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PREFACE.

IS needless to speak of the Usefulness of Geography, since every body that Read's, even a Gazette, finds himself perpetually at a Loss without some Knowledge in this Science. And therefore there needs no Apology for publishing a Work on that Subject; at this time especially, when the Actions abroad that are so much the Subject of Conversation, make every Man desire a Knowledge of the Countreys where those

great Affairs are Transacted.

And we may Venture to say, a Body of Geography is very much wanting. For notwithstanding the many Books upon this Subject, there is none that can be call'd Compleat: Some being so short that they make no Impression on the Memory, others so unaccurate that they are not to be Depended upon, and others, tho' more Correct, either not Copious enough, or Immethodical. Dr. Heylin's at the time it was written, was undoubtedly the best in our Language. But Geography has receiv'd so many and Great Improvements since his Time, that we hope it will not be call'd Presumption, to Offer at a new Work on the same Subject; wherein, from the many Corrections and Discoveries made of late years by the Skill and Industry of Modern Astronomers and Travellers, the Dessets of that may be supply'd. And herein we must observe that

The former Works of this Nature have been very Defective in the Matter of Topography; and yet that is the most necessary Part of Geography. For as great Actions have always happen'd at or near some City or Town, We naturally desire to know something more of it, than meerly it's Name and Situation. Again, by knowing the Condition of the Cities we are able to make a better Judgment of the Wealth, Industry, and Populousness of the Nation. And, in short, 'tis the better Part of what every Body desires to know in Geography. Wherefore in this Work we have been more ample, and set down as particular an Account of every considerable Town as could be procured out of Credible Authors; and as is consistent with the intended Brevity of our Work, which must not be swell'd too Large lest it lose it's Acceptance with the generality of Readers, either thro' the Expence of Money or Time.

That this Topographical Part will be acceptable, we have reason to hope from the Consideration of the kind Reception the Geographical Distinuaries

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have met with: for if those could Please that just give an account of one Town, and then by reason of the Alphabetical Order, must the next step Leap perhaps to the other side the Globe, much more methinks should this be agreeable, wherein all the chief Towns in a Province are seen at one View, and yet by means of the Alphabetical Index any single Place you want is as readily found out.

'Tis in this Part at least, to say nothing of it's Accuracy, that we hope

this Work will be allowed to exceed what has gone before it.

And forasmuch as Geography alone is Dry and Jejune, and makes but small Impression on the Memory; We have intermixt the History of Nations with the Descriptions of Countries; or rather a Short Summary of History, wherein the Revolutions that have happen'd, the Princes that have Reign'd, and the considerable Actions and Accidents that have occurr'd are briefly noted, for the Entertainment as well as Profit of our Reader. We flatter our selves that this Part will be very acceptable, because it shews by what means and degrees the several Monarchys of Europe arose or fell: how the Roman Dominions were torn in pieces by many Nations of Northern Barbarians: how France once under it's Charlemaign gave Laws to all Europe: how that Empire soon Crumbled into Petty Governments: how large a Share of it England was once Master of; and how it again rose to the height we now see it. How Spain, England, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Muscovy, &c. from a number of small Principalities, became considerable Monarchys. How Italy and Germany came to be divided into such a Number of Principalities and States, and how the Several Families have succeeded one another, and especially how that of Austria arriv'd to it's towring grandeur. And lastly, how every Country and City hath either suffer'd thro' Wars, Conflagrations, Earthquakes, Inundations, &c. or been favour'd by Peace, Trade, Wealth, Priviledges, &c. To all which we have also added an Account of the Laws, Government, Policy, and noted Customs of every Nation, and a Chronological List of the Kings. And also been mindful of Antiquity by setting down the Roman Names of People and Places, and mentioning the Remains of Ancient Structures. Nor have we omitted the Natural Curiofities, Such as Baths, Medicinal Waters, Mines and Minerals, Caves, Mountains, Lakes, Cataracts, Rocks, &c.

But the Topography and History do illustrate Geography, it will still be found Lame and Defective without Tables and Maps, wherein may be seen at a View the Divisions of Kingdoms into Provinces, Counties and Governments, together with the Situation of the Cities and Towns in each Division. Wherefore in this Work we have by Analytical Tables at the Head of each Description shown the Divisions, Subdivisions and chief Towns of every Empire, Kingdom or State: and have also added Maps fairly Engraven on Copper by Mr. Herman Moll, whose Skill in Geography is known to most

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of the Masters of the Science, and whose Ingenuity in Graving is seen in every thing he does. But let the Maps speak for themselves, the they be small they are comprehensive, and contain all the Provinces, and most of the Cities and great Towns in every Nation: and moreover, are all laid down according to the best and latest Discoveries, with more Corrections of former Errors than we have room to mention here; but will be readily seen in

comparing 'em with the old Maps.

And lastly, to Render our Work as Compleat and Useful as may be, We have added Alphabetical Tables of the Names of Places, a General Index of the Remarkable Things mentioned in the Book; and a Table of Ancient Names of Places for the Use of the Students of the Classicks; whereby a Paralela Geographica Antiquo-Moderna may very easily be made. The Table of Modern Names we have divided into two Parts, viz. one of Europe, and the other of the other three Quarters, the former being placed at the Beginning, and the latter at the End, where also stand the Table of Ancient Names and the General Index. The reason of our dividing that Tables is because the number of Words under each Letter would be else so large that twould be tedious sinding what we want: and few Persons are ignorant, whether the Town they seek for be in Europe or not.

As to the Composure of this Work, We have made use of all the Authors that could be any ways serviceable to the Compleat Furnishing and Adorning it, such as the best Histories of every Nation, the most esteem'd Ancient Geographers, and the best Modern ones; and more especially the latest and most approved Travellers, with Memoirs extant in the Philosophical Transactions, Observations by Messieurs de l'Academie Royal at Paris, and elsewhere, communicating many notable Corrections in Geography. And tho' We have not room always to quote out Authors, We can truly affure the Reader, that nothing is set down here but upon good Authority, and what may be found in the best Books on the Subject. But to be more particular, it must be acknowledg'd that Cluverius, Sanson, Luyts, and the English Atlas have been our Patterns in the following Work, but that thefe have been only Patterns is very visible by the vast Additions we have made. Cluverius's Introduction to Geography is deservedly acknowledg'd the most accurate Compendium extant, especially as it has been improv'd by Buno, Hekelius, and Reiskius. Sanson has adapted his Work more to the Modern Times, and by the Analytical Tables he published with his Maps, has set Geography in a clearer Light. But if we venture to say, That that Author (notwithstanding his Fame) was too much a French man, and according to the Humour of his Country, too superficial, perhaps we should not slander him. Joh. Luyts a Learned Professor in the University of Utrecht, having writ a Body of Modern Geography, wherein he has made use of Sanson so far as was necessary, and hath moreover Consulted the Travel-

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Travellers since his Time, and in the whole, Corrected and Improved that Author, we have rather Chosen to follow him, and not only had our Eye upon him and Cluverius throughout all Europe, but have Translated his Description of Asia, Africa and America entire. And hecause the Concern our English Nation has in the East and West-Indian Trade makes us all more than ordinary Curious of being Inform'd of those Parts, we have added to Mr. Luyts, a very particular, and (we hope accurate) Description of the East-Indies and our Plantations in America, extracted from the most Approved Histories and Travels thither. The English Atlas having the missortune to suffer under an ill Character (perhaps worse than it deserves) we have been cautious of relying on it without other Authority, but must acknowledge we could not have made our Account of Germany and the Netherlands so perfect without Assistance from thence.

And now nothing remains but to be freak a favourable Reception of what, after great Pains and Expence, we here present the World with: Desiring the Judicious Readers to consider the Difficulty of a Work of this Nature; how impossible it is to be absolutely free from Faults; and yet how necessary such a Work is, and therefore some Indulgence ought to be given to the Undertakers. Nevertheless we may without Vanity, take the Liberty to Ashrm of our Work, I. That the Method of it is Exact, Clear and Intelligible. II. That by the Intermixture of History it is render'd Delightful and Entertaing as well as Instructive. III. The Topographical Part makes it exceeding useful. IV. The Maps are the Compleatest Sett extant that shew the Modern Corrections. And Lastly, the whole Work is, we doubt not, as free from Errors as the Nature of it will admit. However it being imposfible to avoid all Faults, we shall be glad to be inform'd of those that have escap'd our Care, and promise not only to Correct 'em, but also very gratefully Acknowledge the Kindness of the Learned Gentlemen that will please to favour Us with such Informations.

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INTRODUCTION GEOGRAPHY.

By Robert Falconer.

CHAP. I. Of the WORLD, and its Parts.

Here is nothing so powerful to make us admire and adore the Providence and wonderful Wisdom of God Almighty, to advance Wisdom and sound Morality, and to breed in us a Contempt of all those Trifles that this World calls great, and the most part of mankind set their affections on; or to confound as well those who would have all things to have been without a Beginning, as those who would have them formed by a fortuitous Concourse of Atoms, than a Serious and manly consideration of the glorious Fabrick of the Universe, whereof the litle Speck upon which we live makes so inconsiderable a part. For if we shall but consider the vast number and variety of the Heavenly Bodies (a great part of whom are hid from our fight, even when that is affissed by the best Glasses that have been, or perhaps can be invented) their Proportion and Symmetry, and the wonderful order that is observed in their several Motions, we must irressistibly confess an Infinite Power and Wisdom in the Making and Preservation of them.

In vain do Men employ their Time and Thought in fearching into the beginning of these things, and the Methods of the Almighty Creator in making of them. How poor and trilling are the Grounds upon which they found the Production of the World, and the Formation of this Earth upon which we are placed? These things being removed beyond the Reach of Human Knowledge or even Conjecture; and such as the Divine Wissom has not thought sit to reveal to Mankind. Yet such has been the Boldness and Curiosity of some Men, that they have officiously pryed into those things which Providence seemed willing to conceal: And as if really they had found out the Secret, have had the Vanity to impose their Discoveries upon the World. This not to be expected, nor would it be proper at this time, to give the Reader an Account of all the several Schemes and Hypotheses that have been advanced, of the Universe in general, or of the several Theories and Histories of our Earth in particular: And therefore we shall only hint a little at the most considerable of 'em.

fiderable of 'em.

Ptolemy was of Opinion, that the Earth was placed in the Center of the Universe, and that it stood sixt there, whilst the Sun, Moon, and Stars made their Tour round it every day, each in their several Orbits, and different distances from it. He placed the Moon Mercury; then Moon nearest it; next to the Moon Mercury; then Venus, after her the Sun, beyond him Mars, then Jupiter, and lastly Saturn, and beyond him, the fixt Stars, as you may see in the following Scheme.

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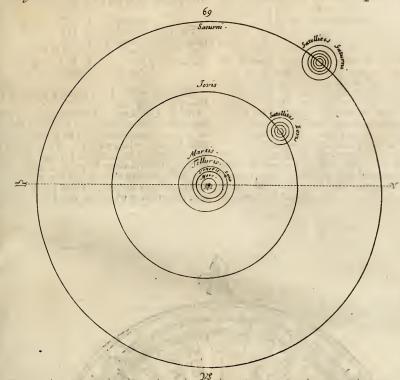


This Situation of the World was univerfally received and approved of till about 200 years ago, that Copernicus difliking the System, by reason of that rapid motion which it supposed in the Planets, and much more in the fixt Stars; which at this rate must have moved many Millions of Miles in an hour: And besides, it did not seem to agree exactly with several Observations that he had made of the Course of the Heavenly Bodies: Wherefore he set himself to find out another Scheme, which might better satisfie and explain the several Appearances of these, and remove the difficulty concerning that rapid motion. He placed the Sun in the Center of the World, and made the Farth, as well as the other Planets, perform their Courses about

him. Next to the Sum he placed Mercury, and next to him Venus. The Earth, together with the Moon (for according to him, the Moon, which finishes its Course round the Earthin 27 days and 7 hours, is carried along with it round the Sun) he removed into that Heaven where Prolemy had placed the Sun. Next to the Earth he set Mars, beyond him Jupiter, with his four Secondaries, which attend and go round him as the Moon does the Earth. Next Saturn, with his five Satellites: And beyond all these the fixt Stars. All which you may see in the following Figure, where the Orbs the Planets move in are described in that order that they are placed round the Sun, drawn as near as can be in their true Proportions.

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SYSTEMA COPERNICI.



This Hypothesis, by reason it explains and demonstrates several Appearances which the other could not, and, particularly removes the difficulty concerning that Rapid Motion which Sauern and the fixt Stars must have had, upon the former supposition, has gaind much Reputation in the World. Des Cartes in his Philosophy, hath endeavoured to illustrate, how these motions which Copernicus ascribes to the Earth and the Planets are performed. He supposes that the Sun is placed in the middle of the World, and furrounded with a vast space of Æther, extending many Millions of Miles; in which the feveral Planets float, at unequal distances from. the Sun; which is observed to turn round its own Axis in the space of 27½ days) that it hath also a rapid Circular Motion from West to East about the Sun; by which the Planets are not only carried about in their periodical Courses, but are likewise turned round upon their own Axis from West to East, as they go along; just like a Stone roll'd down the Stream of a River, causes the Water for fome space round it to run in a Circle. And as the General Motion of the Æther about the Sun, from West to East, carrieth the Planets along the same way, so likewise the Circular Motion of the Æther round about every Planet, turns it round upon its own Axis also. In this Æthereal Matter the Planets nets float, and are carried round by its Motion, and the thing that keeps them in their own Orbs is, that they themselves, and the matter in which they Swim, equally strive to fly out from the Center of

Fig:1

their Motion, or that the force of their Circular Motion is exactly equal to their Gravitation towards the Sun: And as the Primary Planets gravitate towards the Sun: And as the Primary Planets gravitate towards the Sun, fo do the Secondary towards the Planets round which they move. But we will not infift longer on this Subject, left it should be thought foreign to an Introduction to Geography, especially by those who know nothing of Astronomy, but only give the Reader a short account of the Periods of the Revolutions of the Planets, their Distances from the Sun, and the Proportion of their Biguess to one another. First, As to their Revolutions, Sation (according to Copernicus) moves round the Sun in 29 years, 174 days, and 5 hours; Jupiter sinishes his Course in 11 years, 317 days, and 15 hours; Marshis, in about 687 days; the Earth in 365 days, and 6 hours or thereabouts; Venus in 224 days, and 18 hours; and Mercury in 88 days.

Concerning the distances of the Planets from the

Concerning the distances of the Planets from the Sun, we shall only subjoin a Table, where they are expressed in such parts, as the distance between the Sun and the Earth may contain 100000 of them; which distance is thought to be 1550 Semidianeters of the Earth, or 6485200 Engl. Miles.

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The distance of the Moon from the Earth is 56 Semidian. of the Earth, or 234304 Engl. Miles. The Secondary of Jupiter that is next him is distant 3 Diam. of Jupiter from him, the 2d five, the 3d eight, and the utmost 14. The first of Saturn's Secondaries is somewhat less than three of his Diam. from him, the 2d about 8, and the utmost 24.

These are the immense distances between the

Planets and the Sun, which may perhaps be more eafily and clearly comprehended by comparing them with some swift motion, as that of a Bullet, shot out of a great Gun, which may travel perhaps in a moment about 100 fathoms: Supposing then it move with this swiftness from the Earth to the Sun, it

would spend 25 years in its passage; from *Jupiter* to the Sun, 125; and from *Saturn* thither 250.

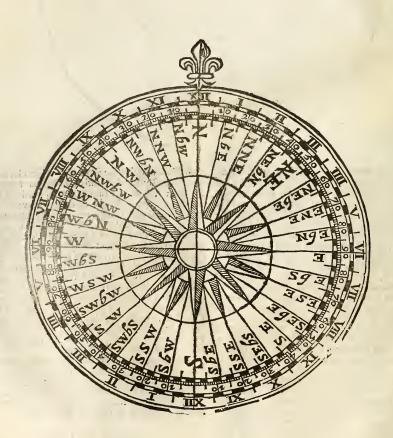
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the proportion between it and the Diameters of the other Planets are as you fee in this Table.

The Diam. of the Earth is to the Diam. of the

Moon, as 7 to 2, very near.

From the Consideration of the Revolutions of these Bodies, their immense distances, & prodigious bigness, we may see, how vast they must be in respect of this little Spot upon which we live: and yet, as little as 'tis, one bit of it sets ambitious Princes together by the Ears, involves whole Kingdoms in all the Miseries and Calamities of War, and sweeps off whole Millions of poor Souls, before they can fo much as once think what or where they shall be afterwards.



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Of the Sphere and its Circles, &c.

THE Sphere is a round and moveable Instrument, made up of divers Circles, which the Aftronomers have invented for the more easily conceiving the motions of the Heavens, and representing the true Situation of the Earth. It country of several different parts, viz. an Axis, Points and Circles. The Axis is a straight line, that crosses the Globe diametrically, and may, not improperly be defined, a Diameter, about which the Sphere moved. The points may be divided into Cardinal, Collateral, and Vertical. The North, or the Artick Pole, the South, or the Antartick; the Eaft and the Welt, are the 4 cardinal Points. The South Worth West are the Collacted and the Zenith and Nadir are the Verrical: The former being that point in the Heavens which is directly over our heads, and the other that which is diametrically opposite to it. The Circles are the Lquaior, the Toolck, the Colure of the Solfices, the Colure of the Equipoxies, the Meridian, the Horizon, the Tropick of Capricorn, and the two Folker Gricles. The first six are called great Circles, because their Center is the fame with that of the Spilere. The Aquathi divides the Terrestrial Globe into two equal parts, land is also so call d be-cause it serves to measure all the rest ! And it is called the Equinostial, because when the Sun is under this Circle, the days and nights are equally long over all the World; which comes to pass twice in the year, viz. on the 10th of March, and the 12 September, according to the Old Stile.

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The Zodiack has its name from the Greek word Zoon, which signifies a Living Creature, because it is adorned with 12 Afterisms, or Images, resembling Living Creatures, whose names are these, and com-

monly marked thus,

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Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Canter, Leo, Virgo, Libra,

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Seorpio, Saginarius, Capricornus, Aquarius, Picses.

The Sun feems to go about this Circle once every year, and the Moon once in a Month. The line in the Middle of the Zodiack is called the Eclipeick, from the Greek word Eclepa, which lignifies to lack or man, because under this line it is that the Eclipses of the Sun and Moon happen. The Sun never fiverves from the Eclipsick, but the Moon, and the rest of the Plapets wander up and down for the for the tradects wanger, up and down for the frace of 8 Degrees, and fometimes more on both-fides; upon which account, the breadth of the Zodiack is fuppoled to conflict, of about 10 Degrees. This Circle is oblique, and its obliquity is the cause of the Changes of the Seasons, occasioned by the Approach or Withdrawing of the Sun. The Legisland as well as the Acquirer is called Impure. Lel prick, as well as the Aquator, is call'd Immuta-ble, because they are the same to all the Inhabitants of the Earth,

The Colures divide the four Seasons of the year; for the Colure of the Solffices, passing through the Poles of the World, and the first Degree of Cancer and Capricorn makes the Summer and Winter. The Colure of the Equinoxes, cutting the beginning of Aries and Libra, make the Spring and Harvest.

The Meridian passes through the Poles of the

World, and the Zenith of every place, and therefore called the Verticalure, which is always the same when we go from South to North; but changes as we pass from East to West. It is call'd the Meridian, because when the Sun comes to it in his dayly Course, he makes it Noon to those that are under it?

The Horrizon, has its name from the Greek word Orizo, which fignifies to terminate or bounds And it may be divided into Rational and Sensible, as you may fee in this Figure. The former divides

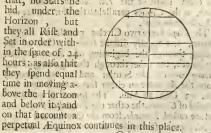
the Hemisphere in which we live from the other which is under us an and , hid from us :" and the Scafible is that great Circle which one being placed in a Plain, or in the midft of the Sea, determines with, whis: Sight round about, by which the Heavens



and Earth feem to be joyned, as it were, with a kind of Closure: And therefore the Sensible Horizon; must change as oft as the Beholder thifts from one place to another; and therefore it, as well as the Meridian, is call'd Mutable.

There are three forts of Rational Horizons, viz. The Right, the Oblique, and the Parallel: And from thence come the three different positions of the Sphere, viz. The Right, Oblique, and Paral-lel. The Right Sphere is when it is in such a Pcfition that the Equator and all its parallels, fuch as the Tropicks and Polar Circles, stand on the Horizon at Right Angles, and are cut by it into two equal parts, as you may fee in this Figure. Whence it must needs be die die die die

that, no Stars lie hid, under the 100 less strong. they all Rife and 7 Down Set in order) within the space of . 24. hours : as also that I do they spend equal Lan time in moving above the Horizon of 1 and below its and a predicted.

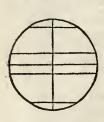


World, as the Axis of it (being neither right not parallel to the Horizon,) inclines obliquely to one of the fides of the Horizon as in this Figure. And in this case, when the Axis neither lies on the

Horizon nor cuts it at right Angles, as much as one of the Poles is raifed above the Horizon, fo much the other is depress'd below it: and the Sun and Stars afcend and descend obliquely, and some of them never ascend at all. And here it will not be amiss to take notice of the dif-

ference of the four Seasons of the year. For from the Vernal Æquinox to the Summer Solftice, the days are longer than the Nights, and they conti-nually increase. From the Summer Solftice to the Autumnal Æquinox, the days exceed the nights, but still decrease. From the Autumnal Equinox to the Winter Solftice, the days decrease and the nights grow longer. Lastly from the Winter Solftice to the Vernal Æquinox, the days, tho they be shorter than the nights, are still encreasing. The Twilights also, by reason of the oblique descent of the Sun, last much longer than they do in a Right Sphere: infomuch that in some of the most northern Countries, during the Summer Season, they continue for whole nights; where one may read at Midnight by the light of the Sun, without a Candle; because the Sun glides slowly, and descends not so far under the Horizon as elsewhere.

The Parallel Sphere is when one of the Poles is elevated so far as to fall in with the Zenith, or Vertical point; whilft the other is depress'd as far as the Nadir: and the Equator coincides with the Horizon: And all the parallels of the Æquator are



also parallel to the Horizon, as you may see in this Figure. And in this Case, all the Stars in their Course, neither ascend above the Horizon. zon, nor descend below it, but move in a road parallel to it. As the Zenith is that point of the Heavens which is directly above our heads, and *Nadir* that which is directly oppo-

fite to it, fo its Secondary Circles, which pass through every Zenith and cut every point of the Horizon are called Azimuth, as the Circles parallel to the Horizon are cal-

led Almucantarath.

The Tropicks are two Circles parallel to the Æquator, and equally distant from it : One of 'em passing through the beginning of Cancer towards the North, the other through the beginning of Capricar towards the South: and as far removed from the Æquator on either fide as the Ecliptick is, viz. 23 Deg. 31 Min. The former is call'd the Tropick of Cancer, the other the Tropick of Capricorn, and are called Tropicks, from the Greek word Trepo, which signifies Conversion or turning back, because

The Oblique Sphere is such a Situation of the after the Sun has arrived at either of them, he goes no farther towards either of the Poles, but returns towards the Equator. His arrival at the former, which is on the 11 of June, makes our longest day: And at the other which is on the 12 of December, our

Shortest day and longest night.

The Polar Circles, are parallel to the Equator: And as far distant from the Poles of the World, as the Tropicks are from it. Oue of them is call'd the Arctick Polar Circle, from the Greek word Arctos a Bear, the name of that Northern Constellation, and passes through Iseand, Norway, Lapland, the White Sea, and Greenland; the other, the Antar-Etick, because it is opposite to it, near the South

Pole, and passes through Magellanica.

Besides these Circles which we have already spoke of, there are two other forts belonging to the Sphere, viz. the Meridians and the Parallels. The Meridians serve to mark out the Longitude of places, (as the *Parallels* their Latitude) and are therefore call'd the Circles of Longitude. The Longitude of a Place is the distance between it and the first Meridian. The Latitude of a Place is the distance of it from the Æquator, either towards the North or South Pole: and therefore there are two Latitudes, tho but one Longitude; which goes on continually for the space of 360 degrees; whereas the Latitude does not exceed 90, viz. between the Æquator and either of the Poles.

Latitude and Longitude are Terms that ought to be particularly understood, because they occurr in all Geographical Discourses, and are absolutely ne-cessary to the understanding this Science; Latitude is the diffance of any Place, either North or South from the Equinoctial Line, and is mark'd in all Maps on the East and West part, that is the two sides (for Maps ought always to have the North at top.) Longitude shews the distance of one Place from another Eastward, which is mark'd at top and bottom of the Maps, being deduc'd from some cer-tain Meridian, or Line describ'd from the North to the South Pole. We call that our Meridian where the Sun is with us at Noon-day, fo there are many Meridians; but for the better shewing the situation of Places, one certain Meridian is or ought to be made use of in all Maps, which is called the great or first, and from it the Longitude is counted quite round the Globe, to the number of 360 Degrees. This Meridian by Prolemy and the Ancients was placed at the Peak of Teneristic, one of the Canary Mande the Insulance of Control of the Peak of Teneristic, one of the Canary Islands: but in the year 634 the French Geographers, for more exactness, began to remove it to the West Shore of the Island Ferri or Isladel Hierra, one of the same Canary Islands, but seated two degrees and Half more Westward : This they did, because that Island is the most Westward part of Europe, On this account the and all our Hemisphere. Maps, tho right, do fometimes differ in Longitude; fome following the New and fome the Old: In the following Work we have endeavoured to keep to the old, and deduce the Longitude from Teneriffe, except in some of the Maps that are taken from the French, for the fake of the Corrections that Nation has made to the Geography of Asia and Africa.

Latitude and Longitude is express'd by Degrees

and Minutes; a Degree is the 360th part of the Earth's Circumference and a Minute is the 60th part of a Degree. In the third Chapter of this Introduction is shewn the measure of a Degree, by which it appears that a Minute is something more than an English Mile; but the Reader is to take notice that the Miles we mention in this following Geography, are those whereof 60 make a Degree.

Degrees of Latitude are of the same Breadth quite round the Globe, being drawn Parallel from the Æquator to the Pole; whereas those of Longitude, tho they be of the same breadth at the Æquator as is a Degree of Latitude, yet because they all meet in a Point at each Pole (like the Sections

or Cloves of an Orange, for Example) must necessarily grow narrower as they approach the Poles; wherefore tho two Places one Degree distant from each other North and South, must always be reckoned 60 miles a sunder, yet two places a Degree distant East and West may be but 50, 40, or 30 miles from each other, accordingly as it is seated in Latitude. This may be easily discovered by measuring with the Compasses on the Map; however for the Readers Ease we have drawn a Table of the breadth of Degrees of Longitude in every Latitude.

	Latitude.	Miles.	Minutes.	1		Latitude.	Miles.	Minutes	
	Æquator.	60	60	1		46	41	40	
	Parallel. 1	59	56	ì		47	41	00	
	2	59	54			48	40	8	
	3	59	52	1		49	39	20	
	4	59	50	1		50	38	32	
	5	59	46	1		51	37	44	
		59	40	1		52	27	00	
	7 8	59	37	1		53	36	08	
		59	24	1		54	35	26	
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	11	58	52			57	32	40	
	12	58	40 28			58	31	48	
	x 3	58			-10	59	31	00	
	14	58	09	1		60	30	00	
	16	57	40			61 62	29	04	
	17	57	20	1			28	08	
	18	57	4			63	27	16	
	19	36	44			64	26		
	20	56	24	1		66	25	20 28	
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	26	54	00			72	18	32	
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	28	53	00	i		74	16	34	
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	30	51	56		N. M.	75	14	38	
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	32	50	52 .			78	12	32	
	33	50	20			79	11	28	
	34	49	44			80	10	24	
	35	49	8			\$1	9	20	
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	40	46	16			86	4	12	
	41	45	10			87	3	12	
	42	44	36			88	2	4	
	43	43	8			39	1	4	
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Having briefly treated of the Circles and Points of the Sphere, we come in the next place to speak of the Zones, Climates, and the Inhabitants of the Earth, as they are distinguished according to their different Shadows and Situations.

Of the Zones.

The Ancient Geographers divided the Terrestrial Globe into Zones, Climates, and Parallels. For as the Heavens are divided into five parts, by the four

leffer Circles, viz. the Tropick of Cancer, the Tropick of Capricorn, the Arctick Circle, and the Antarctick, so they divided the Earth by these Circles, which lie under those of the Heavens, and exactly answer to them, into sive Zones. Zones, in this Case, are no other than Spaces or Parts of the Earth, which have different names given them according to the different temper of the Air which one breaths in them; and there are five of them, viz. one Torrid, two Temperate, whereof one is towards the North, the other towards the South; and two Frigid, in the like Position, i. e. one to-

Wards towards the North, The Other Itowards the Serith Pole IThe Torrid Zone (which the Ancionts photo hruminhabitable by reason of its excessive hear) they between the two Tropicks; and contains the greatest part of Afrik, the Indian Ocean, a part of Thinks, ic and sot, whiting the likings of the lighting Olean, 1740k, Cellon, Sci. Perus, Mixico, a great parts of the Atlantick Ocean, the Main of Santa The living Brafila New Gring, on The Temperate Zandotowards the North, dies between the Tropick of Cancer and the North Rolar Circle, land contains very many parts of the Earth, which are almost all known and inhabited, viz. all Europe, Afia (if you except India, Molucca in the Continent, and the Isles of the Indian Ocean) a great part of Northern America, and a part of the Atlantick and Pacifick Seas. The Temperate Zone, towards the South lies between the Tropick of Capricorn, and the South Polar Circle, and it contains little Land, neither is it all known; however, it contains fome of Africa, where it runs out Southward into the Sea, a part of Monomotapa, the Cape of Good Hope, Sea, a part of Monomotapa, the Lape of Good Hope, a great part of Magellanica, fome of Brafil, the Magellamick Straits, much of the Atlantick, Indian and Pacifick Seas. The Frigid Zone towards the North lies between the North Polar Ciscle and the North Pole, and contains the Half of Heland, the Northmost parts of Northern Analysis, of Lapland, of Finmark, Samojeda, Nova Zembe, Greenland, Spitsberg, with Iome parts of Northern America. The Frigid-Zone towards the South Poles but what it South Polar Circle andothe South Pole, but what it contains, whether Landor Water, is more than we can well tell.

The Ancients thought both the Torrid Zone and the two Frigid were unimabitable, the one for its infupportable Heat, the others for their exceffive cold; but the Navigation of this and the preceding Age hath demonstrated the Contrary. The length of the Nights, the coolness of the Dews, the regular and continual Winds that blow there, the Raight of the Mountains, the great quantity of Vapours which the Sun incessantly exhales from the Sea, and which are turned into Dew, and gentle Showers, do all contribute to keep the Fair in a tolerable temperature, in the Torrid Zone, and sin the Frigid, the coldness of the Air is considerably mitigated by the long presence of the Sun above their Horizon. Tis true, the latter is not so well inhabited as the other, where the Soil is generally good, and abounding with all things necessary for the Life and Delight of the Inhabitants.

Of the Climates and Parallels.

Besides the division of the Earth into Zones, for distinguishing the different Temperatures of the Air, Geographers have thought fit to divide it all into Clipidies and Parallels, on the account of the difference of the longest natural days in the several parts of it. "This difference of the day depends upon the obliquity of the Ecipitics and the Inclination of the Herizon towards the Augustor; for there is no the Herizon towards the Augustor; for there is no Chimate but in the Oblique Sphere; because in the think that it is a read for a man in a large of the control of the Herizon to
Fight and Rarallel, there is no Inclination of Inequatory of days. A Chimate may be defined, a Space on the Terrestrial Globe comprehended between two Circles parallel to the Aquator, so that from the beginning of one Climate to that of another next to it, there is half an hours difference in the longest Summer-day. A Parallel may be defined a space on the Terrestrial Globe, comprehended between two Circles, parallel to the Aquator, between whom in the longest Summer-day there is a variation of a quarter of an hour: So that every Climate contains two Parallels.

The Ancients who had regard only to that part of the Earth which they thought was inhabited, reckoned only seven Climates, to which they gave the names of the most remarkable Island, Town, River or Mountain through which they passed. The first from the Equator towards the North, they called D. Moroes, because it passed through Meroe an Island in the River Δ le; the second, Dia-Sienes, from Siene, a City under or near the Tropick of Cancers, the third D.—Alexandrias from Alexandria, the Metropolis of Lappe, the fourth Dia-Rhodon, from the Illand Rhodes, an Illand in the Mediterranean Sea; the fifth, Dia-Romes, from the City of Rime; the fifth, Dia-Romen, from Pontus; and the leventh Dia-Bory-frenou, from the River Boryfthenes. Prolemy is faid to have added two, viz. Dia-Rip'con, and Dia-Damie. And it is to be obleved, that as they did not be not be not the Course at the Romer, but not begin their Climates at the Equator, but 12 or 13 Degrees from it, because they shought the Torrid Zone uninhabitable, so they extended them no farther than the Polar Circle for the like reason: But the Modern Geographers have extended the Climates as far as the Artick Circle; on the other fide of which fince the Sun does not Set during fome days in the Summer, and on that account the light is no longer encreased by the augmentation of half hours, but with that of whole Weeks and Months, it was judged convenient, that to the number of Climates formerly established, other fix should be added; which are distinguished by a monthly augmentation of light, and continued even to the very Pole it self; which made 30 Climates in all, viz., 24 from the Aquator to the Polar Circle, and 6 from that to the Pole. The Parallels were invented for finding the true Polition of Places that are situated between two Climates; so that a Town fituated between the 7th and 8th Climate is found to be in the 15th Parallel. Now as many Climates may be reckoned on the South Hemisphere, that is, from the Æquator to the South Pole, fo there will be 60 Climates in all. Those that were invented by the Ancient Geographers upon the South Hemi-fphere had their names from those opposite to them on the North fide of the Aquator, as, Anti-

dia Meroes, Anti-dia-Sienes, &c.

But before we leave this Subject it will not be amis to give a Table of Climates, in which may be feen, at the beginning, middle, and end of every Climate, the Elevation of the Pole, the Latitude of the Parallel marked, likewise the length of the longest day, and the distance of the Climates one from another.

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Climates.	Parallels.	The lo			evation Pole.		breadth Climat,
The First	Its middle.	Hours.	Min.	Deg.	Min.	Deg.	Min-
Climate.	The end of the first, & the begin- ning of the second.		30	4 8	14	8	25
The Second.	The Middle.	12	45	12	15	8	2.
The Third.	The Middle.	13	15	20	15	7	2.5
The Fourth.	The Middle. The End.	13	45	27	40	6	
The Fifth.	The Middle.	14	15	33	40		30
The	The End. The Middle.	14	30	36	28	6	8
Sixth.	The End.	15	00	41	32	4	54
Seventh.	The End.	15	30	45	29	4	7
The Eighth.	The Middle. The End.	16	45 00	47	20 01	3_	32
The Ninth.	The Middle. The End.	16	30	50 51	33 58	2.	57
The Tenth.	The Middle.	16	45	53 54	17	2	29
The Eleventh.	The Middle. The End.	17	15	55	34	2	10
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The Fourteenth	The Middle.	18	45	60	40	1	20
The Fifteenth.	The Middle.	19	15	61 62	55	1	07
The	The Middle.	19	45	62	54		111
Sixteenth. The	The End.	20	15	63	40		57
Seventeenth	The End.	20	30	64	30	7 10	44
Eighteenth.	The End.	21	45	64	49		43
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The Twenty First.	The Middle. The End.	22	15	65	57		19
The Twenty Seco.	The Middle.	2.2	45	66 66	14		14
The TwentyThird.	The Middle.	23	15	66	25		8
(. The .) .	The Middle.	23	45	66	30	91	0
Twenty Four.	The End.	24	00	66	21		f 2

Climates of the Frigid Zone, where the longest Day increaseth by Months.

Months. 1		2	3	4	1.5.1	6 .
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Places, or Parrallels.	67 30	69 30	73 20	78 20	84	190

The use of this Table is, 1. the Elevation of the Pole or Latitude of any place being given, to find the length of the longeit day of that place, and the Climate where it lies. For doing this, you must look in the Table for the given Elevation of the Pole, and over against it you shall find the length of the longest Day of that place, and its Climate and Parallel. If you don't find in the Table the very same Elevation of the Pole that was given, you must take those two of the Table which are night elt to't, one of which exceeds it, and the other is lefs than it: And accordingly as it approaches to the greater or leffer, the longest day of the Place comes nearer to that which is over-against the one or the other of these Elevations of the Pole. 2. The length of the longest Day of any place being given, the latitude of that place, its Climate and Parallel may be found in the Table, by looking first for the length of the longest day, and the Latitude or Elevarion of the Pole is over-against it: But if the length of the longest day cannot be had precisely in the Table, we must take the two that are next, greater and less than it, in the Column of the longest Day, and as the Day that was given approaches to the one or the other, to does the Latitude or Elevation of the Pole that belongs to it, come nigher to that of the one or the other of these two longest Days.

Of the Different Shadows.

The Ancient Geographers divided the Inhabitants of the Earth according to the different Shadows which their Bodies did cast when the Sun was in its Meridian height with them, into Amphifcii, Heteroscii, and Periscii. The Amphiscii were those whose Shadows, at different times of the year; fell fonetimes towards the South, and fometimes towards the North, according as the Sun removed from their Zenith, towards the North or South Pole, who confequently must be the Inhabitants of the Torrid Zone; for when the Sun is directly over their Head, which comes to rese is directly over their Head, which comes to pass twice a year, Bodies that stand perpendicularly make no shadow at all; but when the Sun leaves their Zenith and advances towards either of the Tropicks, the shadow falls towards one of the Poles, viz. towards the Arctick when the Sun is in the North Signs, and towards the Antarctick when he is in the South Signs. The Heterofcii were

those whose shadows, at Noon, always fall to one side, towards one of the Poles, viz. that which is above their Horizon: And these must be the Inhabitants of the Temperate Zones. The Perifcii were those whose Shadows turned round in the space of 24 hours; and these must be the Inhabitants of the Frigid Zones; because the Sun for many days being above their Horizon without ever setting, the Shadow must turn as the Sun does.

Of the different Situations.

The Ancients did likewise, according to the different and opposite Habitations of People, divide the Inhabitants of the Earth into Perioci, Antoci, and Antipodes. The Perioci were those who live un-Antipodes. The Pericei were those who live under the same Parallel, but opposite Meridians, and consequently must live in the same Zone, and the same Climate, and have the same Elevation of the Pole, the same length of Days, and Summer, Autumn, Winter, and Spring at the same time; but when tis Noon with one, 'tis Midnight with t'other. The Antaci are those who live under the same Meridian, but opposite Parallels. These live in the same Zone, the same Climate, have the same Elevation of the Pole, but different Poles. and have Noon at the very same time; but have different Noon at the very fame time; but have different Seafons, it being Winter with the one whilft it is Summer with the other; according as the Sun, in his annual Course, advanceth towards either of the Tropicks. The Intipodes are those who live under both opposite Meridians, and opposite Parallels, are distant from one another the whole length of the Earth's Diameter, and go with their feet diametrically opposite to one another; and therefore have their Summer and Winter, their Noon and Midnight, add, if you please, the Rising and Setting of all the Stars directly contrary to one ano-

Some of the Ancients could not imagine how there could be fuch a thing as Antipodes, or People fituated diametrically opposite to one another on the Earth: And Lactantius and S. Auftin gave them-felves the trouble to write against the Antipodes: and Vigilius, Billiop of Strasburg, was excommunicated and deposed by Pope Zachary for being a Patron of this Opinion; the truth of which is now, by experience found to be undeniable.

CHAP. III.

Concerning the Earth, its Figure, Dimensions, &c. also of Measures.

THE Opinions of the Ancients concerning the Figure of the Earth was very doubtful and different. Some held it to be like a large hollow Vessel, and others that it was an immense Plain, supported by Pillars like a Square Table: And the latter Opinion was stiffy maintained by

fome of the Fathers, particularly by *Lactantius*, *Book* 3. *Chap.* 24. But the better fort of Philosophers, and all the Mathematicians have constantly maintain'd that its Figure is Globular; which we shall endeavour to illustrate by several plain and undeniable Reasons.

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i. I say that the figure of the Earth is Globular does plainly appear from the Eclipses of the Moon; for these being always round, that Body which in-tercepts the beams of the San, and is the Cause of them, must necessarily be of a Spherical figure. If it were triangular, the figure in the Eclipse would be so also; if it were Square or Cubical the shadow must have four sides; if it were a Hexagon, or a sigure of six sides, the Eclipse must be so likewise; and so of any sigure; and therefore the sigure of our Earth must be only Globular.

2. The nearer one approaches to either of the Poles, the Stars nearest to these are the more elevated from the Horizon towards his Zenith: and the far-ther one moves from the Poles, these Stars seem to withdraw from him, till at last they quite disappear. Just so, the Stars rise and set, sooner to one that is travelling toward the East than toward the West; or which is the same, the days are longer to him that travels towards the West, than to one that travels towards the East; insomuch that if one should fpend a whole year in marching round the Earth, towards the West, he should lose a whole day during his Journey: As he that march'd towards the East in the same time should gain one: Which could not possibly happen if the lurface of the Earth were a Plain. For if it were se, the Sun and Stars would rife and fet alike to all the Inhabitants of the Earth; the contrary of which every body may eafily observe. But when we speak of the Globu-lar figure of the Earth, we do not mean that it is exactly and Geometrically fo, because the Hills and Mountains make some fort of inequality on its furface: and the Sea and Rivers are a little lower than their Shoars and Banks; but these inequalities are so inconsiderable in respect of the Bulk of the Earth, that they cannot be said to spoil its Globular Figure, no more than the feams and little bruifes that are on a handball, otherwise perfectly round, may be said to make it another thing than a Ball.

Concerning the Dimensions of the Earth, there' are three things to be confidered, viz. The length of its Diameter, and its Circuit. 2. The Extent of its Surface, and 3. its Solidity: But because it would be impossible to measure the Compass of the Earth intire, it has been judged necessary to mea-fure one part of it, from whence the bigness of the whole may be concluded; and this part is a degree or the 360th part of a Circle. Ptolemy, and many other of the Ancients have observed what space anfwered to one of these Parts or Degrees, and have found it to contain 66⁵₃ Miles. Those learned Men, whom Maimon King of Arabia, or Caliph of Babylon, employed about this Discovery, about the Sooth year of Christ, found it to be 56, or 56⁵₂ Miles. Among the Moderns, Fernelius hath found that a Degree of a great Circle of the Earth contained 68006 Geometrical Paces, or 50746 Fathom, and 4 French feet. Snellius found it to be 28500 Rhinland Perches, or 55021. Parifian Fathom; and the Gentlemen of the Academy for Sciences at Paris. have found it to be 57060 Fathom, according to the measure of the Chattelet of Paris, or very near 731, Engl. Miles. As to the Calculations of Ptolemy, and the Arabians, we do not certainly know the proportion between their Miles and ours, and

therefore cannot tell whether they were right or not, in reckoning fo many miles to a Degree of the Earth, but according to the latest and best Calculations, the Dimensions of the Earth will be found to be

The Circuit of the Earth is 262934, very near of English Miles.

