { Dollars. } \\
& \text { Exports }-\quad-\quad \frac{2,158,000}{4,658,000} \\
& \text { Making together }-\quad-\quad
\end{aligned}
$$

The duty of six per cent. ought alone to produce the gross sum of 279,480 dollars, and that the difference between that sum and its actual nett produce, arises partly from the imperfect tariff by which the value of merchandise is ascertained, but principally from the smuggling, which is openly countenanced by most of the revenue officers.
manefactures.
There are but few domestic manufactures. The Acadians manuficture a little cotton into quilts and cottonades; and in the remote parts of the province, the poorer planters spin and weave some negro cloths of cotton and woot mixed. There is one machine for spimning cotton in the parish of lberville, and another in the Opelousas; but they do little or nothing.
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nothing. In the city, besides the trades which are absolutely necessary, there is a considerable manufacture of cordage, and some small ones of shot and hair-powder. There are like. wise in, and within a few leagnes of the town, twelve distilleries for making taffia, which are said to distil annually a very considerable quantity; and one sugar-refinery, said to make about 200,000 lbs. of lcaf sugar.

NAVIGATION EMPLOYED IN THE TRADE OF THE PROVINCE.
In the year 1802, there entered the Mississippi $: 68$ vessels of all descriptions, 18 of which were public armed vessels, and the remainder merchantmen, as follows, viz.

American. . Spanish. French.


Of the number of American vessels, 23 ships, 25 brigs, 19 schooners, and 5 sloops came in ballast: the remainder were wholly, or in part laden.

Five Spanish ships and 7 schooners came in ballast. The united tonnage of all the shipping that entered the river, exclusive of the public armed vessels, was 33,725 register tons.

In the same year there sailed from the Mississippi 265 sail, viz.

American. Tons. Spanish. Tons.


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The tonnage of the vessels which went away in ballast, and that of the public armed ships, are not included in the foregoing account : these latter carried away masts, yards, spars, pitch, tar, \&c. at least 1000 toms.

In the first six months of the present year, there entered the Mississippi 173 sail, of all nations, 4 of which were public armed ressels, viz. 2 French and 2 Spanish, whose tomage is not enumerated.

| Ships Ancrican. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ton:io } \\ & 5,396 \end{aligned}$ | Spanish. ${ }^{1}+$ | Tons. 3,0so | French. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tons. } \\ & \text { 1,ooz } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brigs $4+$ | 5,701 | 20 | 2,173 | 5 | 8; |
| Polacres - | - | 3 | 480 | 2 | 436 |
| Schooners 22 | 1,899 | 18 | 1,187 | 7 | 488 |
| Sloops | 278 | 3 | 167 |  |  |
| Total 93 | 13,264 | 58 | 7,08? | 22 | 2,80+ |
| Total of | Slips. | Tota | of Tons |  |  |
| American | 93 |  | 3,264 |  |  |
| Spanish | 58 |  | 7,087 |  |  |
| French | 22 |  | 2,804 |  |  |
| Grand total | 173 |  | 23,155 | tons |  |

In the same six months there sailed from the Mississippi 156 vessels, viz.

|  | American. | Spanish. | French. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ships | 21 | 18 | 2 |
| Brigs | 28 | 31 | 1 |
| Tolacres | - | 4 |  |
| Schooncrs | 17 | 26 | 5 |
| Sloops | 2 | 1 |  |
|  | - | - | - |
|  | - | -80 | - |
|  | - | - | - |

COASTING TRADE.
There is a considerable coasting trade from Pensacola, Mobille, and the creeks and rivers falling into, and in the neighbourhood of Lake Ponchartrain, from whence New Orleans is principally supplied with ship-timber, charcoal, line, pitch, and tar, and partly with catte, and the places before named are supplicd with articles of forcign growth and
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Pensacola, and in the ence New , charcoal, places berowth and produce
produce in the same way from Orleans. The vessels employed are sloops and schooners, some of which are bat half decked, from 8 to 50 tons; 500 of which, including their repeated voyages, and 13 gallies and gun-boats, entered the Bayou St. Jean last year. There is likewise a small coasting trade between the Atacapas and Opelonsas, and New Orleans, by way of the Balise, which would much increase, if there was any encouragement given by govermment, to el ar away a few obstructions, chiefly caused by fallen timber, in the small rivers and creeks leading to them.