The Diameter of the Earth 8369 Engl. Miles-The furface of the Earth 2200482094 fquare Engl. Miles.

The Solidity of the Earth 3060301605351 very near of Cubick Engl. Miles.

Any of these being once given, the rest may be easily found: For the Diameter of any Circle is to its Circumference, as 7 to 22, very near Also the Diameter of a Globe being given, the furface of it in square measure may be found by multiplying its Diameter into the Circumference of one of its great Circles, viz. fuch as divide the Globe into two equal parts: And its Solidity may be had in Cubical measure, by multiplying its surface into a fixth part of the Diameter.

Of Measures, Ancient and Modern.

There is no one thing that hath embaras'd the knowledge of History and Geography, more than this, that People of different Nations, and living in different Ages, have for the most part had very falle or confused Apprehensions of the measures that have been highly the fault high the status of the measures that have been highly the status of the measures that have been highly the status of the measures that have been highly the status of the measures that have been highly the status of the sta used by those who lived before them, or in different Countries, with reference to their own; and yet the ancient names of Greek and Roman Measures have been retained, when in the mean time the true proportion between those and such as are now in use is very little understood. The Gentlemen of the Academy for Sciences at Paris, when they had refolved to try what the Measure of one Degree of a great Circle of the Earth, or the 360th part of the Earth's Circuit was, that other Nations and after Ages might know the quantity of it in their own measures, did compare the Twife or Fathom of the Grand Chaftelet of Paris, which was the measure the Grand Chaffelet of Paris, which was the meanine they made use of, with an Original taken from Nature it self, viz. the length of a Pendulum for seconds. The way that they did it was this. They had two great Pendulum Clocks, each of whose single Vibrations was one Second of Time, conformable to the thous was one second of this, combinator to the mean motion of the Sun; by these they determined the length of a single *Pendulum*, and found it to be 36 luches $8\frac{1}{2}$ lines (the line is the $\frac{1}{12}$ of an luch) of the foresaid measure of the *Chasselet* of *Paris*. They took the double of this for an universal *Toise* They took the double of this for an univerfal Toile or Fathom; which hath the fame proportion to the Parisian Toile, that 881 hath to 864. If thus the length of the Pendulum for Seconds be once found express'd, according to the usual measures of every place by this means may be had the proportion of the different measures so exact, as if the Originals had been compared, and for the time to come any change therein would be discovered. If this way will not hold universally, because of the variations of the length of the Pendulum, yet in every particular place and Country there may be a constant and invariable measure established from hence.

A Table of Measures.

Supposing the London foot to be 1350 Parts. 1440 of these Parts. The Paris foot is The Rhine or Leyden foot 1390. The Boulogne foot 1686. The Boulogne foot The Brafe of Florence 2580.

The old Roman foot according to the Model that is to be feen in

1306 the Capitol.

According to Ricciolus 1334. The length of a Pendulum for Seconds, according to thele Measures, is

Inches	1000 parts of an Incl
Of London Mea.	
fure3936	 708
Rhinland-37	974
Boulogne——31——Florence——20—	
Roman 40	459

A line is $\frac{1}{12}$ of an Inch: An Inch is $\frac{1}{12}$ of a foot: and is subdivided into more or fewer parts, according as the measuring requires more or less exactness.

The Miles and Leagues differ according to the Statutes or Cultoms of different Countries.

5280 Engl. feet make one of our Miles.

6 Paris feet make a Toife, and

2000 Toyles, a Parifian League.

Toiles a Marine League. Toiles an ordinary Country League in 2282

France. 12 Rhinland feet make a Perch.

Perches make a Mile. 1500 Parifian seet make a Geometrical Pace.

Geometrical Paces, a Mile of Scotland.

Geometrical Paces, a League of Spain.

Geometrical Paces a League of Swedeland.

6000 Geom. Paces a League of Hungary.
24345 English feet, or 47869 of English Miles, make a German Mile, 15 whereof go to a

degree. 6083 Engl. feet, or 11000 of English Miles, make one Italian Mile, or the 60th part of a Degree.

The Ancient Measures are generally Computed thus.

The Stadium of the Greeks contained 600 of their feet; which were equal to 625 Roman feet.

The Alexandrian Stadium was to that of the Greeks,

as 144 to 125.

The old Roman Mile contain'd 1000 paces, or 8 of their Stadia: And are call'd Lapides, because at every Miles end, for some way round the City, up-on their Highways, there were Stones set up with the number of Miles on it, that it was distant from the City.

The Orgyia of the Greeks contain'd 6 Feet.

The Cubit 11 foot.

The Parasanga, which was the old Persian Mile,

contain'd 30 Stadia, or 3000 of their Paces.

The Schænus, an Ægyptian Measure, contained 60 Stadia, according to Herodot.

The old Arabian Mile was equal to 7½ Alexan-

drian Stadia.

The Arabian League, in old times, is thought to have been the 25 part of a Degree; so that 25 of them was equal to 73² zz. English Miles.

The Mile which the Turks use is thought to be

equal to the Italian.

100 Indian Miles are faid to be equal to one

The Inhabitants of Cambaia, and the Kingdom of Guzara use a Measure, 30 of which make one

The Chinese have three forts of Measures for distances, which they call Li, Pu, and Vehan. Li, is the distance as far as a Man, crying loud, may be heard, in a plain, and still Air: And is thought to be 300 Geom. Paces. Pu contains 10 of these Li, and an Uchan 10 Pu; and this last they reckon to be the Measure of one days Journey.

The Square Mile confifts of Square feet, and the Cubick Mile of folid feet, as the fimple Mile confifts of feet of length. The Square Mile is produced by the Multiplication of the simple Mile into it self: and the Cubick Mile, by multiplying the Square Mile by the Mile of Length.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Air, and Winds, or Points of the World.

He Air or Aunosphere, is that Space round about the Earth, in which V apours and Exhalations are raised from it by the heat of the Sun. For the Sun and Stars being so many Fires they cannot miss to produce such an effect: And experience confirms it that they do so, for we see them frequently rise. This Air is naturally heavy, since we find it inclines towards the Center of the Earth when it is not hindered: for when the Earth is duo when it is not hindered; for when the Earth is dug

up, the Air immediately descends into the Cavity that is made. And the reason why it ascends at any time; is, either, that when it is rarefied with heat it feeks more room for it felf, or when another Va-pour pushes it upwards it must ascend. When it is not it possesses more room than it did before, and the colder it grows, it is contracted within the narrower bounds. This is plain in a *Thermometer*, in which we fee, that the Air which is shut up in the Glass, grows thicker or thinner, that is, possesses Glass pace, according to the different degrees of Cold and Heat. And it may be so rarefied by a vehement fire, as to take up seventy times the room it formerly possesses to take up seventy times the room it formerly possesses and on the contrary it may be condensed to that degree in a Wind-Gun, that it shall fill only the sixtieth part of its ordinary space. But neither is the heat of the Sun so violent, nor the coldness of the greatest Frost so vehement as to produce these effects. Tis true that under the Æquator, where the heat of the Sun has greatest force, Vapours are raised higher, and are field more than under the Poles: and for the like reason, they should be attracted to a greater height at Noon in any place, than at another time; but this raresaction of the particular parts of the Air makes no considerable change either as to figure or height of the whole mass of Air that is about the Earth, which by observing the different Refractions of a Star in two different Altitudes of it, is found to be near a thoulandth part of the Semidiameter of the Earth, that is, near four Engl. Miles.

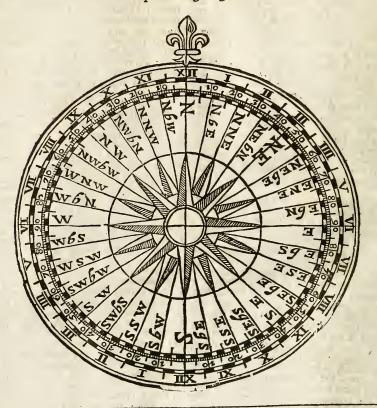
The Air is commonly divided into threeRegions; the first is that in which we live; the second or middle one, is that in which Snow, Hail, Rain, are gathered, the third extends from the Region of the Clouds to the utmost surface of the Atmosphere. The parts of the Atmosphere that are heighest, must therefore be lightest and sinest; but those in the middle Region may be thicker or grosser than the parts next the Earth, because there the Vapours do easily condense and run together, the lighter going up higher, and the Rays reflected from the Earth losing much of their force before they reach the second Region. The further any place of the Earth is from being directly under the Sun, or the nigher it is to the Poles; the Region of the Air in which Rain, Snow, Hail, are generated, is proportionably nigher to the Earth, because the Sun-beams fall more obliquely upon the places towards the Poles than upon those about the Aguator, and consequently produce less heat; which heat extending a shorter way from the Earth, under the Poles than under the Aguator, the grosser Vapours may more easily unite at a less distance from the Earth, than in another place where there is greater heat.

A moderate Cold does not make the Air clear, but cloudy, because Vapours are raised, but not discussed, or rarested sufficiently, by that small heat which still continues. But an excessive Cold makes the Air clear: as we see it in a long Frost, r. because it thickens and condensates the grosser Vapours of the Air, and thereby makes them fall to the Ground, by which the remaining Air becomes siner. 2. The Pores of the Earth are close bound up, and therefore new Vapours cannot rise from it to cloud or thicken it. There might be a great deal more said concerning the nature and properties of the Air, that might either instruct or divert an ingenious Reader, but least some

should think that we have faid two much already, we shall stay no longer on this Subject but go on to that which follows in the Title of this Chapter.

It is not to be expected that we should here entertain the Reader with a Discourse concerning the Nature and Caufes of Winds, fince our present bu-finess is only to consider them with respect to the several Regions or Points of the World. The four Cardinal Points are, North, South, East and West: and to these have been assigned four Winds of the same name, which are also call'd Cardinal Winds. It would be tedious, and of very little use, to tell the Reader how at different times in former Ages, Philosophers have differed about the number of them, (some allowing only one, some two forne four, and some twelve, &c.) or what and various the names that were given them Meridian (which happens under the Poles, where the Sun in his diurnal Course is never at all, or very little higher at one time than it is at another) there little higher at one time than it is at another) there is no distinction of Winds, because neither South nor North, East nor West can be distinguished. If you stand in the Frozen Zone, but not under the Pole it self, the Sun may seem to rise and set, and come to a sort of Meridian height, and then the Quarters of the world may be clearly distinguished. The two Cardinal Winds or Points, called the South and North, are the soundation of all the rest; and for that reason one of them, viz. the North in the Mariners Compass, is adorned with a Flower in the Mariners Compass, is adorned with a Flower de Luce; from whence the opposite point comes to be known: and the Meridian line is conceived as twere to lie extended between these points. Another line cutting these at Right Angles, shews the other two Cardinal Points, viz. East and West the former of which, for distinctions sake, is usually the former of which, the same that the former of which, the same that the same than the same t ally mark'd with a Cross; but those that lie in the middle betwint these Cardinal Points partake of the names of the Points next to them on both fides, viz. names of the Points next to them on both sides, viz. NorthEast, North-West, South-East, South-West. Each of these 8 Winds has two, viz. one on each side of it, which retaining the names of their Principals, acquire also a Sirname from the Cardinal Point, to which they incline; for they are thus term'd, North-by-West, North-by-East; North-East-by-North, North-East-by-East, East-by-North, South-East-by-East, South-by-East, South-by-East, South-by-West, South-West-by-West, North-West-by-West, North-West-by-West, North-West-by-West, North-West-by-Worth, North-West-by-West, North-West-by-North, North-West-by-West-hy-North, North-West-by-West-hy-North, North-West-by-North, North-West-Winds are 16 in number, which together with the 8 Principal ones make 24. Lastly, between the 8 Principal ones make 24. Lattly, between these 8 Principal, as many others are placed exactly in the midst, viz. North-North-East, East-North-East, East-South-East, South-South-West, West-North-West, North-North-West, These in all are the 32. Points of the Compass; as you may see in the Scheme at the top of the following page.

The Scheme shewing the 32 Points of the Compass as they are described in the preceeding Page.



CHAP. V.

Of the Parts of Time.

He Chief Parts of time are, a Day, an Hour, Month, and a Year. A Day is either Natural or Artificial. The Natural ral, is the space of 24 hours which the Sun takes to run round the Earth, or rather the Earth to turn round its own Axis. The Artificial, is the space of time from the rising of the Sun to his

Setting.

The Civil and Aftronomical Day differs not from the Civil and Attronomical Day differs not from the Natural, unless in their beginning, according to the Custom of a Commonwealth, or the pleasure of Astronomers. The Babylonians began their Day from Sun risng, (as the Inhabitants of Nuremburg now do) the Jews and Athenians from Sun-set, as the Italians, Austrians, Bohenians, and Silessans do now. The Egyptians and Romans of old began their day from Mid-night, which is

practis'd fill by the Germans, French, English, and other Nations of Europe. The greater part of Astronomers began it from Noon, as Ptolemy, the Alphonsimes, and Tycho Brahe, but Copernicus, following Hipparchus, takes its beginning from midnight night.

night.

An Hour is either equal or unequal; an equal Hour is the 24 part of a Natural Day. The unequal, is the 12th part of the Artificial Day or Night; which varies, as to the Inhabitants of the oblique Sphere, as the Seasons vary; for the Hours of the day are much longer in Summer than those in Winter, and the Hours of the Night contrary. An equal Hour contains 60 prime Minutes, one Min. 60 Seconds, one Second, 60 Thirds, &c.

A Month is either Solar or Lunar. The Solar Month is either Astronomical, or Civil: The Astronomical

stronomical Solar Month is the precise and exact number of days, hours, and minutes that the Sun takes to pass through one Sign in the Ecliptick. The Civil is a space of time consisting sometimes of 31, sometimes of 30, 28 or 29 days. The Lunar Month is likwife either Astronomical or Civil. The Astron. Lunar Month is either Periodical or Synodical. The former is the space of time that the Noon takes to roll from a certain point of the Ecliptick to the same again: the other is the time from its departing from the Sun till it over-takes him again. A Periodical Month confifts of 27 days and almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of a Day; whereas the Synodical includes 29 days and very near an half. For when the Moon hath left the Sun in any point of the E-cliptick, before it can return to the same again, the Sun has advanced forward (or feemed to do fo while the Earth's doing of it) and pass'd through a whole Sign almost; wherefore 2 days must of necessity be allow'd the Moon before she can over-take the Sun. From the four different Appearances of the Moon the Egyptians and Affyrians feem'd to have formed their Weeks, affigning feven days to each; but the Hebrews had another reason for doing so, as we're told by Holy Scripture. And from the Seventh or Sabbath, the reft had their Denomination, as the first, second, and third, &c. after the Sabbath; only the fixth was call'd Parasceue, or preparation for the Sabbath. This Custom of countries have the Carbath. ing by weeks feems to have been peculiar to the Eaftern People, for the Greeks counted by Decades, or Tens, afligning 3 to each Month: and the Romans, besides their Distribution of the Month into Calends, Nones, and Ides, divided the year into so many eight days. The names which we commonly give to the days of the week are those of the Deities which the Superstitious Hea-The Greeks feem to have had them thens ador'd. from the Affyrians, and the Christians from them. The Chaldeans who first applied themselves to the study of Astronomy gave the names of their Gods to the Planets: and to give the greater Authority to their Art, gave the Guardianship of every Month, Day, Hour, and perhaps Minute to some Planet or other, as of *Monday* to the Moon, because she presided that Day, and so fall the rest.

The year is either Aftronomical or Civil: And the former is either Tropical, which is the space of time the Sun takes to go from one point of the Ediptick till he return to the same again; or Sydereal, which is the time the Sun takes in moving from a certain six d Star, till he returns to the same again, which is somewhat longer than the former, by reason the fix'd Star hath shifted about 51 seconds farther: So that it will take the Sun some Minutes to over-take it. Hence it is that the Æquinoxes do every year anticipate one another; and with respect to the return of the Sun to the Constellations of the Zodiack, happen almost a whole Month sooner now than in the time of Hipparchus: and this is called the Processing the Aguinoxes

this is called the Procession of the Aquinoxes.

The Civil year is either Solar or Lunar, and both either moveable or fix'd. The moveable confifts of 365 days, without reckoning the odd hours, through the neglect of which it happens, that every fourth year the moveable out-runs the other by

one day: and therefore in four times 365 years, that is, 1460 years, the beginning of it moves through every month and day of our year, whence it is necessary, that the Æquinoxes and Solftices should also pass through all the days of the moveable year. This fort was in use among the Egyptians, and therefore call'd the Egyptian year, consisting of 12 months, each of which contain 30 days, and 5 were added at the end of every year, which were called is any business.

The fix'd Solar year is the Fulian, so call'd from

The nx of solar year is the Julius, to call droin fulius Cxfar; who after the Battle of Pharfalin, thought it not unworthy of him to fet about rectifying the Calendar: and to that end fent for Sofgenes, a famous Aftronomer, from Alexandria. And it being found that the Solar year was jult 365 days and 6 hours, it was appointed that every fourth year there should be an Intercalary day made up of these 6 hours: and so made the 4th year to consist of 366 days; which year was call'd Biffextile, from a day interlaced or put between the 23 and 24 of February; for which reason it is writ by the Latines bis sexto Calendas Martii. But tho'this was a great and itseful work, yet the time allowed to a year by Cæsar was too much, by almost a 11 minutes; which in the space of 131 years grew into a whole day! and therefore in the 1260 years that pass'd between the Council of Nice, which infituted the Term for the Celebration of Easter, and the time of Pope Gregory the 13th, who restor'd the Term that had been removed out of their proper places, these 11 minutes had amounted almost to 10 days. For in the time of the Nicene Council, the Vernal Equinox was fix'd to the 21 day

of March; but in that of Gregory, it was found to have crept infensibly to the 11 of the same month.

Wherefore when the Pope had determined to reflore the Æquinox to its former Seat, he took those 10 days out of the Julian Calendar: and lest

the Hinges of the year should slip for the future,

he ordain'd that every hundred year of the Christian Account of Time, should be common, that is, consisting of 365 days, which according to the Computation of Julius Casar, ought to be Bissertile; but that every four hundredth year should re-

main Bissextile.

The moveable Lumar year consists of 12 Synodical months. The Arabians and Saracens, and, after their Example, the Turks make use of it. It is less than the Solar year by 11 days: so that their first month Muharran hath no fix'd place in the Solar year; but in space of less than 34 years it runs through all the Seasons of the Solar year. And the exact duration of 12 Moons being about 8 hours, 48 minutes more than 354 days, they find themselves obliged in 30 years to adda 11 days extraordinary; which the Arabians most ingeniously invented. Of these 30 years, 19 are simple, that is, have but 354 days, and 11 Intercalary or Embodemick, each of which have 355 days.

The fix'd Lunar year is that which by the Intercalation every fecond or third year of one month, keeps the Hinges of the year from lipping from their proper months. So much for the Parts of Time.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Terms of Geography, and of the principal Lakes, Rivers, and Mountains in the Earth.

Ome of these Terms are peculiar to the Land, fome to the Sea, and some common to both; but we shall begin with those that are most

considerable.

The Ocean is that great Sea which goes round the whole Earth, and hath different names given it according to the different Countries that it according to the different Countries that it walhes; as the Sea that's towards the North Pole is called the Hyperborean Sea, and fo, the Indian Ocean, the Chinese Sea, the British Sea, &c. Some parts of this Ocean run up into Land through narrow Passes or Streights, other freely without these; the former may be properly called Seas, the other Gulfs. Of the first fort may be reckoned principally the Baltick Sea, which lies between Denmark, Sweden, Moscoy, Poland, and Lower Germany; The Mediterranean Sea, that runs in, from the Atlantick Ocean, between Spain and Barbary, and lies between Europe, Afri-Spain and Barbary, and lies between Europe, Africa, and Asia. The Archipelago, or Agean Sea; The Sea of Marmorea; the Euxin Sea; the Palus Macotis, the Caspian Sea.

Maotis, the Caspian Sea.

The most famous Gulfs in Europe are, the Gulfs, of Boshnia, Finland, Lubeck, Dantzick, in the Baltick Sea; the Catgate, between Norway and the slie of Zeeland; the Gulf of Venice, or the Adriatick Sea, the Gulf of Lepanto. The most considerable in Africk and Asia are, the Gulf of Arabia, or the Red-Sea; the Gulf of Ormus or Balfora, anciently the Gulf of Persua, the Gulf of Cambaia or Guzarat; the Gulf of Bengala; the Gulf of Haynam, the Gulf of Nanquin or Zang. In America, Hudson's Bay; the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of Florida; the Gulf of Honduraz, where sailing is very dangerous because of a strong Current; and the Gulf of Panama, in the South Sea.

A Straight is a little Arm of the Sea hedged in on both fides by the Land; and there are three forts of 'em, for they are either, 1. a narrow passage betwixt the Ocean and the Ocean, or the Ocean and a Gulf, or betwixt one Gulf and another. Of the first fort are, 1. the Streights of Magellan, which joins the Atlantick and Pacifick Seas. 2. The which joins the Atlantick and Pacifick Seas. 2. The Streights of Davis, so call'd from John Davis an English Man, who discover'd them in the year 1585. They are a passage from the North Sea to the Pacifick, between Greenland and the Northern parts of America. 3. The Streight of Waigats, betwixt Samogeda and Nova Zembla, being a Passage from the Russian or White Sea to the Tarian Ocean. Of the second fort are, 1. The Streights of Gibraltar, betwixt Spain and Africk,

through which the Atlantick Ocean floweth into the Mediterranean Sea. 2. The Sound, betwixt Zealand, an Island of Denmark, and the Coast of Schonen, part of the Continent of Sweden, through which the Atlantick Ocean flows into the Baltick Sea. 3. The Streight of Babel-Mandel, through which the Indian Ocean floweth into the Red Sea. Of the third fortare, 1. the Hellespont, or the Streights of Gallipali and the Dardanelles, a narrow Passage from the Archipelago to the Sea of Marmora. 2. The Streights of Constantinople, from the Sea of Marmora to the Black Sea. 3. The Streights of Caffa, from the Black-Sea to the

Lake Mæoris.

The depth of the Sea is not a like in all places; for in some places it is $\frac{1}{3}$ % of a Mile, in others $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{3}$ 0, $\frac{1}{4}$ 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ 2, and in some few places it hath been found to be one whole German Mile. The faltness of the Sea-water proceeds from the rough. picquant, and heavy particles that are in it; and of these Salt is made, while the other, that are light and soft, are exhaled by the heat of the Sun, or boiled out by common Fire. The Seawater is observed to be fresher near the Poles than under the Æquator, becaule under this the excef-five heat of the Sun raifeth more Vapours than near those, and consequently leaves fewer of the soft and light particles, so that the Salt ones prevail: and besides, those Seas which flow upon Salt Rocks will tafte more of Salt, than those that have another kind of Channel: and the more Salt that the water is, the heavier it is. Fresh water being thinner and lighter than Salt, is not able to sustain the same burthen as it does: and therefore greater depth of River-water is required to make a Ship float than of Sea-water. This faltness of Sea-water is the cause why it doth not freeze so easily as fresh water does: and there is a spirit extracted from Salt, which the extremest cold cannot freeze. Though so many Rivers run into the Sea, it grows no bigger, because, 1. the water returns to the Fountains of the Rivers by Subterraneous paffages, 2. The Sun raifeth every day a great many vapours from it.

The Philosophers have rack'd their Inventions to

little purpose, to find out the cause of the Ebbing and Flowing of the Sea: and most of 'em attribute it to the Moon; the they can give no fatisfying account how it is done. There is indeed fome fort of relation between the Course of the Moon and it; for in full Moon, and new Moon the Sea flows highest, and lowest and to the sea flows. highest, and lowest at quarter Moon. the time of the Vernal and Autumnal Æquinoxes the

Tides rife higher than at any other time, and lowest at the Sollices. Tho this motion of the Sea is so ir-regular, that no precise Rule can be set for it, as to all places and times, yet in most places it flows 6 hours 12 minutes, and Ebbs as long. There are indeed fome few places, where the Tide takes longer time to Flow, than it does to Ebb; and others in which it Ebbs longer than it Flows, but both together make always the space of 12 hours 28 \{ \}. \]
Ministes; and the double of this being near 25 hours, it follows that the Tide happens later every day by the space of almost an hour. And the reason of this perhaps may be that the Moon returns later to the same Meridian by 50 Minutes. If then the time of high water were given at any place, upon the days of full Moon or new Moon, we may know the time of it any day after by adding so many minutes, viz., 48 ½ to the same hour of the following day. For initiance, if at any place it be high-water at 12 a Clock, in the time of new or full Moon, it will be high-water there the day following according to this Table.

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XII 48 the Sea, except through fome great Rivers. The most famous Lakes in 1 37 2 27 the world are these: 3 16 456 4 5 4 5 5 The Lake or Sea of Sala in Asia, calin the old led also, the Hyr-7 8 5 44 Great Lakes or Seas Continent can. 634 723 812 91 canian and Caspian ö IO The Lake of 17 Zabaca, or Palus 12 Moeotis. 13 1040 The Lake Parime 142 1129 In the new \in Guiana. 12 mid 12 mid day 15 The Lake of Des Continent (Puans in Canada.

Leffer Lakes in Europe.

The Lake of Constance in Germany. The Lake of Verner, in Sweden.

The Lake of Geneva, between Swifferland and Savoy

The Lake Maggiore } in the Milanese:

The Lake of Ladoga, between Sweden and Mus-

The Lakes of Onega, and Ilmen in Muscouy. The Lake of Balaton in Lower Hungary.

The Lake of Dummer, in Westphalia. The Lakes of Bolsena and Perousa in the state of the Church.

In Alia.

The Lake of Sodom or the Dead Sea, or Af-

phalittes, in the Holy Land.

The Lake of Burgian, in Persia.

The Lake of Kirhay, in Tartary.

The Lake of Chiamay, in India, beyond the River Ganges.

The Lake of Cincuibay, in the Confines of

The Lake of Annibi in Tartary.

In Africa.

The Lake of Zaire in the upper Athiopia. The Lake of Zaflan in the same Country. The Lake of Niger, in Negro-Land. The Lake of Dambea, in Abyssina. The Lake of Buchiara, in Egypt.

In America.

The Lake of Canada, or the Gentle-The Lake of Mechoacan. In North America. The Lake of Chapala. The Lake of Mexico. The Lake of Nicaragua. The Lake of Maracaibo, in the Province In South of Veneruola.

America. The Lake of Titicaca in Peru.

The Lake of Eupana, or de los Xaxados.

A River is a great quantity of water continually running in a Channel from its Source, (which is either a Fountain or Lake) to the Sea.

The Source of a River is the Place from whence

it comes.

The mouth of a River is the place where it emptieth it self into the Sea.

The Confluence of Rivers is the place where

they meet and mix their waters.

A Cataract is a Precipice in the Channel of a River from whence the water falls with great force and noise.

The most considerable Rivers in the World

In Europe.

The Duero, Durius.
The Minho, Minius.
The Tajo, Tagus.
The Guadiana, Anas. In Spain The Gaudalquivir, Bætis. The Ebro, Iberus.
The Loire, Ligeris. The Garonne, Garumna. The Rhone, Rhodanus. In France. The Saone, Arar. The Seyne, Sequana. The Marne, Matrona.
The Charante, Caranthonus.
The Arno, Arnus.
The Tyber, Tiberis.
The Po, Padus, Eridanus.
The Drino, Drinus.
The Oropher, Albania In Italy. In Turkey. The Orpheo, Alpheus.
The Vardari, Axius.
The Salampria, Peneus.
The Mariza, Hebrus.
The Danow, Danubius.
The Rhine, Rhenus.
The Elb, Albis.
The Oder, Odera, Viadrus.
The Weser, Visurgis. The Orpheo, Alpheus.

The Vistula.	In Africa.
The Niemen, Cronus, or Nimenus.	
In Poland. The Niemen, Cronus, or Nimenus. The Duna, Duina. The Nieper, Borysthenes. The Niester, Tyras.	The Tanfift, in Moroco.
In Folund. The Nieper, Borysthenes.	(The Ommirady, Flama, Cala,
The Niefter, Tyras.	In Fez. Rutubis, Rusibis.
The Baag, or Vag, Vegus.	The Cabu.
The Volga, Rha.	The Malvia, Malva.
The Don, Tanais.	The Rio-Major, or Nasabath!
In Muscovy. The Duina. The Petzora.	In Barbary. The Sufregna.
	The Wagrida, of Wiegrida, Ba-
The Onega.	gradas.
In Sweden. The Dalecarlo.	The Nile, Nilus in Agypt.
The Thames, Tamisis. The Severn, Sabrina.	In Biledul- S The Durks.
The Humber Avus, Umber.	gerid.
In England. The Humber, Avus, Umber. The Tine, Tina.	The Ghir, in Sarra.
The Trent.	The Niger in 3. Senega. In Negroland:
The Twede, Tueda.	The Niger in 3. { Gambia. } In Negroland:
The Forth.	The Quilmancy.
The Clyde, Glotta.	The Zaire Zairus
In Scotland. The Spay, Spans.	In Abyssinia. The Zaire, Zairus. The Nile again.
The Nith, Nitha.	The Zembera Spirito Sancto. In Lower A:
The Dee. Deva.	
The Don.	in 2. (Kio des Injantes.) thiopia.
The Shannon, Senus.	In America-
The Sewer, Sevirius.	
The Regard-mater	(The River of the Amazons, Orel-
In Ireland. The Borrow.	In Couthern \ lang Amazonum fluvius.
The Roin, Boing.	America. The River of Plata, or Paraguay,
The Dearn.	Argenteus jeur araguaius Jinvius
The Ean.	The Orenoque, Orenecus,
The Maes, or Meuse, Mosa.	In the Main? The River of St. Magdalen, and St.
In the Low- The Schelde, Scaldis.	Land. U Martha.
Countries. Ine Iffel, Ifala, Sala.	The Sedagodero.
(The Rhine, Rhenus.	In Tucuman. The Barberanna. The Rio Vermeja or Salado.
T., 4C.	The Rio Vermeja or Salado.
In Afia.	
e The Al:	of Magellan. Rio de Saguadero.
The Ali.	The River of Paraguay.
In Turkey in The Fordan, Jordanes.	The River of Parane.
Asia. The Euphrates. The Tigil, Tigris	The River of Oragay.
(The Pharo, Phasis.	In Paraguay, The River Banco.
The Arass Araxes.	The River of Vermeja. These five Rivers discharge themselves
In Georgia. The Arass, Araxes. The Caibar in Arabia. The Tixitiri. Moseus.	into that of Plata.
5 The Tiritiri, Moseus.	The Lamiara.
In Persia. The Bandimir.	The Pinara.
The Inde, Indus.	The of June
The Ganga, Ganges.	In Brafil. The Siope.
The Mecan, Sobanus.	The River of St. Francis.
(The Oby, Obins.	The Maragnon.
The Jeniscey, Jeniscea. The Chefel, Jaxartes.	i The Amarumair.
The Chefel, Faxartes.	The Cusinares.
Line Contained Otalle	In the Coun- The Cayana.
In Tartary. The Talo.	try of the A- The Topasis. These five Rivers
The Quentung.	mazons. fall into that of the Amazons,
The Sagboa.	and the least of them is above
The Tartar, Orcharaus	200 Leagues long.
The Tellow River, Crotens Jinoin.	iri ni creii
The Quiang.	In Mexcio The River of Esquitlan.
In China. The Kialung.	or New-Spain, 5 The River of Mexico.
	1 he River of los Popes.
The Hoang.	The Rio del Nort.
The Kinto.	In New-Mex. The River of Conchos,
	The River of Tcom.
	In Florida. S River of May.
F.	In Floreda. River of May.
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In Canada or The River of St. Laurence.
The River of St. Margaret. New-France. The Saguenay.

Rivelets or Brooks are small Currents of water, arising for the most part from Springs; but their Course is not very long, and their bed is strait and shallow.

An Island is a piece of Land surrounded with water. The most considerable Islands in the World

In Europe. 11.1

Sicily. 1: Great Britain. Sardinia. Ireland, Zeland, which makes Corsica. apart of the King. Majorca. dom of Denmark. Minorca, Minorca. The Isles of Shetland. The Illes of Shetland. Trica. Cyprus.
The Orkney Isles.
The Abuda, or We-Stern Isles of Scot- | The Isles of the Baltick. land.

On the Coast of Africa.

The Azores or Flan-Madagajcar. The Illands of Cape Verde. drian Islands. The Isle of Bourbon; The Canary Islands.

On the Coast of Asia.

The Philippine Isles. The Molucca Isles. The Isle of Ceylon.

Borneo. fava. Sumatra. The Maldives:

In America.

California: New-found-Land. Bermudas, or the Summer Islands .

The Lucayes: Jamaca. Hispaniola. Porto Rico. The Caribbee Islands:

As there are Islands surrounded by the Sea, so there are some environed by the waters of Rivers, the most remarkable of which are, the Island of Schut or Kalocheus, in the Danube, and Camargue in the Rhone: The ancient Geographers tell us of another in the River Nile, which they call'd Meroe; and some Moderns have been led into the fame error, but fince the course of the Nile has come to be better known, from its source to its mouth, it's found that there is no such Isle in it. It is true, by a very confiderable winding it makes the Kingdom of Goiam a large Peninsula; which probably has been the ground of that ancient mistake. This is not a meer affertion without any warrant, for the Patriarch Mendez, Father Lobo, and Father Telles, Jesuit Missionaries, who lived in the Abyssime, Country many years, and the History of Abyssimia, written by Mr. Ludlof, Councellor to the Duke of Saxe-Weymar, and printed at Francsort on the Mein, An. 1682. do sufficiently confirm what we have said in this matter.

A Penissida is a Portion of Land surrounded

A Peninsula is a Portion of Land, surrounded with water, except in one place, where it is joined to the Continent by a finall Neck of Land. The most considerable of these are;

Chersonesus Aurea, or Malacca, joining to

Chersonesus Cimbrica, or Jutland, joined to Holftein.

New-France, on the East-side of North America.

Jugatan, in the Gulf of Mexico.
Corea, on the East of Tartary.
Africk also may not improperly be reckoned among these, it being joined to Asia by a small Neck of Land that separates the Mediterranean

from the Red-Sea,

North and South America, which are joyned by a narrow piece of Land, at Panama, about 17

Leagues long.

The Morea, or Peloponnesus, joined to Greece. Taurica Chersonesus, or Crim-Tartary, at the mouth of the Lake Maotis, in the Euxin-Sea.

An Islamus is a little piece of Land that joins a Peninsula to the Continent. The most considerations of the continent of the consideration of the consideration of the continent.

rable of these are,
The Isthmus of Suez, that joyns Asia to Africk. The Ifth. of Corinth, that joins the Morea to Greece. The Isth. of Panama, that joins North America to South America.
The Isth. of Molucca and India.

The Ilb. of Precop.

A Continent is all the firm Land that is neither

Island, Peninsula nor Isthmus.

An Archipelago, may be call'd a Collection or Cluster of small Islands in a Gulf or Sea: and these four are most remarkable, viz. that of the Agean Sea, the Archipelago of St. Lazarus; the Archipelago of Malucca; and that of the Maldives.

A Promontory is a high hill runing out a great

way into the Sea.

A Cape is the outmost point of a Promontory jutting out into the Sea. The most remarkable of these are,

The Cape of Good-hope in Africa!
The Cape of Matapan in the Morea.
The Capes of Pharo; Passero, and Coco, in Sicily:
The Capes of Finisterre and St. Vincent in Spain:

The Cape of Cornwall in England. The Cape of Scagen in Julland.

The North Cape in Norway. Cape Nort. in the North of Asia.

Cape of Liampo in China.

Cape Verde on the West of Africa: Cape Charles in Canada.

Cape Frouard in the South of Magellanica.

Cape St. Austin in the East of Brasil.

The Cape of Corentes to the West of New-Spain. A Mountain is a part of the Earth raised to a confiderable height above that which is round about it. The most considerable Mountains in the World

In Europe, The Pyrenean Mountains, which separate France from Spain.

The Apennines, which divide Italy into two parts: The Alpes, which ly between France and Italy. The Carpathii Montes, now the Krapach Mountain, between Poland and Turkey in Europe.

The Mountains Castagnas or Balkan, anciently Hamus, dividing Turkey into Northern and

The Mountains in Moscovy call'd Camenypoias.

Sweden from Normay.

The Mountains of Auvergne in France. The Grampian Mountains in Scotland.

In Afia.

Mount Taurus, which has different names given it by the different Countries through which it passes. It hegins in Asia-minor and reaches into

Mount Cancasus, between the Euxin and Cas-

pian Seas.

The Mountains of China near Tartary. Mount Imaus, which divides, Tartary into two parts.

In Africa.

Mount Atlas, which begins in Mauritania Tinguania near the Cabo de Guer, and reaches as far as the Defarts of Barca.

The Mountains of the Aloon, in the Confines

of Monomotapa.

The Mountains call'd Sierra Liona, Leonum Mons, on the Confines of Guinea.

In America.

The Mountains of Apalache, between New-

France, and Florida.

The Mountains call'd Andes, Cordillera, or Sierra Nevada, which run through all the west parts of South America, from the Equator to the Streights of Magellan, for the space of 3800 Miles.

These Mountains mentioned in the foregoing Table, are fuch as lie extended for a long way in a continued Ridge; but there are others that are confined within much leffer bounds, but generally rife to a greater hight, fuch as these following,

1. El Pico, a Mountain in Tenariff, one of the Canary Islands, thought to be the highest in the World, its perpendicular height being about 5 Eng-Its top reaches above the Clouds, and is feen at Sea at the distance of 100 Leagues.

2. The Pic of St. George, in the Island of Pico, one of the Azores, thought, by some, to be as high as the Pic of Tenariff.

3. Pelion, a Mountain in Macedonia in Greece, was measured by Dicaarchus: 10 Stadia of perpendicular height.

4 Olympus, a Mountain in Leffer Asia, which was found by Zenagoras to be also 10 Stadia of

perpendicular height.

5. Athos, a Mountain on the Sea-Coast of Macedonia, whose shadow, as Plutarch and Pliny, fay, reach'd as far as the Island of Lemnos, which is 87 Miles distance from it.

These Mountains are principally famous for their height; but these following are remarkable, on an-

other account, viz. for their burning.

1. Ætna, a Mountain in Sicily, now call'd by the Italians ill Mon Gibello, which is faid to be nine miles of floping height, and fifty in Compass at the bottom.

2. Hecla, a Mountain in Iseland, called by the people of that Country Sunlendingafiordungur.

The Mountains of Darefield, which separate It is sometimes as outrageous as Atna, and casts up great burning stones.

3. Vesuvius, a Mountain in the Kingdom of Naples, not far from the City of that name, call'd by the Italians Monte di Somma, and the distance from Naples to the top of it is said to be 8 miles.

These are the most famous burning Mountains; but there are several others of less note, of whom we shall only name a few. There is one in

the Island of Japan, another in Sumatra, another in Jana, a fourth in Nicaragua, in America, and several more in the Mountains of Paru.

A Mine is a place in the Earth, out of which Metals and Minerals, fuch as Gold, Silver, &c. The most famous Mines for Gold and are dug.

Silver are

1. Those in Peru, which are judged by far to be the richest in the world. Girava, a Spanish Author says that there were Mines near Quito, out of which they digged more Gold than Earth. In the Mountain Potofi, there is an extraordinary Silver Mine, about which twenty thousand Men are employed for digging up the Earth.

2. Japan also affords very good Silver Mines:

3. The Mountains of Gunea produce much Gold, but they are a great way from the Shoar: and a great part of the Gold of that Country is gathered from the Sand and Channel of Rivers.

4. There are feveral rich Mines of Gold and Sil-

ver in Monomotapa.

5. Germany abounds more with Mines than any other part of Europe, some of them afford a little Gold, many of em yield Silver in confiderable quantities; but most of 'em Copper,

Iron, and Lead.
6. Swedeland hath a very rich Copper Mine, in a huge Mountain, near a mile high, which they call Copperberg, from this there is as much Copper dug every year as pays a third of the King's Re-

7. There are feveral confiderable Mines of Salt in Poland, Translivania, and the County of Tyrol, and the whole Island of Ormus, in the mouth of the Persian Gulf seems to be made of Chrystalline Salt, and the walls of their Houses are built of it.

8. The West of England, and especially Cornwal, abounds with the Finest Tin in the World: and some parts of Scotland afford good store of Lead.

A Wood is a large piece of ground cover'd with Trees and Shrubs, that grow naturally. The most famous woods of old were,

1. The Hercynian Forest, which began in the

Low-Countries, and ran through all Germany, Po-

land, Muscovy, and Tarrary.
2. The Caledonian Forest in Scotland, which extended as the Grampian Mountains did, from Aberdeen to Dunbarton, for above a hundred

The most famous Woods at present are those of Norway and Lithuania; from the former of which the Dutch, Danes, Swedes, and French are furnished with Timber for Shipping. In Africk, near Cape Verde, there are Woods of Orange-Trees. In Spain and Italy, Olives and Myrtles, and in England Oaks.

· A Defart is a Tract of Land; not manured nor inhabited by men. Some Defarts are fandy, as the Defarts of Lop, Calmak, or Xamo, and of Arabia deferts in Afia, those of Libya and Sarra in Africa, &c. Others are Stony, as the Defarts of Pharon, in Arabia Petroa, &c.

A Kingdom is a Country or Countries subject

A Province, was anciently among the Romans, a Conquered Country enjoying certain Laws and Privileges; but is now put for a part of a Kingdom.

A Diocess is used by the Modern Geographers to fignify the limits of a Bishop's Jurisdiction.

A Town, Vebs, (tho' it would feem to need no Free born subjects to inhabit it.

definition) is call'd a large piece of Ground covered with houses, inhabited by Men and encompassed with Walls.

Civitas, (a City) was antiently distinguished from Orbs, in this, that the latter fignifyed the place; the former the Inhabitants; but now the name of City is given by the *Italians*: and *Spaniards*, especially, to any Town that has the title of a Bishoprick; and by most people these two names are confounded.

Oppidum, was used to fignifie a little Town. A Mart-Town is a large one where People of Satrapia was a Persian, word fignifying a several Nations come upon the account of Trade

and Commerce.

Colonia (a Colony) was anciently a Town or Place into which the Romans fent fome of their

Of the several Parts of the Earth, their Bounds and Divisions.

HE Earth has been differently divided by ed into the Northern Middle and Califferently divided by

The Earth has been differently divided by those who lived in different Ages of the Parts. The Northern comprehends the British World. Some having divided it into three, according to the Number of Noad's. Soils who land, The Low Countries Germany, Hungary, are faid to have had it divided among them; others. Transsituania, Valachia, Moldavia and little into four, viz. Europe, Asia, Agin, Africa, Europe, America, the Countries towards the North Pole, and those towards the South Pole. Ocean; on the East, with the East Ocean, on But we will not now bestow any time uponeither resulting or justifying any of these divisions, that West, with the North Medical and Southern, Middle, and Southern Muscowy. The Northern comprehends the British. The Northern comprehends the British and Indian Comprehends the Northern comprehends the Southern states the Northern comprehends the Northern comprehends the Northe

with the Mediterranean Sea, which separates it from Africa; and on the West with the Atlantick Ocean. Its greatest length, from Cape St. Vincent in Portugal to the mouth of the Oby, is about 3900 Miles; its greatest breadth from Cape Marapan in the Morea, to the North Cape, the most Northern point of Norway, is 2550. It is divid-

The Old World, which the ancients had but an imperfect knowledge of, comprehended Europe, Diarbeker; or Mesopotamia, Gurgistan or Georgia, and Africa.

Europe is bounded on the North with the Economic Sea, on the East with the Archipelago, the Sea of Marmora, the Black Sea, the Sea of Zabaccha, the Tanais, as far as the Town of Taya, and the Oby, as far as its Mouth, where it empties it self into the Scythian Ocean; on the South, with the Mediterranean Sea, which separates it from Africa; and on the West with the Atlantick Ocean. Its greatest length, from Cape St. Vincent in Portugal to the mouth of the Oby, is about 1 and diana.

Africa, which is a large Peninfula joynedto the Continent by an Ifthmus of 25 leagues, is bounded on the North with the Mediterranean Sea; on the East with the Red Sea, and the 1sthmus of Sucz, which joyns it to Afia, on the South with the Indian Ocean, and on the West with the Atlantick. It has been variously divided at different times. The Romans divided it into six Provinces, viz. Africa propria or Proconfulation Warning Rivers Namidia Tripolitana Riverse Manuita. ris, Numidia, Tripolitana, Bizacena, Mauritania, Cafarienfis, and Mauritania Tingitana : But this division is to be understood only of that part of it which was under the subjection of the Romans. Ptolemy divided it into 12 Regions, and according to the Modern Geographers it comprehends these following Kingdoms and Countries, viz. Egypt, Abyssimia, Barbary, anciently Maurita-nia and Africa propria, Biledulgerid, anciently inhabited by a part of the Getuli and Garamantes, the Country of the Coffres in Athiopia inferior, the Kingdom of Congo, Guinea, the Illand of Magadafear, Monomotapa, the Country of the Negroes, Nubia, Zaara, Zanguebar, the Illands of Cape Verde, the Canary Illands, the Azores or Flandrian Illands, The Ille of St. Thomas, that lies under the Line, and a great many more of lies under the Line, and a great many more of less note.

America is bounded on the West, with the South or Pacifick Sea, on the South with the Streights of Magellan, on the East with the North Sea, and on the North, with Lands that are hitherto very little known. It was first different very little known. covered by Christopher Columbus, a Genouese, in the year 1492; but about five years after it received the name of America, from one America. cus Vespuccius, a Florentin, who pierced far-ther into the Country than the former had done. It is divided into two great Peninsula's, separated from one another by the Isthmus of Panama, which is about 17 leagues broad. North America which is about 17 leagues broad. Notes America comprehends Estoreland, Florida, New England, New France, New Spain, or the Kingdom of Mexico, (comprehending the Provinces of Jucatan, Nicaragua, New Gallicia, Mechoacan, Guatimala, and Honduras,) New Mexico, Virginia, the Island of California, the Island of Cuba, the Island of Hispaniola, the Island of Cuba, when and a great many more compreof Terra Nova, and a great many more comprehended under the name of Antilla. The Countries in South America are, Brasil, Carracas, Chili, Guiana, Magellanica, New Andalusa, New Granada, Paraguaya, Parana, Paria, the Country of Papuian, the Kingdom of Peru, the Terra Firma, Ti-

cira del Fuego, Tucuman, and Venezuela.

Concerning those Countries whereof the Coasts are only yet known, they are barren Defarts and it.

Wilderneffes lying towards both the Poles without the Bounds of both the Old and New World. The Danes, Hollanders and English have viewed the Coasts of them, and given them the names of European Countries; but the inland Countries are yet unknown by reason no Europeans have hitherto pierced into them. The Northern Countries are Spitzberg, between Nova Zembla and Greenland, which reaches to the 80th degree of Latitude; Greenland, 20 Miles from Island to the North, and about the 60th degree of Latitude. The South part of this Country was discovered about the end of the last Century by Basins, Forbilher and Munch: and fince that time other Countries lying more Northerly have been discovered, some of them under 74,75,76, and 78 Degrees, as the Countries of Ruis, Bacy, and Edam, and fome Dutch ships have gone as far as the 70th, to find out a Northern Passage to the East Indies: and having sailed a hundred leagues to the East of Nova Zembla, they found a Sea free from Ice, and good failing infomuch that they might fail very fecurely betwixt Spitzberg and Nova Zembla, provided a fit season were taken for doing it; for the parts of the Sea that are covered with Ice are those that lie next the shoar, which being mixed with fresh water are the more easily frozen; James Island lies between the Streights of Hudson and Davis; New Wales, which was discovered by the English in the beginning of this Century; Estoteland which lies to the North of New France and New Albion discovered in the year 1578 by Sir Francis Drake, which is thought by some to be a part of Cali-

The unknown Countries Iying towards the South Pole, are, New Guinea to the East of the Moluccas, which was discovered by Antony d' Ordo-meta, a Spaniard, in the year 1528, and by most part of Geographers taken for an Island; the Country of Papous, which lies to the West of New Guinea, and was discovered by the Durch not many years ago; New Holland, to the South of the Moluccas, the Country of Concord, which the Dutch, who discovered it in the year 1618, call t' landt van Eendracht; the Country of Dime, which Abel Tisman a Dutchman, discovered in the year 1642, and gave it that name in honour of Antony Dime, Prefident of their East India Company; Tierra Austral del Espiritu Santo, which makes a considerable part of the Terra Australia, towards the fouth part of the Pacifick Sea, and discovered by Pedro Ferdinand de Quiros, in the year 1606. It lies North-West and South-East, about 15 or 16 degrees South latitude, and has a great many Isles of less note lying abour

CHAP. VIII.

Containing the Description of the Celestial and Terrestrial Globes.

Globe or Sphere is a round Body, contained under one superfice, in the middle of which there is, or supposed to be, a point from which right lines being drawn to the surface, they are all equal one to another. The use and design of these Globes is to represent to us the sabrick of the World, and this Earth upon which we live; for the Celestial represents the Heavens with its luminous Bodies, in their true situation, order, and seeming Magnitude; the Terrestrial represents the Earth, with all its several Kingdoms, and Countries, Isles and Seas. And to the end that all these might be clearly and distinctly exhibited to our View, the Astronomers and Geographers have invented certain Circles, by which the Globes are divided, and the several parts of them distinguished one from another. Of those things that belong to the Globes, some are common to both, others peculiar to each. Of those that are common to both, some are placed without the superficies of the Globe, and others upon it. Without the Surface are,

- τ. The two Poles, one of which is called the North or Artick Pole, from the Conftellations called in Greek μρατοι (bears;) the other South or Antartick, as being opposite to the former.
- 2. The brazen Meridian, one fide of which being divided into degrees, and passing through the Poles, representeth the true Meridian, this side ought always to be turned to the East: and it is divided into four times 90 Degrees; of which twice 90 begin to be counted from that part of the Equator that appears above the Horizon, towards both the Poles; but the other two 90 Degrees begin to be counted from either Pole, and end in the Equator under the Horizon.
- 3. The wooden Horizon, the upper part whereof refembles the true Horizon, and is divided by divers Circles; the innermost of which contains the twelve Signs of the Zodiack, each of which is divided into thirty Degrees. Next to these is the Julian Calendar and also the Gregorian, and both of them divided into months and days: the former preceeding the other by ten days: and sometimes is added the Scaligeri-

an, with the names of the Months and Holydays, and the Golden number. In the outmost part is to be seen the Circle of Winds, or of the Quarters of the World, as they are now term'd by Mariners.

- 4. The Horary Circle, divided into twice twelve hours; of which the Twelfth for Midday points apwards, towards the Zenith, and the other twelfth for Midnight, towards the Horizon; but both these twelfth hours ought to coincide with the East side of the Meridian, in such manner, that the Pole carrying the horary Index, may possess the Center, and the Index it self, turned about with the diurnal Motion, may shew the hours before Noon in the Eastern semicircle, and those after Noon in the Western.
- 5. The Quadrant of Altitude, made of brafs, and divided into ninety Degrees, or the fourth part of a Circle, and so fitted that one end being fixed to the Zenith or Vertical point, it may be moved and carried along the Convexity of the Globe to any point of the Horizon. In this Quadrant are reckoned the degrees from the Horizon upward to the Zenith or Vertical point; and it is therefore sometimes call'd the Vertical Circle.
- 6. The Mariners Compass, which is set on a Pedestal, under the Meridian, and serves to adjust the Globe to the four Quarters of the World, so that not only the Horizon of the Globe may answer to the Horizon of the world but the Meridian to the Meridian, and all the Circles on the Globe to those in the Heavens. Sometimes in the Celestial Globe there is fixt to the Cardinal points of South and North the Semicircle of Position; which may be readily elevated from the Horizon towards the Meridian, to any situation: and serves to show the beginnings of the twelve Houses (as they call the semicircle of Position of the Heavens, which the Astrologers use to distinguish by six Circles of Position. All these are to be seen without the Surface of the Globes. And on the Surface it self are these following.

1. The

Etial, and sometimes the Equicial, because twice a year when the Sun in his annual courfe comes, or feems to come there, the day and night are equally long all the world over. It is divided into 360 Degrees, which begin to be counted from the Vernal Section of the Ecliptick and Equator, or the beginning of A: ries, and are continued round the Globe till you return to the same point. Through every degree of this Circle, there is or supposed to be, a Semicircle from one Pole to the other, degree of this Circle,
be, a Semicircle from one Pole to the outer,
which are called Neridians, of Circles of Lonwhich are called Neridians, of Circles of Lonthe South Pole, to the number of twelve. or a

the Longitude of Places is reckoned. It divides Phanix, Grus, Indus, Xiphias, Pavo, Anfer,
the Longitude of Places is reckoned. It divides Phanix, Paffer, Apus, Triquetrum, Angel,
Chanaleon.

2. The Eclipticks, which lies obliquely to the Equator, and mutually cut each other in two opposite points. One half of this Circle declines from the Equator towards the North Pole, about the pace of 23 degr. "31 Min. the other as much toward the South Pole, and divide the Globe into the North and South Hemispheres. The Zodiack and Ediptick agree in this, that they have the dame Axis and the Jame, Poles; but differ in this only, that the Ecliptick is a Circle in the middle of the Zodiack, without any latitude, and the Zodiack. diack; without any latitude: and the Zodiack is rather a Zone; or space almost 20 degrees broad. It is divided into twelve Signs, and each of these into 30 degrees; as we have faid before in the Chapter concerning the sphere.

3. The two Tropicks, viz. of Cancer and Capricorn; which are two Circles parallel to tiler Noc the Aquator, the former of which is removed as far from it as the Ecliptick is, viz. 23 deg. 31. Min. towards the North Pole, the other, as many towards the South Pole. They bound the Suns Excursions: from the Equator towards the North and South, and enclose the Ecliptick on both fides.

124 4 4. The two Polar Circles, viz. Artick and Antartick, which are as far removed from their respective. Poles as the Tropicks are from the Equator. These things which we have 'aiready mentioned in this Chapter are common to both Globes, only the Ecliptick and Semicircle of Polition belong properly to the Celeftial; but are added to the Terrestrial for the explaining, particularly, those appearances that depend on the annual Motion of the Sun.

But those things which are peculiar to each Globe, are, tr. Circles, vizi in the Celestial; the two Colures, and the Circles of Latitude; in the Terrestrial, the Meridians, Parallels, and Rhombs, or Points of the Compass, 2. Reprefentations, particularly in the Terrestrial Globe of the Earth and Seas; which are the proper subject of Geography; in the Celestial, of the fixt Stars and Afterisms, or Constellations, which are formed of them, being in Number 48. 12 of which possess the Zodiack. . There are 21 Constellations North from the Zodiack, and 15 South from it. The first are, Ur-

1. The Aquator, called also the Aquino- sa Minor, Visa Misjor, Draco, Cephers, Arial, and sometimes the Aquinoial, became Etophylax, or Leones, Corona Gnossia, Hercules vice a year when the Sun in his annual course in Genibus, Lyra, Cycaus, Cassingeria, Persona, or seems to come there, the day and Andromeda, Txiangulum, Auriga, Legossa, Etophia are equally long all the world over. It quienlus, Delphis, Sagitta, Aquila, Scopentari-divided into 360 Degrees, which begin to us, and Serpens. The second are. Cetus, Exitation of the Etophysical Control of the Et dams, Lepus, Orion, Canis Alajor, Canis Al-nor, Navi Argo, Hyara, Crater, Corvies, Cemaurus, Lupus, Ara, Corona Australis, Fifeis Auffrinus.

The Via Lasten, or Milky way, is a broad white circle, encompaffing the whole Heavens, and extending it felf, iometimes with a double pach, but for the most part with a fingle one Some of the Ancients imagined, that this Circle consisted only of a certain Exhalation, hanging in the Air; but by the ingenious of lervations of this 'Age, it hath been observed to be an innumerable heap of fix'd Stars, different in Situation and Magnitude; which being only different by the Telescope, are not usually represented on the Globe.

After this fhort Description of the Globes, it-will not be amis to subjoin a short account alfo of the way of making. These and Maps; that the Reader may the more easily and clearly comprehend the use and detign of them. The easiest and most exact way to make a Terrestrial Globe, is that whereby the Points of a Globe, representing the several places of the Earth, are fixed and determined from the Longitude and Latitude of every particular place, taken by observation: for if those be once given, the place it felf shall be represented by a point upon the Surface of the Globe, of the lame Longitude and Latitude. But because this Method would be both slow and troublesome, and is feldom us'd but when very large Globes are made for Princes or great Men who are willing to be at the Charge, the Common Ar-tificers take another way. They suppose the furface of the Globe to be divided into twelve equal parts by the Meridians drawn from Pole to Pole. Then upon a plain they delineate a figure like to this twellth part of the Globe, enclosed by two Arches of a Circle (which prove afterwards to be Semicircles of the leveral Meridians of the Globe) and each of these twelfth parts of the Globes turfate is again lubtwelfth parts of the Globes aurace is again lundivided into leffer portions by the Meridians which are conceived to pals through every degree of the Aquator, and the Segments or Arches of the fequator in the niddle of the figure, represented by a freight line; and the Meridians meet at the Polestor it. Afterwards the content of the Agriculture of the Agriculture of the content of the figure of the content of the figure of the content of the figure of the figur they take any one Meridian for the first, and from it they count the Degrees of the Aquator under this first meridian they fer a mark for that

that place of the Earth, which their Tables of Longitude suppose it to pass through; so that after they have divided the Acquator into 360 parts, beginning from this suffer Meridian, they may count the degrees of Longitude of each place upon it, as they do those of the Latitude upon the Meridian, each Semicircle of which is divided for that very end into twice 90 degrees, from the Acquator towards each Pole. This being done, the places of the Earth are marked upon the several parts of these Plans, according to their degrees of Longitude and Latitude taken from Tables made by observation. After all this is done upon paper, they engrave so many Copper Plates in like manner, from which they print off as many Copies as they please; which Prints are afterwards pasted upon the Globes, so as all their extremities meet at the Poles; though for the most part they reach no farther than the Polar Circles: and they make one piece to represent the space contained within these Circles; the application of this one piece being easier than to make the extremities of all these twelve Plans join together and meet exactly at the Poles.

Maps are Representations of the Globe, or some of its parts, upon a Plan; and therefore they are either Universal or Particular. The Universal Map is that of the whole Earth, and in it are represented the Circles of the Globe of the Earth and the several Kingdoms, Countries, Islands and Seas in it. The Circles are the same as you see in the Terrestrial Globe, viz. 1. The Æquator and its parallels, which are 10 degrees distant from each other, and are 10 in Number. The Æquator is represented by a streight line that lies along both sides of the Universal Map, and is divided into 360 degrees, 180 of which are on one side of the small map, and its secondaries, in number 34. It surrounds and its secondaries, in number 34. It surrounds and is as 'twere a hemm round both sides of the Map, so that there seem to be two Meridians, tho' really there is but one, and if the Map is not round but square, then the Meridians are represented as streight lines. In Geographical Tables or Maps the secondaries of the Meridian are lines like to Semicircles, drawn through the Æquator towards both the Poles.

3. The Zodiack is also sometimes described on these Maps, but more for ornament than use 4. The two Tropicks and two Polar Circles: and usually the Rhombs and Seamans Compass are represented.

The Representation of places, is the same on Maps, as on the Globe: and these are either more considerable, as Countries, Islands, Seas, Rivers; or less considerable, as Mountains, Woods and Rocks: and Cities also are diftinguished by their names. All these ought necessarily to be exhibited: But there are other things which are added more to please the eye, than for use, such as the Pictures of Birds, Beasts, and the several habits of People, to denote the product of these Countries,

and the habits that are used by the Inhabitants: Besides all these, in General Maps, are represented also the five Zones, the four Quarters of the World; the Amphissis, Heteroscii, and Periscii, the Antieci, Periscii, and Antipodes: and some Maps have the Climates and Parallels, and several other things represented upon them.

Solering plantingfrents Particular Maps are either greater or leffer; the former are those of the four parts of the World, viz. Europe, Asia, Africa, and America; the other are those of particular Kingdoms and Countries, as England, France, Spain, &c. and upon these are delineated not only particular places, but also certain Circles and a scale of Miles. The great Circles, viz. The Equator and Meridian are not to be seen in the Map of Europe, because no part of it lies under the Æquator or first Meridian; neither are the Tropicks or Polar Circles represented in the Maps of those Countries that do not lie under or near to any of these; but instead of the Æquator or Meridian lines parallel to these are drawn, for finding the Longitude and Latitude of places: and these lines are drawn on the Margins of the Maps, and are divided into a proportionable number of degrees; those that represent the Æquator and are parallel to it, are drawn from East to West, as those that answer to the Meridian are drawn from South to North: The former serves for finding the Longitude as the other for discovering the Latitude. In some Maps the scale of Miles is simple, that is contains only the Miles of such a particular Country, of one kind: in others it is compounded, that is, has German, French and Italian Miles, distinguished one from another. Cities are distinguished from Towns, Towns from Villages, Villages from Casties, Casties from Monasteries, &c. by such marks as the Artificer thinks sit: and usually he affixes a Table of them. Universities are commonly denoted by little Stars, Bilhops Seats by Crosses, Forts by Turrets, &c. The Mariners Compass is also to be seen in some Maps for adjusting them to the Quarters of the World. The use of particular Maps is easily known by that of the Globe and general ones, as, 1. By the Elevation of the Pole and Longitude of the place one may know in what Zone any Country lies. 2. The Longitude of any place may be found by laying a thread or rule from the top to the bottom of the Map, so as it pass through the place. 3. The Latitude may be found by laying the thread or rule from one fide of the Map to the other East and West, over the place, whose situation you would know. 4. The Map may be easily adjusted to the Quarters of the World by the help of the Mariners Compass, or Meridian line. 5. The distance of one place from another may be found by the Compass and scale of Miles, or by a thread extended from one of these places to the other, and measuring the same afterwards upon the scale of Miles. These and a great many more might be enlarged upon, but we

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It would not have been improper in this place to

are unwilling to be thought tedious, and there fore rather choose to refer those who have a mind to be more fully informed in this matter to those Authors who have treated fully understiced without the knowledge of the Rules of Perspective; and there being sew who under standthese in any tolerable measure, we were unwilling to disoblige the Generality of People, who are ant to looke at this case. Rules of Perspective; and there being sew who under standshese in any tolerable measure, we were unwilling to disoblige the Generality of People, who are apt to bogle at things they have never feen before.

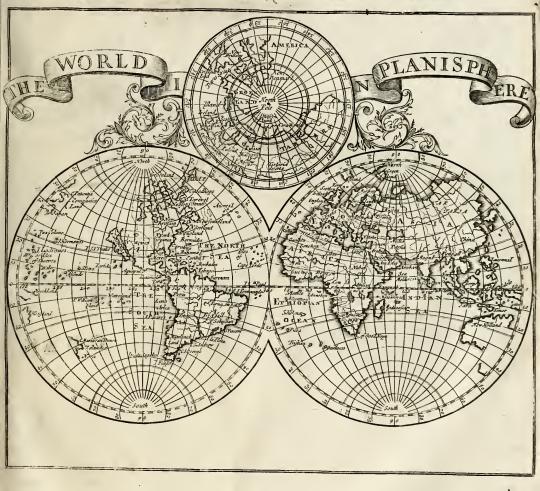
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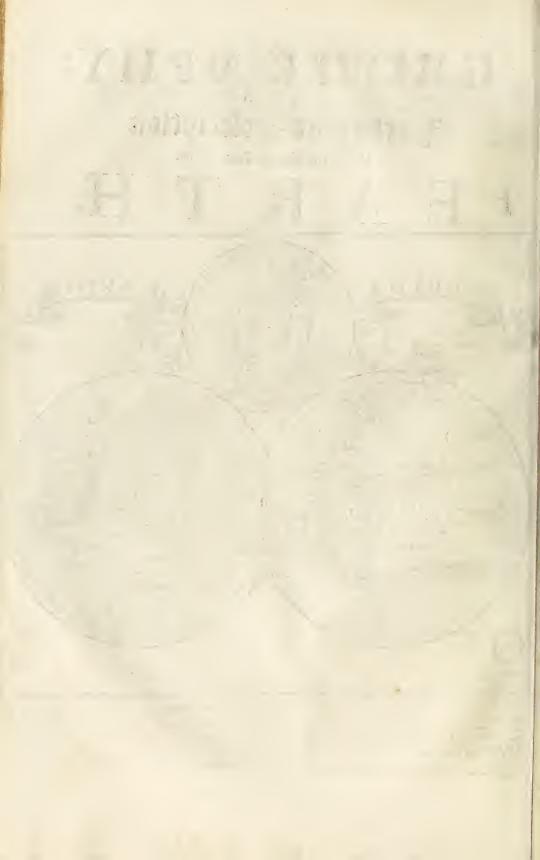
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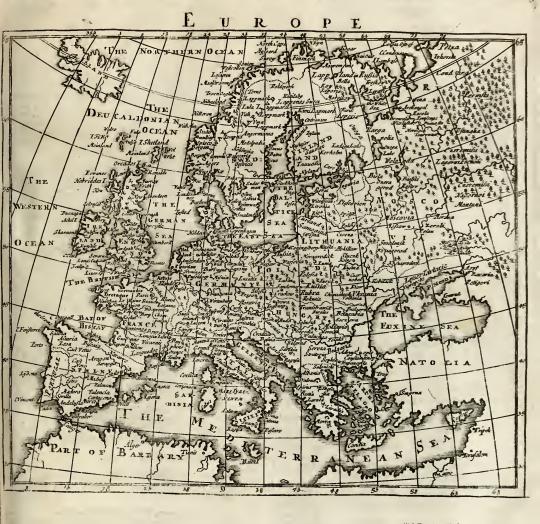
Particular Description

Of all the Known Parts of the

EARTH.







F the Name of Europe the Ancients tell many fa-bulous Stories, and make it deriv'd from a certain bulous Stories, and make it deriv'd from a certain Daughter of Agenor King of Phonicia, nam'd Europa, whom Jupirer falling in Love with, metamorphiz'd himfelf into a Bull, and fwam with her on his Back to the Ifland Creet or Candy. But a little to palliate this Fable, the Poetical Part is taking away by others, and the Story told, That one Aflerius a Cretan Captain, making War with the Phonicians, carried away this charming Princefs, and fail'd with her in a Ship call'd The Bull to Creet, and fael with her in a Ship call'd The Bull to Creet, whom the Poets make two of the Judges of Hell. thus, whom the Poets make two of the Judges of Hell. This Rape is by Historians judged to have happen'd about the Year of the World 2660. in the time of Gideon Judge

But whether this Lady, or any other particular Person,

or whether the finall Province of Thrace, call'd Europa, gave Name to this part of the World, we must conclude with Herodotus, is utterly unknown. But whencesoever the Name was deriv'd, it was call'd Europa by the Romans, and at this time l'Europa by the Italians and Spaniards, l'Europe by the French, and Europe by the English; but by the Tunks, Rumeli or Alifank, Frankoba by the Georgians, and Frankistan by the Irch of the People of Asia.

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It is bounded on the North by the Frozen Otean; on the South by the Mediterranean Sea, which divides it from Africa, on the East by Asia, from which it is parted by the Archipelago, the Euxine or Black Sea, and the Palus Metois, or Sea of Zabacha, and thence by a Line drawn from the River Tanais or Don, to the River Oby in Museowy; and on the West it is bounded by the Atlantick Ocean.

Europe is feated between the 34th and 72 Degree of La-

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titude, and between the 7th and rooth Degree of Longitude, reckoning the first Meridian to pass through the Island of Teneriffe; and contains in breadth from the North Cape to Cape Metapan in the Musa, about 2000 Miles: and inc length from Cape St. Vincent in the West, to the Mouth o

the River Oby in the East about 3600 Miles.

Altho' Europe be the least of the four Parts of the World, it is however more confiderable than any of them; being much to be prefer'd for the Mildness of the Air, the Ferrility of the Soil throughout, the many Navigable Rivers, the great plenty of Corn, Cattel, Wine and Oyl, and all things necessary, not only for Sustenance, but even for the Luxury of Human Life; but especially for the Beauty, Strength, Courage, Ingenuity and Wildom of its Inhabitants; the Excellency of their Governments, the Equity of their Laws, the Freedom of their Subjects, and which

furpaffes all, the Sanctity of their Religion.

Europe was Peopled after the Flood, as is generally believ'd, by the Posterity of Faphet, who came from the lesser Asia over the Hellespont into Greece. Tho' others fay, that those of Shem passing by Land betwirt the Caspian Sea and the Palus Martis, went thro Tartary and Scythia. into Sc india, and thence afterwards into France, Germany, &c. Whether of those two Opinions be most to be credited, we know not : But be that as it will, Europe hath for many Ages been exceeding Populous, and her Inhabi-rants Illustrious for their Courage, Wildom and Vertue; by which they Conque'd the greatest part of Asia and Africa, and made those Parts subject to the two Empires of Greece and Rome. And in these latter Ages, almost one half of the Earth that was formerly unknown, hath been discover'd by Europeans, and possessed by the Colonies they have fent thicher.

The CHRISTIAN RELIGION is profest throughout all Europe, except that Part of it possessed by the Turks. But by reason of the Innovations made by the Church of Rome, the Western Church is divided; Italy, Spain, France, part of Germany, and the Netherlands, with Poland, still following the Dolvine of the Church of Rome, whereas England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, great part of Germany, the United Provinces Swifferland, &c. have embraced the Reformation, and profess the Protestant Religion. And in Mustows, some parts of Poland, in Watachia, Moldavia, Podolia, Volhinia, and Greece, the Dostrine of the Eastern or Greek Church is

follow'd.

For Learning and Arts the Europeans have been most renown'd: All the Scholaftick Sciences they have brought to a much greater Perfection than either Afiaticks or Afri-cans over did: and the Invention and Improvement of many useful and ingenious Arts, particularly Navigation, is wholly owing to the Genius and Industry of the Inhabi-

tants of this part of the World.

The Languages of Europe are many, but are all deriv'd from these ix Original ones, viz. The Greek, Latin, Textonick or Old German, Gothick and Sclavonick; different Dialects whereof, with accidental Additions, being the Languages of all the confiderable Parts of Europe, except Tartary and Turky.

The Governments of Europe are mostly Monarchical,

but exceedingly more case and gentle than those of Asia

and Africa.

In Europe are these Soveraign Princes and States, viz.

The Emperour of Germany.

The Emperour or Czar of Muscowy.
The Grand Seigneur or Emperour of the Turks.

The King of Great Britain.

The King of Spain.

The King of France.
The King of Portugal. The King of Sweden.

The King of Denmark. The King of Poland.

The King of Hungary.

The Pope

Six Republicks, viz. 1. The State of Venice; 2. The States General of the United Netherlands; 3. The Cantons of Swifferland; 4. The Grifons; 5. The Republick of Genoa-

And 6. The Republick of Lucca.

There are besides these, no less than 300 Subaltern Soveraign Princes in Germany, Italy, &c. who tho' they are Tributaries or Feoffees to the Emperour, or some other Su-periour Prince, have Supream Authority in their own Estates: Of these there are both Spiritual and Temporal.

Of the Spiritual the most considerable are.

The Grand Mafter of Malta.

The Grand Mafter of the Teutonick Order in Germany. The Three Spiritual Electors of the Empire, viz. The Archbishops of Mentz, Triers and Cologn.

The Archbishop of Saltzburg, and 22 Bishops in Ger-

The Grand Prior of Malta, who is also call'd, The Grand Prior of Germany.

Several Abbots, whereof the Abbot of Fulda in Germany hath the largest Territory.

Several Provostics of the Church, whereof the most

confiderable is that of Berchtelfgaden.

Of the Temporal Princes there are
Five Electors of the Empire, viz. The Duke of Bawaria, the Duke of Saxon, the Marquis of Brandenburg, the
Count Plataine of the Rhine, and the Duke of Hanover.
An Arch-Duke of Austria.

A Great Duke of Tufcany.

Many Dukes; the most considerable whereof are The Dukes of Savoy, Mantua, Modena, Parma, &c. in Italy.

The Dukes of Wurtemburg, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Hol-flein, Lawenburg, Weimar, &c. in Germany. And

The Duke of Curland in Poland.

Several Marquiffes, viz. Of Baden, Durlach, Ohnspach, and Culembach in Ger-

Several in Italy, whose Estates are of small Extent.

The Landgraves of Heffe Darmstat.

Several Princes, whereof the most considerable are The Princes of Orange, Anhalt, Dombes, Monaco, Solfarin and Castiglione.

Divers Counts, the principal whereof are The Counts Nassaw, Furstenberg, East-Frizeland, Hohenzollezen, Arenberg, &c.

Befides thefe, there are

The Cham of Tartary.

The Waiwoods of Transilvania, Walachia, Moldania and the Ukraine.

And the small Republicks of Geneva and Ragusa.

The Division of Europe into its different Regions is already fet down in the Introduction, and will be seen more particularly in the following Defeription of them.

BRITAIN.

BRITAIN, Britannia, in General:



RITAIN, an Island large, populous and fruitful, is, in Longitude, about 15 Degrees and 50 Scruples; and in Latitude, in the North-part 59 Degrees, 40 Scruples; but in the South about 50 Degrees and 10 Scruples. Among the Ancients it was look'd upon to

be so considerable, that in their Writings they call'd it Insula magna; and Casar went yet higher, boatting, That he had sound another World. By the best estimate that can be taken, 'tis computed at about 1836 miles in compass, viz. from Cathness to the Lands-end, 912. from the Lands-end to the Kentish-

foreland, 320. and from thence all along the Eafterncoast to Cathness, about 704. The Ancients differ exceedingly in their accounts of this matter, but their Authority is not much to be heeded -: For few of those-Writers knew the Island, and those that did, had not yet fach a near acquaintance with it, as to take its

Dimensions with a tolereble exactness.

The FORM of it is Triangular, the Lands-end, the Kentish-foreland and Cathness, shooting out into so the Kentilo-foreigna and Carmel, nooting out that he many Promontories, and making the three Corners. It's Bound, the Sea, has feveral Names, adapted to the feveral Shores: On the North, 'tis called the Northern-fea; on the West, the Irish fea; on the South, the Channel; and, on the East, the German-Ocean. This advantage of the Sea surrounding it, as 'ris a Security against Enemies, so also against the violent Colds to which the Climate would be otherwife expos'd: It supplies us both with Peace and Health. For the Tides and constant Motions of the Sea fend us in a fostining fort of Vapour which qualifies the natural sharpness of the Air, even to that degree, that in some parts of France and Italy they feel more of the Winter than we in England.

The SOIL does, in a great measure, owe its Fertility to the same cause; the Vapours not only softning the Air, and by that means nourishing every thing that grows, but also furnishing us with easie Showers in their proper Seasons. Infomuch, that our Ancestors had a fancy, that this must needs be the Fortunate Islands, so much talk'd of by the Ancients; as having of all others the best claim to those agreeable Pleasures and Delights, with which they furnish'd that happy place. I know not whether it was not more the Courage and Vigour (observed to be in these Westerly Inhabitants) than any natural Cause, which gave rife to that Opinion, That the farther West, the Constitutions were more firm and the

Courage greater.

That part of the Island which lies toward the Weftern Ocean, is mountainous, as in Cornwall Wales, and also many parts of Scotland; but the inner Tracts are generally a plain, champain Country, abounding with Corn and Pasture. The most remarkable MOUN-TAIN, is that continu'd Ridge which runs from South to North, dividing, as it were, the whole Island into the East and West parts, and is by Writers

call'd the English Apennine.
The ISLAND S lie round it in great numbers; iome fingle, as the Isle of Wight, the Isle of Man, &c. others as it were in Cluffers, as the Caffirerides, the Oreades, and other little Slips that are featter'd all along the Ceaft of Scotland. It has on all fides very convenient Harbours, and is accommodated with navigable Rivers in abundance, which convey the Riches of the Sea and of Foreign Nations into the very heart of the Kingdom. Of all the reft, thefe three are by far the most considerable; the Thames, the Severn, and the Humber, which carry along with them into the Sea vast numbers of lesser Rivers. Their course, with the Towns and Cities they touch upon, are better represented in the Map, than they

would be by an enumeration of Particulars.

The INHABITANTS of the feveral Parts, are of a different original. Those of Cernwall and Wales are in a great measure the Posterity of the ancient Britains, who, upon the Invasions first of the Pills and then of the Saxons, betook themselves to those mountainous corners and out-skirts, and have ever fince maintained both themselves and their Language too, against the mixture of Foreigners. Of late years indeed, the Cornish are come over to the

English modes and ways of Living, and have begun to lay afide their ancient Tongue; which cannot per-haps be more plaufibly attributed to any one thing, than the great number of Representatives they return to Parliament; for whom 'tis natural to carry back with them the Humours and Inclinations of the Court, and, at their return, to fettle themselves in a method of Living agreeable to the Entertainments they meet with in their time of Attendance. But the Welch have no fuch entercourse with the polite parts of the Kingdom; and so keep on in the old Channel, both as to Customs, Language, and other Circumstances of Life. The Scots are originally Irifh, but not withont a mixture of *Pidts*, who (tho they were fubdu'd by the former, and fell under their Government) could not yet be entirely cut off, any more than the Conquer'd usually are in other Kingdoms. *Bede* and our other Historians are very clear and positive in the matter, That the West-parts of Scotland were Peopl'd from Ireland; and the Irifo, which is their Language, puts it beyond all dispute: But the exact time when this should happen, is a point the Learned still differ about, while the Natives are concern'd for their own Antiquity, and their Neighbours do not love to fee them run up their Original too high. As for the rest of the Island, tho' the *Britains* were for many hundred years in full possession, and after that the Romans made a confiderable figure among us; yet we can-not well imagine there is much of the Blood of either Nation among us at this day. The *Britains* indeed may with fome reason value themselves upon their defcent from the Romans, with whom, in such a vast compass of time, they could not but have frequent Inter-marriages, and so incorporate themselves as it were into one People. This they may infift upon, and by such a step be carried to the Trojans, (whom they are so fond of) with more reason and less vanity. But whoever confiders, how the Foreign Wars under the later Emperors clear'd this Island of the Romans, and how the prevailing power of the Saxons fwept off the miserable Britains, will have but a mean opinion of our Titleto a Descent from either. 'Tis true, we have more of the Roman Language to shew than the Britains, but we had it at fecond hand only from the Normans; whereas, the Remains they produce have been deriv'd to them from Age to Age, ever fince their mutual Correspondence with that People, So that the Saxons are as far as we can go with any tolerable probability; and they, along with the Danes (who for many years over-ran the whole Kingdom) and the Normans (who conquer'd it) are the great Ingredients of our Inhahitants at this

And as we are a mixture of the Northern Nations and of the French or Norman; so we seem to retain something of the HUMOUR and TEMPER of both, keeping a mean between the two. The French-man is brisk, gay and airy; the Hollander and German is unactive, heavy und unwelldy; the Englishman has neither fo much of the first Qualities as to carry him to Levity; nor of the fecond, as make him fairly chargeable with Dulnefs. His Fancy does not out-run his Judgment, nor his Judgment drown his This difference is very remarkable in two particulars, War and Learning. In the first, what more notorious than the slowness of the German, the quickness of the French, and the settl'd Courage and Conduct of the English? In the second, nothing is more apparent, than the Bulks of Lectures, and Comments, and Common places, that the first have given us; the little Whimfeys and pert Essaysthat we

have had from the second; and the solid Argument and substantial Matter which the last have sent into the World. The French, its true, have done great Honour to Learning, under the protection of a Prince; who has established a more lasting Name, by his eminent Patronage, to that, than by the progress of his Arms. But they have this advantage, that their Language has settl'd it self in most parts of Europe, and conveys the utmost extent of their Learning, as far as it reaches. Could but our English Tongue propagate it self into as many Corners of the World, or would the great Men among us make themselves Masters of the Roman Style, and so pen their Discourses in a Language universally known, our Books would undoubtedly make their own way: They would carry Instruction abroad, and bring Reputation to our own Kingdom. Our Divinity, particularly, as it is grave and substantial, so it is much courted and admired by Foreigners; insumuch, that of late years we have had great numbers of Germans, Sweeds, Danes, and other Nations, who have travell'd into England upon no other design, but to inform themselves in our methods of Preaching, and by learning the Language to be carable of engineers in the methods of Preaching, and by learning the Language to be carable of engineers in the surface of the engineers in the methods of Preaching, and by learning the Language to be carable of engineers in the surface of the engineers in the methods of Preaching, and by learning the Language to be carable of engineers.

The State of RELIGION, so far as we have any light from History, is in short thus. When Julius Cafar came over, his short stay and small correspondence with the Natives gave him little opportunity of informing himself in their Affairs. But when he observes that such of the Cault as desired to be informed. observes, that such of the Gauls as defired to be instructed in the Rites and Discipline of the Druids, came over into Britain for that purpole, its plain that this was the Religion of the place. Nor need we build only upon that hint, after he has told us how at that time twas a current Opinion, that the Discipline of the Druids came originally out of Britain, and was thence transplanted into Gaul. This was their Religion, till the plantation of Christianity; for which their old Pertuation (which taught 'em to believe One God, and the Immortality of the Soul) may feem in some meafure to have made way. How early it was introduc'd, is a point which has been much disputed among the Learned. Some will have it, that Joseph of Arima-thea fail'd from Gaul, and preach'd Christianity among them: But that, in several particulars, looks too like a piece of Monkish Forgery. The general Tradition is, that, at King Lucius's request, Pope Elutherus fent over Eluthanus and Meduanus to preach Christ; an Opinion which is handl'd at large by Archbishop User and Dr. Stillingsteet. The latter of these is enclin'd to have Christianity very early inthis Island, proving it to have been planted by no less Hand than that of S. Paul. The Reasons alledg'd by the particular Patrons of these Conjectures, are too many and too large for this place: The Authors them-felves have deliver'd em at large. Upon the invafion of the Saxons, Christianity was confin'd to that poor corner which was the shelter of the Britains, and nothing but Paganism prevail'd amongst that warlike Crew; till Pope Gregory sent over Austin the Monte with the indeptricable Ledystry and the Monk, who, by his indefatigable Industry laid fuch a foundation for Christianity, that his Successors gain'd ground apace, and in Tome years propagated it over the whole Nation. Such was the pions Zeal of those times, that Religion quickly receiv'd encouragement from all Hands, and Kings and Princes honour'd it with Religious Houses and Churches in great numbers. Thus it went on without Interruption, till the Danes broke in upon them; who, from an innate barbarity and hatred to Religion, as well as a thirst after the Wealth and Riches of those holy Places, spar'd none of them that lay in their way, but burnt and plunder'd whatever they came near. Upon an accommodation with that People, it reviv'd and grew mightily; so that England, sot number of Religious Houses, was perhaps as considerable as any part of Europe. Till King Henry the Eighth by Act of Parliament had them dissolved, when (quitting his subjection to the See of Rome) he made a Reformation of the Corruptions that had crept in among us, and chablisht the Protestant Religion.

The first LANGUAGE in this Nation, was British, which (as the People and Religion) was driven off by the Conquerors, and fucceeded by that of the Saxons. By the Danish Invasions, a mixture of that Tongue crept in among us; but did not cause any considerable Alterations, especially as to the Fundamentals, wherein they agree pretty much. But the Norman Conqueror, to foon as he was fettl'd in his new Territories, quickly discourag'd both; and such ceeded so well in his endeavours to establish the Norman, that before the end of Henry the Second, (what by contraction of the Old and interpolations of the New) we find the true native Saxon quite moulded into another form. For how should it be otherwise? Their publick Pleadings were in French, French was the Language of the Court, and Children were to learn no other Tongue. Thus, by degrees, (partly by reason of a fondnels we have always entertain'd for French Fopperies, and partly because of a harshness that has been still fancy'd to run through our own Language) our Ancestors have endeavour'd to fupply and refine it from the French, and every Age has been bringing in new Words, new Phrases, and new Dialects. So that now it makes a very great figure in our common Conversation and Writings; tho' we may still safely affirm, That the most full and significant Words in use among us, are the remains of the old Native Stock. And as it has been an unaccountable Levity in our Ancestors to affect Foreign Commodities when they had more substantial Wares at home; so would it become their Posterity to look back into the Ruins of their original Language, and try whether they cannot meet with ex-prefions of a stronger meaning, than the loose and verbal Harangue of our Neighbours, agreeable indeed to the Humour of an effeminate Nation, but by no means fuited to the masculine Genius of the English. This way of restoring our old Words has been of late practised, with good success, by an eminent Author.

SECT. II.

Of the ancient State of BRITAIN.