## A P P E N D I X.

## No. I. <br> CENSUS OF LOUISIANA,

IN THE YEAR I7 $5_{5}$.

| Districts. | Whites. | Free People of Colour. | Slaves. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balise to the City | 387 | 67 | 1,664 | 2,118 |
| New Orleans - | 2,820 | 563 | 1,63 | 5,028 |
| St. Beruardo - - - - | 584 | , |  | 586 |
| Rayou St. Jean - - | 91 | 14 | 573 | 678 |
| Costa de Chapitoulas | 1,128 | 263 | 5,645 | 7, 36 |
| First German Coast | 561 | 69 | 1,2\%3 | 1,903 |
| Second Ditto | 714 | , | $5^{81}$ | 1,300 |
| Catahanose - - - | 9:2 | 18 | 402 | 1,332 |
| Fourche - - - | 33 | - | 273 | 606 |
| Valenzula - - | 300 |  | 40 | 352 |
| Iberville - - | $45!$ | , | 222 | 673 |
| Galveztown - - - | 23. |  | 5 | 242 |
| Baton Rouge \& Manchac | 0 | 2 | 100 | 170 |
| Pointe Coupce - - | 4.32 |  | 1,035 | 1,52 F |
| Atacapas and Opelousas | 1,204 | + 22 | 1,182 | 2,408 |
| Ouachita - - - | 198 |  | - | 207 |
| Avoyeiles - - - | $1+9$ | 138 | - | 287 |
| Rapide - - - | 6.3 |  | 25 | 88 |
| Natchitoches - | $40+$ | $+8$ | $3+4$ | 756 |
| Arkansas - | 148 | 31 | 17 | 196 |
| Illinois - - | 1,139 | 98 | 434 | 1,591 |
| Natchez - - - - | 1,121 |  | 438 | 1,559 |
| Mobille and Tombighee | 325 | 55 | 461 | +37 |
| Pensacola - - - | 384 | $4 \quad 28$ | 184 | 506 |
|  | 14,215 | 1,303 | 16,544 | 32,062 |

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> No. II.

Census of the Districts or Poits of Louisiana and West Florida.

| Names and Situation of the Posts or Districts. | Whitrs. | Free Propic of Colum. | Slaves. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balise to New Orleans - | - | - | - | 2,388 |
| San Bemardo, or 'Terre aux |  |  |  |  |
| Booufs, on a creck ruming |  |  |  |  |
| from the English Turn :ast, to the sea and Lake Borena | - | - | - | 66: |
| City of New Orleans and sub. urbs - | 3,948 | 1,335 | 2,773 | 8,05\% |
| Boyou St. Jean and Chantilly, between the City and Lake Ponchartrain |  |  |  |  |
| Coast of Chapitonlas, or along the banks of the Mississippi, 6 leagues upwards | - | - | - | 1,444 |
| First German Coast, from 6 to 10 leagues upwards on both banks | 688 | 113 | 1,620 | 2,42 |
| Second Do. from 10 leagues, and ending at 16 do. | 883 |  | 1,046 | 1,950 |
| Catahanose, or first Acadian Coast, commencing at 16 leagues above the city, and ending at 23 on both banks | 2,382 | $-$ | 818 | 2,200 |
| Fouche or second Acadian Coast, from 23 to 30 leagues above town | 677 | - | 46. | 1,141 |
| Valenzula or settlements on the Bason de la Fouche, run nit. from the west side of the Mississippi to the sea, \& called inoldmaps thefourche or Riviere den Chilimaches | 1,797 | - | 267 | 2,064 |
| flerville parish, commencing at about 30 leagues from Orleans, and ending at the river of the same name | 658 | 13 | 386 | 1,057 |

Names and Situation of the Posts or Districts.

Galveztown, situated on the river Iberville, between the Mississippi \& 1 ake Maurepas, opposite the mourh of the Amet
Government of Baton Rouge, including all the settloments between the lbervile and the line of debarkation - -
Pointe Coupce and False River behind it, 50 leagues from Orleans, on the west side of the Mississippi
Atacapas, on the rivers Teche and Vermillion, \&c. to the west of the Mississippi, and at the sea
Opelousas, adjoining to, and to the north-east of the foregoing
Otachita, on the river of the same name, or upper part of the Black river, which empties into the river Rouge
Avoyelles on the Red river, about leagues from the Mississippi - - -
Rapide, on to. about leagues higher up - - - -
Natchitoches, on do. about 75 league itart he Mississippi
Concori, as ant settement on the bates of the Missis sippi, opposite Nitchez
Arkansas, on the river of the same uame, about 12 leagues from its mouth
Spanish Illinois, or Upper Louisiana, from La Petite Prarie, near New Madrid, to the Misccuri, inclusive, as per detalino. 2. - - -



Memorandum.-This Census is taken from the latest returns, but is manifestly incorrect, the population being under-rated.-From some places there have been no returns for the last seven years, and from those made this year it is easy to see that certain causes induced the inhabitants to of their own numbers. i anish government is fully persuaded that the population at present onsiderably exceeds 50,000 souls.

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Statemeres, Deaths, Stock and Productions of the
    Names of EXPORTS FOR ORLEANS.
    Settlemen
EXPORTS FOR ORLEANS.
Marias des L I8 do. buffalo robes - . . - - - }54
Maramee 36,000 lbs. lead . . . . . . . . . 2, 5, 500
St. Andrews 2,000 lbs. flour . . . . . . . . . 2, 60
St. Genevieve
    73,176
New Bourbor
Cape Girarde
New Madrid
Little Meador
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Carondelet ' 1,754 packs of shaved skins, of roolbs. each,

Dollars.
St Charles 1,754 packs of shaved skins, of 100 lbs. each, St. Fermando valued at - - - - - - - 70, 160 Maris de 8 packs bear skin - - - - - - 256

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All the fine furs are shipped to Canada, as well as a great quantity of deer and bear skins, where they bring a better
St. Louis is suantity of in New Orleans; and this being a contraband
Carondelet $\mathrm{j}_{\text {trade, }}$ no notice is taken of it in the above account of ex-
St. Charles i ports, which is the official one.
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No. III.