The name Britannia and Infulæ Britannicæ were of a large extent among the Ancients, and us'd fornetimes to fignifie all the Islands lying in this Western part of the World. But to restrain them to the more limited acceptation: Britain (as I observed before) was so little known to Julius Casar, that, as one says, He rather showd it to the Romans then subjected it to the Empire. So that his accounts of it are short and lame, rather taken from report than any certain knowledge he could have of their Affairs. He tells us, That all the Sea-coasts over against Gaul were peopled from that Country, but that the inner parts were Aborigines, or sprung out o' the Ground; which is a fair Confession that he knew nothing o' the

the matter. Had he drawn the In-landers from the fame Original as he did the Sea-coasts, he had light upon that by Conjecture which after-Ages have found reason to advance into an establish'd Opinion. The British Language is so much of a piece with the old Gaulih (as near as we can judge by the broken remains that are left us of this latter;) the Customs of both Nations were so alike; and its likewise so very natural to imagin, that after the propagation of wery natural to imagin, that after the propagation of Mankind, in their progress Westward and their quest after new Countries, out of Gaul they should come over into Britain, lying within Sight; that an impartial Judge cannot stick in this point. Let it suffice here barely to have recited the common Heads from which the Arguments for this Opinion are setched; especially since the great Oracle of our Nation, Mr. Camden, has prov'd every Particular with fuch a strength of Reason and Judgment as puts the matter beyond Dispute. I know the Britains are very proud of their original from the Trojans, and would fain have Brutus to have left his Name to the whole Island; but the fame Author has confidered their pretences to that Title fo exactly, and convinc'd them fo fully of their Mistake, that if any thing could,' nothing need to be added to what he has left us. Claudius was the next Man that came among us, who by his own Conduct and that of Aulus Plautius, made his way into the more inward parts of the Island, by the defeat of the Britains. After these, Vespasian, Publius Ostorius, and Paulinus Suetonius prov'd very troublesom to the Inhabitants, who all the while omitted no opportunities of returning their kindness, by surprizing the Roman Legions, entring into Confederacies against their new Governors, and more then once breaking out into actual Rebellion. But it was Agricola, who under Vespasian, Titus and Domitian, gave the finishing stroke to the Conquest of Britain; not by the same methods which his Predecessors had us'd, Hardships and Severities, but by the more gentle ties of an obliging Humour. 'Tis true, he was almost continually engaging one Party or other of them, for eight years to-gether; but unless his good Temper had feconded this fuccess of his Arms, though he might quell them for the present, yet he had left them in an entire hatred to their Roman Lords, and a full refolu-tion to take up Arms upon the first opportunity. By which means, the Suppleis necessary to defend the Garisons, would have cost the Romans more than all the Revenue of the Island was worth. But he observ'd, he had a stubborn morose People to deal with; a Nation that was inur'd to all kinds of Hard-fnip: and therefore instead of Threatnings (which could not work upon them) he betook himself to artificial Infinuations, and began to encourage the Roman Customs and Modes of living. This softm'd them by degrees, and melted them into Idleness and Luxury; fo that in a short time, he had par'd off that aversion to the Romans, and happy was the Man that could imitate them most.

To the Romans fucceeded the SAXONS, who came over upon this occasion. In the Reign of Valentinian the Younger, the Necessities of the Empire abroad, had obligd the Romans not only to recall most of their own Forces out of Britain, but also to deprive the Island of her own native Strength by their frequent Levies. The Scots and Picts (two Warlike People) laid hold of this opportunity to plunder the Frontiers, and make in-roads into the Territories of the Britains, who by this time were quite dif-

fpirited by Slavery, and had suffer'd their old native Courage to dwindle into Ease and Cowardise. In this condition, all the refuge they had, was to fly to the Romans, who had neither left them Forces to protect them, nor (which is worse) a manly resolute Spirit to stand upon their own Guard. The Romans were too warmly engag'd nearer home, to relieve them; upon which they send the same request to the Saxons, who had convinc'd them of their Courage, by their frequent Piracies upon our Coasts, even while the Romans continu'd among us. So that we find under the later Emperors, the Comes Littoris Saxonici, or Count of the Saxon Shore, to have been a standing Officer, whose business it was to guard the Sea-coasts against their In-roads and Depredations. Upon this application, they come over, repel the Enemy, and are mightily pleas'd with their new Quarters, especially being a luttle strainf at home. In short, they begin to lay hold on all occasions of a Quarrel with the Britains, pretend they had not stood to their Terms; and carry on their Designs so successfully, that they never desisted till they had Banish'd the old Inhabitants, and made themselves Masters of the greatest part of the Island.

The DANES about the year 800, though they had not so fair a pretence of coming over, yet by main force edg'd themselves in among the Saxons, and us'd them much at the same rare as that People had done the Britains. They robb'd and plunder'd, till they had forc'd them to a Composition, and had Lands affign'd them in several parts of the Kingdom. Nor would they be content with this; but made frequent Incursions into their Neighbours Territories, which occasion'd the raising of that fort of Tax call'd Danegelt, a Bribe to keep them from overrunning the Kingdom. But neither did this do. Their Insolence was such, that the English could not long bear it; so, entring into a secret Plot, they made a general havock of them in one single Night, putting them all to the Sword. At this, Sueno, King of the Danet, was highly enrag'd, and to revenge the Injury, invaded England with a strong Army, and possession invaded England with a strong Army, and possession of the Crown; which was enjoy'd only by four Kings of that Race, and then return'd to the Saxons.

Scarce had the Saxons recover'd their ancient Rights and Government, but they fell into a worse Confusion, upon the Death of Edward the Confessor. He was an easie Prince, and rather enclin'd to attend the Duties of Religion than the Secular Affairs of his Kingdom. Leaving no Issue behind him, the Tide to the Crown came to be contested by two very powerful Parties, who yet had neither of 'em a right to it; for Edgar Atheling was the only Man then living of of the Saxon Line. But Harold Earl Godwin's Son, took advantage of his tender years, and possessible the theory of the Throne. William Duke of Normandy, asterwards stiled the Conqueror, took these proceedings very heinously, imagining, that by his relation to that Family, by virtue of the Confessor's Promise when he was banish'd into Normandy, and also Harold's obligation to see it discharg'd, he had fairer pretentions than any other. Whereupon he landed with a powerful Army, Conquer'd the English in a set Battle, (wherein Harold was slain) and immediately took possession of the Government.

SECT. IV.

The Civil Government of BRITAIN.

Of the Administration of the ancient Britains, we have these two general Heads left us by Julius Casar, That in times of Peace, the Druids had the Conduct of all Civil Affairs; and in times of War they chose some one of remarkable Courage to be General of their Forces, upon that Expedition. The Romans Govern'd it by their Proprators and other Sub-ordinate Officers, who were to act according to Instructions from Rome, and had some Legions ready for their desence upon any emergent occasion. But the Saxons as they gain'd Ground, settl'd so many distinct Kingdoms; which upon their Entire Conquest, amounted to Seven, and have been since still'd the Saxon Heptarchy. The names of them, with their Extent and Jurisdiction, are as follows:

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other part Hertfordshire. But though these were distinct Kingdoms, yet still there was a face of Monarchy in the Nation; and the Prince that was most Powerful of the Seven. generally Lorded it over the rest, as if they had been only so many Tributary Kings. For they were continually at War one with another, and the Conqueror always taking the Dominions of the Enemy into his own Kingdom, they all came at last into that of the West-Saxons, under King Egbert; who by a publick Edict, order'd the whole Kingdom to be still and another that of King of Great Reitain, and another that of Monarch of all Albion.

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The King is Supremei n all Caufes, both Ecclesiaftical and Civil; having the same Power, in Matters relating to the Church, that the Pope had, before this Island disown'd his Jurisdiction under Henry the Eighth. But yet he cannot enact Laws fingly and by himself, but must have the Concurrence of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Com-mons affembled in *Parliament*, before any thing can pass into a Law. The Parliament does not meet but upon the more weighty Affairs of the Kingdom, and are both call'd and diffolv'd at the King's Pleasure, who is supposed to be Judge of the Exigencies of the Nation. This is the Supreme Court, wherein Caufes are finally determin'd, and from which there lies

no Appeal; whereas, Appeals are made to this from the other Courts.

The chief Courts are.

1. The King's Bench, fo call'd, because the King us'd to sit there in Person; but now administers Justice by a Lord Chief Ju-fice, and three more Judges, or as many as he shall think fit. 2. The Common Pleas (from deter-mining Pleas between Subject and Subject) confists of a Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and three other Judges to affish him. 3. The Exchequer (from a Table at which they fat;) where all Matters belonging to the King's Revenue are determin'd by the great Officers and Judges belonging to it, viz.

The Lord Treasurer, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chief Baron . and four other Barons. 4. The Chancery, (so call'd from sitting within the Rails or Chancels;) instituted to moderate the Rigour of the Law, which by reason of an infinite number of unforeseen Circumstances that attend a great many Causes, is too often Oppression and Injustice. Hither, therefore, they make their Appeals, who think themselves injur'd by the Letter of the Law: And if it appears that they have Equity on their Side, the Judgments given upon strict Law are revers'd, and the Parties reliev'd. In this Court is the Lord Chanthe Parties reliev'd. In this Court is the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Kceper of the Great Seal, and twelve
Masters of Chancery, as Assessing the chief whereof
is the Keeper of the Rells. 5. The Court of Admiralty, where Sentence is given in Marine Assairs, by the
Admiral of England, a Judge, two Clerks, &c. 6. The
Court of Requests (from the Petitions receiv'd there)
managed by the Lord Privy Seal, the Masters of
the Requests, a Clerk, and two or three Attorneys

neys.

The Court of Wards and Liveries (from taking Cognifance of the Caufes of Minor's) and the Court of Star-Chamber (which was chiefly to restrain the Exorbitances of Great Men, and punish Misdemean-

ors, &c.) are both abolish'd.

Besides these Courts, the King, for the Ease of the Subject, sends down two Judges into each County; the one of Life and Death, and the other of Nisi Prius, who are to determine Causes without putting the Parties to the Trouble and Expence of giving Attendance at the Superior Courts; except where the Case is weighty and difficult, and then it is referr'd to a Trial at Westminster: And as these Circuits were contriv'd for the Ease of the Nation in general; fo for the Peace and good Government of each particular County, the King has Lord Lieurenants, whose Care it is that the State suffer no Damage. Each County also has it's Sheriff, who is to get up the Publick Revenues, to attend the Judges, to take care that such as are condemn'd be duely extended the suffer of the Parcel State of the Parcel State of the Parcel who ecuted, &c. And feveral Justices of the Peace, who may Commit for Felonies, Trespasses and other Misdemeanours.

Before the Conquest, we find that England, acd cording to its several Branches, was governed by three forts of LAWS, the West-Saxenlage, the Danelage and the Merchenlage. For as the Authority, which the first and last of these three bore in the Heptarchy, was sufficient to establish their own Laws in their neighbouring Countries; fo the Power to which the Danes arriv'd, did effectually engage such Places as they over-ran most, in the Use of their Customs and ways of Living. But upon William the Conqueror's coming in, these Laws were in a great mea-sure laid aside. At first, he intended to have brought in the Norman Usages, and to have established them here entire; till he found the Humour of the English vere much set upon their own Laws, and so was induced, from a prudent Regard to his own Sasety, only to Reform, Alter, Add, Sc. but so, that the old Body was his Foundation. The in his whole management of Affairs, he omitted no Opportunities either of Force or Infinuation, to discourage the establish'd Customs, and to wean them from the Affection they had to the Usages of their Fore-fathers. Thus, he won upon them by degrees, till he had confirm'd himfelf in his New Conquests, and in an absolute Power, or something that look'd very like it; especially, if we take an Estimate from his Arbitrary Proceedings towards the English, rather than from his fair Words, Contracts and Promises; which Conquerors, when thay find them inconfistent with their Defigns, feldom want either Inclination or Pretences to break and cast off. But the succeeding Kings (whether for want of Policy, or Courage, or both) found it hard to maintain themselves in that absolute manner of Government, and to complete what their Predecessor had begun. For the People began to insist upon their Liberties (whether justly or unjustly, I shall not determine; 'tis a Controversie has cost Pains and Paper enough already) omitted no Advantages of Wars abroad or Disturbances at home, whereby they might gain Ground and extort new Privi-leges. More especially, in the Reigns of King John and Henry III. they broke into open Wars, for the Redress of Grievances; and brought them to such Straits, that they were glad to come off by submit-ting to the Regulations insisted upon, and by admit-ting the Nobility and Gentry into a nearer Share of the Government. Whereupon, the Great Charter, call'd Magna Charta, was granted, and Statutes began to be made according to the Necessities of the Kingdom; by which, and the Common Law, or the common Usages of the Nation, our Law-Courts proceed at this Day, in their Judgments and De-

SECT. IV.

The Ecclesiastical Government.

The Church of England is govern'd by two Archbiftops and twenty five Biftops. The Archbiftop of Canterbury is Primate of all England; the Archbiftop of York is Primate of England, but not of all England: A Controverfie which caus'd many hot Disputes and Quarrels, but was at last determin'd in favour of Canterbury, against all the Pleas and Arguments brought by the other for Independency and Freedom. The Archbishopricks and Bishopricks, with their Extent and Jurisdiction, will best appear from the following Scheme.

Rochester Within the Province of Canterbury, which lath part of Kent for its own peculiar Diocess are London Suffex Chichefter Winchefter Salisbury Exeter Bathe and Wells Glocester Worcester Hereford Lichfield and Coventry Lincoln Ely Norwich Oxford Peterburrow Briftal Banchor, and S. Afaph.

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Contains The other Part of Kent. Effex, Middlesex, and part of Hertfordshire. Hampshire, Surrey and Isle of Wight, with Gernsey and Terfey. Wiltshire and Berkshire. Devonshire and Cornwall. Somersetshire. Glocestershire. Worcestershire, and Part of Warwickshire. Herefordshire, and Part of Shropshire Staffordshire, Derbyshire, and the other Part of Warwickshire, with Part of Shropshire. Lincolnshire, Leicestershire Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and the other Part of Hersfordshire. Cambridgeshire, and the Isle of Ely. Norfolk and Suffolk. Oxfordshire. Northamptonshire and Rutlandshire. Dorfetshire. To these add four in Wales, S.Davids, Landaff, Cheshire, Richmondshire, Lancashire, Part of Cum-

Within the Province of York, which hate Yorkshire and Not land, Flintshire and Denbighshire. The Bishoprick of Durham Durham and Northumberland. Part of Cumberland and Carlifle of Westmorland. Sodor The Isle of Man.

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As to the Precededcy of these, the Archbishop of Canterbury is first, York second, London third, Durham fourth, Winchester fifth; and the rest according to order of Confecration.

As in the Civil Government, the Parliament is the Supreme Court, so is a Synod in the Ecclesiastical; call'd among us a Convocation: Wherein Matters of Dollrine and Discipline are from time to time stated and determin'd, and by the King and Parliament pass'd into Laws.

The chief Courts of the Archbishop of Canterbury

1. The Court of Arches, where the Dean of the Arches fits as Judge.

2. The Court of Audience, where all Complaints, &c. are received.

3. The Prerogative Court, where the Business of Wills is handl'd.

The Court of Faculties, where the Rigour of the Canon-Law is moderated.

The Court of Peculiars, wherein is lodg'd a Jurisdiction over Parishes exempt from the Bishop of the Diocess.

Besides, every Bishop holds his Court within his own Diocess, and takes Cognizance of Exconmunication, Censures, and other things relating to the Church.

SECT. V.

The Divisions of England.

The most remarkable Divisions of England, are these three. 1. That of the Romans into Britannia prima, secunda, Maxima Casariensis, Valentia, Fia-via Cesariensis. The Bounds of these several Branches are very uncertain, and can only be gathered from Conjecture. Britannia prima scems to have been the South Part of Britain. Secunda probably was Wales. Maxima Cafariensis and Valentia seem to have been those Countries that lay upon their Frontiers of Scotland. And Flavia Cafariensis was, likely enough, the Heart of England.

2. That of the Saxons, into feven Kingdoms; whereof we have given an Account, under Scal. 3. concerning the Civil Government.

3. That of King Alfred, into Hundreds (call'd in

fome Parts of England, Wapentakes) and Counties.

Besides these, the Romans branch'd it into so many several People, the Names whereof are generally of a British Original, relating either to the Figure of the Place, the Nature of the Soil, or the Disposition of the Inhabitants. This Division cannot be more conveniently represented, than in a Table along with the Counties of England, as they stand at this Day, and fall within the Bounds of the feveral People.

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Cattieuchlani. Buckinghamshire,

Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire. Trinobantes. Middlesex,

Iceni. Suffolk, Norfolk. Cambridgfhire, Huntingdonshire.

Effex.

Coritani. Northamptonthire, Leicestershire, Rutlandshire, Lincolnshire,

Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire. Cornavii. Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Chethire. Silures. Herefordshire, Radnorshire, Brecknockshire, Monmouthshire, Glamorganshire. Dimet a. Caermardhinshire, Penbrokeshire, Cardiganshire. Ordevices. Montgomeryshire, Meirionydhshire, Caernarvonshire, Anglesey, Mona. Denbighshire, Flintshire. Brigantes. West-riding, Yorkshire, East-riding, North-riding, Richmondshire. Bishoprick of Durham, Lancathire,

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CORNWALL.

THE County of CORNWALL has its Name from leffening by degrees into a fort of *Horn*: which very exactly answers the Nature and Form of that Trace; as may be seen either by the General or Particular Maps. As it lies out from the rest of the Kingdom, so had it formerly it's Laws and Usages distinct from England. But 'tis by degrees reconcil'd, not only to the same Laws, but even to the same Language. Now, few or none among them know any thing of

the old Cornish; having a great fondness for the English Tongne and Modes of Living.

Their greatest Commodity is Tin; which has given occasion to an Opinion that the Phanicians traded thither, and left Name not only to the County in General, but to many Particular Places in it. But whatever Advantage might be reap'd from the Mines anciently (which probably was very confiderable;) 'tis certain that the Earls of Commall have been prodigiously enrich'd by the Revenues arising from them. Nor could it be well otherwise; all Europe fetching their Supplies, at least the greatest share of them, from these Parts. Which vast In-comes have induc'd the Earls to grant them large Privileges; to procure them fuel Charters from Time to Time as might tend to the Improvement of their Trade or Convenience of Management, and to creek Courts and conflictute Officers, in a Method agreeable to the Nature of the Employment, and the Humor of the People.
"Tis observable, That through the whole County,

abundance of Towns are scatter'd, which have their Names from Irish Saints, who had come over into these Parts; and on account of their Piety and Religious Course of Life had a wonderful Veneration paid them. And after their Deaths, the particular Places wherein they had fpent their Time in Devotions and Retirement, were confecrated to their Names, and had fignal Pieces of respect paid them by their

Neighbours.

The most Remarkable | Falmouth, | Launston, | Saltasse, | Saltasse

Falmouth, a Town of confiderable Trade, which the Convenience of the Harbour brings to it. 'Tis a Port very Large, and withal Safe, by reason of the Creeks on all Sides, which protect it against the Violence of Winds and Storms. The two Forts, one on each Side, viz. S. Maudit's and Pendinas, render it a Place of yet greater Srength and Security

Launceston or Launston, on the East-side of the County (call'd in Donessiday Launstaveton, from a College there dedicated to S. Stephen) is two Towns, now grown into one, and is become so considerable that

the Affizes are always held in it.

Truro, a Mayor-Town, supposed to be so call'd from it's three Streets; but especially considerable in those Parts for the more than ordinary concern that it has in the Stannaries.

Wadebridge, about five miles from Padstow, is re-

markable for a Bridge of seventeen Arches, the largest by much in the whole Country.

Fawey, a Haven on the South-fide of the County, remarkable for Sea-Fights; and has in Memory of them, for its Arms, a Compound of those of the Cinque-Ports.

Saltaft, on the West-fide of the River Tamar , a Town conveniently feated for Trade, well stor'd with Merchants, and endow'd with good Privi-

leges.
S. Columbs, not far from the Iriflo-Sea, tho' a Place of no great Trade or Refort, is made famous by its Relation to S. Columba, a very pious Woman, from whom it had the Name.

Ancient Places.

Voluba feems to have left its Name in our prefent Falmouth before-mention'd.

Belerium can be no other than the Land's-End; call'd also by Ptolemy Arlussauor or Antivestaum.

Cenions offium, cannot any where be plac'd more probably than at that large Port, the Conveniency whereof we have describ'd under Falmouth.

Octinum (probably so call'd from Ochr, an Edge)

seems to be that Promontory, call'd at this Day, the

Uzella feems to have left fome Remains of its Name in the prefent Leftnibiel, which was a Place of good Note and Trade, till the Sands stopping up the River, hindred Ships from coming up to it.

Tamara is the River which parts this County from Devonshire, and likewise a Town upon it, now call'd

Tamerton.

Things Remarkable.

Biscaw-woune (near S. Buriens) a Place so call'd, where are nineteen Stones set in a Circle, which by some are imagin'd to have been erected in memory of a Victory. But if we compare them with others of the same Nature, in other parts of the Kingdom; to imagine them Funeral Monuments, will perhaps be a more plaufible Conjecture.

Main-Amber (near Penfans) a stone of a prodigious Bigness, which yet was so plac'd that one might move it with a Finger. In the late Civil Wars it was thrown

Other-half-stone (not far from S. Neot's) an Inscription, with large barbarous Letters, the Reading whereof implies it to have been a Funeral Monument. See

Camden's Brit. Engl. p. 9.

Wing-cheefe; near this Place, is a large Stone like a Cheefe, and so plac'd between some others, that it seems to be press d by them.

Hurlers, at a little distance, is a square Set of Stones, so call'd from an Opinion advanc'd by the common People, that they are so many Men chang'd into Stones for hurling the Ball, on Sunday; an Exercise for which they have been always famous. But we need not acquiesce in their Fancies, since it appears plainly enough, that these (as well as many others in this County) were Funeral Monuments; from a Cross discover'd upon one of them, by an ingenious Gentle-

DEVONSHIRE.

A S Devonshire in the Time of the Romans was included under the same common Name, Danmonii, with its Neighbour Cornwall; fo in after-Ages did it hare in feveral Privileges and Advantages. Particularly in those of the Tin-mines, which it had in great abundance; as the four Stannary-Courts, and the Officers belonging to them do plainly evince. Nay, by the best Computations which can be drawn from the Registers and Publick Papers belonging to each County, it appears that this afforded a greater Plenty than Cornwall. And that not only of Tin, but also of Silver; Mines whereof were discover'd about Comb-Martin, in the Time of Edward I. and did great Service to King Edward III. towards carrying on the French

The Soil of it felf is Lean and Poor; but they improve it strangely, by a fort of Sea-Sand, which they sprinkle upon it: And where that is

The more confiderable Towns, Totally, Totally, Totally, Totally, Totally, Tokes, Tokes Torbay, Tiverton,

Tavestock, adjoyning to Cornwall, is not at pre-fent remarkable for either Wealth or Buildings; but receives all its Glory from the old Abbey, and the Laudable Custom (while that stood) of reading Saxon Lestires, in order to keep up the Knowledge of our old Mother-Tongue.

Plimouth, a flourishing Town, occasioned by the Convenience of its Harbour, for the Reception of great Ships. Which the Government observing, has pitch'd upon it as the most convenient Place in those Parts, for the Building of Ships, and has thole Parts, for the Building of Ships, and has accommodated it with a Dry-Dock, capable of a First-Rate-Ship, a Bason before it of above two hundred Foot square, and Houses for Officers, Stores, &c. in proportion. They had a Mayor granted them by Henry VI. who governs the sour Wards, into which the Town is divided; whereas before they were govern'd by four distinct Captains (for they so term'd them) and their inferior Officers. The Place is eminent for the Birth of Sir Francis Drake.

Totnesse, upon the River Dert, was formerly, a Town of great note, and accordingly had very confiderable Privileges granted it by the Kings of England. The Condition of it at present, will not bear the Character which it formerly had.

Torbay, upon the Eastern Coast, has been very remarkable and much talk'd of for the Landing of the Prince of Orange, now King William III. on Nov. 5th. 1688.

Tiverton, upon the Ex, is remarkable for a good Free-School, and for its Woollen-Trade, which very

much enriches the Inhabitants.

EXETER, the most considerable Place in all ese Parts, stands upon a gentle Hill, and is enthese Parts, stands upon a gentle Hill, and is encompass'd with a Ditch and very strong Walls. That the Romans knew it, is plain from the Itinerary of Antoninus, which begins here. The Saxons came

then into the entire Possession of it, when Athelsian turn'd out the Brirains, who had not till that Time solely enjoyd ir, but had the Liberty of Living in common with the Saxons. As the Kings of England have endow'd it with many Privileges, fo has it fuffer'd very much from Sieges: Notwithstanding all which, it might have been more confiderable than it is at this day, if the Wears of Topestam did not hinder Ships of Burden from coming up to the City, as they formerly did. On the East-Side stands the Cathedral, built by King Athelstan, and by Edward III. honoured with the Title of an Epifcopal See.

Bernstaple, on the Irish-Sea, is a neat Town, govern'd by a Mayor, two Aldermen, and a Common-Council of twenty four. 'Tis a Place of good Trade, so that the greatest part of the Inhabitants are Merchants; and is pretty eminent for a Bridge, built by one Stamford, a Citizen of London.

Toposham, a Town near Exeter, had its Rise from

the Misfortune of that Place: for upon the Obstructions of the River Ex, made by Edward Courtney, Earl of Devorshire, upon a Displeasure conceiv'd against the Citizens; this began to be a Place of Resort, where the Vessels landed, and from whence the Lading was carry'd by Land to Exeter. But in the Time of King Charles II. fuch effectual Endeavours were made rowards the removing of those Damms, that now they carry Lighters of the greatest Burthen up to the City-Key.

Okehampton, so called from the River Ock; upon which it stands, is a considerable Market-Town, incorporated by King James I.

Ancient Places.

Is a, mentoin'd by Ptolemy, is so plainly convey'd to us in the present Ex, call'd by the Britains Is; that there's no Place of doubt, but this is the same

Is a Danmoniorum, is out Exeter.

Moridunum, tho it has left nothing of the Name, feems yet to have its Meaning preferved in a Sea-Coast-Town, call'd at this Day Seten: For Mor is Mare, and Dunum a Town.

Herculis Promontorium is eafily discover'd by the prefent Name Herty-point; of which no tolerable Reason can be given, unless we allow it to be a Corruption from that old Name.

Things Remarkable.

Lay-well, is a Well near Tor-bay, which in the compass of an Hour Ebbs and Flows several Times; bubling up now and then like a boiling Pot. The neighbouring People look upon it to be Medicinal in some fort of Fevers.

At Withicombe, in a Storm of Thunder and Light-ning (14 Car. I.) a Ball of Fire came into the Church, while they were at Divine Service, which kill'd three Persons, and wounded fixty two; and befides, did Damage to the value of 300 l. and upwards.

And at Crews-Morthard, in the fame County, a like Storm happen'd, which melted the Bells, Lead and Glass; and was so violent, that it rent the Steeple: This was in the Year 1689:

The Organ in the Cathedral at Exeter is accounted the greatest in England; the largest Pipe being 15 Inches Diameter.

At North-Taunton, there is a Pit of ten Foot deep, out of which there fometimes fprings up a little Brook, that continues for many Days together. The Common People tell you, That it prefages fome Publick Calamity; but whether the particu-lar Times, at which it has been observed to rise, will justifie that Interpretation, I know not.

DORSETSHIRE.

THO' the County of Dorfet lies much upon the Sea, yet have they not those Advantages from Navigation, or fuch Convenience of Harbours, as other Counties that have less Sea-Coast. Which posfibly may be owing, in some measure, to the fruitfulness of their Soil, which both employs the Inhabitants, and supplies them with all Necessaries of Life; whilst Parts that are more barren send the Natives to Sea, both to employ their Time and provide a Maintenance.

The more confi- {Lyme, derable Towns {Dorchefter, Shirburn, } {Shirburn, } {Shaftesbury, Blunford, Winburn.

Lyme, a Place of good Trade and well-stocked with Merchants, lies upon the Sea-Coast, near the Borders of Deconfhire. Navigation is that which has raifed it from a very mean Condition; for the Convenience whereof they have built a very remarkable Peer, which requires a great Sum of Mony yearly to maintain it. This Advantage fupplies it with Wealth at home; but, that which has given it a name abroad. was the Landing of the Duke of Monmouth, upon which occasion we frequently meet with it in the Histories of those Times.

Derchefter, the Place from which the whole County had its Name, must, for that Reason, have been formerly of much more note than it is at prefent. Decay probably is owing to the Revolutions of Wars; for that it has been a Place of Action, we learn both from our Histories and the Remains of Antiquity they still meet with. Of late Years it seems to have recover'd it felf; being thought fit to have the Privilege of a Mayor and Aldermen bestow'd upon it by King

Charles I.

Shirburn, upon the Edge of Somersetshire, derives its ancient Glory from being an Episcopal See; and its present from Populousness, and their improvement of

of the Woolen Manufacture.

Shaftesbury, feems to have been of confiderable Note in the Times of the Saxons; in whose Histories we find it frequently mention'd. That it was built by King Alfred, appears by a Stone dug up out of the old Ruins; the Reading whereof Malmsbury has convey'd to us. It grew to confiderably, that about Edward the Confessor's Time it had no less than 104 Houses.

Blandford (upon the Steur) a pretty Market-Town, which ows its Beauty to a Fire that happen'd in it, and burnt it down; after which it was nearly re-

Winburne, upon the same River, is seated at the Foot of a Hill; being pretty large and populous. In the more early times it was famous upon the account of Religion, and the Nunnery there; But afterwards for being a Seat of War in the Danish Commorions,

In this County, we must also observe Portland, an Island of about seven Miles Circumference, gaurded with a continued Ridge of Rocks running round it. The Inhabitants are not many; but the Soil affords

good ftore of Corn and Patture.

And on the East-fide of the County, Punbeck, which is of a contrary Nature, being mostly Heath and Wood; but well stock'd with Fallow-Deer.

Ancient Names.

Durnovaria, mention'd by Antoninus in these Parts, can be no other than the present Derebeser, whether we respect the Name, the Distances, or the Remains of Roman Antiquity, which they trace

Vindogladia also discovers it self in the present Name of Winburn; the first Syllable whereof is manifestly a Relick of the old Denomination: And the second (which implies a River) does very well answer the Gladia, deriv'd from the British Clediau, Swords; by which Expression they sometimes denoted their

Things Remarkable.

In the Isle of Portland, Wood is so very scarce that their common Fuel is Cow-Dung dried hard by the Hear of the Sun; which being so order'd makes

a clear Fire, without any offensive smell.

Maiden-Castile, near Dorchester, is a most stately Piece of Antiquity, and appears from the Form, Conrrivance, and other Circumstances, to have been a

Work of the Romans.

White-Hart-forest, on the Borders of Somersetshire, has its Name from a White-Hart, kill'd by a Gentleman of this Country, against the express Order of King Henry III. For which Fact, there is yearly paid into the Exchequer a pecuniary Mulct, call'd White-hart-

It was a pleafant Humor, and a very lucky Dif-covery, that happen'd fome Years ago near Winford-Eagle. Digging a Barrow or Tumulus, the Workmen came to an Oven (with an Urn in it) and one of them putting forward his Hand, in hopes of fome farther Difcoveries, found it too hot for him to hold it longthere. 'Tis probably owing to some Mineral's the fame natural Heat being commonly discover'd by the Miners.

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SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE County of Somerfet is not fo well accommodated with Harbours, as might be expected from a Tract of Ground that lies so much to the Sea. In some Parts it is exceeding Marshy; but in others affords: plenty of good Corn and Pafture.

The more confi- (BRISTOL,) (Bridgwater, detable Towns BATHE, arc, WELLS, Taunton.

BRISTOL is parted by the River Aron, which divides this County, for some miles together, from Glocestershire. It's Wealth and Glory cannot be of any great Antiquity, because we find little or no mention of it in the early Times of the Saxons. No, nor in the Danish Plunders neither; which few Places escap'd, that had Riches enough to expose them to the Deptedations of that People. But after the Conveniency of the Place for Trade with most Parts of Europe, was observed and understood; the Inhabitants seem to have slocked thither, and by their good Success and Commerce to have improved it to that degree of Wealth and Beauty, it may justly glory of at this Day. Their Buildings are fair, the Inhabitants numerous, and their Churches and publick Edifices very Beautiful. To these Advantages, a new Honour was added by King Henry VIII. who made it a Bishop's See, upon the impression of the Monasteries, and gave it for its Diccess the City of Bristol (a County incorporate by it self) and the County of Dorset, formerly belonging to

BATHE stands upon the same River, and has the same Dignity of a Bishop's Sec, but in other respects fall far short of Bristol. It lies low in the middle of a Range of Hills, wherewith it is very much fortified. This natural Strength of the Place was, no doubt, the reason of all those contefts which the Saxons and Britains had about it, in their Engagements in those Parts. It's Name and Reputation have both the same Original; the hot Springs, I mean, arifing there, which many Ages have known, but none have experienced fo Medicinal as the present. Great numbers of the Nobility and Gentry flock thither in the Summer-time, and the Phycifians begin to frequent them more than ever: Which concourse from all Parts, makes it a little strange that the City should not increase more in Wealth and Buildings. As it affords Remedies to the Sick, fo does it give a great Diversion to the the Sick, so does it give a great Divertion to the Antiquaries, by shewing a number of Ancient Monuments and Inscriptions, set up in the Walls. That it enjoys the Title of a Bahop's See, was occasioned by Joannes de Villula, Bahop of Wells removing his Seat thither, about the Year of our Lord 1088. Whereupon to compose a Quarrel which had rifen between the Monks of Bathe and Canons of Wells about the Right of Election; it was agreed among other things, That the Bishop should take his Title from both Places; tho' by others 'tis affirm'd that for some time after, he was only call'd firm'd that for some time after, he was only call'd Bishop of Bathe.

WELLS, so call'd from the Wells and Springs in it, is fituated at the Bottom of Mendip-Hills. It was made a Bishop's See by Edward the Elder, about the Year 905, and the Bishop kept his Residence in it, till John de Villula, the Sixteenth Bishop, having purchas'd the Town of Bathe of Ling Henry I. transferr'd it thither. The Place is populous, and very beautiful, whether you respect the publick or private

Bridgwater (corruptly fo call'd from Burgh-Walter, as appears by the ancient Records) lies upon the River Parret, and is a large and well-peopled Town.

Somerton, as inconfiderable as it is at prefent, was once the chief Town in this County; as may be rea-fonably inferr'd from its giving Name to the whole; and from the frequent mention of it in our ancient Histories.

Taunton, a Town feated upon the River Thone, which gives it the Name, is very neat and beautiful in it felf; but render'd much more agreeable by the delicate Prospect it gives us of green Meadows, and numbers of pretty Villages all round.

Ancient Places. Uzella, mention'd by Ptolemy, is an Aestuary on the West Side of this County, occasion'd by the concourse of two large Rivers, emptying themselves into the Sea about the Stert-point.

Ishalis, appears from the Coins and other Marks of Antiquity, that are dug up at Ivelchester (a Town upon the River Ivel) to have been seated at that Piace.

Aque Solis, by the Course of the Itinerary, and the Import of the Word, can be no other than our Bathe; especially, if we add to these Evidences, the Monuments mention'd to be found, in the Description of that Place.

Things Remarkable. Ochie-hole, a remarkable Cave in Mendip-hills, of a vast length; where they discover several Wells and Springs.
The Serpent-Stenes are common at Cainfoam near

Bristol.
Abundance of Diamonds are about the Rock near Briftol; being lodg'd very artificially in a hollow fort of Flint.

A Monument of large Stones, not unlike that of Stone-Henge in Wilessire, is at Stanton-drew in this County; but being interrupted with Buildings and Enclofures, it is not so much taken notice of as it might otherwise deserve.

Cheddar-Cheefes (so call'd from the Place near Wells, where they are made) are fo large as fometimes to require more than one Man to let them upon the

Table.

The Elvers at Bristol is a Dish perhaps not to be uset with elsewhere: Tis a fort of Eel, which at a certain Time of the Year, semisa upon the Surface.

These they skim up of the Water in great Numbers. These they skim up in small Nets, and by a peculiar way of Dressing, bake them into little Cakes; and so fry, and serve them up.

Amongst the Rarities of this County, Glassenbury, may justify be reckon'd; which by the Remains of Religion and its venerable aspect, affords abundance of Pleasure to a curious Admirer of Antiqui-

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WILTSHIRE.

A^S the County of Wiles was for many hundreds of Years almost a constant Scene of Action in the Wars between the Saxons and Britains, and afterwards between the feveral Saxon Kings; fo does it afford greater remains of Antiquity than perhaps any County in *England* can pretend to. 'Tis divided into North and South; and agreeable to this Division, is of a different Soil and Aspect. The first bounds with little Hills, which are render'd very entertaining by the finall Rivers gliding between; and naturally produces much Wood. The latter is a Champain Fruitful Country.

Places of greatest Note, are Salisbury,
Malmsbury,
Devises,
Marlburrow,

Salisbury is two-fold, the Old and New. Old Sai rum was feated upon a High Hill (as most of our ancient Towns here in Britain are observ'd to have been) being a Place chiefly intended for Strength, and a defence against the Enemy, but what was a fecurity against Foreigners, provid a Grievance to the Inhabitants; who found the insolences of the Garifon-Soldiers to be fuch, that they feem'd Intolerable. To remedy this Evil, and to accommodate themfelves with the convenience of Water, (the want
whereof had been a great inconvenience in their old Quarters) they began to remove into the lower Grounds in the time of Richard I. where they laid the Foundations of New S.rum. And immediately Richard Poor, the Bishop, began a most stately Cathedral Church, which at this day has defervedly a name among the most considerable Structures of this Island. The Bishop's See was remov'd to Salisbury, upon the uniting of Sher-born and Wilton into one, by Hermannus, about the year 1056. But though that may be of advantage to the place, and fer it fomewhat forward in its growing condition, yet it could never have arriv'd to that Degree of Wealth, Populousness and Splendor, if the West-ern-road had not been turn'd that way, by the Authority of some who was nearly concern'd for its prosperity. Their want of Water was amply fupplied by their remove from the higher Grounds; for now every Street has its little Rivulet running through it.

Malmsbury, though at present a handsom Town and well maintain'd by the Cloathing-Trade, was yet formerly much more confiderable on account of its Monastery. For Maildulphus an Irish-Scot leading here an Hermit's Life, left behind him a Scholar (Aldhelmus) a very eminent Man, who built a stately Monastery; whereupon the place was call'd Mealdelmesbyrig, and by contraction Malmsbury; which Name seems to be a compound of Maildulphus and Aldbelmus, the Ma-

fler and the Scholar.

Devifes, anciently very famous for a strong Castle, the Government whereof has been thought an Hono-

rable Post by Persons of the best Quality. But now, that is quite Demolish'd; and the advantage of Peace hath given it what is much more valuable, a good Trade, a thriving People, and plenty of everything. It is Governd by a Mayor, Recorder, &c. and hath in it two great Parishes.

Mailburrow, upon the River Kennet, runs along the fide of a Hill: It was formerly eminent for its Castle, and it is mention'd in our Law-books and Courts of Justice, upon account of the Statute made here for the suppression of Riots, in 32 Henry III. call'd to this day Statutum de Marlburrow. The Keep of the old Castle is figur'd into a Mount of curious contrivance, by his Grace the Duke of Somerfet, the Owner

Wilton does not require a mention upon account of any Figure it makes at this day, but may juftly call for that respect, as being once the chief Town in the whole County. And it might have improved as well as its Neighbours, had it been allow'd the advantage of the Western-road, which at first it enjoy'd. But when that was tutn'd through Salisbury, the rife of one was the ruin of the other; and this Place has ever fince been dwindling by degrees into that low condition we fee it in at present.

Ancient Places.

Cunetio may very probably be fettl'd at Marlburrow, the Castle there appearing from Roman Coins to be of Roman Antiquity.

Sorbiodunum is agree'd upon by all Authors to be Old Sarum. However they may differ about the original of the Name, they are unanimous in their opinion of its Situation.

Werlund, keeps something of its name in the present Werlund, keeps something of its name in the present Werminster, (a Town lying upon the little River Dever-vil;) for by chainging the (v) into (w) which without any straining may be done, and adding the Saxon Termination mynster, we have the Name com-

Things Remarkable. Wansdike, or Wodensdike, (so call'd from the Saxon God Woden) is a wonderful Ditch croffing this Shire from East to West. Whenever it was cast up, the design seems to have been a Boundary or Fence, either to diftinguish Territories, or to be a guard against the Enemies in this Frontier Country.

Stone-henge is a Monument so remarkable, that it has engaged many Learned Pens in conjectures about its Founder's design and Antiquity. The Opinions contain'd in three or four scperate Books written upon that Subject, are drawn up, and the whole matter Stated in the new Edition of Camden's Britannia, page 108, whether I refer the Reader.

The Barrows upon Salisbury Plain, lying scatter'd

here and there, afford good entertainment to a curious Traveller; and the rather, because they are of several Forms and Figures, which perhaps in other

places is not fo common.

HAMSHIRE.

OF all the Counties which border upon the Sea, there are few that have the advantage of so many Creeks and Havens, as Hamshire. By which means the South part is abundantly supplied with all the conveniencies the Sea affords. Through the whole, they have good Store of Corn, and plenty of Wood in all Parts; but what they are most remarkable for, is their Bacon, which is reputed to be the best in the Kingdom, and accordingly is fold into all parts.

Towns more considerable, Portsmouth,

(Winchester, Southampton, Bafing Stoke, Andover, Christ-Church.

Winchester, whether we consider its ancient or present condition, may deservedly lay claim to the first Place. For as it was of good Note in the times of the Romans, so under the Saxon Government was it the Scat of the West-Saxon Kings. But that which has chiefly secure its flourishing condition, is the Bishop's See, settl'd there very early by Kinegils the Saxon; and (which is more) never removed from its first Foundation, as most of its Neighbours have been, to the great damage of the Places from which they were drawn. This favourable concurrence of Circumstances was encreas'd by Edward III. when he settl'd here the Staple for Cloath and Wool. The Cathedral hath been from time to time enlarg'd and put under the protection of several Tutelar Saints. But its greateft Glory, is the College built here by William of Wickham, Bishop of this See; which supplies both Church and State with great numbers of Learned Men. The Royal Palace began by King Charles II. is very stately and magnificent; and the Hospital built by Bishop Morley for 10 Ministers Widows, is a work of great Charity and Goodneis.

Southampton within these hundred years was arich, populous, beautiful Place; but now by the loss of its Trade, all this Finery is gone, the Buildings decay'd, the Town poor, and the Inhabitants thin. It ought not however to be omitted amongst the confiderable places of these parts, both upon account of its former Eminency, and alsofor the Figure it still bears in our Naval Affairs.

Portsmouth, after it was by Queen Elizabeth com-pleatly Fortified with new Works, became a place of great Note and Refort, in times of War especially: but in times of Peace, the Trade it has will hardly maintain it in the same Grandeur. And as the Place is of great importance to the Nation by its Strength, and Works of the best Contrivance; so is it of great consequence to our Fleets, being furnish'd of late years with Docks and all other necessaries for building and repairing Ships of the highest Rates.

Bfiangstoke is a well frequented Market, upon the

Andover is a Corporation prety large and popu-

Ancient Places.

Regnum can be nother than the present Ring-wood, (lying upon the River, Avon) which may seem

by a fair Interpretation to fignific the Wood of the

Alauni Ostium, is probably that Mouth out of which the Stour and Avon empty themselves jointly.

Trisantonis Osiium is agree'd upon all hands to be the Hatbour of Southampton, beginning at Calson-Castle.

Claufentum, by the distances from the two Stations on each fide, as it stands in the Itinerary, must of necessity be that Old Town which stood formerly near the present Southampton, and was call'd by the

Brage, by the course of the Itinerary, is probably a little Country Village that lies between Salisbury and Winchester, the two Stations on each hand, and is call'd at this day Broughton.

Venta Belgarum, is undoubtedly Winchester, to

which it has probably given the first Syllable of that

Segontiaci, mention'd by Cafar, by all the Circumstances must have been those People who liv'd about the Northern limits of this County, about the Hundred of Holeshot.

Vindonum we call at this day Silcester; though by the Britains it was call'd Caer Segonte, as being the chief City of the Segontiaci, just now mention'd.

Things Remarkable.

Arthur's Round-Table at Winchester is much talk'd of and admir'd as a Relick of King Arthur's. But that Fancy is to be reckon'd among those many ridi-culous Errors which have been convey'd to the ig-norant country People by Ballads and Romances, and having got such footing that 'tis hard to undeceive them. This Table is probable as old as the Torneaments; and it may be a good Conjecture, that it was defigned to prevent all quarrels about Precedency among the Combatants.

Silcester, which we observ'd but now to be the Vindonum of the Ancients, shews vast remains of its Antiquity and once flourishing condition, The thinness of the Corn where the Walls and Streets have run, with other Observations to be made upon the Place, afford very good entertainment to a curious Traveller.

The Islc of WIGHT.

South of Hamshire lies the Isle of Wight, about 20 Miles long, and 12 over where broadest. The North is mostly taken up with Pasturage, Meadows As to Ecclefiaftical Government, it is under the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Winchester; but as to Civil, under Hamshire. The Inhabitants are a Stout fort of People, having been all along inur'd to frequent Skirmishes, by lying expos'd to the first Attacks of the invading France.

invading Enemy.

Caresbrook, a Castle in the middle of the Isle of very great Antiquity. Of late Years the Imprisonment of King Charles I. has made it more Remark-

able.

Tarmouth and Cows, both lying over against Ham-Shire, are their two Havens of greatest Safety and Im-

portance.

The Needles, the Shingles, the Mixon, and other Shelves round it, are a good fecurity to the Place against an Enemy, but very troublesom to the Scamen.

BARKSHIRE.

THE County of BERKS lying out in length from South-East to North-west, as it is accommodated all over with very convenient Rivers, so has it the advantage of the Thames runing along one side of it. Which being navigable, is of great profit not only to the particular Towns seated upon it; but also to the whole County, the narrowness whereof gives the Inhabitants an opportunity of conveying Goods by Water, without any great inconvenience or expence of Land-carriage. This I take to be the great enricher of the County: for tho in several parts, especially in the middle, and where it borders upon Will-shire, they have good store of Corn; yet this, without the affishance of the River, could not turn to near the same account.

Towns of note, Abingdon, Windfor, Reading, Wallingford, Maidenbead.

Abingdon carries in its very name the character of Religion, being so call'd from the famous Abbey that wasbuilt there by Ciffa the West-Saxon. Some modern Authors are inclin'd to think this the old Clovesso, so famous in our Ancient Histories for the solemn Meetings and great Councils before the Conquest. And the situation of the place makes it convenient enough for holding such general Assemblies, being almost at an equal distance from the several Parties concern'd. But whether this Honour belongs to it or not; 'its certain, the Abbey grew to be so eminent and considerable, that here (as in many other places throughout England) it laid a good Foundation for a handlom Town; which encreas'd strangely, after that Henry V. had contriv'd the high Road through it. Malt is its greatest Trade, and the Maker. Husse its egeatest Ornament.

and the Market-House its greatest Ornament.

Windsor stands in the North-west corner of this County, upon a high-Hill; from whence there is a delicate Prospect of Woods and Field all round. This advantage of situation, with its convenient distance from London, has indue'd several of the Kings of England to take a more particular delight in it, both on account of its Stength and Pleasure. The Palace is a most noble Structure, adorn'd with a delightful Terrace-walk by Queen Elizabeth, but beautify'd chiefly and brought to perfection by King Charles II, who at a vast expence, adorn'd it with most curious Paintings. St. George's Chappel and the noble Order of the Garter, instituted there by King Edward III, are Honours wherein the place may justly glory; the greatest Princes in Europe having esteem'd it a high favour to be admitted into that Society. And it was an honour to this Castle, to be the Prison, to the King of France and King of Scots, at the same time, under the powerful Prince Edward III. As for the Town: Old Windsor is very much gone to decay, upon the rise of the new one, which lies to the West of the Castle, and (as it were) under it. The growth of the Town is in a great measure owing to the Court, which the pleasure our Princes have taken in it, has drawn hither. And accordingly, 'tis easie to observe, what difference there is between its present condition, now 'tis almost

forfaken by the Court; and its state in the Reign of Charles II. by whose inclination to the variety of Diversions it affords, the Town slourish'd much beyond its Neighbours.

Reading is conveniently feated upon the River Kenet, at a small distance from its emptying it self into the Thames. It was before the Conquest eminent for a strong Casse, which lasted no longer than the time of Henry II. by whom it was demolished least it should assord Resuge and Protection to King Stephen's Party. About an hundred years ago, Cloath was its greatest Trade and Employment; but the advantage of the structure of the Trade and Employment; but the advantage of the structure of the Trade and Employment; but the davantage of the structure of the Trade and Employment; but the advantage of the structure of the Trade, by which the Wealth of the Town is much improved. The Streets and Buildings are neat and handsom; and sometimes the Affizes are held here.

Wallingford, upon the River of Thames, was also famous for its Castle, which was exceeding strong and attempted more than once by King Stephen, in the civil Wars between him and Henry II. That which made Abingdon chiefly flourish, was the cause of this Town's decay, viz. the change of the High-Road. But yet for all that, the Malt-Trade does not only support it, but of late years has also encreased its Wealth, Buildings, and number of Inhabitants.

Newluny carries its rife and original in the very name, which implies a relation to fome old Burgh near it; and that was Spene, at a little diffance from this new Town. Tho' the name destroys all its pretensions to Antiquity, yet it bears figure in our modern Histories, upon account of Engagements here between the King and Parliament, in the late Civil Wars. The Cloath-Trade and the convenience of the River, have improved it into a handsom, pretty Town.

Hungerford, upon the edge of Wileshire, has been all along more confiderable, upon account of the Title it has for many Ages given to a very eminent Family, than for either Wealth or Neatness. In all the Country round, it has a particular reputation for the best Trouts.

Maidenbead, confidering what time has it had for improvement, is grown into a handfom Town. For its first encrease was occasion'd by building a Wooden Bridge over the Thames; which before that, us'd to be Ferry'd, at the expense and trouble of the Traveller. But the new Bridge, as it made the Road this way much more ease and convenient, so did it induce the Inhabitants to build Innsand provide all Accomodations for the Entertainment of Stangers.

Ancient Places.

Galleva was undoubtedly our Wallingford, as appears both from the course of the Itinerary, the remains of the old Name in the present, and the ancient grandeur and largness of the Town.

Spine is now an inconfiderable Village, about a mile from Newbury; which carries the old name in its prefent Spene, and has also left the remains of it in a part of Newbury, still call'd Spinbam-Lands.

Bibroci, also, a People in those Parts, may seem to have left something of the name in the present Bray near Maidenhead.

SURREY.

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THE County of Surrey, (as we call it at this day) lyesall a long upon the South-fide of the River of Thames; from which Position, it has the Name. For, what our Age has contracted into Surrey, was call'd by our Fore-fathers Sutbrige. That part of the Country which borders upon the Thames, is so adorn'd with a mixture of Woods, Meadows, and fair Buildings, that nothing can be more Entertaining: The other parts are Fruitful enough, though not so Pleasant.

(Southwark, More confiderable Towns, King fon, are, Richmond,

Southwark, (fo call'd from its Southerly Situation, with respect to London) by its near intercourse with that noble City, has improved it self into a flourishing condition, not only beyond all other Places in this Country, but equal to most of our Cities in England. Before the building of the Bridge, their Commerce was maintain'd only by Ferrying; but upon erecting a Wooden-bridge, it feem'd to be a fort of Suburbs to London; and lastly, by the stately Stone-bridge of Arches, (upon which the buildings are continu'd like a street) one would think it a Part of the City. Accordingly, in the Beign of Edward VI, it was a sub-Accordingly, in the Reign of Edward VI. it was annext to London; and by vertue thereof the Inhabitants had a Power granted them to use all such Laws within their Burrough, as the Citizens did within their City.

b Guilford, (for so it is commonly pronounc'd, though written Guldford and Guildford) is seated upon the River Wye, and is a populous Market-Town: I know not whether we may attribute its growth, in some measure at least, to the Benefaction of Sir Richard Weston; by whose Industry, principally, the River upon which it stands, was made Navigable. 'Tis certain that all this part of the Country is very much engag'd to the first Contrivers, fince they receive such confiderable advantage from it.

Kingston upon Thames, has its Name from the So-lemn Coronation of three Saxon Kings, Athelstan, Ed-win, and Ethelred, in the Danish Wars. 'Tis a Marker-Town, not very large indeed, but populous and of good refort.

Richmond, hard by, has been particularly pitch'd up-on by feveral of our Kings, for their Diversion and Pleasure, whenever the Affairs of the Nation would

give them leave to retire.

Lambeth, over against Westminster, upon the River of Thames, has all its Reputation from the Palace of the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, which is very large and stately. It has belong'd to them successively ever fince Arch-Bishop Baldwin, obtain'd a Manour in this Place by exchange with the Bishop of Rochester, about the year 1183.

We meet with none of the old Stations in this County; the Noviemagus, (which Mr. Camden places at Woodcor) being more conveniently fett'd in Kent.

Things Remarkable.

River)

The Mole (a considerable River) in two several places goes under Ground for some space; particularly, for 2 miles together, near Whifehill; from whence the Place is call'd the Swallow.

At Albury the Hypogeum, or Perforation, made through a mighty Hill, and defign'd for a Coach-passage, is Remarkable and Surprizing.

Epsom-Wells have been in so great request of late

years for their Mineral-waters, as to caule a confide-rable increase of Buildings, for the Entertainment of Gentlemen resorting thither, for their Health or Plea-

A Skeleton 9 Foot 3 Inches long, taken up in the Church yard of Wotton, and distinctly measured, may justly be reckon'd among the Remarkables of this County.

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Suffex, (or as it is more truly written, South-fex) derives its name from the ancient Inhabitants, the South-Saxons, who had that denomination with respect to the East-Saxons. The Downs take up the Sea-coast; the middle confists of Meadows, Pastures, and Cornfields; and the more Northerly part of it abounds with Wood. The Iron-works turn to good account; add of correctly the Gless have counted between as did formerly the Glass-Houses; but now the latter are quite laid aside.

More confiderable Towns

Arrundel,

Lewes,

Rye.

Chichester, in its Saxon name Cissanceaster, discovers its first Founder, viz. Ciffa, Son of Ælla, who fettl'd the Kingdom of the South-Saxons, Notwithstanding which Antiquity, we do not find that it flou-rish'd very much till the Conquetor's time, when the Bishop's See was remov'd from Selsey to this Place; where it ftill continues in a good condition. The City had undoubtedly been much more Wealthy, Large and Populous, if the conveniency of the Harbour had seconded the advantage of the Bishop's See. But the Haven is of it self nor very commodious; and is also at too great a distance.

Anundel, ows it Name and Reputation more to the

Castle and its Earls, than either the populousness of the Town, or wealth of the Inhabitants. The Castle was a place of great strength, and of considerable moment in our Wars; and the Earls, Persons of great Worth and Honour. But though the condition

of the place will not answer either the figure it makes in our Hiftories, or the reputation it has in the opinion of Strangers; 'tis however a Market-Town, and

fends two Burgeffes to Parliament.

Lewes, at a little distance from the Sea, is seated up-on a rising ground, and is a Town of good Note: The anciently it seems to have been more considerable. For when King Athelstan settl'd Mints in the more eminent Towns of the Kingdom, he pitch'd up-

on this place for one, and gave it two Minters.

Rye, upon the Sea-Coast, joyning to the County of Kent, owes its rise to the decay of its Neighbour Winchelsea. For the Sea, in those parts, does as it were dispose of its wealth among the Coasters, according to the several ages. So that by its breaking in one while and retiring another, they enjoy the advantage of it in their turns, Ric has flourished by its kindness these many ages, in Buildings, Navigation, and Fishing; whilst many of its Neighbours are ready to starve, and are daily drawing towards ruine.

Ancient Places.

Portus Adurni (the place where the Exploratores kept watch against the Saxon Pirats under the later

Emperours) must be upon this Coast. And we cannot pitch upon any part with greater probability, than Ederington, a Little Village, which feems still to retain fomething of the old Name; and befides, is a very convenient place for Landing. Which indeed in our present search, is a circumstance of great moment; since those Guards upon the Sea-Coast, were set to hinder the Pirats from Landing; and by confequence, must have been fixt where the shore was most convenient for that purpose.

Things Remarkable.

It was a pleasant humour of John de Camois Lord of Broodwater in this County, in Edward the First's time; to make over his own Wife to Sr. William Painell, by Will, in the same manner as Men bequeath their Goods and Charles.

The Arch with the Inscription, at Lewes, in the little demolish'd Church near the Castle, is well worth the sight of a curious Traveller, if there be any thing left of that ancient Building, But if Time has destroy'd it, the best information we can have, is from Mr. Camden's draught, which he has given us in the Britannia, under his Discription of this place.

KENT.

A Mongst' the Counties of *England*, no one can pretend to lead us so far back into its Antiquities, as this of *Kenn*. In all Revolutions, this has had the first share: The Romans made their first Attempts upon it; and Julius Cofar has left us a general account, in what condition he found them at that Time. Their Successors, the Saxons, after Depredations, Piracies, and at last open Violence, establish'd their first Kingdom in this Corner, about the Year 456. The Norman too (if we may believe a Tradition, which is not grounded upon much Evidence from History) had it particularly in his Eye; and had us'd it as he did the reft of the Kingdom, but that they obtained the Continuance of their Ancient Customs and Usages, by a notable Stratagem.

Nor could it well be otherwise: For as their Situation exposes them to the immediate Attempts of Foreigners; so do the Riches and Fruitfulness of their Country invite them to a fettlement there before any other Part. The Soil is exceeding rich; so that they abound with excellent Corn-Fields, Meadows, and Pastures. They have Apples also, and Cherries in great abundance; which turn to better account here than in other places, by reason of their nearness to London, whither they sell them by whole-sale. Besides this Fruitfulness of the Soil, which furnishes them with most Necessaries; they are supply'd with what conveniences our foreign Trade brings in, by their Harbours and

noble Rivers.

More Remarkable Rochester, Places are, Places are, Corenwich, Rochester, Comment, Chatham,

Canterbury, upon the River Stour, as it is the principal City in those patts, so is it the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom. For upon the conversion of the Saxons to the Christian Faith, Ethelbert King of Kent gave this Place to Austin the Monk; who was made Arch-Bishop of the English, and so fixt his See here. And here it has continued ever since; save that for a

little while it was remov'd to London (the cheif City of the Kingdom;) but in honour and memory of St. Austin, it was returned to Canterbury. The Church that is most eminent, is Christ-Church; for St. Austin's (built below the City for a burying-place for the Kings of Kent and the Arch-Bishops, when it was not lawful to bury in Ciries) is laid in its own ruines; by which we may still perceive what a stately Fabrick it has once been. The City is populous and wealthy; having in it abundance of Walloms and French; the first of them settl'd here in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and brought along with them the Art of Weaving Silk; the second came over of late years, upon the persecution of Lewis the XIV.

Rochester, is the other City of this County, being made an Episcopal See by the same Athelbert that gave Canterbury to St. Austin, upon his Conversion to the Christian Faith. The fituation of it, is low, and the bounds narrow, but the Suburbs make it pretty large. Anciently, it was of great note for its Castle, which the nature of the place render'd exceeding strong: So that when Odo held it against William Rufus, nothing could bring him to a furrender but want of Provisions. The noble Stone-bridge (through which the Medway runs with a most hideous noise) was built, upon Simon Montefore's cutting down the Wooden one, in his at-

tempts upon this place.

Dover, next these two, makes the greatest figure in our Histories; not for its extent or riches, but the convenient passage it affords into France. It has also a Castle of great strength; and was Anciently accounted of fo much importance, as to be commonly called the Key of England, without which it was impossible for Foreign Enemies to make their way, with any advantage, into this Nation. Upon this account, William the Conqueror took particular care to have it well fortified and guarded; distributing vast quantities of Land to his Soldiers purely for that Service. The Peer was built by Henry VIII. and repaird by Queen Elizbeth at vast expence, after the Sea had begun to break in upon it. Greenwich,

Greenwich, lying upon the Thames, is remarkable for its Royal Seat, built by Humfrey Duke of Glocefter, and enlarg'd by King Henry VII. and is a place much celebrated in our Histories for giving Birth to that most

excellent Princefs, Queen Elizabeth.

Depetord is at a little diffance, and draws its reputation from the noble Dock and other Accommodation ons for building and repairing of Ships; whereby it is of great use and importance to the Royal Navy of

England.

Maidston, (so call'd from the Medway upon which have been formerly of greater eminence than its Neighbours, as being the Shire-town, where the Affizes are generally held. Unless, possibly, the convenience of its situation, almost in the middle of the County, may have been the principal means of procuring that honour.

Romney, lying near the Sea-Coast to the South-East, was formerly very confiderable both for its Harbour, and the Sea-Services done by the Inhabitants to the Crown. But when the Ocean overflow'd these parts, in the Reign of Edward I. and remov'd the passage of the River another way, it began to forlake the

Town, and by consequence to rob it by degrees of its former glory.

Chatham, near Rochester, is eminent for the station of the Navy-Royal; and has been much more so since the improvements of Docks, Launches, Store-bouses, &c. made by King Charles II. and King James II. Tis also remarkable for its Fund of Naval Charley, for the support of Persons wounded in the Sea-Service; establish in the Year 1588, under the Title of the Chest at Chatham.

Ancient Places.

Vagniaca, by the course of the Itinerary, must be Maidstone, especially if Novionagus, the next Station on one Hand, may be fix'd at Hollowood-bill, and not at Woodcot in Surrey (as Mr. Camden imagins.)

Durebrovis is agreed on all hands to be Rochester. Regulbium, mention'd by the Notitia, has left the express Remains of its Name in our present Reculver; which also demonstrates its Antiquity by the Roman Coins discover'd thereabouts.

Durovernum is beyond all dispute to be settl'd at

Canterbury.

Durolenum seems to fall in (as to the found) with Lenham; which yet is too far out of the Road, and has nothing to support it, besides the bare similitude of Names. Bapchild lies directly in the way, and does not want either Antiquity or a due distance to answer the Itinerary; which has induc'd a modern Author to remove the Station thither.

Cantium Promontorium, is the Kentish-foreland.

Dubris, by the present name and the circumstances of the place, can be no other than Dover.

Anderida, mention'd by the Notitia, has been by fome fix'd at Newenden, by others at Hastings or Pemfey in Suffex. Indeed the names mention'd in that Book, wanting the affiftance of the Distances, are very hard to find out; having no other Directions, but barely their situation upon the Sea-coasts; which we infer from the use of them, viz. to be a Guard against the Invasion of Pyrats.

Lemanis is, by Mr. Camden, plac'd at Seutfall-Castle near Hithe; but by Mr. Somner at Ronney.

Neviomagus, by the Distances in the Itinerary, must be brought much nearer Maidstone than Woodcot in Surrey is, where Mr. Camden fixt it. The discovery of a large Roman Camp upon the River Ravensbourn (which empries it felf into the Thames near Greenwich) makes it probable enough that the old Novicmagus ought not to be fought in another place.

Rhutupiae, is the same as our Rielburrow; which daily shews the Marks of its Autiquity; viz. Roman

Coins of Gold and Silver.

To these we may add the Island, which Solinus (according to different Copies,) calls Thanatos and Athanatos, from whence the present name of Thaner is deriv'd. This made by a division of the Waters of the River Stour, near its entrance into the Sea, and is about eight miles long and four broad. The Soil is a white Chalk, which produces Hay and Corn in great abundance.

Totiatis Infula is probably Shepey. Things Remarkable.

The vast Pits near Feversham, narrow at the top but within very large, are thought to be some of those out of which the *Britains* us'd to dig *Chalk* to manure their Grounds. Which seems a more probable Opinion, than that the Saxons should contrive them, in imitation of their German Ancestors, for a fort of Granary wherein to protect their Corn and Goods against the violence of Cold and Plunders of an

Below Greenwich, there is a great plenty of Scurry-

grass.

Bromley Hospital, built by the right Reverend Father in God Dr. John Warner, for the maintenance of twenty poor Ministers Widows, is a most noble Foun-dation, and may well serve for a Pattern to Per-sons who are dispos'd to settle such Charities in other

The Royal Observatory at Greenwich, furnisht with all forts of Instruments for Astronomical Observations, and a Dry Well for discovery of the Stars in the day-

time, is very curious.

Tunbridge Wells have of late years been found so useful for carrying off several Distempers, that the great resort of Gentry has caus'd the building of a good number of Houses near the place; and of a Chapel, wherein Prayers are read twice a day during the Season.

Gavel-kind is a Custom peculiar to this County; whereby all Lands are divided equally among the Males; and in default of them, among the Females. They would derive this and other Privileges from their Composition with William the Conqueror; which Opinion is yet stiffly opposed by their Learned Country-man Mr. Somner, in his excellent Treatise upon that Subject.

The Cinque-Ports are a Constitution not to be met with in other places, being five Ports under the Conftable of Dover-Castle, establisht by William the Conqueror for the better security of this Coast. The Ports are Hastings, Dover, Hith, Romney and Sand-wich; which, upon account of their Sea-Services, enjoy several Immunities; their Governor is styl'd Lord

Warden of the Cinque-Ports.

GLOCESTERSHIRE.

THE County of GLOCESTER, according to its feveral parts, has a different Soil and Appearance. In the East, 'tis hilly; in the West, woody; and in the middle, a sweet fruitful Vale. The middle parts are much indebted to the Severn, which runs along for forty miles together, bringing in Necessaries from abroad, and conveying the Native Commodities into Foreign Parts. The Western Tract was one continu'd Wood, thick and unpassable; but the discovery of the Veins of Iron (which requires vast quantities of Wood to support them) has made it much thinner.

The more remarkable Towns are, Cirencefter, Canden, Winchcomb.

GLOCESTER, the principal place in this County, is a Town well-built, beautify'd with many fair Churches, and exceeding well provided with Hospitals for the maintenance of their Poor. The Severn, along which it is fitrech'd, secures it on one side, and it has Walls to desend it on others. About the time of William the Conqueror, forging of Iron seems to have been the Business of the Town; since Domesday tells us, That the Tribute required of them, was a certain quantity of Iron-bars. It has had its mistortunes both from Wars and Fire, but till rose again and flourish'r, at length K-Henry VIII. made it an Epsicopal See; which at this day is its greatest Glory.

Tewkesbury, seared at the meeting of the Severn,

Tempesbury, leared at the meeting of the Severn, the Avon, and another little River, is a large beautiful Town, the great Business whereof is Woollencloth. In the Histories of our Nation its mention d upon account of the Battel between the Houses of York and Lancaster, wherein the latter Party was almost

entirely defeated.

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Circneester, call'd commonly at this day Ciciter, was of good note both under the Romans and Saxons. Its eminence among the first is discover'd by ancient Coin, Pavements and Inscriptions; and the

frequent mention of it in the Saxon Histories make it probable that it bore some considerable Figure among the latter. Add to this, the extent of the Town, which has formerly been two miles round; but now not above a fourth part of that compass is inhabited. They have also had three Parish Churches, of which only one is left, very fair indeed and large.

large.

Cunden, in the North part of the County on the edge of Worceftershire, is a good Market-town, famous especially for the Stocking Trade. The South Ide of this Church is adorn'd with several most noble and

curious Monuments of Marble.

Ancient Places.

Abone appears by its fituation upon Severn, its diftance from the next Station, and most of all from the present name, to be that which we call at this day Aventon.

Trajestus, where they Ferry'd over the Severn, was probably at Oldbury; which both carries Antiquity in its name, and is situate over against

Corinium, mention'd by Ptolomy, was our Cirencester.

Glevum is agreed by all to be the present City of Glocester.

Things Remarkable.

The Whispering-place, in the Cathedral of Glocester, is a Curiofity much talk'd of and admir'd by
Travellers, 'Tis a Wall built so in an Arch of the
the Church, that if you whisper never so low at one
end, another that lays his Ear to the other end shall
hear each diffinct Syllable. Which yet the more
knowing Inhabitants affirm to be purely accidental,

and not the effect of any curious contrivance.

Stones like Cackles and Oysters are found about the Head of the River Avon, or the Hills near Al-

derfey.

In some parts of the County, they had formerly a Custom very unaccountable, That the Lands of condemn'd Persons should be forsetted to the King only for a year and a day, and after that return to the next Heirs; but 'tis now quite abolish't.

OXFORDSHIRE.

THE County of OXFORD is accommodated with three large Rivers, which answer the Necestities of its several parts. The Thames supplies the South and West, the Tame the East, and the Cherwell the middle. The two last empty themselves into the first, and are carried with it in one Chanel into the Ocean. The bottoms of this Shire abound with Meadows and Corn-ground; the Hills are well stor'd with Wood; but were much more so before the Civil Wars between the King and Parliament.

The more confiderable $\{ \begin{array}{l} Oxford, \\ Woodftock, \\ Banbury, \end{array} \}$ $\{ \begin{array}{l} Dorchefter, \\ Henley. \end{array} \}$

OXFORD, as it gives its name to the whole County, so is it upon several accounts very eminent: The Air is sweet and healthful, the Prospect on all hands very pleasant; the private Buildings are neat, and the publick sumptuous. But that which gives it a Reputation, not only above its Neighbours, but above all other places in the Kingdom, is, One of the most noble Universities in the whole World. The Constitution whereof is so regular, the Discipline so ftrict, the Endowments so plentiful and convenient for Studies; and, in a word, every thing so agreeable to the education of Youth, that we need not wonder it should daily send abroad such numbers of learned Men, for the Service of Church

Church and State. Of what Antiquity it is, I shall not pretend to determine: Whole Volumes have been writ upon that Subject already. Let us thank Providence, that 'tis in fuch a flourishing condition at present, and leave the nice Disquisition of what it has been, to others. The following Scheme will afford the best view of its State and Increase, in the several

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Univerfity,	King Alfred.	Alfred.
Baliol,	Sir John Baliol.	Henry III.
Merton,	Walter Merton.	Edward I.
Oriel,	Edward II.	Edward II.
Exeter,	Walter Stapledon.	Edward II.
Queens,	Robert Eglesfield.	Edward III.
New-College,	Wm of Wickham.	Edwrd III.
Linclon,	Richard Fleming.	Henry VI.
All Souls,	Henry Chichley.	Henry VI.
Magdalen,	William Wainfleet.	Heury VI.
Brazen-nose,	W.lliam Smith.	Henry VIII.
Corpus Christi,	Richard Fox.	Henry VIII.
Christ-Church,	Henry VIII.	Henry VIII.
Trinity,	Sir Thomas Pope.	Queen Mary.
S. John's,	Sir Thomas White.	Queen Mary.
Jefus,	Queen Elizabeth.	Qu. Elizabeth.
jerus,	Nicholae	Qu. Dilyavers.
Wadham,	Nicholas and Wadham.	Zamas I
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Pembroke,	Thomas Tifdal.	

All these are well endow'd with Fellowships, Scholarthips, &c, The Halls (where Gentlemen live upon their own Expences) are Seven,

The Danes, who were a rude unpolish'd People, enemies to Learning, Religion, and every thing that was Honourable, sack'd and burn'd this place among others, in their Ravages through the Kingdom. And others, in their Ravages through the Kingdom. And about the Reign of King John, (at which time 'its faid there were three Thousand Students, who lodg'd up and down in the Town,) the Scholars were heavily afflicted with the rude carriage of the Citizens, and retir'd great numbers to Reading, Cambridg, Salisbury, and other places: But about Henry the Third's Reign, and so downward, (as pious Persons built Colleges and Halls for the entertainment of Students) they began to be less dependent upon the Town; especially being supported with good Revenues, as well as accomodated with with good Revenues, as well as accomodated with convenient Lodgings.

The chief of its publick Buildings are,

1. The Schools a noble stately Pile of Building,
wherein Exercise for the several Degrees are performed, the publick Lectures read, &c.

2. The Library, built by Sir Thomas Bodely, and commonly call'd the Bodleian Library; famous throughout Europe for its prodigious Stock of Books, both Printed and Manuscript.

3. The Theater, a Magnificent Work, and of admirable Contrivance, Built by the Right Reverend Father in God, Gilbert Sheldon, Arch-Bishop of Can-

4. The Museum, commonly call'd Askmole's Museum, is a near Building; the lower part whereof is a um, is a near Building; the lower part whereof is a lower a Repository Chymical Elaboratory; and the upper, a Repository of Natural and Artificial Rarities.

Woodflock, diftant from Oxford about 6 miles to the North, by its name implies a fituation in a woody part of the Country; and accordingly its greatest Reputation has been the Park, along with a Royal Seat built there by King Henry I. who probably was induc'd to pitch upon this place for the convenience of Hunting; a Divertion much us'd and admir'd by our Fore-fathers. At prefent the Town is not very populous, nor the Trade confiderable.

Banbury, on the edge of Northampton-shire, is a pretty large Town; and is principally known upon account of its excellent Cheese.

Dorchester lyes upon the River Tame, at the other end of the County; and is a place of great Antiquity and Dignity: For, as it feems to have flourish'd under the Romans, fo had it the honour of an Epifcopal See under the Saxons; till in William the Control of the Co queror's Reign, that was Translated to Lincoln. The removal of the See, and the turning of the Highroad another way, have left scarce any Image of its former Grandure.

Henly stands in the utmost Limits of this County, Southward; and is a Town of good Wealth and Buildings. The growth of it has probably been owing to its fituation on the River of *Thames*; and partly also to the Paffage over the same River by a Wooden-

bridge, which drew Travellars that way.

Ancient Places.

Ancalites, a People mention'd by Cafar, feem to have liv'd in these Parts; and 'tis probable, by the Circumftances, that were feated about the South-corner of the County; and that Henley was their chief Town; especially if it may be allow'd so much Antiquity, as fome are willing to grant it.

Things Remarkable.

Rolle-rich-stones, in the Western part of this County, are a number of huge Stones plac'd in Circle, which some have thought to be Monuments of a Victory; others, a Burying-place; and again, others, a place for the Coro-nation of the Danish Kings. See Plot's Oxfordshire, p. 342-The Labyringh made by King Henry II. at Woodstock,

for his Fair Rosamund, is much talk'd of; tho' now no-

thing is to be feen of it,

Astrop-Wells near Banbury, have been much resorted to of late years by the Nobility and Gentry.

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE County of Buckingham (fo call'd probably from great numbers of Bucks in this Woody Country) is for many miles together extended from North to South. The Chiltern is one part of the County; which is a continu'd Ridge of Hills; and below them, lies the other Branch call'd the Vale, being a pleasant champain Country, consisting of Meadows, Pastures and Corn-grounds.

The more confiderable Buckingham,
Towns are

(Stony-Stratford.

Buckingham gives name to the whole County, and is at present a Town of good Note; though anciently it was not very confiderably, if we may go by the com-putation of *Hides* and *Burgesses* in Domesday. I know nor whether the strength of the place, may not be the reason why it made so considerable a Figure, when the Houses were few, and the Inhabitants thin. 'Tis certain the Castle (now quite gone) was built a good while before the Conquest; and Nature too has in some measure contributed towards its Sasety, by furrounding it on all fides but the North, with the River Oufe; which must needs make it a valuable Refuge in those troublesome and warlike Times.

Alisbury was also a place of Note, in the beginning

of the Saxons; being taken from the Britains about the year 572. At present it is a large and populous Market-Town, pleasantly seated in the midst of Meadows and Pastures, wherein are fed prodigious numbers of Sheep.

Wickham, in the Road between Oxford and London, is a large populons Corporation, well built, and

of good Trade. It has a throng Corn-market; and the Woods all round bring in confiderable Revenues yearly, by supplies sent to the neighbouring Coun-ties; some of which are hard enough put to it for Fuel.

Stony-Stratford, in the North part of the Shire, takes, its name from the Stony-Ford that led over the River, at that Place. Tis a good large Town, in the middle whereof stands the Cross, erected by King Edward I. to the Memory of Queen Eleanro.

Ancient Places. Pontes, by the course of the Itinerary, must be somewhere about Colebrook; for if that Guide were wanting, the condition of the place would naturally point this out in our fearch after the old name: For, where should we search for it, but at a division of the River into four Channels; over each of which there is a Bridge, within a very little space one from

Lectodorum does not discover it felf by the fame evidence, but yet feems plainly enough to be Stony-Stratford, both upon account of its Situation upon the Military way, and also from the import of the name in the British, which by those who are skill'd in the Language, is affirm'd to fignifie the same thing

as our prefent Appellation.

Things Remarkable.

At Borftal they still preferve the Horn, by the Livery whereof that Estate was convey'd to Nigel de Borftal in the time of one of the Williams.

Pen, and the Towns upon that Ridge, are observ'd to be the higest Ground in all these parts; there being a sensible Ascent thirher all along from London, and as fenfible a Defent when you are past it.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE County of Bedford in the South part is Barren; in the middle Woody, and in the North, Fruitful. As the Soil diftinguishes it into these three Parts, fo has Nature divided it into other two, by the Channel of the River Oufe, which is the principal River of the County, and runs through it.

Towns more remarkable & Bedford, are, Dunftable.

Bedford, the principal Town of the County, tho it can hardly pretend to Roman Antiquity, was yet of very good repute among the Saxons; and was one of those which suffer'd from the Danish Depredations. But its greatest Miseries were occasion'd by the Castle built there after the Conquest, which was a certain refuge to oneParty or the other in all the Civil Wars that follow'd. The Town is parted by the River Ouse, and joyn'd by a Stone-Bridge: The South-side has two Churches, and the North three. The Site of the old Castle is now a spacious Bowling-green, whither the Neighbouring Gentry resort for their Recreation.

Dunstable, so call'd from its high situation, stands, upon the end (as it were) of the *Chiltern*, upon a dry chalky Soil. This quality of the Soil puts them to some inconvenience for Water; with which norwithftanding they are supplyed tolerably well with four publick ponds, one in each Street. It is pretty populous, and well furnish'd with Inns, having the advantage of lying upon the Northern-road, from London.
The Cross in the middle of the Town was erected by Edward, to the Memory of his Queen Eleanor. Ancient Towns.

Saline must in all probability be the place now call'd Chesterfield, near Temesford; by the course of the Itinerary, the Roman Money, with other marks of Antiquity, discover d there.

Magioninium, need be fought at no other place than Dunstable which stands upon a Roman-way, and has the evidence of Roman Money to affert its Antiquity.

Things Remarkable.

At Harewood, the River was observed to stand in the year 1399; and again in 1648; which have been look'd upon as Prognofticks; the first of the Civil Wars that ensu'd, the second of the Death of Charles I.

Fuller's-Earth is dug up in great abundance about

A Woman in Dunstable, had nineteen Children at five Births; 5 at two several ones; and three together at 3 more. HERT-

HERTFODRSHIRE.

THE County of Her:ford feems to owe its flourishing Condition more to its fituation than Soil: For the many Thorow-fairs to and from London, have nightely Enrich'd the particular Towns, by the advantage of entertaining Travellers; and its nearness to the City, (together with the Healthfulness of the Air) has induc'd great numbers of the Nobility and Gentry to purchase and build in those Parts.

The more remark- S. Albans, Hatfield, Hertford, Royfion, Stortford.

S. Albans, (the old Verulamium of the Romans, and the Watling-chefter of the Saxons) was of firch confiderable Note under the Romans, as to be a Municipium; but in the famous Infurrection of Queen Boodicia, was entirely laid Waste by the Britains: However it recover die felf, and afterwards had the honour of being the Birth-place of S. Alban (the Protomartyr of Britain, in the time of Dioclessan;) a Perion so eminent for Piety and Goodness, that the Town afterwards took his Name, as the greatest Honour it could do it felf. For when Offa had built a large and splendid Monastery, Didicated to the Memory of S. Alban, the Town presently flourish d, and was particularly ambitious of a Relation to that Saint. From time to time there have been discovered wast remains of Roman Antiquity, in the place where the old Verulamium stood, now turned into a Cornfield. The Church of the Monastery is still standing, and is a most noble Pile of Building. At present, its a large flourishing Town, having the the advantage of being a Thorow-sair, on the Northern road from London.

Hertford, (so call'd, as if one should say a Ford of Hares; for their Atms is a Hart couchant in the Water) is a Town rather noted for giving name to the whole County, than any riches or beauty of its own.

The Affizes indeed are ftill kept here, a mark of its ancient Prosperity; but the Place is neither Populous nor of any tolerable Trade.

Ware, (so nam'd from the Wear in the River Lea) is a populous thriving Place, owing its rise to the decay of Hertford: For about King John's time, the Highroad was turn'd this way; and ever fince, Ware has been encreasing, and the other dwindling away by little and little.

Harfield is more remarkable for the stately Seat of the Earl of Salisbury, than any thing the Town it self can book of heads.

can boast of beside.

Rosson, or Rosses Town (on the North-side of the County) is so call'd from a certain Lady name'd Rossia, who erected a Cross in this place. The Town (ever since Richard I. granted it the privilege of a Market) has been still growing; and deals especially in Malt and Corn.

Stortford, upon the little River Stort, is of late years grown into a confiderable Market-Town, and is very well furnish'd with good Inns.

Ancient Places.

Verulamium has been by all Men and all Ages fo undoubtedly fettl'd at S. Albans that it is even at this day known by the name of Verulam in feveral of our Writings; and commonly enough in Conversation.

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Durocobrive, upon account of of the beginning and end must be fought somewhere upon a River, dur fignifing Water, and briva a Passage. The course of the Road directs us to look for it below Flamsted, where the ancient High-way crosses the Water.

Things Remarkable.

The little Brook Womer near Redborn, is by the Inhabitants thought to portend Dearth of trouble lome Times then it breaks out. The Font at S. Albans, wherein the Children of the Kings of Scotland us'd to be Baptiz'd was a most noble Monument, plac'd here by Sir Rich. Lea, Masters of the Pioneers; but it is since taken away, as it seems in the late Civil Wats.

MIDDLESEX.

THE County of Middlefex, or Middle-Saxons (so call'd from its situation between the East and South Saxons is of no large extent, but is surnish'd with great numbers of fair Buildings and sweet Seats, for the retirement of Nobility and Gentry.

Places most considerable are.

London, Cap.
Westminster,
Oxbridge,
Hamsted.

LONDON, (The Metropolis of our Nation) as it is one of the most flourishing Cities in the whole World, so is it of such Antiquity, that the most ancient Records and Memorials, can give us no account of its Original. Under the Britains, it was a considerable place; and Ammianus Marcellinus, eyen in his time, calls it an ancient City. Its Glory appears more distinctly under the Romans, who (probably out of a jealousie of its Greatness) would not grant it the

privilege of a Muncipium; Governing it by a fort of Commissioners sent yearly from Rome. But though they would not allow it too much Power and Authority, they own'd its Glory and Eminence, by giving it the honourable name of Augusta. Also, when Constantine had consirm'd Christianity; upon the removal of the Flamin, a Bishop's See was settled here. At the beginning of the Saxon Government, it had its share of the Missfortunes with which this Warlike People oppress'd the whole Nation; but bore up however against the Storm, till the Conversion of that People to Christianity. Then Atthelbert King of Kent, built a Church didicated to S. Paul, which Posterity by degrees improv'd into a most stately Fabrick. This, along with the greatest part of the City, was Consum'd in that most dreadful Fire which happen'd in the year 1666; and put all things into such consulting, that the ancient State of this noble City, must have been in a great measure hidden

from Posterity, had not the industrious and learned Mr. John Stow, rescu'd it from Oblivion by his excelent Survey. To him I refar the Reader for matters of Antiquity; and shall content my self with a short description of the several Buildings, and other Curio-fities, which it boasts of at this day. Premising thus much in general; that within these Hundred years and especially fince the above mention'd Fire, the City has grown fo ftrangly both in publick and private Buildings; has also stretch'd it self out so far on all sides, that by a Draught of an hundred years old; nay, of one taken immediately before 1666, compar'd with its present extent and Beauty, one could not imagine it to

be the same City.

I. The Tower, at the East-end of the City, is a large stately Fabrick, fortified with Walls and a broad Ditch; where the Arms and other Warlike Preparations are

laid up as in a common Store.

II. Gresbam College, so call'd from Sir Thomas Grefram the Founder, was instituted for the Improvement of Arts and Sciences; and accordingly there are genteel Salaries fettl'd for the several Professors of Divinity, Law, Physick, Astronomy, Geometry and Musick.

III. The Royal Exchange was built by the same Sir Thomas Gresham, and a most noble Ornament to the City, as well as a fingular convenience to Merchants. IV. Guild-hall, (or the Senate-house) a most beautiful

V. Paul's Church, as was observ'd before, was confum'd in the dreadful Fire of 1666; but is now rifing again with new Beauty and Majesty. A magnificent Buildings it is, if we look upon its Extent and Strength; and if upon the Contrivance, a most curious Fabrick. The Quire is finished, and Divine Service constantly celebrated in it.

VI. Christ-Church-Hospital was Founded by King Edward VI. for the Maintainance of Orphans; one Thousand whereof are supposed to be annually provided for by this Charity. After they have gone through the several Schools, they are bound out Apprentices, at 15 years of Age; or fent to one of the Universities, where they are maintain'd for 7 years.

VII. Charter-house (so call'd from the Carthusian Monks) was erected into an Holpital by Thomass Sut-ton Esq; by the name of The Hospital of King James, endowing it with Revenues sufficient for the Maintenance of 80 Poor Brothers or Penfioners, who are to be either poor decay'd Gentlemen, or Merchants, or Su-perannuated Soldiers, 40 poor Scholars, who are ei-ther put to Trades, or fent to the University; with a Master, Preacher, Physician, and other Officers.
VIII. The Inns of Court are chiefly Four, The Inner-

Temple, the Middle-Temple, Grays-Inn and Lincolns-Inn; bendes several others of less Note. Here great numbers of young Gentlemen are educated in the study of the Laws, and qualified either for publick Pleadings, or for the Service of the Kingdom in any other Capacity, that requires a more than ordinary knlowedge of our

Customs and Constitution.

Befides those Ornaments we have mention'd, the Churches are spacious and beautiful; the publick Halls of the several Companies large and stately; the Squares uniform and pleafant, and the private Buildings and Shops exceeding pleasant. A late ingenious Author hath madeit probable from the number of Burials and Houses in London, Parin, and Rouen; that the first of these is altogether as big and populous as both the other two.

WESTMINSTER, as it is a City distinct from London, with seperate Magistrates and Privileges, so was it formerly at least a Mile distant from it, rill

by degrees the Suburbs of the former joyn'd the latter. and made them both together like one entire City. It feems to owe its rife to the Church, which Sibert King of the East-Saxons built there to the honour of S. Peter; and which together with its Westerly situation from London, caus'd its name to be chang'd from Thorney, into the present one of Westminster. Edward the Confessor built it anew, and endow'd it largely: His Fabrick was afterwards demolished by Henry III. who erected a new one very stately and magnificent to which Henry VII. added a Chappel, commonly call'd King Henry VIIth's Chapple, for the burial of himself and Children. It was by Q. Elizebeth converted into a Collegiate Church, confifting of a Dean, twelve Prebendaries, &c. The greatest Curiofities it affords are the Tombs and Monuments of our Princes, and of the most eminent Nobility, with several Perfons famous for Learning and other Excellencies in their respective Ages.

Near the Abbey is Westminster-ball, a spacious Room, wherein (and in places round it) Justice is publickly administred in the several Courts, mention'd in the Introduction. Nor ought the School to be omitted, fince it is so serviceable to Church and State, in fur-

nishing both with Persons every way qualified for the discharge of their several Stations.

White-hall is conveniently seated between S. James's Park and the Thames, and is the Residence of our Kings.

It was the House of Cardinal Wolfey, and converted into a Royal Palace by King Henry VIII.

**Uxbridge*, upon the edge of the County, is a pretty large Town, freeth'd out on each side a long Street; lying upon the Road, it reaps great advantage by the entertainment of Travellers, and is well ftord with Inns. 'Tis mention'd in our Histories, particularly up-on account of the Treaty held there, in the Reign of Charles I.

Hamton-Court, is a Royal Seat, lying pleasantly upon the River Thames, and accomodated with most excellent Prospects all round. Cardinal Wolfey begun it, and King Henry VIII. finish'd it : But their Structure though very large and magnificent for that Age, isfar excelled by the Additions made to it by his prefent Majefty; whether we compare the Buildings themselves, or the Gardens, and other contrivances about it.

Fulham, is only remarkable for the refidence of the Bishops of London, who have here their Palace for a

retirement out of the City.

Chelfey, fituated plcasantly upon the Thames, is noted only for its noble Hospital, built for the maintenance of lame and decay'd Soldiers. It was begun by King Charles II. carry'd on by King James, and finish'd by his present Maiesty; a Building as in it self very magnificent, fo accomodated with all manner of Officers convenient for the defign, and also with pleafant Walks and Gardens.

Hamsted, at a little diftance from London to the Northwest, isremarkable for the goodness of the Air, which has caus'd its enlargement in Buildings of late Years.

Ancient Places.

Sulloniaeæ is Brockly-hill upon the edge of this County, as appears both from the distances and remains of Antiquity, (Coins, Urns, Bricks, &c.) that have been discover'd there.

Londinum, London, call'd also Augusta, a Title of

Preheminence among the Romans.

The Green-houses at Hampton-Court, with Stoves un-der them, to preserve foreign Plants in gradual Heats, fuitable to the Climes whereof they are Natives, is an admirable Contrivance.

ESSEX.

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ESSEX is so call'd from the East-Saxons who inhabited it; and had that name from their situation, with relation to the South-Saxons. As it on the fide accommodated with the Sea, so is it in all parts furnish'd with good Rivers, which do not only water it, but convey likewise all Necessaries from abroad, and give them an opportunity of fending out such Commodities as they can spare for the use of foreign Parts.

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Towns more re-markable, are Harwich, Maldan.

Colchefter, feated on the brow of a Hill and extended from East to West, flourish d in the times of the Romans under the Name of Colonia; from whence possibly the present Colchester (or as the Saxons call'd it colneceaster) has its original. Next to this their Antiquity; the Inhabitants glory that Helena, Mother to Constantine the Great, was born in this place. At present ris large and populous, containing a great

Chemsford or Chelmesford, has a convenient fitu-ation, just at the meeting of two Rivers. The place feems to have been of no great note, till the Bishop of London, in Henry I.'s time, turn'd the high Road through it, which before lay through Writtle. At prefent the Affires are held in it.

Harwich is more famous upon account of its Harbour, than either the Riches or Building of the Town. The Convenience of Passage from hence to Holland, is the occasion why 'tis so much spoke of, and so well

Maldon, tho' of it felf large and well-inhabited, (being one Street reaching a mile in length) is yet of greater eminence by reason of its Antiquity, and the confiderable Figure that it made among our Foreconfiderable Figure that it made among our Fore-fathers. Claudius Cafar, in his attempt upon Britain, frorm'd this place, and left a ftrong Garifon to hold and defend it. But when the Infolence of the Soldiers came to fuch a height, that the poor Britains could no longer bear the Indignities and Opprefions, these (under the conduct of Boadicia) form'd themselves into a Confederacy, burnt this Colony, and put all the Inhabitants to the Sword. Under the Saxons we hear little or nothing of it; the in the Conqueror's hear little or nothing of it; tho' in the Conqueror's time, it feems to have been in a tolerable condition, Domefday reckoning 180 Houses.

Ancient Places. Durolitum, by the course of the Itinerary, the found of the present Name, and the Remains of Antiquity discover'd thereabouts, cannot well be any other than Layton, about six miles from London.

Convennos Insula, has the plain Remains of the old name left it in the Island Canvey, above five miles in

length, which feeds great numbers of Sheep.

Cafaromagus is Dunmov, written anciently Dunmage and Dunmawg, the laft Syllable whereof is a plain Relick of the old magus; and as for the first (Dun) every one knows how common that is in the ancient names of places. All the Objection is, That it lies a little out of the Road, which the Itinerary feems to take in that Journey; but any one who observes what wheelings and windings the Itinerary takes in other parts of England, will reckon that to be no exception.

Canonium, is Writtle, through which the High-way pass'd before Henry I.'s time: And, besides, 'twas a Place of note among the Saxons, and after the Conquest; which agrees well with that observation, That the Saxons settl'd in the deserted Stations of the

Othona, a Garison under the Count of the Saxon Shore, seems to have been at Ithancester, mention'd by our Histories, and seated about the utmost point of Dengy Hundred.

Camalodunum, from the prefent name, the course of the Itinerary, and the consent of all judicious Writers, must be concluded to have been at Maldon, which we describ'd before.

Ad Ansam seems to be Wittham; for the Road lies through it, the distances answer, and it still shews

Colonia is by all agreed to be Colchefter. Idumani fl. oftium, is Black-water-bay, ydu in British fignifying black.

Things Remarkable. The Caverns near Tilbury, in a chalky Soil, have given occasion to some Conjectures; the perhaps no one does so well agree either with the nature of the Ground or the custom of the Britains, as the opinion That they were intended by that People for Supplies of Chalk to manure their Lands.

Walfleet-Oyfers, are got in great abundance upon this Coast, and so call'd from a Wall (built to secure the Inhabitants against Inundations) along which they lie.

It was a pleasant Custom which they had in the Priory of Dunmow, That whoever did not repent of his Marriage in a year and a day, upon Oath made thereof before the Prior and Convent, should have a Gammon of Bacon deliver'd him.

SUFFOLK.

THE County of Suffolk, contracted from Such-folk (for so it was written among the Saxons) is so call'd from its situation with respect to Norfolk or North-folk. The Soil is, in most parts, very fruitful; affisted by a fort of Marle mixt with Clay.

Towns more remark-able, are Bury, Infraich, New-manket, Clare.

Bury (so call'd by contraction for S. Edmunds-bury)

feems to owe its original and growth, in a great mea-fine, to the Translation of the Body of S. Edmund to this place; an excellent Prince, who was barbarously murder'd by the Danes. And even the Danish Cruelties, which were the ruin of most other Places, did a confiderable Service to this Town; King Canutus out of a delire to make amends for the Injuries done it by his Father Sueno, taking a particular liking to it, and endowing it with many Privileges. The Popes also, out of a regard to the Sanckity of S. Edmund, granted it large Immunities. So that the Monastery and Town grew apace in Wealth and Reputation, till the general Diffolition by King Henry VIII. And now, the the first is destroy'd, the second is still in a flou-Ashing condition.

Ipswich, is a place mention'd in our Histories about the latter end of the Saxons; by whom it was call'd Gypeswic. The advantage of a Harbour has made ir confiderable; and, accordingly, that of lare years liaving not been to commodious as formerly, the Town it felf has gone a little to decay. For about an hundred years ago, they had fourteen Churches, which are so far from being encreased, that at this day there remain only twelve. Their number of Ships also is considerably diminished of late years; which must be an Argument that their Trade is not so good as it has

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Newmarket, upon the edge of Cambridgeshire, by the very name betrays its wants of Antiquity. That it is of note at present, is not owing either to Manufactures or any particular Commodities; but partly to its situation upon the Road, and partly to its convenience for Hunting and Horse Races: By which Entertainments the Court is often drawn thither; and accordingly, there is a House built for his Ma-

· Clare, upon the River Stour, is very often men-

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tion'd in our English Histories, on account of the Earls to whom it has given Title, and who, in their feveral Ages, have been Men of great Worth and E-

Ancient Places.

Villa Faustini feems to belong to S. Edmunds-Bury,

by the course of the Itinerary.

Combrelonium discovers it self in the present Bretenham, upon the River Breton; the Termination Ham

being an addition purely Saxon.

Extensio or Egoxi, a Promontory, shooting it self a long way into the Sea; which we, at this day, call Easton-neß.

Gasiononum, is Burgh-Castle upon the Coast of Nor-

folk, near Yarmouth.

Things Remarkable.

That vast Dirch which runs along Newmarketheath, is a Work so prodigious, that the common People cannot conceive it made by any but the Devil; and upon that fancy have call'd it Devils-dike. Whereas, 'tis plain, that it was contriv'd as a common Fence and Bound between the two Kingdoms in

the Saxon Heptarchy.

It was a facetious fort of Tenure, by which Hem. ingston in this County was holden, viz. upon condition, That every Christmas-day the Lord of it should dance, make a noise with his Checks puff dout, and let a Fart, in

the presence of the King.

Upon the Sea-coast, near Aldburrow, the Inhabitants valu'd themselves upon a signal favour of Providence; which, in a time of great Dearth, sent 'em a Crop of Pease among the hard Rocks, in the beginning of Autumn. But the more judicious find no occasion for the Miracle; but think it may be very well folv'd, by imagining the Sea might cast in some Pulse left in it by the Shipwrack, and so cause that unufual growth. a gangle -112t1 7 d

NORFOLK.

THE County of Norfolk is so call'd with respect to Suffolk, as if one should say, the Northern People, or the Northern Branch of the East-Angles. Of all the Shires in England, this is observed to be most populous, for the compass, and to be thickest set with Towns and Villages. They are generally rich and live handsomly, which perhaps may be one reason why they have been so much given to the study of the Laws; so that even your ordinary fort are not altogether unacquainted with the little Niceties of Courts and Pleadings. Riches breed Quarrels, and Quarrels Law-fuits, and those drive the Parties engagd to the Examination of their Cause; which would never be thought of nor started, if they were as hard put to it for the common Necessaries of Life, as they are in many other places;

The more remarkable Norwich, Tarmouth, Lynne, Walfingham.

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Norwich, is as much as one should say a Castle or Forth to the North, with relation to Castor, about four miles South from it, out of the Ruins whereof Nor-mich seems to have risen. For that it is much more modern, appears from hence, that we'do not find it mention'd before the latter end of the Saxon times;

whereas Castor was, no doubt, the ancient Venta. It is feated upon the fide of a Hill from North to South, is feated upon the fide of a Hill from North to South, about a mile and a half, or two miles in length. The Inhabitants are wealthy, the City populous, and the Buildings (both publick and private) very neat and beautiful. It has 11 Gates, and is furrounded with Walls, except where 'tis defended by the River, viz. on the East. Domefdsy tells us, it had no lefs than 1320 Burgesses; and altho' it suffer d very much by the Insurrection of Ralph Earl of the East-Angles against William the Conqueror, yet was that damage. against William the Conqueror, yet was that damage abundantly repair'd, when the Episcopal See was remov'd hither from Thetford. The great number of Netherlanders, who came over, upon the Tyranny of the Duke of the action of the control of the co the Duke of Alva, and fettl'd here, seem also to have been a mighty advantage to the City, by fettling the Manufacture of Worsted Stuffs.

Tarmouth, on the mouth of the River Tare, seems

to have risen out of the Ruins of the old Gariononum, as Norwich did out of those of Castor or Venta. It is not of fo much note, as one would expect from the advantage of the Sea, and the convenience of the Harbor. The reason is, because the violence of the Wind upon this Coast, is such that they have much ado to keep the Haven so open and free from heaps of Sand, as to maintain a tolerable Trade. At present their great Business, is the Herring Trade. They have but one Church, very large and starely, with a high, lofty Spire.

Lynne, about the entrance of the Ouse into the Ocean, next to Norwich, is the best Town in those parts, having grown in Wealth, Buildings and number of Merchants, by the convenience of a very fafe and advantagious Harbour. The Soil too, all about it, contributes to its greatness; for 'tis fat and luscious, and very fruitful. The very name implies a moist, fenny fituation; Hlyn fignifying so much in the old British.

Walsingham was one of the most famous Places in the light of the profession by King.

these parts, till the Dissolution of Monasteries by King Henry VIII. for then, its Monastery (from whence sprung all its Glory, Reputation and Riches,) was plunder'd and demolishd. Before, rich Jewels, Gold and Silver, were heap'd in with so much profuseness, according to the Superstition of those Times, that it was the great admiration of Strangers and Travellers.

Ancient Places.

Sitomagus seems to be Thetford, which was formerly a place of great note, till the Bishop's Sce was removed to Norwich, and then it fell to decay.

Garienis Oftium discovers it self by the present name of the River Yare, and of the Town at the mouth,

Yarmouth.

Venta Icenorum, the capital City of the Iceni, was at Caftor three miles South of Norwich; now faln to decay, but known to be a place of Antiquity by the old Walls, and the discovery of Roman Coins.

Metarn Æstuarium, mention'd by Ptolomy, is suppos'd to be the Washes, near Lynne.

Iciani, by the name should seem to be Ic-borough.

Brannodunum is plainly Brancaster near Walsingham.

Things Remarkable.

Carleton in this County was held by a pleafant Tenour, That 100 Herrings bak'd in 24 Pies should be presented to the King, in what part of England sower he was, when they first came into scason. The custom is still observed, and the Herrings duly conveyed to the King by the Lord of the Manor.

Herrings are observed to be more plentiful upon this Coast, than any other part of England; which brings in great advantage to the Inhabitants.

S. Bennet's, an Island, is so loose and unfix'd, that it seems to be kept from swimming away, only by the Roots of Trees.

CAMBRIDGSHIRE.

THE County of Cambridge, according to different parts, is of a different Soil. The South is fertil, well-rill'd, and bears abundance of Barley; whereof they make vast quantities of Malt. The North is more wet and spungy, and so fitter for Corn than Pasture; not only upon account of its loose softness, but by reason also of the frequent over-flowings in those parts.

The principal & Cambridge, Towns are Ely.

Cambridge feems to be the Daughter of the old Cambridge feems to be the Daughter of the old Cambritum, and possibly may have borrow'd the first Syllable of her name from the Mother. The University is her greatest Glory, which for many hundred years has furnish'd Church and State with Persons of Learning, Piety and Prudence. When it was first instituted, let others determine: Thus much is certain, that like Oxsurd, as first it afforded the Scholars no publick reception or place of Studies, but oblig'd them to take up with such Lodgings in the Town as they could get. By degrees, the inconvenience of this method was observ'd, not only from the mean Accommodation they mer with, but also from the frequent Commotions caus'd by the Insolence of the Towns-men. Whereupon, pious and charitable Persons began to erect Inns and Hossels for the reception of Scholars, in order to give them an opportunity of retirement, and an independance upon Cambridge feems to be the Daughter of the old opportunity of retirement, and an independance upon the Town. But still they liv'd upon their own Estates, enjoying only the convenience of Lodgings, without any manner of Endowments; rill, in the Reign of Edward I. they began to build Colleges, not only for the Reception, but also for the maintenance of certain numbers of Scholars, according to the Revenues affign'd to that purpole. The order and time of their Foundation, with their respective Founders, are as follow.

Colleges and Halls.	Founders.	Year.
Peter-house,	Hugh Balsham.	1284
Clare-hall,	Richard Badew.	1349
Bennet or Corpus	Society of Friers in ?	
	Corpus Christi,	1346
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	Count.of Pembroke.	1347
	William Bateman.	1262
Gonvil and Caius,	Edmund Ganaril	1353
Afterwards fir	nish'd by John Caius.	1340
	Henry VII.	
- 101		1441
Queen's College,	Q. Margaret of Anjou.	1448
Katherine-hall,		1459
Jesus College,	John Alcocke.	1497
Christ College, and	Margaret Countels ?	
S. John's,	of Richmond.	c. 1506
Magdalen College,	Thomas Audley.	1542
Trinity College,	Henry VIII.	1546
~ ' ' ' '	in Walter Mildmay.	-)40
C'I C'm'	Frances Sidney.	
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This Univerfity, as well as its Sifter Oxford, has its publick Schools and Library; but falls far short of them in statelines of Buildings, number of Books, and other Ornaments. The Structures most remarkable in Cambridge, are, 1. King's-College-Chappel, which for contrivance and largeness, is look'd upon to be one of the finest in the World. 2. Trinity-College-Library, begun under the Government of the famous Dr. Barrow, and now entirely finish'd; for beauty and design (considering also the bigness of it) perhaps it

cannot be match'd in the three Kingdoms.

Ely is feated in the chief of thole fpungy Islands, wherewith this northern part of the County abounds. Whether it had the name from Eels, I shall not diffute: 'Tis certain, the softmes of the Soil and the watry fituation do both make the Conjecture more relausible. Then Palydre Visail's farey about the plaufible, than Polydore Virgil's fancy about the

Greek EAG, fignifying a marsh. For what have we Greek & O., fignifying a mayle. For what have we to do here with a Greek original? The place owes its rife to Religion; for Etheldreda Wife to Eefrid King of Northumberland, founded here a Nunnery, which afterwards, by the Patronage of Kings and Noblemen, grew up to an incredible degree of Wealth and Revenues. Infomuch, that in Henry I.'s time it was advanc'd to the dignity of a Bishop's See, and had Cambridg shire affign'd it for its Dioces, which before belong'd to Lincoln. Notwithstanding these Advanges the Ciry cannot boast of any great beauty either tages, the City cannot boast of any great beauty, either in publick or private Buildings; for its fenny fituation making the Air thick and grois, has render'd it no very defirable place of Refidence. The Cathedral, indeed, is a spacious and beautiful Building.

Ancient Places: 1001

Camberitum, fituated upon the River Cam, and implying as much as a Ford over it, to the old Grant-cefter of the Saxons, out of the Ruins whereof the present Cambridge seems to have risen.

Things Remarkable. The vait Dieches thrown up by the Bast Angles in several parts of this County, to prevent the Incursions of the Mercians, are such as sew other places can

Sturbridge-fair, so call'd from the River Sture upon which it is kept every year in September, is very fainous for refort of People and variety of Wares.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

THE County of Huntingdon feems to have that name from the convenience of Hunting, an opinion that is back'd by the ancient condition of this Shire, which is faid to have been almost one entire Forest till the Reign of Henry II. At present it is a very good Corn-Country; and the East-parts, which are senny and very fat, afford excellent Pa-

The more remarkable Goodmanchefter, Kimbolton, S. Ives.

Huntingdon, the chief Town of the Shire, is feated upon the River Ouse. Formerly it was much more considerable, than at present it is; as appears from its fifteen Churches, being reduc'd to two. The cause of this decay seems to be the obstruction mention of by Speed to have been made in the River which before was navigable to this Town, to the great profit of the Inhabitants.

Goodmanchester, call'd formerly Gormonchester, stands over against Huntingdon, on the other fide of the River. It has improved it self chiefly by Agriculture, wherein the Inhabitants are very industrious; and they boast, that at one time they have entertained the King in his progress, with a noble Show of ninescore Plows. And, in this their Employment, they have been so successful, that in the Reign of King James I. the Town was made a Corporation.

Kimbolton, a pretty fair Town, leated in a bottom,

is the Ornament of the East-part of this County.

S. Ives, upon the River Ouse, is call'd by a late
Writer, a fair, large, and ancient Town: But within
these three or four years it was a great part of it burnt down; and so, possibly, may hardly merit that character at present.

Ancient Places.

Durebrive, i. e. the paffage of the River (viz. Nen) must be Dornford, formerly call'd Dorm-ceaster and Caer-Dorm; whether we respect the course of the Itinerary, the discovery of the ancient Coins, or the marks of an old City.

Durosponte, by the import of the Word, must have been some place upon the Ouse; the name fignifying a Bridge over the Ouse. Germenchester bids fairest for it; which, as an Evidence of its Antiquity, throws up old Roman Mony: And, besides, that more modern rame was only given it, when King Afred bestow'd these parts upon Gorman the Dane.

Things Remarkable. .

· It has been observ'd of this County, that the Families have gone strangely to decay; and that even an hundred years ago, there were few Sir-names of any note, which could be drawn down beyond the Reign floury VIII. The cause is uncertain; unless we should impute it to the great quantity of Abby-lands that were in this Shire; which, upon the Dissolution, sell into Lay-hands, and perhaps would no more stick by them here, than they have done by their owners in other places.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE County of Northampton is a plain, level Country, abounding with Pafturage and Cornfields. The number of Churches is an argument of its populousness; for they are so thick set, that from fome places you may see no less than thirty Steeples at a time. For Houses also of the Nobility and Gentry, it may vie with any County in England, of an equal

The more remarkable Towns, are Peterburrow,

Northampton, feated at the meeting of two Rivers, feems to be of no great Antiquity, fince we hear little of it in our Histories, till after the Conquett. But in the Commotions rais'd by the rebellious Barons, it was made the Seat of War: And fometimes, the Kings of England have held their Parliaments at it; induc'd by the convenience of its situation, almost in the Heart of the Kingdom. The Buildings of it in the Heart of the Kingdom. The Buildings of it were very handsom, and the Town it self pretty large; having within the Walls seven Parish-Churches, and in the Suburbs, two. But in our Age, a most access the live being his Age. dreadful Fire laid it in Ashes; by which the Inhabi-

tants must have been ruin'd, and the Town it self have been buried in Oblivion, had not the liberal Contributions of the Kingdom reliev'd the one, and repair'd the other. So that now, the first are wealthy much beyond their Neighbours; and the second need give place to no Town in England for nearness, beauty and situation.

and fituation.

Peterburrow, seated upon the River Nen, is so call'd from a Monastery begun there by Peada first Christian King of the Mercians, and dedicated to S. Peter. It suffer d much from the Danes, who destroy'd the Monastery and Monks together; so that it lay desolate for above an hundred years. Then Ethelwold, Bissip of Winchester, rebuilt it, and reftor'd the Monks; who Henry VIII. The fame King crecked it into a Bishop's See, giving this County and Rutlandshive for its Discess. The Cathedral is a most noble Fabrick; but was much more so before the Civil Wars, when it was defac'd, and depriv'd of many considerable Orna-

Dantrey is a good Market-town, well ftor'd with Inns. Some have imagin'd, the name came from a relation it might have to the Danes; and, that the large Fortification near it, was the work of that People. But the form of it, which is four-square, and the Coins of the Emperors, do sufficiently affert

it to the Remans.

Ancient Places.

County; which by the ancient Coins they dig up, is undoubtedly a place of great Antiquity.

Bannavenna is certainly Weedon on the Street, upon the River Nen; not only because it is a place of Antiquity, but also because the distances on both sides exactly answer, and a military way goes directly along

it.

Things remarkable.

Burghley bouse, upon the Welland, was a most noble Structure even an hundred years ago; but now, is mightily improv'd by the prefent Earl of Exeter: So that for the statelines of Rooms, Pictures, Paintings, Carvings, Gardens, Walks, Terraffes, and all other things which furnish out a compleat Seat, it may vie with the best in England. Few Travellers of Curio-

first, that go this way, are willing to lose the opportunity of such a goodly sight.

Near Lilburn upon the edge of Warwick Soire, upon digging a Burrow in hopes of meeting with hidden Treasures, they found nothing but Coals: From whence fome have concluded it to have been rais'd for a Boundary, building upon the Authority of S. Austin and other ancient Writers, who mention that

Within the Demesnes of Broughton in this Counry, is a petrifying Well; from whence a Skull all over Stone (both within and without) was brought to, and preferv'd in Sidney-College in Cambridge. bridge.

Tripontium, is probably to be fixt at Torcefter in this LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE County of Leicester is a Champain, abounding with Corn; but very few parts of it afford any Wood. The old Roman way, call'd Warling-fireer, runs along the West-side of it.

Stiff is much body The more confiderable Places are, { Leicester, Melton-Mowbray, Associated and Melton-Mowbray, Associated as a Couch.

Leicester, standing upon the River Soar, is a place of great Antiquity; for when the Mercian Kingdom was divided into Diocestes, a Bishop's See was sertl'd here; which is a great sign of its eminence at that time. But the that was quickly remov'd, we find that in the Conqueror's time it was in a very good condition, and continu'd so till the Reign of Henry II. under whom it was grievously harrafs'd upon account of the Rebellion of Rebert Bossu Earl of Leicester. At present it is a beautiful Town, pleasantly situated,

Metron Mowbray, fo call'd from the Mowbrays for-merly Lords of it, is a good Market-town, and the most considerable for Cattle of any in that part of England. There is little in the Town worth our

Afriby de la Zouch, to call'd probably from the de la Zouchès Lords thereof, is a very pleasant Town, belonging now to the Earls of Huntingdon.

Bennones must be about Clephook, both because the ancient Ways cross here (as Antoninus has hinted) and also because of the ancient Coins, and Foundations of Buildings that have been discover'd. Bensford-bridge, not far off, may feem to have fomething in it of the old Bennones.

Rata has the lame evidence to affert it to Leicester, where feveral pieces of Antiquity have been found; and an old Trench call'd Rawdikes may poffibly have some remains of the old name.

Verometum must be settl'd upon Burrow-hill, where are the visible marks of an old Fortification; the now it is turn'd into arable Ground.

Things Remarkable.

The Lazers or Lepers had an Hospital in this County, at Burton Lazers; which is thought to have been built about the beginning of the Normans, when

Tis a remarkable Epitaph, that is in the Church of St. Martins, in Leicester; whereby we learn that one Mr. Heyrick (who dy'd April 1589. aged 76.) lived in one House with Mary his Wife full 52 years, and in all that time neither bury'd Man, Woman nor Child, tho' they were sometimes twenty in Family.

RUTLANDSHIRE.

R Utlandshire is the least of all the Counties in England; and, before the Conquest, seems to have been part of Northamptonshire. For till long after the coming in of the Normans, we do not find it nam'd as a distinct County. Tis of form almost circular; the Soil is rich, and the fituation pleafant.

Towns more re- \ Uppingham, markable, are \ Okeham.

Uppingham, in the South-part of the Shire, is a well-frequented Market-town, and has a handfom

Okeham (fituated pleasantly in the middle of the Vale of Catmore, and so call'd from Oaks) belong'd formerly to the Ferrars, and is at present a Markettown of good note.

Ancient Places. Margidunum, by its Termination, seems to point out to us some Hill in these parts, where we are to look for it. Market-Overton has certainly the best right; which, as it is seated upon a high Ground, and answers the distances exactly enough, so does it cast up abundance of Coins in testimony of its Antiquity; and shews store of Marle, to answer the Marga in the beginning of the old name.

Things Remarkable. At Okeham, was born a Dwarf who was scarce 18 inches high, when a year old, and when 30, only about 3 foot and 9 inches. When the Court came in about 3 foot and 9 incless. When the Court carne in progress that way, he was ferv'd up in a cold Pye at the Duke of Buckingham's Table.

'Tis an old custom at the same Town, That the

first time any Baron of the Realm comes through it he fhall give a Horse-thooe to nail upon the Castle-gate: And in case he refuses, the Bayliff has power to stop his Coach, and take one off his Horse's Foot.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE County of Lincoln is very large, and is branch'd into three parts, under three several names, Holland, Kesteven and Lindsey. The first is a foft, marshy Ground, abounding with Rivers and Fens; the second is much better Peopl'd, has a more wholsome Air, and a Soil more fruitful; the third juts out into the Ocean with a large Front, and is bigger than either of the other two.

The more confiderable Stamford,
Towns, are Stamford,
Grantham.

Lincoln (probably fo call'd from its watry fitua-Times the chief to condition, as we learn from Domesday. About which time, the Bishop's See was transferr'd thither from Dorchester; upon a publick Order, that no Bishops should have their Seats in obscure Villages. The Dioces was exceeding large; and notwithstanding Ely was taken out of it by Hemy II. and Peterbirron and Oxford by Hemy VIII, it is still by much the greatest in England. The Cathedral, as it now stands, is a most stately Pile, and of excellent Workmanship; to which perfection it was brought by several Hands. Tis faid, there was once 50 Churches in it; but now not above 18. So much has Time spoil'd it of its ancient Grandeur.

Stamford, upon the River Welland, is so call'd from the flow; Ford that was in that place. Before the Conquest, it stourished much; and in the time of Edward IlLupon a Contest between the Northern and Southern Students in Oxford, a great number of them retir'd hither, and fettl'd an University. But upon an

Accommodation, they went back again, and a publick Act was pass'd, That no Oxford-man should ever profess at Stamford. In the Civil Wars between the Houses of York and Lancaster, it was destroy'd with Fire and Sword, and could never after perfectly recover it felf; tho at present it contains some seven Parishes.

Boston or Botolph's Town, at the mouth of the Witham, is built on both sides that River, and join'd with a wooden Bridge. In Edward I's time, it was ranfac'd and burnt down by a wicked Gang, which could never be discover'd: Only, their Ring-leader confessed the Fact, and was hang'd. But it recover'd it self; especially by the Staple of Woll being settl'd here, which very much enrich'd it. The Inhabitants at present deal mostly in Merchandise and Grazing; and with so good success, that the Town is populous and well-built, and the Market much frequented. Their Church is a beautiful Building, the high Steeple whereof is a good Guide to Mariners.

Grantham is a good Market-town; and is much

talk'd of upon account of its exceeding high Steeple.

Ancient Places.

Gausenna may be conveniently enough settl'd at Brig-casterton near Stamford, where the River Gwash or Wash crosses the High-way; which pessibly may be some remain of the old Gausenne.

Ad Pontem is plainly Paunton, near the Head of the River Witham; which may be inferr'd not only from the similitude of Names, but also from the distances and marks of Antiquity, discover'd in that

Crococalana, tho' it wants the Analogy of names to claim a place at Ancaster, is yet sufficiently demon-fraced to belong to it, both by the distances from the Stations on each side, its situation upon the high Way, and the Coins, Vaults, &c. that have been discover'd

Lindum

Lindum is on all hands agreed to be Lincoln.

Things Remarkable.

About Belvoir-Caftle, they find the Aftroites or Starstone, resembling little Stars with five Rays.

In Stamford they have the custom, which Lietleton calls Burrough-English; whereby the youngest Sons inherit such Lands as their Fathers die possess of.

Between Stamford and Lincoln, they have many Spaws or Chalybiate-Springs: Those which are most

used, are Bourne and Walcot, near Folkingham.

At Wragby, 8 miles East of Lincoln, a Woman brought forth a Child with two Heads, An. 1676.

which liv'd fome hours.

At Salflelby, near the Sea-coast, one Mr. John Wat-Son was Minister 74 years; in which time he bury'd the Inhabitants three times over, fave 3 or 4 Persons. He dy'd Aug. 1693. aged 102.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE County of Nottingham is exceeding well water'd by the River Trent, and those lesser ones that run into it. The West-part of it is all taken up with the spacious Forest of Shirwood.

The Towns more Southwell, confiderable, are Newark, Mansfield.

Nottingham, the chief Town of the County, is Nottingham, the chief I own of the County, is very pleafantly fituated; having on one fide fweet Meadows; on the other, Hills of an easte ascent. The Town is very beautiful, being adorn'd with a delicate Market-place, near Churches, and convenient private Buildings. But that which has made it most famous in all Ages, is it strong Castle; built by Peverel base Son to William the Conqueror. In the beginning of the Civil Wars, Charles I. set up his Royal Standard here in the year 1642, but a little Royal Standard here in the year 1642. but a little after, it came into the Hands of the Parliament, and that War being over, it was order'd to be pull'd down. The Duke of Newcofile hath fince erected a splended Fabrick in the place, begun in the year Southwell is famous at this day for its Collegiate

Church of Prebendaries, dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Here, the Archbishops of York have a Palace, and three

Newark is a pretty Town lying upon the Trent; fo call'd as if one should say a new Work, from the new Castle built there by Alexander Bishop of Lincoln. our modern Histories mention it pretty much upon account of its being a Garison for King Charles I.which held out to the very laft.

Mansfield is the chief Townin the Forest of Sherwood, and is a plentiful and flourishing Market.

Ancient Places.

Agelocum or Segelocum is probably at Littleburrow upon Trent, both because the old Way goes along by it; and also because within the marks of an ancient Wall in the neighbouring Field, the Country People meet with Roman Coins, which they call Swine-penies.

Things Remarkable.

Mortimer's Hole, and that Vault wherein David II.

King of Scotland was kept Prifoner, are Ratitles wherewith they entertain Strangers in the Castle of

At Workensop, they have Liquorice in great abun-

of large at the state of the st

THE County of Derby, towards the South part is hardly fix miles broad; but in the North, is thirty. The East and South are well till'd and fruitful enough; but the West, commonly call'd the Peak of Derby, is nothing but Rocks and Mountains: Which yetmakes amends for its Barrenness, by the abundance of Lead, Iron, &c. which they dig in those parts.

The Principal Town of this Shire, is

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Derby, so call'd from being a shelter for Deer, which implies, that this was formerly a woody Tract. It was pretty famous in the times of the Saxons; but at the Conquest was very much impaired: Whether by the Danish Tyranny, I know not; only thus much is certain, That the Danes made it a Harbour and Retreat in their Depredations, till they were driven out of it by the victorious Lady Ethelfleda. At present, it is a handsom Town and pretty large, having a reputation for admirable good ALE above its Neighbours. The Trade of the place is a fort of Retail, viz. buying Corn in order to make advantage of it by Sale to the High-land Countries.

The Peak (as was observed) is a craggy, mountainous Country, yet is not altogether uteless; for the Hills feed great numbers of Sheep, and it affords also a mixture of Vales pleasant enough. Under Ground they meet with, 1. Lead, 2. Antimony, 3. Mill-stones, 4. the Fluor, a Stonelike Crystal.

Remarkable Things. Buxton-wells, in the Peak of Derby, have a good reputation among the Naturalists; and are faid to

have a Vertue very Soveraign in many Diftempers.

The Devil's Arfe in Peak, is a spacious Hole, with a great many corners, like so many Aparunents.

Elden-hole is remarkable for its deepness: Mr. Cotton plumb'd it to the depth of 800 fathom, but could find no bottom; at leaft, that he could certainly know to be fo.

Near Pooles hole, is a little Brook, confifting of both hot and cold Waters, which are unmixt, and yet to near that you may put the Finger and Thumb, one in hot and the other in cold, both at the same time.

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WARWICKSHIRE.

THE County of Warwick is divided into two parts, the Feldon, and the Woodland; that on the South-fide, and this on the North-fide of Avon. By this division 'tis certain, that as one was a Champain, fo the other was awoody Country: The first afforded all the Pasture and Corn-grounds, and the second was of little use, besides Fuel. But the Iron-works in the Counties round, have so consum'd the Wood, that they have long since made way for the Plough; and at present, what by Marle, and other good Contrivances, all this part produces abundance of Corn: So that the Feldon is turn'd, in a great measure, into Pasturage.

The chief Towns, Scoventry, are Stratford upon Avon.

Warwick, the principal Town of this Shire, tho' it feems to have been eminent even in the time of the Remans, does yet owe its rife, in a great measure to the noble Lady Ethelsleda, who rais'd it out of Ashes. And indeed, we cannot wonder why it should be particularly pitch'd upon, in those warlike times for a Retreat and Sanctuary, since Nature her self seems to have made it for that purpose. The Hill on which it stands, is one entire Rock of free Stone; and the four ways leading into the Town were cut through it. The Castle is exceeding strong, and was of great consequence in times of War; but now its a noble and delightful Scat. On the South of the Town, is a Prospect of a sweet, fruitful Champain; on the North, of Groves and Parks. The two publick Ornaments, are the County-ball and the Market-bousse. This was the condition of the place, till of late; when a most dreadful Fire, enforc'd by a very strong Wind, laid the best part of the Town in Asters. But 'tis hop'd, the Contributions of the Kingdom will be so liberal, that in a few years we shall see it rise out of its Ruins with a fresh Beauty.

Coventry, so call'd from a Convent there, had formerly the honour of a Bishop's See; which, within a few years, was remov'd back to Lichfield; but upon this Condition, That the Bishop should take his Title from both places. They own Leofrick Earl of Mercia and Godiva his Wife, for their greatest Bene-

factors. The growth and increase of the Town feems to be owing, in a great measure, to the Manufacture of Cloathing and Caps, for which they were once very eminent; tho' now they are almost laid aside. That which they value themselves upon, is a stately Cross, built by Sir William Hollies Lord Mayor of London, for Beauty and Workmanship not to be match'd in England. The Walls (which were very strongs), were demolishe at the Restoration, by order of King Charles II.

Bremicham, is a very populous Town, abounding with handfom Buildings: It feems to be of a late date, and to have rifen chiefly by the Iron-works, which are

the great Business of the place.

Stratford upon Avon is a pretty Market-town; and has a fine Stone-bridge over the Avon, confisting of 14 Arches.

Ancient Places.

Prasidium, mention'd by the Notitia, is in all probability the Town of Warwick; than which no fituation can be more proper for a Garison.

Manduessedum must be sought for upon Watlingstreet, and there we meet with Manchesser; which as it carries in it some Remains of the old Name, so does it shew its Antiquity by a Fort, which they call Oldbury.

Things Remarkable.

On the fide of Edge-hill, is the shape of a Horse cut in the Ground; and the Trenches that form it are kept open by a Freehold in the Neighbourhood, who hold Lands by that Service.

About Shugbury, they often meet with the Aftroites; which being put into Vinegar, keep themselves in mo-

tion, as appears by Experiment.

In memory of Godiva their great Patroness, the Inhabitants of Coventry have a yearly Cavileade or Solemn Procession, with a naked Figure, representing her riding naked on Horse-back through the City. The occasion is this: Godiva (as Tradition says) redeem d the Town from very heavy Taxes, laid upon them by her Husband Leofrick; these he would upon no Termis remit, unless she would consent to ride through the Town naked; which she did, and cover d her Body with her long dischevel'd Hair.

"WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE County of Worcester is very happy both in its Air and Soil; and is excellently water'd by the River Severn, which runs through the very midst of it. The South-part has also the advantage of the Avon, running out of Warwickshire into the Severn.

The more remarkable Worcester, Kedderminster, Evesbam, Droitwich.

Worcester, the chief place in this County, seems to

have had its original from the convenience of its fituation upon the Severn. For that River being the Boundary between the Britains and Saxons, the frequent Incursions of the former obligid the latter to fence and guard it with the utmost diligence. And to go yet higher; it might probably enough be one of those Garisons which the Romans built to keep in awe the Britains in those parts, and to secure themselves against Plots and Insurrections. In the year 680, it was made an Episcopal See, and the Church was fill'd with marry'd Presbyters; till Dunstan turn'd them out and plac'd Monks in their room. But those

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too wereat last ejected by King Hemy VIII.who plac'd there a Dean and Prebendaries. The City it self is large, populous and wealthy, dealing much in the Chath-trade. Tis govern'd by a Mayor and six Aldermen, who are Justices of the Peace and elected out of the 24 capital Citizens. The Redderminster, at a little distance from the Severn, is not remarkable for any Antiquity it can classify but is, however, a handsom Town, adorn'd with a beautiful Church, and has a Market very well fre-

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Evestiam, upon the River Avon, was very famous among our Fore-fathers, upon account of the Monaamong our Fore-lattices, upon account of the Mahader fetry built there by Egwin, about the year 700. The Town is feated upon a gentle ascent, and is near enough; receiving not only great Advantages, but the pleasure also of an open, free Prospect, from the spacious and truitful Vale of Evestiam, which produces Corn in great abundance.

Droitwich, upon the River Salwarp, has got both

its Reputation and Riches, by the Brine-pies, and the purest kind of Salt which they make. They had a Charter granted them by King James I. and the Burrough is govern'd by two Bailiffs and a certain number of Burgesses.

Ancient Places.

Braneninum, call'd also Branegenium, is undoubtedly the City of Worcester, call'd by the Britains at this day Caer Vrangen.

Things Remarkeble.

The Brine-pies at Droitwich afford great quantities of fine white Salt; and would yield much more, but that the Proprietors are careful, for their own Interest, not to over-stock the Markets.

The River Severn, about Holt and the neighbour-ing Parts, breeds prodigious numbers of River-

Washbourn under Bredon-hills, with some other Villages, are entirely fever'd from the main Body of the

STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE County of Stafford, as to the Figure, is broad in the middle, but narrow towards each end: As to the Soil, 'tis mountainous, and not very fruitful towards the North; but in the middle and South-parts, is very fertile and pleasant.

Stafford, upon the River Sow, requires our mention, more upon account of its giving name to the whole County, than any Beauty, Riches or Populousness of its own. Nor was it very confiderable, about the Conquest; For we find by Domesday, That the King had in this place only 18 Burgesses. The Barons of Stafford, owners of Stafford Castle, were exceeding favourable to it, got it erected into a Burrough in the Reign of King John, and procur'd for it large Priviledges and Liberties.

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Lichfield, upon the River Trent, is a very ancient Town, and feems to have had that name from the dead Bodies of those Christians who are faid to have been put to death here, in the time of Dioclesian.

Ofrey King of Northumberland fettl'd a Bishop's See in this place, as early as the year 606, which also afterwards had its Archbishop for some time; but that lasted not long. The situation of it is low; and the City is handsom and pretty large. Its greatest Ornameuts, are, the Cathechal, the Bissop's Palace, and the Houses of the Prebendaries; which make a noble Show. Tis divided into two parts by a sort of Lough, which yet have communication by two Cauleys. It was first made a Corporation by King Edward VI. who granted to it Bailiffs and Burgesses.

Ancient Places.

Etocctum will best suit with the course and order of the Itinerary, if it be fettl'd at Wall, about a mile South of Lichfield. For the Remains of old Walls and Buildings, plainly shew it to be a place of Anti-quity; which being gain'd, the agreement of the Distances are a sufficient Argument to prefer this

place before any other.

Pennocrucium should seem, at first sight, to be Penkeidge, upon the River Penk; and the Distances, as well as Sound, would savour such a Conjecture well enough. But there is one Objection against it, That it lies a confiderable way from the Old Road, and so cannot well be supposed to be one of their Stations, which feldom were removed from the Way. Stretton, a little lower, carries Antiquity in its very name (as much as if one should fay the Street-town) suits the Distances very well, and has the advantage of lying upon the Road, from which it takes the name.

Things Remarkable.

Below the Confluence of the River Tame and the

Trent, northward, there is great store of Alabaster.
The three Stones, erected Spire-wise in the Churchyard at Checley, with the little Images cut upon two of them, upon what account soever they might be fet up, are very remarkable.

SHROPSHIRE. -1 1 1 1 1 A.

Stronfline (as a Frontier-Country between the Welch and English) has more Castles built in it, than any other Country in England. Infomuch that a late Author observes, That it seems to be parted from Wheles with a continu'd Wall of Castles: And its said by another, That no less then 32 Castles have been built within this Shire, besides the fortify'd Towns. The Soil of it is fruitful, and the Country pleasant.

The chief Towns Shrewsbery, are, Ludlow.

Shrewsbury, the chief Town of the County, tho' it cannot pretend to Roman Antiquity, did yet rife out of the Ruins of an old, neighbouring City, Uricondum; and was of very good note among the Saxons. So that, about the Conquest, we find 252 Citizens reckon'd in it; and Roger de Montgomery, who had it bestow'd upon him by the Conqueror, improv'd it considerably with Building; and fortify'd it with a stong Castle. And indeed the natural situation of the Town is encouragement enough to pitch upon it particularly for a place of Strength and Sanctuary. The Severn had in a great measure done the work to their Hands, having almost encompass dit, and made their Hands, naving aimon circomparation, visit look like a Peninfula. At present, its well-built, well-inhabited and well-traded. For, standing in the Confines of England and Wales, it is (as it were) the common Mart of both Nations. Of the publick Buildings, the most noted is the School, which is a stately Stone Fabrick, erected and endow'd by Q. Elizabeth, for one Master and three under-Masters. It has likewise a curious Library, which together with the School and Houses for the School-masters, make it look like a College.

Ludow, at the meeting of the Rivers Teond and Coruc, owes its original to the Caftle built in the place by Roger de Montgomery; which he enclosed with a Wall. The Town is beautiful and in a thriving condition, notwithfunding all the Misfortunes it has undergone in the turns of War, by being a Frontier between England and Wales. For which King Henry VIII. made it amends very amply, when he lettl'd there the Council of the Marches, confifting of a Lord Prefident, so many Counsellors and other Officers; which does not only add to its Reputation, but

also is of considerable consequence to it in point of Inrereft.

Ancient Places.

Rutunium discovers it felf very distinctly in the present name of Rutton, in the West-part of this County, not far from the Severn; which Analogy of Names is of so much the more force, because the Distances agree year, well on both sides. agree very well on both fides.

Uriconium is call'd at this day Woxeter (at some distance from Shrewbury); and the ancient Fortifications and Buildings of the Romans (the Remains whereof are visible) are nam'd The old Works of Wroxeter.

Things Remarkable.
Where the Rivers Clume and Temb meet, arises the famous Caer-Caradock, a large Hill, which was the Scene of that Action between Oftorius the Roman, and Caratacus the Britain; whereof Tacitus has given us a very distinct Account.

The Sweating-Sickness in the year 1551. which over-

ran the whole Kingdom, was observed to begin in

Tis a pretty Device, the Fishermen in those parts have invented, viz, a little Coracle (as they call it) of an Oval Form, made of split Sally-twigs, and next the Water cover'd with an Horse's hide. In this, one man seats himself, rows with one hand very swifely. and with the other can manage his Net, Angle or other Fishing-tackle.

CHESHIRE.

T HE County of Chefter is a fruitful Country; and very well water d. It boasts most of its Palatine Jurisdicton, by virtue whereof its Earl was fii'd Comes Palatinus, and all the Inhabitants held of him as in chief, and were nuder a Soveraign Allegiance to him, as to the King. He held also his Parliaments, where even the Barons were oblig'd to give their Attendance. But when this unlimited Power (which had been granted about the Conquest) came to break in by degrees upon the Recal Author came to break in by degrees upon the Regal Authority it felf, and was justly suffected by our Kings, Henry VIII. restrain'd their Soveraignry, and made them dependent upon the Crown. Notwithstanding which all Place of Landau Times. which, all Pleas of Lands and Tenements, &c. ought to be judicially determined within this Shire; no Crime but Treason forcing an Inhabitant of this County to a Trial elsewhere.

> The more confiderable & Chefter, ; Places are, { Nantwich.

Chefter, call'd from its westerly situation West-Chefter. was (under Agricola Lieutenant of Britain) the Seat of the Legion call'd Vicefina Victrix, fertl'd there to curb the Incursions of the Ordovices. And accordingly, the discovery of Roman Coins, Inscriptions, &c. are a sufficient mark, not only of its Antiquity, but likewise of the Eminent Character it bere in those rimes. A litr's after the Conquest, it was made a Bishop's See, by Peter Bishop of Liehfield; but did not enjoy that Dignity long. In all the Disturbances between the English and Weleb, this City has confirmed to the little of the litrograms of the english. stantly had its share; being immediately exposd to their Fury when ever they met with any favourable prospect of an Incursion. Perhaps, it might be in consideration of their good Services, that King

Henry VII. was mov'd to incorporate the Town into a diftinet County. But his Successor King Henry VIII: a diffriet County, but his succeifor king Hemy VIII, did it the greatest Honour, when upon the expulsion of the Monks, he erected it into a Bishop's See; a Dignity that it had wanted for many hundred years. The City it self is of a square Form, the Buildings whereof are very neat; and the chief Street is adorned with Piazza's on each side. It has eleven Parish-Churches. The Sea is not so kind as it has been formerly; having withdrawn it self, and depriv'd the City of the advantage of an Harbout. City of the advantage of an Harbour.

Nantwich, lying upon the River Wever, is a Town very well-built, with a handsom Church. In feems to owe its Growth to the Brine-pits, which afford them the whiteft Salt, in great abundance. Upon which account, its call'd by the Welch Hellath-wen, there is White Chemistry.

that is, White-falt-wich.

Ancient Places.

Deva, is on all Hands agreed, to be the City of

Bonium seems to have left something of its name in the ancient Banchor, a Monastery of great eminence among our Fore-fathers, lying upon the River Dee.; and the Distances, with other Circumstances, do moreover affert it to the same place.

Cangi, a People of the Britains, are fertl'd in these parts, upon the Authority of an old Infeription, dug up

near this Coast.

Condatum seems to be Congleton in this County by the found; but the Distances and Course of the Itinerary do not much favour the Conjecture. An old Inscription dug up at Presbrig in the Buhoprick of Durham, would encline us to carry it thither, by its mention of this ancient place.

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Things Remarkable.

The County is remarkable for making excellent Cheefe, which it fends thorow the whole Kingdom.

In the Heaths and Bottoms, through which the

Wever paffes in the South-part of the Shire, they dig up Trees under ground; a thing indeed not peculiar to the County, but remarkable enough.

In this County, they make abandance of Salt.

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In the Willer M. utadt hi ye now HEREFORDSHIRE. T oth drung

THE County of Hereford is water'd by the pleafant Rivers Wye, Lug and Munow, which empty themselves in one Chanel into the Severn. Being a fort of Frontier in the Wars between the English and Welch, it has had greater numbers of Forts and Castles, than most other Counties. The it abounds with good Corn and Pasture-grounds, yet is it most eminent at this day for its vast quantities of Fruit, of which they make fo much Cyder, as does not only furply their own Families, but furnish London and other parts of England. Their Red-streak (fo call'd from the Apple) is highly valu'd in all parts.

The chief Town

The chief Town

Hereford, fo call'd as if one should say The Ford of the Army, is encompass'd with Rivers on all sides, but to the East. 'Tis Daughter to a place of Antiquity at about three miles distance, call'd by the Romans Ariconium, at this day Kenchester. But our Hereford seems not to have risen before the Saxon Heptarchy was at its height; nor to owe its Growth to any other cause than the Martyrdom of Ethelberts. The first of the Fast, surfey, will appoint your murther'd by Ring of the East-Angles, villanously murther'd by Quindreda Wife to King Offa, while he courted her own Daughter.' Whereupon, he was taken into the Catalogue of Martyrs, and had a Church built to

his memory in this place; which was not only foon

after erected into a Bishop's See, but had signal Re-freets shew'd it by the West-Saxon and Mercian Kings. The City is pretty large: Before the Civil Wars, it had fix Churches; but now it has only four.

Ancient Places.

Blestium, by the Distances, can be no other than Old Foari (upon the Munow) call'd by the Britains Castlehean, a name implying Strength and Antiquity.

Ariconium must be Kenchester, near Hereford; which

afferts' its claim to Antiquity by the old Walls, Chequerworks, Bricks, Coins, &c. observ'd and discover'd about

Things Remarkable.

A Well, below Richard's Castle, is full of small Fishbones or Frog-bones; and notwithstanding it be sometimes empty d.a fresh Supply always succeeds: Whereupon, 'tis call'd Bone-Well.

Marcley-bill, near the Confluence of Lug and Wye,

was in the year 1575. remov'd by an Earthquake to

a higher place.

In a common Meadow call'd the Wergins, between Sutton and Hereford, two large Stones fet on end were remov'd to about twelvescore spaces distance, no Body knew how: This hapn'd about the year, 1652.

YORKSHIRE.

THE County of York is, by much; the largest in all England, being divided into three Branches; each of which is as large, or indeed larger than any ordinary County. The Divisions are term'd Ridings; a name corrupted from the old Saxon Thribing, which confisted of leveral Hundreds or Wupentakes. They are, according to the feveral Quarters, call'd West-Riding, East-Riding and North-Riding, to which we may add Richmondshire. We will consider each of these under their several Heads; but the West-Riding being the most flourishing part, and abounding most with beautiful Towns, requires the first place.

WEST-RIDING.

West-Riding is for some time bounded by the River Ouse, by Lancashire, and the Southern-limits of the County in general.

The more confiderable Towns, { York, Leeds, } { Halifax, Wakefield, are

YORK, the Metropolis of this County, and an Archiepiscopal See, stands upon the River Ure or Ouse, which runs quite through it from North to South. At

what time precifely it was built, we have no evidence: Thus much is certain, That it was the Residence of the Sixth Legion call'd Vietrix, that Severus had his Court here, that Constantius the Emperor dy'd in this place, and was immediately succeeded by his Son Constantine the Great, who receiv'd the last Breath of his dying Father. We need no further Evidence of its Glory under the Romans. Upon the fettlement of the Saxons, it was erected into a Metropolitan See by Pope Honorius; and has continu'd so ever since. It suffer'd very much in the Danish Ravages; but it recovered it felf, when the Norman Government was establish'd, and the Disturbances of that Revolution were blown over. The City is large, pleasant and adorn'd with beautiful Buildings both publick and private. The Bridge over the Foss or Ditch is so throng'd with Buildings, that you would rake it for one continu'd Street. The publick Structures of greatest note, are, 1. The Minster, or Cathedral Church, built in the Reign of Edward I. 'Tis a most stately Pile, and particularly remarkable for the fine Carvings in the Quire. 2. The Chapter-bouse, for its small Pillars and the contrivance of the whole Fabrick, is one of the neatest Buildings in England.

Leeds, upon the River Are, is of good Antiquity; and the very name implies that it has been all along a populous, thriving Town; for 'tis deriv'd from the Saxon Leod, gens, populus. It has grown strangely

by the advantage of the Cloth Trade especially; and was by King Charles II. honour'd with a Mayor,

12 Aldermen and 24 Affiftants.

Rippon, fituated between the Ure and the Skell, was of good note even in the Infancy of the English Church, upon account of the Monastery built there by Wilfrid Archbishop of York. The Town has grown mightily by the Wollen Manufacture, which they have now pretty much laid afide. The Church is a near and stately Fabrick, with three Spite-steeples; and was

built by Contributions.

Halifax, upon the River Calder, is supposed to be nam'd from a certain holy Virgin, who had her Head cut off by a luftful Villain, with whose impure Defires the would not, by any means, comply. Her Head was hing up on a Tree; and was reputed so facred, as to be frequently visited in Pilgrimage. Whereupon, the little Village of Horton came by degrees to be a large and noted Town, and took its name from that which had rais'd its Reputation, viz. the facred Hair of the Virgin's Head: For fo much Halifax implies. Notwithstanding the Soil hereabouts is very barren, the Inhabitants by their Industry in the Cloath Trade are grown exceeding rich. The Parish is vastly large, having in it twelve Chapels under the Mother-Church of Halifax, two wheteof are Parochiald no for and a cold of

Wakefield, upon the River Calder, is a large Town, neatly built, has a well-frequented Market, and has

grown mainly by the Cloathing-Trade. Pontfract, fo call'd from a broken Bridge, is a Town well-built and admirably fituated. It had a most noble large Castle, seated upon a high Hill, which is now demolish'd.

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Danum, mention'd by Antoninus and the Notitia, is undoubtedly Doncaster; call'd by Ninius Caer-

Cambodumum belongs to the little Village Almondbuy, fix miles from Halifax; as appears both by the Distances on each hand, and the Ruins of an old Roman Work, with a triple Fortification; ftill plainly visible.

. Legcolium cannot be more conveniently seated than at Castleford, near the Confluence of Calder and Are; where they meet with great numbers of Coins, which they call Sarafins Heads.

Olicana appears to be Ilkeley, from the affinity of the two names, the remains of Antiquity found about

it, and its situation in respect of York.

Calcaria, tho' commonly feated at Tadcaster, and that upon very plaufible Reasons, ought nevertheless to be remov'd to its Neighbour New-ton-kime, where the ancient High-road runs along, croffing the River at S. Helensford , and where they meet with great ftore of Roman Coins , and other marks of Antiquity. In anomale is a grown of a range

Ifurium is sufficiently afferted to Aldburrow near Burrow-bridge, both by its nearness to the River, Vre, the great number of Coins they dig up, and its due distance from the City of York, answering the compu-

tation of Antoninus. 1 112 20

- Eboracum is by all agreed to be the City of York the eminence whereof in the time of the Romans, we have already taken notice of.

Halifax-law is eminent: By itshey behead any one that's found stealing within such a Liberty, without staying for a legal and ordinary Process, in impount

S. Wilfrid's Needle at Rippon was mighty famous. In the Church, they had a little close passage into a rub Ma ker dar, da la grass ago had no

Vault, whereby they pretended to try the Chaffing of Women: If they were Chaffe, they pas'd with ease; if not, they were stop'd and holden, without any vifible Impediment.

The Devil's Bolts, near Burrow-bridge, are three huge Stones, fet on end in the form of Pyramids: which have their name from a foolish fancy of the Vulgar, that they were pitch'd there by the Devil; but are by the Learned (according to different Conjectures) look'd upon to be either Monuments of some Victory, or British Deities

In the Levels or Marches, they dig up great quan-

rivies of Firr and some Oakis an argument mode time

EAST-RIDING takers, and in

The Bounds of the East-Riding are thus: The North and West-sides are-limited by, the River Derwent; the South, by the mouth of Humber; and the North, by the German Ocean. In some parts, its pretty fruitful, tho' in every respect it falls 'much short of the West-Riding; the middle of it being nothing but Mountains, which they call York wolds.

The chief Towns & Beverley, are, are, are, Hull,

Beverley began to be a Town of note, after Folia de Beverley, Archbithop of Tork, a Person of great Piety, reur'd hither, and ended his days in it. For King Athelstan having a fingular Veneration for him, for his fake endow'd the Town with feveral Immunities: and others of our Kings have been exceeding kind to it upon the same account. So that now (norwithstanding its nearness to Hull, which one would think should very much prejudice it) it is above a mile in length; and is adorn d with two beautiful Churches. The Minster is a very fair Structure. The chief Trade of the place,

is a very fair structure, and Tana'd Leather;

Is Malt, Oatmeal, and Tana'd Leather;

Hull, or Kingston upon Hull, is so call'd from the River upon which it stands, and King Edward I. its Founder. By the convenience of their Harbour, the advantage of their Island-Fist-Trade, and the particular Fovours of their great Patron Michael de la Polesthe Town is so grown both in Wealth, Buildings, Populousness and Commerce, that it infinitely exceeds all its Neighbours. They have two Churches, an Exchange for Merchants, and a Trinity-bouse for the Relief of Scamen and their Wives; besides other Buildings, which are very ornamental and of great use in the management of their Trade, and the administra-tion of their Government. As to the Strength of the place, they have a strong Cittadel begun in the year 1681. But their situation is the best Bulwark against the Enemy: For by advantage of the Level all about, they can let in the Flood, and lay all under-water for

five miles round. Ancient Places. Ancient Places. Derventio must be seated somewhere upon the River Derwent: Auldby is the liklieft place, both upon account of its name, which implies an old Dwelling; and also by reason of the Remains of Antiquity till visible

Abus can be no other Æstuary than the Humber, which is a very spacious one, and receives a great many considerable Rivers.

Delgovitin is probably Wigton, upon the little River Foulnes, Degwe in British fignifying a Seature or Image of a Heathen God, and it appearing that not far from hence there stood an tight Temple town Si the Monks of Linderland, so the time of the

Ocellum Promonterium, is Spurnhead; where Kelln-fey feems to be a Remain of the old Ocellum.

Pratorium discovers it self by the present name Patrington, and by its diftance from Delgovitia.

Sinus Salutaris is that Bay near Bridlington; in the turn whereof is Sureby, which exactly answers the name, as its translated into Latin, from the Greek

Things Remarkable.

The Vipleys or Gipleys (for so they are call'd at present) about Flamborough, are a fort of little Springs-which jet out of the Ground, and spout up Water to a great heighth. They never come, but after great Rains, and lasting wet Weather. See Camden's Britannia, English, pag.748.

ors a more riside NORTH-RIDING.

The North-Riding is (as it were) the Frontier of the other two; extending in a narrow Tract from East to West, for fixty miles together, and bounded on one side with the River Derment and the Ouse, on the other by the Teer. The chief Town is West and the chief

Giburgh, four miles from the mouth of the Tees, formerly famous for the Abbey there; which, by the Ruins, feems to have been equal to forme of the best Cathedrals in Envland. Its Eminence appears, in that it was the common Burial-place for the Nobility in these parts. The pleasant Situation, the goodness of the Air, the neatness of the Inhabitants, and other Advantages, make the place very agreeable and de-

Ancient Places.

Dunus Sinus difcovers it felf by a little Village feated upon it and call'd Dunesley, hard by Wnithy.

Things Remarkable.

About Whitely, they find the Serpent-stones; which the credulous, common People imagine to be Serpents, turn'd into Stones by the Prayers of S. Hilda.

Upon the same Shore; they find the Black-Amber or Geate, which grows within the chink or cliff of a

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The Seales (or Sea-veales, call'd also Sea-calves) fleep upon the Rocks near Hunseliff in great Droyes, and there Sun themselves.

THE RICHMONDSHIRE.

This part of the County lying to the North-west, is almost all Rocks and Mountains, which yet in some places afford good Pasture; and under-ground, great ftore of Lend, Coal, &c. The I im ...

Richmond, upon the River Swaler, so call'd as if one should say a rich Moune; which name it had given it by Alan the first Earl, immediately after the Conquest; who fortify'd it with Walls and a very ftrong Castle." It has three Gates; and taking in the Suburbs is pretty large and populous; but within the Walls it is but-narrow.

Ancient Places.

Bracchium is to be fought for at the confluence of Baine and Ure; where, at a place call'd Burgh, are the Remains of an old Fortification; and where an Inscription was discover'd making express mention of this name. Y ...

Catura Stonium (fo call'd from a Catarast in the River Swale) does plainly discover it self in our present

Lavatra, by the course of the ancient High-way and the Distances in Antoninus, must be about Bowes, on the edge of Stanemore; which has had its Antiquity attested by ancient Inscriptions.

Things Remarkable.

Upon the Confines of Lancashire, where the Mounvulets hurry, along so deep in the Ground, that it creates an Horror in one, to look down to them:

Those they call Hell becks, upon account of their

gastliness and depth. Sir Christopher Medcalf, a Gentleman of these parts, when Sheriff of the County, is faid to have been attended with 300 Horfe, all of his own Family and Name, and all in the fame Habit, when he receiv'd the Judges, and conducted them to York. At you are ine judges, and continued to 184.194. 194. Par

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is = 12 and of the state of the D'Urham (commonly call'd the Bishoprick of Durham, from the absolute Power which the Bishops herefrom the ablolute rower which the binops here of us'd to exercise in this County) is nam'd by our ancient Writers, the Patrimony of S. Cuthbert. This Saint, who liv'd here in the Infancy of the Saxon-Chutch, was so much respected by our Kings and Nobility for his exemplary Virtue and Piety, that they thought they could never sufficiently express their respect to his Margoria nor hear Land. Principage and included the Memory, not heap Lands, Privileges and Immunities enough upon his darling Church. Informuch, that at length, it was made a County-Palatine, and accordingly the Bishops have their Royalties, and are both Spiritual and Temporal Lords.

The more confiderable Towns, Bernard-caftle, Sio kion.

Durham, in Saxon Dun-bolm, from its high fituaof the Monks of Lindisfarne, in the time of the eft . I'm in in it Danes For being by that barbarous People disturb'd in their own Seats, they were forced to feek Protection for themselves, and a thelter for the Relicks of S. Cuthbert, in the most convenient, place they should meer with: Here they fix'd; and when that dreadful Storm was blown over, and Religion reviv'd, they flourish'd in great Pomp and Reputation. In William the Conqueror's time the place was made a Seat of War, by those who could not bear the violation of their ancient Rights and Liberties. The Town is defended by the River, on all fides but the North; and is wall'd round: The Cathedral is a noble Pile of Building, and the Church exceeding rich.

Bernard-castle, upon the River Tees, was so call'd from Beinard Baliol (Grandfather to John Baliol King of Scots,) its Founder. 'Tis a good Town; and is eminent in those Northern parts, for the best Weite-bread.

Stockton, about three miles below Faram (a conside-

rable Market-town) about thirty years ago, had no

Houses but of Clay, and thatch'd. Now, 'tis well built, is a Corporation, and drives a great Trade in Lead and Butters

d' Ancient Places.

Tuefis, or Teasis in Ptolomy, is plainly the River

Vedra, mention'd by Ptolomy, does likewise belong to this County, and is undoubtedly the River Were, call'd by Bede, Wirus.

Vinovium in Antoninus, in Ptolomy, Binovium, seems by the very Name to settle it self at Binchester, near the River Were; where appear large Ruins of Walls: and Coins, with other marks of Antiquity, are dug

Condercum feems to be Chefter on the Street, near the River Were; especially, if the Saxon name of the place be Concester. All the Objection is, That the Notitia settles this Station and Lineam Valli, so that Chester on the Street is perhaps too far remov'd from the Wall to lay claim to this piece of Antiquity. An Altar found at Benwall in Northumberland seems to give it to that place, against which there is not the

Things remarkable.

The Pits call'd Hell-kettles near Darlington, are much admir'd both by Travellers and the Inhabitants. There are three of them, full of Water to the brim; possibly by a communication with the Teesonly: the Water in them is said to be of a different kind from that in the River. They look much like old-wrought Coal-pits that are drown'd. The outsty of the of the tri

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े भार प्रार्थित ज्या , भारति कि THE County of Lancaster, call'd by the northern People Loncaster, where it is level yields good store of Barley and Wheat; and in the Valleys, Oats. The Mosses, tho as to their produce they are of no real value, are yet of confiderable advantage both by the Fuel above ground, and the old Trees underground. Its greatest Glory is, that tis a County-Palatine, as well as its neighbour Cheshire.

The more confiderable Manchefter, Mancheft

Lancafter, (so call'd from the River Lone upon which it stands) gives name to the whole County, and was, accordingly, the most flourishing Town in it. But now its much out-grown by Manchester, having no advantage of Trade, or any other Employment besides that, of Agriculture; to which indeed the nature and fituation of the place may feem in some measure to have determined the Inhabitants. For the Grounds about it are very fit for Cultivation, and 'tis

feated in an open free Tract.

Manchester, at the Confluence of the Irk and Iri well, is the most populous and thriving Town in this County. The Inhabitants may be estimated from the number of Communicants; who in the Town and Parish round it made no less than 20000, sixty years ago; fince which time the Inhabitants have encreas'd proportionably to their incredible growth in Trade. They are most famous for the Fustian-Manufacture, commonly known by the name of Manchester-Cottons the they deal alle in many other Manufactures, all which are called by one general name, Manufactures. They have more publick Buildings than are commonly to be met with in our Country-towns. 1. The Collegiate Church is a very stately Edifice, the Quire whereof is particularly remarkable for its curious carved Work. 2. The College (confifting of a Warden; four Fellows, two Chaplains, four Singingmen, and four Cherifters) is a noble Foundation. 3. The Hospital for the maintenance of fixty poor Boys, is much of the same Government and Constitution with that of Christ Church in London. 4. The Library is furnished already with Books, to almost the number of doco, and will daily encrease by an annual Salary of 116 l. per Ann. settled upon it for that purpose, and for the maintenance of a Librarian.

has three Masters, who have plentiful Salaries.

Wiggin, near the rife of the River Dugless, is a handfom, plentiful Town, having the honour of a Mayor

and Burgeffes.

Leverpoole (near the entrance of the River Merfer) into the Sea) tho' it can boaft of no great Antiquity, is yet a place both of Name and Wealth. The first it derives from the convenience of a paffage from hence over into Ireland, which of late years has been much us'd by reason of the Commotions in that Kingdom. The second is owing to its Trade with the West-Indies, and the Manufactures round it. By the advantage whereof the Buildings and Inhabitants are more than doubly increased, and the Customs augmented eight or ten-fold, within these 28 years last past. Of late, they have built a Town-house, plac'd upon Pillars; and under it, the Exchange.

Ancient Places.

Mancunium, is Manchester, which may feem to have taken part of its name from the Roman one.

Bellifama must be an Æstuary hereabouts: The latter Syllable of the name of Ribell would induce us to pitch upon the mouth of that River before any other.

Ribodunum (if we may change Ptolomy's Rigodunum, into that) need not be fought in any other place but Rible-chester, which produces a variety of Roman Remains; and however inconsiderable at present, gave rise to Preston, a handsom, large and populous Town. Bremetonacum cannot probably be more convenient-

ly feated than at Overburrow (at the confluence of Lac-and Lone) which, tho it has no remains of the old name, does yet earry. Antiquity in the latter part of its present one, and has the Tradition of the Inhabitants on its side (who tell you of a spacious City that was formerly there) and the Evidence of Roman Coins, Inferiptions, &c.

Longovicum is plainly Lancafter, call'd by the In-habitants and the northern part, Loncafter; besides. which Analogy of Names, they meet now and thenwith Coins of the Roman Emperors - 12-3110 adv an

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Lancashire-Oxen are samous throughout England, for huge, bulky Bodies and large Horns.

Winnick, near the River Merfey, is reckond one of the best Parsonages in the Kingdom.

At Hey in this County, we fee fuch a Plantation of Fir-trees (by the industry and contrivance of its prefent Owner Thomas Brotherton, Efq.) as perhaps can hardly be met with elfewhere.

Lathom-forth in this County, the not much frequented (by reason of the want of fuitable Accommodation) has done confiderable Cures.

Burning-well, near Wiggin, if a Candle be put to it, will prefently take Fire and burn like Brandy; and in a calm quiet Season will continue for a whole day together, even to that degree, that by the heat of it they boil Eggs; Meat, &c.

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THE County of Westmorland is so call'd from its westerly ficuation; lying West of that great ridge of Mountains which divides these Northern Counties. The out-skirts of it on most sides are hilly and mounrainous, which feed great Flocks of Sheep, and have a mixture of fruitful Vales; but the heart of it is an open, champain Country, which affords good store of Corn and Wood.

The more confiderable & Apleby, Towns, are Kendal.

Apleby claims the first place, both upon account of its Antiquity; and also because its the County-town, where the yearly Assizes are held. Otherwise, its neither rich nor beautiful; only the fituation indeed makes it very agreeable, having the advantage of pleafant Fields round it, and being wash'd by the River E-

Kendal, call'd also Kirby Kendal, has its name from the River Can, and implies as much as a Dale or Valley upon that River. This is much beyond Apleby, whether we respect the Trade; Buildings, Number or Wealth of the Inhabitants. It has two good Streets, which cross each other, and is enrich'd by the Industry of the Towns-men and the Wollen Manufacture, for which they are very eminent, and drive a Trade with it throughout England. Ancient Places. 322 Toggalis 1 am

Amboglana, if we follow the Analogy of Names, cannot be plac'd more conveniently than at Amblefide, upon Windermere-water; which may be done with so much the less scruple, because it shews the Ruins of an old City, and other marks of Antiquity.

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Ituna is undoubtedly the noble River of Eden, which marches through this County, towards the

Verter e must be Brough under Stanemore, for several Reasons: The Name imports Antiquity; then it stands upon a Roman High-way; and lastly, the Distances from Levatre and Brownacum agree very exactly.

Aballaba is so visible in our present Apelby, and sowell answers that situation, that there is no room for

Gallatum is probably Whelp-castle, near Kirby-Thore, where are the Ruins of an old Town, and very confiderable Remains of Antiquity.

Scientiorum Lacus may well enough be Windermere, upon the edge of Lancashire; one of the largest Lakes in the Kingdom.

Things Remarkable, King Arthur's round Table, in the North of this County, is much talk'd of by the Inhabitants and others: But we need go no farther for its original than the Ages wherein Tilting was in vogue; this being a round Entrenchment with a plain piece of Ground in the middle, and very convenient for that purpose.

Gold-fike, in the Parish of Orton, is a little Spring which continually casts up small thin pieces, of a sub-stance shining and resembling Gold.

In Windermere-water there is great store of the

Fift call'd Charre, which is not to be met swithal in the South, and only in very few places of the North. They are bak'd in Pots, and so sent up to London, and other parts, where they are an acceptable Pre-

CUMBERLAND.

THE County of Cumberland is the farthest of our English Counties to the North-west, and borders upon Scotland. Whether it fetch the name from the old Britains, call'd Cambri and Cumbri; or, (as a modern Author imagins) from our Cumber, the Shire being encumber d with Lakes and Mountains, and made very difficult to Travellers, I shall not determine. The former Conjecture has this advantage, that some of the Britains posted themselves for a long time, in these parts, when the Saxon Conqueror, drove them to the out-skirts of the Island, and made them seek for shelter among Hills and Mountains. The remains of British Names hereabouts concur to the establishment of the fame Opinion.

More confiderable & Califer Control Towns are, 2 Pentith.

Carlille is happy in its situation, standing between the Rivers of Eden, Peteril and the Caude; which, as they make it very agreeable, and furnish it with great plenty of Fish, so do they add considerably to its Strength; a circumstance that in these bordering Countries, was very valuable. For before the union of the two Crowns, the Scots were communally making Incursions upon the Frontiers; which put the Government under a necessity of building Castles, Towers and fortify'd Places, for the defence of it self and of the Subject. The City is wall'd round, has a Castle, with a Citadel built by King Henry VIII. Its situation upon the Wall, with the marks of Antiquity dug up about it, put it beyond dispute, that it quity dug up about it, put it beyond dispute, that it was a place of some note among the Romans. The Danes utterly destroy dit, and it lay in desolation for about two hundred years; till William Rusus took it into his protection, built here a Castle, and planted

it with a new Colony of Husbandmen, to till the Ground round it. It has had of late; Ears, of confiderable note; but owes its greatest honour to the Bishop's See, established in it by King Henry I. The Cathedral stands almost in the middle of the City; but the Bishop's Seat is some few miles distant from the City, at Rose-Castle.

Penrith is a Market-town upon the South-border

of the County, of good note in these parts. The Town is well enough built, and the Inhabitants are pretty wealthy; having the advantager of standing almost in the middle between two Counties. In the Town they have a handsom Church; and at a little difrance, an old Caftle of the world in the world of the control of

Morbium feems to have left its name in the present Moresby, upon the Western Coast; where they find great remains of Roman Antiquity hills : 1 . fi soel : 67

Arbeia also may seem to point out its old situation by the name of a Town at the head of the River Elen,

now call'd Ferby.

Volantium, if it is not allow'd a place at Elenburrow, at the mouth of the River Elme; must remain unsettl'd till some more lucky discovery fix it in its true place. Tis certain, here are all the signs of Antiquity that can be wish'd; great store of Altars, Statues, Inscriptions, &c. and (which is of most moment) one of the fecond fort, with this Writing on the back-fide, Volantii shits :

Moricambi, fignifying in British a crooked Sea, cannot be fettl'd at any winding, more agreeable to the name, than that near Holme Cultram, upon this

Castra Exploratorum, if we respect the Distances on each hand, will fall in well enough with the present old Carlifle, at the head of the little River Wize; a place (by reason of its high situation) fit for the discovery of an Enemy; and where they find such plenty of Roman Remains, as put it beyond all dispute that it was of confiderable importance under that and at Garder on and trains

Blatum-Bulgium discovers its ancient situation by the present name Bul-ness; where are Tracks of

Streets and old pieces of Waller o'ds last, it onotes on

Petriane feems to be Old Perith (near the Town of that name) where a broken Altar was dug up, implying that the Ala Petriana quarter'd there.

Congrivata is pediably the place we now call Ros-Cafile, the Seat of the Bishop of Carlifle.

Luguvallum is agreed upon by all to be the present Carlifle, and seems to owe the latter part of the name. to its fituation upon the Piets-wall.

Asica must be lought for somewhere upon the River Esk. Netherby bids fairest for it, proving its claim by the vast Ruins of an old City; how inconsiderable soever it may be at present.

Bremenium should seem to be Bramton in Gillesland. coisman.

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· Pearls are found in great abundance in the little. River Irt; being call'd Muscle-Pearls. Some Gentlemen have lately procur'd a Parent for the Pearl-fishing in this River.

The Font at Bridekirk, with a fair Runick Inscription, is a Curiosity that has been long since taken notice of by Antiquaries, but must be clear'd and il-lustrated by that learned Gentleman Mr. Nicosson, in his Antiquicies of the Kingdom of Northumberland.

The Circle of Stones call'd Long-Meggrand her Daugheers (at Little Salkeld) have had several Conjectures spent upon them, but will be fully illustrated by the same worthy Gentleman. The Pitts-wall, so much talk'd of in our Histories, and among the Common People, begins at Bulues upon the Irish Sea, so runs by Carlisle; and afterwards passing the Rivers of Cambee, Irrhing and Poltros, enters Northumberland. It, was built, in the latter end of the Range, to prevent the Inclusions latter end of the Romans, to prevent the Incursions of the Scors and Pitts; who (upon calling over the Roman Forces to affift in Foreign Wars) took all opportunities of making Excursions into the Territories of the poor Britains. At convenient Distances they had Towers and Garisons, that the Enemy should not furprize them, and that they might be in a condition to get together upon the first Motion and

the NORTHMBERLAND

Northumberland was formerly us'd in a much greater latitude and extent, then at present it is; for it denoted all those Counties, which (according to the import and meaning of the Word) laid beyond, or on the North-side of the River Humber. Before the Union of the two Kingdoms, this County was almost continually a Seat of War, and the Inhabitants were daily exercised with the Skirmishes of the Neighbouring Scots. This, as it made them a warlike, frour fort of People, so did it fill the Shire with little Forts and Castles, which private Men built for their own defence. In those times they were rude and unpoof the bordering Scots; but since, they have taken to the English modes of Living, and are as decent and regular as any of their Neighbours.

The more confiderable Towns are, Servick, Hexam.

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Newcastle is seared conveniently upon the River Time, which makes a secure Harbour, and carries up Vessels of Burthen. 'Tis of good Antiquity, tho' the Name imports it to be only of a modern date; but that it got, when Robert, Son to William the Conqueror, built a New Castle at it. It is surrounded with good strong Walls, which were begun by a wealthy Citizen, in the Reign of Edward I. The growth of it isowing to the Trade it drives upon the Coasts of Germany, and the plenty of Sea-coal with which it surrishes London, and a good part of England; especially, so much as lies upon that Coast. By Hemy VI. it was made a County Incorporate; and since that time, has improv'd so considerably in Wealth and Trade, that its now the great Emporium of the Newcastle is seated conveniently upon the River and Trade, that its now the great Emporium of the North-part of England, and of a good share of Scot-land. S. Nicholas is the Mother-Church; besides which, there are fix other Churches or Chapels.

Berwick, seated at the mouth of the River Tweede, is the farthest Town in this Kingdom; and standing between England and Scotland, has ever born the first

Affaults

Affaults, upon the breaking out of War between the two Nations. By which means it was a fort of continual Garison, one while in the Hands of the English, and then again in the possession of the Scots; till it was reduced to the obedience of Edward IV. and partly by the Union, partly by its great Strength, has ever since continued in subjection to our Kings. About a hundred years ago, it was reputed the strong-oft place in the whole Kingdom; but as the approhensions of Danger from that Quarter have for many years ceased, and so put a stop to the Improvements which would otherwise have been made upon it; so Enemies from other Parts bave obliged us to spend more Pains and Industry upon Hull, Port Smouth, Plimouth, &c., which at prefent much out-do it in Strength and

Hexam was a place of mighty note among the Saxons; and is much talk'd of in our Histories. For here, Egfrid fettl'd a Bishop's Sec; which simple have continued longer (to the honour and interest of the place) if the Danes had not given them such violent Disturbances, as put the Monks under a necessity of removing and seeing out for new Quarters. The Church, which stands still entire (except the West-

end) is a flately Fabrick. The way to got yet part yet

Ancient Places.

Magna, mention'd by the Notitia, is probably Chester in the Wall; not only because it stands upon the Pills-wall and takes its name from thence, but also because it has shewn us some Altars and Inscriptions;

as Evidences of its Antiquity.

Hunnum, tho' it has left no Remains of its name, in any place in these parts, yet the Wing which resided at it, call'd by the Notitia, Sabiniania, may scem to have given some ground to the present Seavenshale,

upon the Wall.

Gallana discovers it self in the present Walwick which probably had this denomination from the old

Habitancium should seem to be Risingham upon the River Rhead, where are many Remains of Antiquity and an Inscription was dug up which made express mention of the old name.

Cilurnum may very conveniently be plac'd at Cilce-fter near the Wall; which may feem to owe the first

Syllable of its name to it.

Axelodunum is so manifest in our present-Hexam, that the latter feems only to be a contraction of the former; especially, if we consider the various meltings and mouldings of this name under the Saxons. Add to this, that the termnation Dunum does very well fuit with the high fituation of this place.

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Pons Æhi can be no other, than that which at this day we call Pont-Eland, upon the River Pont.

Borcovicus does still preserve the Remains of its

name in Borwick, which fecins to be a Compound of a Roman Initial and a Saxon Termination.

Vindolana, where the fourth Cohort of the Galli

kept Garison, may very well be settl'd at Old-Win-

Gabresentum is Gatesbead, a fort of Suburbs to New

caftle, where the Wall pass'd. 1 the Mary of an eminus terms it, Vindombra, feems to imply as much as the Wat'l end; and then we need not be at a loss for its fituation; fince we meet with a Village in these parts of the very

Glanoventa (fignifying as much as the bank of the River Went must be plac'd somewhere upon the River call'd at this day Wentsbeck; tho' the Distances seem to hir well enough with Caer-vorran, near which there is a place still call'd Glen-well: 1910 1911 1901

Alaunus; mention'd by Ptolomy; discovers it felf plainly in the present name Alne; 11 10 altres and

Tunnocellum is plainly Tinmouth; call'd formerly

Segedunum needs no clearer Guide to its stuation; than the affinity it has with our present Segbill, aponi the Sea-coast near. Tinmouth, it wis stone, hearts

Alone may fairly enough be fettl'd at Old-town; not only because that place carries Antiquity in the name, but also from its firuation upon the River Alon; and the proper Distances from the Stations on each:

Constopicum, is evidently Corbridge; and probablythe same with Ptolomy's Curia Ottadinorum.

Things Remarkable. The At-Chillingham-Cafele, its faid a live Toad was found in the middle of a Stone at the fawing of it. One part of the Stone is now a Chimney-piece in the Castle, with a hallow in the middle ; and the other also has the like mark, and is put to the same use at Horton-Castle. k ne et ike dent, is .

The Improvement in Tillage at Rock by John Salkeld, Elg; and in Gardening and Fruitery at Falladon, by Samuel Salkeld, Gentleman; are Fineries hardly to be met with in these Parts; The latter is the more remarkable, because of an Opinion which has prevailed in the World, That the coldness of the Climate in these Northern parts, will not allow Fruit to come to its proper perfection and ripeness.

Not far from Newcastle, there are some Coal-pits on fire, which have burnt several years: The Flames are visible enough by night, and the burning may be Surface of the Ground of Arm & marker M. Safety of the Ground of Arm & marker M. Safety of the Ground of Arm & marker M. Safety of the Ground of Arm & marker M. Safety of the Ground of Arms & marker M. Safety of the Ground of Month of the Safety of the Ground of Month of the Safety
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HAT the Inhabitants of WALES are the Off-spring of the ancient Britains; who were possess of the greatest parts of this Island before the coming over of the Saxons; we have shewn in the general Account of the feveral Inhabitants. The severn was their Boundary on this fide; for a long rime; till the prevailing power of the Saxons, and of the Kings of England after the Conquest, obligid them to retire further Westward, and to seek shelter among the Mountains. Notwithstanding which, they still enjoy'd their own Laws, liv'd under their own Princes, and maintain'd their own Liberties against all the Designs and Artempts of the English. Till at last, in the Year 1282. Llewellen ap Gryffith, Prince of Wales, lost both his Life and Principality to King Edward I. who yet did not think himself safe, notwithstanding his Victory fermil agric and absolute. notwithstanding his Victory seem'd entire and absolute. For he observ'd the Humour of the Welch to be bitterly fer against any Foreign Prince or Governor, and was very hard put to it to fettle himself in the secure possession of his new Conquests, till he enter'd upon this bural o ucinius f. r mit r = 18. cr. 2

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Child; fo he sent for her immediately to come to Carnarvon, and when she was delivered of a Son, he summond a Meeting of the Welch Lords, and profer d them the young Child (a Native-of their own) for their Lord and Governour. To him they readily swore Obedience; and since that time, the eldest Sons of the King of England have commonly been created Princes of Wales.

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As to the prefent condition of this Principality; it is divided into South-Wales and North-Wales; from the fituation of the feveral Branches. The Counties of Hereford and Monnouth (which formerly belong d to it) are now lopped off, and reckon'd among those of England. The former of these we have already furvey'd: The latter (as being disjointed in a manner by the Estuary of Severn) we shall referve to its proper place, in the Survey of these parts. Passing therefore by Herefordshire, the next County to the North-west, is

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THE County of Radnor, on the East and South-parts, is well cultivated and fruitful enough: The rest of it, tho' well water'd; is so very rugged and uneven, that the Plow can have no Employment o as the reath, a there.

The chief Town is

Radner, from whence the whole County takes its name. Old Radnor (call'd from its high fituation Peneraig) was laid in Aftes by Rhys ap Gruffydh in the Reign of King John. The new Town is wellbuilt, for those parts; and was formerly defended with Walls and a Castle. It might have been much more considerable, had it scap'd the Fury of the Rebellious Owen Glyndwr, who burnt it down. But a more immediate cause of its decay, seems to be the Encouragement that was afforded to its Neighbour Prestean (about three miles off) by Martin Lord Bishop of 5. Davids; by whose favour it grew up to a considerable Market, and must by consequence draw off the Trade and refort from Radner.

The ancient Place in this County is

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The ancient Place in this County is
Magi, mention'd by Anteninus; which poffibly
we may fooneft find about the place we have been
just now describing. I mean, Old Radnor, call'd by
the Britains Maesyved hen; for the middle-Age Writers call the Inhabitants of those parts Magesere, as
much as if one should say the Seat of the Magi; and
the Distances on both sides will hit well enough.

The Thing most remarkable, is
Offa's-dike, a mighty Work of it self, and much
talkt of by our Historians. The name, it has from the
Contriver of it, King Offa, who had it cast up as a
Boundary between the English and Welch; and a
Protection for the former against the Invasions of the
latter. It runs through Herefordshire; so over a part
of Shropshire into Monegomeryshire; then again into
Skropshire, and so through Denbigshire into Flintshire; and ends a little below Holywell, where that
Water empties it self into the Dee. Water empties it felf into the Dec.

BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE County of Brecknock, on the South of Radnorshire, is of great extent, but very mountainous; tho the pleasant and fruitful Vales (whereof they have a good number) make amends for this unfightly appearance.
The chief Town is

Brecknock, upon the River Usk; which as it gives name to the whole County, so is it situated almost in the middle of it. The Reman Coins, which they discover hereabouts, are a Testimony, that it has been of some note among that People. I know not whe-

ther the Town began to flourish when Bernard Newmarch (who conquer'd this Country) built a stately Castle at it; which was afterwards repair'd by the Breoses and Boluns. "Tis certain, King Henry VIII. added much both to the honour and advantage of the place, when he constituted here a Collegiate Church of fourteen Prebendaries.

There are no Ancient Places that can probably be fix'd in this County; nor any Remarkables which properly fall under our Defign.

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MONMOUTHSHIRE

THE County of Monmouth, among other Advantages is abundantly supply d with Water; being bounded (as it were) on all sides with Rivers, and parted in the middle by the noble River of Usk. The Fift part abounds with Pastures and Woods; the Western parts are a little Mountainous, but yet fruit-

The chief Towns Monmenth, ate, Chepftow.

Monmruth (firuated between the Rivers Mynny and Mye) is the chief Town of this County, and has been a place of note ever fince the Conquest. For the Cast e flourish'd in the Time of the Conqueror, and seems to have been of great account in the Civil Wars, which happi'd afterwards in this Kingdom. Infomuch, that the Town may feem in fome measure to owe its growth to it; King Henry III. granting it large Privices, after he had deprived John, Baron of Menmeuth of his Inheritance, either for espousing himse f the Interest of the Barons, or because his Heirs had clos'd with the Earl of Bretagne. It glories in the Birth of two Persons, very much talk'd of in our Histories; one for his martial Archievments, the other for his I carning and Knowledge in Antiquities. For here King Henry V. the Glory of England and Terror of France, had his first Breath; and here allo was born the noted Jeffery (call'd from hence de M mnouth) Author of the famous British History. The latter I am the rather inclin'd to reckon an Ornament to the place of his Nativity, be-cause the *Britains* feem to value themselves and their Nation upon the Original he has given them, and are inclind to give more Credit to his Relations, than their Neighbours are willing to allow them.

Chepstow, near the mouth of the River Wye, is of a pure Saxon original; which also intimates that it

was a place of Trade and Commerce when that name was given it. The old Vonca Silurum is about four miles from it; and some affirm, That it arose out of the Ruins of that ancient City: How truly, I know not. Tis at present, a Town of good note, secur'd by Walls of a considerable compass.

Ancient Places.

Venta Silurum, was the chief City of this People, and a large one it was for those Times; the Ruins thewing about a mile in compass. As the Remains of Antiquity point out the place, so is the memory of it preserved in the present name of Caer-went, not far from Chepftow.

Gobannium is feated at the Confluence of the River Wysk and Gavenni; from which Confluence 'tis at this day call'd Aber-Gavenni.

Is a is plainly the River Usk; and the Station call'd by Antoninus Is and Legio Secunda is undoubtedly Kaer Lheion, call'd also by the Britains, Kaer Lheon ar wysk, intimating as much as, The City of the Legion upon the River Usk; from the Legio secunda Augusta which quarter'd there.

Burrium is plac'd by Antonius 12 miles from Gobannium: 'Tis call'd at this day Brynbiga for Biren-begi (where the River Brydhin falls into the Usk) which name feems to retain something of the more ancient Denomination.

The Things most Remarkable in this County, are The Chequer'd Pavements, which were discover'd about the ancient Venta Silurum or Kaer-went in the about the ancient venta sturum or Aart-went in the year 1689. Upon taking them up, the Cement was diffolv'd; so that nothing but the cubical Stones of which they were compos'd, do now remain. The Stones whereof these Pavements are made, are of several Colours; and by the Artisce of the Workman are form'd into several Shapes of Men, Beasts, Cups, &c. or whatever else he pleas'd.

I'm Att I Trout I'm I'm GLAMORGANSHIRE.

GLamorganshire is by some supposed to take that name from a certain Prince call'd Morgan; which is a Conjecture probable enough, confidering how common the name is in this Country. But if we respect the Situation of the Country, we must rather setch it from its relation to the Sea, or the Assuring of Severn, upon which it is stretch'd out towards the South; for Mor in their Language fignifies the Sea.

The chief Towns \ Landaffe, are, \ Caerdiffe.

Landaffe is seated in a bottom upon the River Taf, from which and the Church there it takes the name: For Lhan in British fignifies a Church. From this it derives its greatest Ornament and Reputation; being erected into a Bishop's See as early as the suppression of the Pelagian Herefie by Germanus and Lupus, the two Gallick Bishops.

Caerdiffe, considering it lies nearer the mouth of

the same River, has greater advantage by the Harbour; and is a pretty neat Town.

Ancient Places. Ratofibius is a corruption of the British Tracth Tav, which fignifying the fandy Frith of the River Tav, we need not give our felves any further trouble in enquiring after the position of this ancient Place.

Bovium is Boverton, three miles from Combridge, a

Market Town.

Nidum also points its fituation by the present name. Nedh, a Town of good note.

Leucarum is Logbor The Thing most Remarkable in this County, is Caerphyli-castle, the noblest Ruins of anent Architecture that we have in this whole Island; being larger than any Castle in England, except only Windsor. This seems to have been the Bellaum Silurum ; which being turn'd into British, is Caer-Vwl, and that must be express'd like Caer-Vyl, or Caer-Vyli.

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CAERMARTHENSHIRE.

THE County of Caermarthen, in British Kaer-Vyrdhin, bears good store of Corn, and abounds pretty much with Cattel: Befides which Advantage of the Soil; it yields in feveral places good plenty of

The chief Place is

Caermarthen, seated pleasantly upon the River Towy among Woods and Meadows, whither Ships of small Burden are carry'd up. But the Sea has been a little unkind to it; having well-nigh stopp'd up the mouth of the River with a ridge of Sand. This Town has the honour of being the Birth-place of the famous Merlin, the British Prophet, so much talk'd of in ancient Story.

Ancient Places.

Tobius is manifestly the River Towy, which crosses this County from North to South, and empries it self

into the Ocean a little below Kidweli.

Maridunum is plainly Caermarthen, just now describ'd; especially, if we take the British name of the place, Caer-mardkin.

PENBROKESHIRE.

THE County of Penbroke (encompass'd with the Sea, except on the North and East-sides) is ferof Marke and other fattening Materials they make use of, to enrich the Ground. They are likewise well stock'd with Cattel, and have good store of Coal for Fuel:

The chief Towns { Penbroke, } { Haverford-west, } are, \$ S. David's, } { Tenbigh.

Penbroke (translated by Giraldus, The Cape, or Sea-Promontory) is seated in the Eastern-bay of Milfordhaven. Arnulph de Montgomery built a Caftle here in the time of Henry I. At prefent, its a Corporation, and receives great Advantages from the Sea.

S. David's (feated in the utmost Promontory to the

Westward) has its name from Deni or David, a very religious Bishop, who translated the Archiepiscopal See from Caer-Leon to this place. This Honour it enjoy'd for a long time; till the Plague raging in those parts, the Dignity was translated to Dol in Little Britain, and never restor'd. Its nearness to the Sea has exposed it very much to Pyrates; from whose barbarous Cruelties it has been a great Sufferer. So that, at present, 'tis an inconfiderable City; shewing no Buildings of note, besides the Cathedral, the Bishop's Palace, and the Houses belonging to the several

Members of the Church.

Haverford-west, is a Town of good account and refort; being handsomly built and well peopl'd. The uneveness of the Ground upon which it stands is a great Enemy to the Beauty and Uniformity of the Streets. 'Tis however a Corporation, and a County of it felf.

Tenbigh, on the South-coast, is a handsom Town and well fortify'd with strong Walls. 'Tis much noted for its plenty of Fish, and is accordingly call'd in British Dinbech y Pysked: It is also a Corporation.

The ancient Place on this Coast, is Octopitarum Promontorium, which is that Neck of Land, where S. David's stands, call'd in English S. David's Land.

Things Remarkable.

Milford-haven, for largeness and security, is perhaps out-done by no Harbour in Europe. For it has

16 Creeks, 5 Bays, and 13 Roads. In that little Tract, lying beyond Mildford-haven, the Flemings were fettl'd in the Reign of Henry I. Whose Posterity to this day are manifestly distinguished from their Neighbout-Welch, in Language and Customs, in both which they came so near the English, that the Tract it felf is call'd Little England beyond Wales. C. L. A. L.

recommendation of the properties of the discharge of the lines of the GARDIGANSHIRE.

THE County of Cardigan, on the West and South-sides, is an even champain Country; but on the North and East is taken up with a continu'd ridge of Mountains, which yet afford good Patture for Cartel, and have in the Vallies underneath several large Lakes.

The chief Towns Cardigan, are, Aber-stwyth.

Cardigan (feated near the mouth of the River Teivi, and therefore call'd by the Britains Aber-Teivi) is the chief Town in this County, from whence the whole is denominated. It was fortify'd by Gilbert, Son of Richard Clare, but being afterwards treasonably furrender'd, was laid waste by Rbys ap Gryf-

Aber-ystwyth is seated at the mouth of the River Minyth; from which position it has the name. The same Gilbert Clare who fortify'd Cardigan, did also wall this Town; which by Mr. Canden is call'd the most populous Town in the whole County. When the reducing the same of t ther the condition of it be chang'd fince his time, I know not. the doi. It

Ancient Places.

Tuerobius, mention'd by Ptolomy, can be no other than the River Teivi; the old name feeming to have been moulded from the British Dur Teivi, which is as much as The Water of Teivi.

Stuccia

Stuccia is another River in those Parts, to which Mwyth feems to lay the best claim.

Lovantium or Lovantinum may probably be Lhannia in the Parish of Lhan Dhewi Brevi; where they meet with Inscriptions, Coins and other indubitable Marks of Antiquity.

The most remarkable Things in this County, is,

The noble Lead-Mine discover'd in the year 1690. is the Grounds of Sir Carbury Profe, Baroner. Tis faid, the Ore was no nigh the Surface of the Earth, that the Moss and Grass did but just cover it in some

MONTGOMERYSHIRE

THE County of Montgomery is a mountainous Tract; notwithstanding which, by reason of an agreeable mixture of fruitful Vales, it affords both good Pasture and arable Lands. Giraldus has told us, That twas formerly eminent for Horses, stately and exceeding fwift.

The Towns more con- \{ Montgomery, fiderable are, \} Lhan Vyllyn.

Montgomery is the chief Town of the County, fo call'd from Roger Montgomery Earl of Shrewsbury, to whom it belong'd. In the same manner as the Welch call it Tre' Valdwin from that Baldwin (Lieutenant of the Marches in the Conqueror's time,) who built it. In the year 1095, it was destroy'd by the Welch, but rebuilt by Henry III. to whom they owe feveral Liberties and Immunities.

Lhan Vylyn is a Market-Town of confiderable note, incorporated in the time of Edward II. It is at prefent govern'd by two Bailiffs, to whom King Charles II. (among other Privileges) granted the Honour and Authority of Justices of Peace within the Corporation, during the time of their Office, which lasts for one year.

Ancient Places.

Maglona feems to have some Remains in the present Machyntheth, at the utmost Limit of this County West-

Mediolamm is, by Dr. Powel and a late judicious Author, suppos'd to be Meirod (about a mile below Mathraval) where several remarkable Monuments have been discover'd.

MEIRIONY DSHIRE.

MEirionydfoire, in Latin Mervinia, is so violently beat upon by the Sea, that some imagine part of it to have been wash'd away by the Violence of the Waves. 'Tis the most mountainous Country in all Wales; which is the reason why the Inhabitants apply themselves wholly to Grazing, and live upon Butter, Cheese, &c. And indeed, its an incredible number of Sheep, &c. that graze upon the Mountains in these parts. This figure of the Country, and their way of Living, may possibly be the reason why they have so sew Towns, and none of any great note; unless we may reckon we may reckon

Dol Gelbeu, a small Market-Town, and Bala, the chief Market of the Mountaineers in the East-part of the County.

Things Remarkable.
Kader-Idris is one of the highest Mountains in all Britain; and as an Argument of it, affords a variety of Alpine Plants.

Near the Castle of Harlech, was dug up (An. 1692.) a golden Torques; being a wreath'd bar of Gold, or elie 3 or 4 Rods jointly twifted; about 4 foor long. Tis now in the Hands of Sir Roger Mostyn, Baronet. In this Country, they have been much troubled of late with an unaccountable fort of Exbalation, which has first Granal Riche of Hay and they are

has fir'd several Ricks of Hay, and has poyfon'd the Grass to that degree as to cause a Mortality among most sorts of Cattle. A full description is given of it in Mr. Camden's Britannia, English, pag. 659,660,&c.

CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE County of Caernarvon, in the maratime parts, is pretty fruitful and well-inhabited; but more inward, is so encumber'd with vast Mountains and dismal Rocks, that these (if any) may very well claim the name of the British Alps.

The chief Towns are, { Carrarvon, Bangor, Conny.

Caernarvon, wash'd by the Sea on the North and West-sides, tho' it gives name to the whole Country, is yet of no higher Antiquity than the times of King Edmard I. For this Prince they own for their Founder; and value themselves highly upon giving Birth to his Son Edward II. call'd from thence Edward of Caernarvon, who was the first Prince of Wales of English Extraction. The buildings are decent enough, and the Inhabitants civil and courteous.

Bangor, feven miles from Caernarvon, was formerly a place fo large and confiderable, as to merit the name of Bangor vawr: But its now only a finall Town, and derives all its Reputation from the Bifhop's See, the Cathedral whereof is not very fine, having been burnt down by that profligate Rebel Owen Glender.

Aber-Conwy, i. e. the mouth of the River Conwy,

was built our of the Ruins of the ancient Conovian by King Edward II. and by its advantagious fituation and other conveniences, is grown into a handsom

· Ancient Places.

Canganum is the Promontory of Lhyn (running our

to the South-west) which would tempt one to imagine that Langanum, as fome of Ptolemy's Copies have it, is the true Reading.

Segontium is the Mother of the present Caernarvon, and seems to have first taken its name from the River Seiont, which runs that way into the Sea.

Conovius, is undoubtedly the River Conwy; as Conovium (which had that name from the River) is Aber-Conwy.

Distum is suppos'd to be the ancient City Diganny, which took that name from the River Conny; but was confum'd by Lightning many Ages fince.

Things Remarkable

· Snowdon-hills are the highest ridge of that range of Mountains which takes up the inner parts of this County. The name it has from Snow, which you commonly fee here about the latter end of June, but not the year round, as some Authors have affirm'd.

Pen-maen-mawr, is a perpendicular Rock, through which the Road lies, not without great difficulty and terror to Travellers. For on one fide, you would think the Rocks ready to crush you; on the other the Sea and the Precipice down to it, are so frightful and dangerous withal, that one false Step endangers the life.

ANGLESEY.

THE Isle of Anglesey is separated from the Continent of Britain by the narrow Frith of Meneu, being about 24 miles in breadth, and in length some few more. By the Ancients it was call'd Mona, the Seat of the Druids; and was first attempted by Suctonius Paulinus, but conquer'd by Julius Agricola; as we learn at large from Tacitus. Many Ages after, the English conquer'd it; whereupon it was call'd Anglesey,i.e. the Isle of the English, or the English Island.

The chief Town in it is

Beaumaris, built on the East-side; which (among other Towns in these Parts) owns King Edward I, for its Founder. It is grown into a place of good Note and Wealth,

DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE County of Denbigh, according to the feveral Parts, has a different Soil: In the West 'tis somewhat barren; in the middle, an exceeding fruitful Vale; and in the East, nor quite so fertil; the much better towards the River Dee.
The chief Town is

Denbigh, which is remov'd from the place of its first Foundation. For it was feated upon a freep Rock; from whence the Inhabitants (either because the declivity of the place was inconvenient, or else for want of a due supply of Water) began in after-Ages to remove to the bottom of the Hill; where a handform large Town is fprung up by degrees.

The ancient Town in this County, is Leonis Castrum (possibly from the Legio Vicesima Vierix) call'd, as is imppos'd at this day, by the more modern name of Holt, upon the River Dee.

FLINTSHIRE.

Lintsbire is fo call'd from Flint-Castle, which was begun by Henry II. and finish'd by Edward I. The Form of the County is oblong, and but small. It confifts of a mixture of gentle Hills and Plains, which produce Corn in great abundance. The chief Town is

S. Afaph (at the confluence of the Cluid and Elmy) fo call'd from the Patron of the place, a holy and devout Person. It owes its reputation to Religion; having neither Neatness nor Wealth to recommend it. For about the year 560. Kentigern Bishop of Glascow fettl'd here a Bishop's Seat, and a Monastery consisting of 663 Monks. The Bishop of the Diocess has under his Jurisdiction, about 128 Parishes.

The ancient Place in this County, is Varis, which Mr. Camden has fixt in the Confines of Flintshire and Denbighshire, as a place call'd to this day Bod-Vari.

Things Remarkable. Holy-well, near Basing-werk, derives its Sanctity from the Memory of S. Winifrid, a Christian Virgin: A fabulous Story, which Dr. Powel thinks is owing to the Forgery of the Monks of Basingwerk, who would probably magnifie the Vertues of it for their own advantage. A little Brook runs out of the Well with such a violent Course, as to be able, immediately almost, to

In the Parish of Mold, upon the finking new Coalpits, they have met with Leaves of Plants fo exactly delineated in a fort of black Slat, that its almost impossible for any Artist to represent them so compleatly, unless he take the Impression from the Life in some fine Paste or Clay. The Figure and Descriptions of them, are exhibited at large in the new Edition of Camden's Britannia.

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The ISLE of MAN.

Etween Britain and Ireland, there is stretch'd out a confiderable Island from North to South, about 30 Italian Miles in length; but, where wideft, not above 15 in breadth. The several ancient Writers have given it several names: By Cafar ris call'd Mona; by Ptolemey, Menucla; by Pliny. Monabia: And the fame variety appears in such of our modern Authors, as make mention of it. It was first inhabited by the Britains, and then by the Scots. Many years after, the Norwegians got possession of it, and held it for a long time: Till at last, after several Revolutions, it fell into the Hands of the English about the latter end of Edward I. or the beginning of Edward II. and has ever fince continu'd under their Jurisdiction. It has had several Lords; such generally, as had the greatest Interest in our Princes: Till the Grant heteof, together with the Patronage of the Bishoprick, was made to Sir John Stanley and his Heirs by King Henry IV. in which Family it has ever fince remain'd.

The Soil is very fruitful, and produces fuch store of Barly, Wheat, Rye and Oats, as does not only furnish the necessary uses of the Island, but likewise gives leave for the Exportation of good quantities, According to the diffinction of North and South it is different: In the first, 'tis healthy and gravelly; in the second, they have good Meadow and Pasture-Ground. The Air is very wholfom (the Plague having never been known to be in the Island) so that Fourscore is a common Age there. The People are call'd Mankimen, and their Language Manks., The common People live in little Huts, and are very abstemious in their Diet. The Gentry are but few; those they have, are yery civil and courteous, and live in Houses of the English fashion.

The Execution of Justice is manag'd with all the fpeed and eafiness imaginable. Tis true, their Sheeding-Courts (the same with our Terms) meet but twice a year; but they have a Court of Chancery (wherein the Governor is sole Judge) which he may hold once every Week, if there be occasion. Every Man pleads his own Cause; without Lawyers, Prostors or Artonies; and they are dispatch'd (whether they be Matters Spiritual or Temporal) without the Expence of one

Farthing.

The great Officers of the Island, are 1, the Governor, who under the Lord, has the entire Command of the Island. 2. The two Deemsters, who are their Judges in Matters Civil and Criminal. 3. The Comp-

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troller, who calls the Receiver General to an account. And, 4. The Receiver General, who receives all the Rents (due to the Lord) from the inferiour Collectors.

Their way of Trading, is pretty peculiar. They chuse four Merchants to buy all their foreign Commodities, for the use of the whole Island; and these are fworn to the true and faithful discharge of their Trust. Whatfoever Bargain they make with the Veffels that come in, the Island is bound to stand to; and the Inhabitants, in exchange, bring in their Native Commodities, Wooll, Hides, Tallow, &c. in lieu whereof they are to have a proportionable share of the imported Wares. They had no Money before the late Civil Wares they care to feet the Late Civil Wares they feet of the Late Civil Wares to be for the Late Civil Wa vil Wars; when several of the Loyal Party flying thither, supply'd the Island so abundantly, that the Tenant was able to pay his Rent in Coin, which he us'd to do in Sheep, Hogs, &c.

As to the Ecclefiastical State: The Bishoprick is

under the Jurisdiction of the Archbishop of York. The Bishop has no voice in the House of Lords; but in the Lower House of Convocation is allow'd to fit uppermost. The Clergy are generally Natives, and have a very good Allowance. The Parishes are seventeeen; every Church whereof bears the Name of some Saint or other, to whom it was formerly dedicated.

The principal Towns are Caftle-town, Duglas, Peel.

Caftle-town, so call'd from a Caftle and Garison there, is seated on the North-side of the Island; and is call'd otherwise, Russin. Here, within a little Isle, was erected a Bishop's See, which had formerly jurisdiction over the Hebrides, but is now limited to the Isle of Man. This is the Metropolis of the whole Island.

Duglas has the best Harbour, and is most frequented by the foreign Traders, who bring over their Bay-Salt, and carry back Leather, Woll, and Salt-beef. The Houles both here and at Caftle-town, are very uniform; and (which is of no great standing in this Island) three Stories high: They are cover also with Tiles instead of Thatch,

Peel is eminent for its Caftle, being the second Fortress in the whole Island, and the common Prison for all Offenders. 'Tis strongly fortify'd both by the Sea, and also by Walls and Rampires.

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SCOTLAND.



Aving survey'd the Kingdom of England and Principality of Wales, we come next to Scotland; which, as it is a Branch of the same Continent, so it is united under the same Head and Governour, and makes up a part of the Title of King of Great Britain. Concerning the ancient Inha-

bitants and some other Heads relating to this Kingdom, we have treated in the General Account of England; and shall not here repeat them. Let it be sufficient to observe. That the two Kingdoms were united into one Monarchy in the Person of King James, the first of England, and sixth of Scotland:

By which the English have been freed ever since from those Incursions and Plunderings, wherewith that Nation was us'd continually to harrass and torment

All that part of the Continent which lies beyond the Counties of Cumberland and Northumberland, belongs to Scotland, with great numbers of Islands on all the other fides, which are bounded by the Ocean. On the West it hash the Irish Sea, on the North the Deucaledonian, and on the East the German Ocean. Tis in length about 250 miles, and 150 miles broad. In the most Southerly part its 54 deg. 54. min. in Latitude, and in Longitude 15 deg. 40 min. but in the most Northerly, its 58 deg. 32 (or 30 min.) in Latitude, and 17 deg. 50 min. in Longitude. The longest day is about 18 hours and 2 minutes, and the shortest night 5 hours and 45 minutes.

The SOIL, take it in general, comes far thort of England in fruitfulness, being much more fit for Pasture than Corn: Not, but in some of the In-land Country, they have good store of Grain; wherewith they Trade to Spain, Holland, and Norway. The Skirts of the Country abound with Timber; which is of a vast bigness, especially Firr-trees.

The AIR is very temperate, and not half so cold as might be imagin'd in so Northerly a Clime. Which (as in England) is owing to the warm Va-pours and Breezes that come continually off the Sea; and likewife purify the Air, and keep it in fuel conftant Motion, as generally frees them from all *Epidemick* Diftempers. The nature of the Country is filly and mountainous; the Plains being but very few, and those too but small. They have abundance of Cows and Sheep, tho' they are but little; for which

defect, the fine tate of their Flesh makes amends.

Learning flourishes among them in 4 Universities,

S. Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edenburrow, wherein are Professors of most of the Liberal Arts, and those maintain'd with competent Salaries.

Christianity seems to have been planted here very early; especially, if those words of Tertullian, Britannorum inaccessa Romanis loca, Christo vero subdita, may be allowed to hint to these parts, as in all probability they do.

SCOTLAND, according to difference of Soil, Customs, Humours; as also of the Fancies and Imaginations of Men, has several Divisions.

1. The most eminent of them, is into the High-landers and Low-landers: The first are rude, barbarous and unciviliz'd, using the Itish Language; the fecond are civil and courteous, and use the Language and Customs of the English.

2. Into the Scots and Pills; this is the more ancient Division: The Scots had all the Western-Isles and the Skirts of the Country Westward; the Pists were possessed of all that lay upon the German Ocean.

3. 'Tis divided by the Mons Grampius of Grantz-

bain-bills, which run from West to East.

4. The Rivers divide it into three Peninsula's; one to the South, one in the middle, and one to the North. For the Rivers on each fide run so far into the Country, as to be hindred from meeting by a small Islamus only, and if that were removed, it would make the main Land of Scotland, three

5. The Romans branch'd it into feveral People, according to the following Scheme.

Teifidale; Gadeni. Merch, Lauden;

Annandale; Nidifdale, Selgove,

Galloway, Carrict, Kyle, Novantes, Cunningham, Glotta,

(Cluydesdale, Damnii: Lennox, Sterling.

Fife. Strathern. Argile, Cantire. Lorn, Braidalbin. Perth-fhire; Angus, Mernis, Marr, Buquhan, Murray, Loghabre, Roffe, Sutherland, Cathnes, Strath-navern.

The Roman Wall.

6. Tis divided into fo many Counties, which are again fub-divided into Sheriffdoms, Stewarties, and Baileries, for the more easie Administration of Civil Government.

The Counties or Shires, with their particular Extent, are as follows:

Edenburgh Mers Peebles Selkirk Roxburb Dumfries Wigton Aire Renfrew . Lanerick Dumbritton Innerara of Perth Shire The Striveling Kinros

Linlithgow

Clackmanan

Couper

Forfar

Kinkardin Aberdeen

Midlothian. Mers and Landerdale. Tweedale. Etterick and Forrest. Teviotdale, Liddisdale, Esk-

dale, and Eusdale. Nithisdale and Annandale. The West-part of Galloway. Kyle, Carrict and Cunningham.

The Barrony of Ranfrew. Cledfale.

Lennox.

The Isles of Bute and Arran. Argile. Lorn, Kyntyre; most part of the West-lifes, as Ila, Jura, Mul, Wyst, Terif, Coll, Lismore, Menteith, Strathern, Balwhid-

der, Glenurghay, Stormont, Athol, Gource, Glenshee, Stattardill, Braid Albin, Raynock.

Much of the Ground that lyeth close upon both fides of Forth.

West-Lothian:

That part of Fife lying between Lochleven and the Ochill Hills.

A small part of Fife lying on the River of Forth towards Striveling.

The rest of Fife to the East of Lochleven.

Agnus with its Pertinents, Glen-Ila, Glen-Esk, Glen-Proffin.

The Mernis.

Mar with its Pertinents, as Birs, Glen-Tanner, Glen-Muick, Strath dee, Strath

don, Brae of Mar and Cromar, and most part of Buchan, Fourinartin, Gareock, and Strah-Bogie-Land. fmall part of Buchan, Bamfe Strathdovern, Boyn, Einzie, Strath Awin and Balvenie. The East part of Murray. of Elgin Shire The West part of Murray Nairn Badenoch, Lochabir, and the Inverness South part of Ross. A finall part of Ross, lying on the South fide of Cro-Cromartie martie Frith. The rest of Ross, with the Tayn Isles of Skey, Lewis, and Herris. Sutherland and Strathnavern. Dornoch Cathneis. Wike.

Their publick COURTS for the administration

of Justice, arc,

1. The Parliament, which is the supreme Court, and has the same Authority as ours in England. They have 32 Persons (elected our of the several Orders) whom they call Lords of the Articles; and who feem to be much the fame thing, as to their Office, with our Committees in England, appointed by the whole House to consider of Matters under Debate: Only theirs are fix'd and certain in all Marters, and are chosen at the beginning of their Meeting; ours are appointed pro re nata, upon any emergent Occasion; and when that's over, have nothing to do in other Matters, without a particular appointment.

2. The College of Justice, or the Session; wherein the particular Officers appointed for that purpose (consisting of the Clergy and Lairy) administer Justice (according to the Rules of Equity, and not the Rigour of the Law) from the 1st of November to the 15th of March, and from Trinity-Sunday to the 1ft of August,

every day except Sunday.

3. The Sheriff's Court in every County; where the Sheriff or his Deputy decides Controverses among the Inhabitants, relating to matters of an inferiour concernment.

4. The Commissiariat, wherein are pleaded Actions

relating to Wills, Tythes, and other Ecclefiaftical Affairs.
5. In Criminal Cafes, the King's Chief Justice hold his Courts generally at Edenburron; besides which, Justices are fornetimes appointed by the King's Commission for the Examination of particular Causes.

The feveral Orders or Degrees, are,
1. The King; to whom the Constitution allows much the same Power and Authority, as ours here

in England.

2. The Prince of Scotland, the King's eldest Son:
The rest of the King's Children are stil'd simply Princes.

3. Dukes (who were brought into Scotland about the year 400.) Marquisses, Earls, Viceunts and Barons, as we have in England.

4. Their Knights also are the same; only, proclaim'd and created with much more Solemnity.

5. Lairds, which were anciently fuch only as held

Lands of the King in Capite.
6. Gentlemen.
7. Citizens, Merchants, &c.
The RERIGION of the Kingdom by Law establish'd, is that which is contain'd in the Confession of Faith authoriz'd in the first Parliament of

King James VI. For the more convenient Regulation of Church-affairs, they had 2 Archbishopricks; under which were contained 12 Bishopricks, according to the following Scheme.

Edenburgh, (Brechen, The Archbishoprick of S. Andrews, un-Dunkel, Ross, ... Cathness. Aberdeen. Orkney. der which were, Murray, Dumblane, The Archbishoprick (Galloway, of Galscow, under Lismore, which were, The Isles.

which were, The Bounds and Extent of the feveral Dioceffes,

were as follows: S. Andrews Glasgow Edinburgh Dunkeld Aberdeen Contain'd Murray Brichin Dumblane Ross Cathness Orkney Galloway Argile The Ifles

of Angus and Mernes. The Shires of Dunbarton, Ranfrew, Air, Lanerick, part of the Shires of Roxburgh, Dumfreis, Peebles & Selkirk, The Shires of Edinburgh, Linlithgow, part of Strivelingthire, Berwickshire, the Con-Stabularie of Hadington and Bailerie of Lauderdale. The most part of Perchshire, part of Angus, and part of West-Lothian. Most part of Bamf-shire, and part of Mernes. The Shires of Elgin, Nairn, and part of Inverness and Bamf-shire. Part of Angus and Mernis. Part of Perth and Striveling-The Shire of Tain, Cromerrie, and the greatest part of Invernels-shire. Cathness and Sutherland. All the northern Ifles of Orkney and Zetland.

Part of Perthshire, and part

The Shire of Wigton, the Stewartie of Kircurbright, the Regality of Glentrurie, and part of Dumfries-shire. Argile, Lorn, Kintyre, and Lohaber, with fome of the West Isles. Most of the West Isles.

Under

Befides these, for the more close Inspection into the Affairs of the Church, they had a certain num-

ber of Presbyteries, viz. Dunce. Dumfreis. Kilingre. Turref. 7 .4 Skey. Chernfide. Penpont. Fordyce. 213. Kelfo. Lochmabane. S. Andrews. Ellon. Strathbogie. Kirkaldy. Erfilton. Middlebie. Fedburgh. Comper. Abernesbit. Wigton. Kircudbright. Dumfermelin. Elgin. Melrefs. Str.maver. Meegle. Aire. Irwing. Dundee. Forres. Dumbar. Aberlower. Hadington. Pasclay. Arbroth. Chanrie . Dalkeith. Edinburgh, Forfar. Tayn. Dumbarton. Dingwel. Glafgow. Brichen. Peebles. Dornoche 71 Linlithgow. Hamilton. Mernis. Week. Thurfo. Perth. Aberdeen. Lancrick. Biggar. Kinkardin. Dunkeld. Alfoord. Kirkwal Auchterarder. Dunnune. Scaloway. Striveling. Kinloch. Gareoch. Dumblane. Deir. . Colmkill. Inerary.

Under this Constitution, they had

1. A Soffion in every Parish (confisting of the work

some Scandals.

2. A Presbytery, wherein Cases too intricate for the Session were try'd; and particularly such as en-ter'd into Orders were solemnly examin'd. This confifted of a number of Ministers, between twelve and

twenty.

3. The Provincial Synod, who met twice every year.

4. The Convocation; which was the supreme. And now Presbytery is introduc'd, they retain the fame Courts and Governments; with fome difference only in the exercise and manner of Proceeding.

Having thus far given a short Account of the Soil and Air, the Degrees, Divisions, and Government of Scotland, we are, next, to take a particular Survey of this Kingdom. Which might have been done most conveniently by running through the several Counties, and observing the same method as we have done in England; but that the Towns here are very thin in many places, and some Counties afford none of any confiderable note. I know not how to give a view of the Kingdom more distinct, and more agreeable to our Design, than by drawing up a List of the most eminent Ciries and Towns, and of the Ancient Places, in an Alphabetical Order.

Aberdeen, Dundee, Hamilton, Aire, . Dunfreys, Innernefs, The most Allon, Dunkel, Linlithgow, confidera- S. Anar Blaces Bamfe; Paslay, S. Andrews, Duns, Edenburrow, Pecbles, Berchin, are, Glascow, Perth. Canotry, Dumblane, Selkirk. Greenock,

ABERDEEN, in the County of Marr, has its name from the River Done, upon the mouth whereof ir stands; Aber in British tignifying a mouth, or place where a River empties it self. There are 2 Towns of the name, the Old and New. Old Aberdeen is the Seat of the Bishop, having a large and stately Cathedral, commonly call'd St. Machar's. Tis, besides, adorn'd with King's College (so call'd from King James IV. who assumed the Patronage) wherein is a Principal, with the several Professor of Divinity, Civil Law, Phyfick, Philosophy, and the Languages. In the Church before-mention'd, there is a most stately Monument erected to the memory of Bishop El-phingston, a great Benefactor to the place. Hard by the Church, they have a Library well furnish'd with good Books.

About a mile from hence is New Aberdeen, built upon 3 Hills; but the greatest part of it upon the highest, to which there is an easie ascent from the Plain. Tis, by much, the most considerable place In the North of Scotland; whether we respect the Largeness, Trade or Beauty of the Buildings, both publick and private. Of the first fort, the chief is its College, built by George Keith Earl Marshal, in the year, 1693, and from him call d the Marshallain Academy. But fince his time, the City of Aberdeen hath adorn'd and beautify'd it with several additional Buildings! They have a Principal, four Professors of Philosophy, one of Divinity, and one of Mathematicks. Add to this, the School, which has a Head-master and 3 Ushers; the Musick-School, for the more polite Education of the Gentry; S. Nicholas-Church,

built of free Stone, and cover'd with Lead; an Almifhouse, and three Hospitals. Nor must we forget the Library, which was founded at the charge of the City, and is supply'd with excellent Books from the Benefactions of several learned Persons; and also well furnish'd with Mathematical Instruments. The well furnish'd with Mathematical Instruments. private Buildings are very beautiful, commonly four Stories high or more; behind which stand their Gardens and Orchards; so that the City at a distance looks like a Wood.

Aire, in Kyle, upon a River of the same name, is the chief Market-Town in the West of Scotland. Tis fittated in a fandy Plain; yet is furnish'd with pleasant fertile Fields, which afford a Prospect very diverting. It has the honout of being the Sherist's Seat and contains within its Jurisdiction thirty two miles. The more ancient name was S. John's-Town;

but that is now quite laid afide.

Alloa, standing in the Shire of Clackmanan, is a pretty little Town, and very pleafant. It has a Haven, tho' but small. The greatest Ornament it boasts of is the Castle, the chief Residence of the Earl of Marr. This (with its Neighbour Clackmanan seared upon a rising Ground, and adorn'd with a stately Castle) receives great Profit from the adjoining Coal-pits; which, together with the Sale, fur-nish out a foreign Trade.

S. ANDREWS, above Fif-ness in the Peninsula of Fife, is seated conveniently for a delicate Prospect into the Sea, It seems, the ancient name of it; was Regimund; that is, Regulus's Monne: The pre-fent name was given it in honour to S. Andrew, (whose Bones are said to have been brought out of Peloponnesis to this place, by Regulus a Monk, in the year, 368.) It is adorn'd with an Archbistop's See, who is still'd Primate of All Scotland; with the New Church, wherein is a stately Monument of Archbishop Sharp; and with 3 Colleges. 1. S. Saviour, which has a Library well furnish'd. 2. S. Leonard's, wherein are several Professors, and a good Library. 3. New College, which, besides its two Professors of Divinity, has a Professor of Mathematicks, with an Observatory, and Mathematical Instruments.

Bamfe is the chief Burgh in the Shire of Bamfe, and is a Burgh-royal, wherein the Sheriff holds his Courts. Tis feated in a very fertile Tract, and receives great advantages from the Salmon-fishing.

Berchin, upon the River Esk, lies in the Shire of Angus, and is a Market-Town, confiderable for Oxen, Sheep, Horses, and Salmon. The Ruins of the Bishop's Palace and the Canon's Houses, are an evidence of its ancient magnificence. Here is a stately Bridge over the River Esk.

Chanonry (at Ness-mouth in Ross) has its name from a rich College of Canons, that were there. They had a large Cathedral Church, part whereof still remains. Its greatest Ornament, at present, is a magnificent House of the Earl of Seaforth, who has

confiderable Revenues in this Country.

Dumblane (seated upon the Bank of the River Allan on the Stewartry of Strathern) is a pleasant Town, but not large. It fill shews the Ruins of the Bishop's and Canon's Houses; and part of the Church (a Fabrick of admirable Workmanship) remains entire. Their great Benefactor was Robert Leighton Bishop of the place; a Person of strict Life and Conversation. At his death, he left all his Books to the use of the Dioces of Dumblane, with a certain Sum of Mony for the erecting of a Library; and his Sifter's Son fettl'd an annual Salary upon the Libraxy-Keeper.

Dundee (so call'd probably from its Situation upon the River Tay) stands in the Shire of Angus, in a the River Tay) stands in the Shire of Angus, in a pleasant Plain; and is beautify'd with very good Buildings, both publick and private. They have 2 Churches; and the Constable hereof, by a peculiar Privilege, is Standard-bearer to the Kings of Scooland. The Inhabitants are generally rich, by the great Profits which arise from the Harbour; and by their Trade with Strangers, which is very considerable. There is a large Hospital, wherein such as fall to decay by Missortunes and Losses, are provided for ded for.

Dinfrife, in the Tract call'd Nidifdate, lies near the mouth of Neth, between two Hills; and is a very flourishing Town. The Streets are large, and the Church and Castle stately. The Tide slows up to the Town, and makes a Harbour; and for the convenience of Trade, they have an Exchange for the Merchants. Here is a fine Bridge over the River,

of nine Arches.

Dunkel, at the Foot of the Graintsbain-hills in the Shire of Perth, is conveniently situated in the midst of pleasant Woods, and upon the River Tay. It is the chief Market-Town of the High-lands; to the Ornaments whereof, the Buildings erected of late by the Marquess of Athol, have added very considerably. It still shews the Ruins of a Cathedral Church.

Duns (in Mers or March, towards the German Ocean) stands upon a rising Ground in the middle of Wednefday a throng Market of Sheep, Horfes and Cows. But that which makes it most talk'd of, is, its being urg'd for the Birth-place of Duns Scotus, by fuch as are willing to believe him a Scotchman.

EDENBURGH, the Metropolis of this Kingdom, built upon an afcent; the Buildings gradually descending from the top to the bottom of the Hill. The original of it feems to have been the erecting of a Fort or Castle (than which no place could be more convenient for the purpose) under the protection whereof, the Neighbours might be possibly encourag'd to fix. At prefent, its a large beautiful City, a full Scotch-mile in length, and half a one in breadth. Two Streets run along the whole length of the Town; the High-street is built, of late, of hewn Stone; fince an Act of the Town-Council pass'd. whereby it is not lawful to build any more of Timber either in City or Suburbs, upon account of the many dreadful Fires that have hapn'd. The City has fix Gates, the principal whereof lays to the Eaft, and is adorn'd with Towers on both fides. They are supply'd with Water, from one of the best Springs in the Kingdom; which is about 3 miles diftant, and is brought in Leaden-Pipes to the several Fountains. This convenience was projected and carried on at the Expence of the City, about 20 Years ago. Their principal Publick Buildings, are

1. The Palace (whereof his Grace the Duke of Hamilton is hereditary Keeper) bounded on all fides with lovely Gardens. It has four Courts: The Outer, which is as big as all the rest, has four principal Entries: The Inner has Piazza's all round, of hewn Stone. The Long Gallery is very entertaining; thewing the Pictures of all the Kings of Scotland,

from Fergus I.

2. The College of King James VI. founded in the Year 1580. is a large Building, divided into three Courts. They have their publick Schools, and a common