## Statement of the Population of the Scttlements of Upper Louisiana, with

 Year $\mathbf{5} 799$.| Names of the Settlements. | Whites. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{\mathscr{y}} \\ & \dot{\mathscr{U}} \\ & \dot{\tilde{W}} \end{aligned}$ | Total. |  | 㡙 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \stackrel{n}{\tilde{0}} \\ & \stackrel{a}{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}\right.$ | PRODUCTIONS. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Wheat. } \end{aligned}$ | Bushels of Indian Corn. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pounds } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Tobacco. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Bushels } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Salt. } \end{array}$ |
| St. Louis | 601 |  | 6 | 268 | 925 | 9 | 52 | 2 | 4,300 | 10,300 | 1,650 |  |
| Carondelet - | 181 |  | - | 3 | 184 |  |  |  | 3,300 | 2,760 | 4,500 | - |
| St. Charles - | 840 | - | - | 55 | 895 | 15 | 41 | 11 | 6,6+5 | 12, 170 | 4,053 | - |
| St. Fernando - | 259 |  | - | 17 | 276 |  |  |  | 5,800 | 2,350 | 750 |  |
| Marias des Liards | 337 | - | - | 42 | 379 J | 5 | 37 | 7 | 1,019 | 1,604 | 0,800 | - |
| Maramee - - | 115 |  | - |  | 115 |  |  | - | 200 | 6,370 | 3, 150 |  |
| St. Andrews - | 361 |  | 27 | - | 393 |  | - | - | 730 | 16,950 | 5,465 | - |
| St. Genevieve - | ${ }^{3} 36$ | 1 | , | 310 | 949 | 5 | 64 |  | 16,400 | 21,450 | 1,999 | 965 |
| New Bourbon - | $4+5$ | - | 1 | 114 | 5601 | 5 |  |  | 1,680 | 14,300 | 300 |  |
| Cape Girardeau | 416 |  | - | - | 521 |  |  | - |  | 16,200 | - |  |
| New Madrid - | 711 | 105 | - | 71 | 782 |  |  |  | 47,765 | - | - |  |
| Little Meadow | 46 |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |  |  | 2,675 | - |  |
|  | 4,748 | 161 | 36 | 883 | 6,028 | 34 | 191 | 52 | 88,3+9 | 84,534 | 28,667 | 965 |

## MEMORANDUM.

St. Louis is situated on the Mississippi, five leagues below the mouth of the Missouri.
Carondelet is two leagues below St. Louis, on the Mississippi.
St. Charles is on the Missouri, about seven leagucs from its mouth, and about six from St. Louis by 1
St. Fernando, or Harissaret, is three to four leagues from St. Louis, in a valley, on one of the roads St. Charles.
Marias des Liards is four leagues from St. Louis, and about a league to the west of the foregoing. Maramee is on the river of the same name.
St. Andrews is situated about five leagues above St. Charles, on the Missouri.
St. Genevieve is opposite Kaskaskias, and on the banks of the Mississippi.
New Bourbon is about a league below St. Genevieve.
New Madrid is on the Mississippi, fifteen leagues below the mouth of Ohio.
Little Meadow is seven leagues below New Madrid, on the banks of the river.

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No. III.
cr Louisiana, with the Births, Marriages, Deaths, Stock and Productions of the Year 1799.


MEMORANDUM.
All the fine furs are shipped to Canada, as well as a great quantity of deer and bear skins, where they bring a better price than in New Orleans; and this being a contraband trade, no notice is taken of it in the above account of exports, which is the official one.


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No. IV.
CENSUS of the CITY of NEW ORTEANS.

| Date. | Quarters. | Whites. | Free Pcopl of Colour. | Slaves. | 'Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1803. | First Quarter - | 745 | 20.3 | 546 | 1,49t |
|  | Second dito - | 891 | - | 951 | 1,842 |
|  | Third dito - | 722 | 787 | 579 | 2,088 |
|  | Fourth ditto - - | 440 | 216 | 225 | 884 |
|  | Suburl) of St. Charles | 70 | - | 1;0 | 240 |
|  | Ditto of St. Lewis | 380 | 126 | 302 | 808 |
|  |  | 3,248 | 1,335 | 2,773 | 7,356 |
|  | Whole persons not domicilated - - - | 700 | - | - | 700 |
|  |  | 3,9+ |  |  | 8,056 |

Exclusive of Seamen and the Garrison.
N. B. This Census appears to be incorrect, as, by some unac. conntable mistake, the number of free perple of colour in the second quarter, are not included; and on the whole the population as thonght to be maderrated.


No. V.


THE END.



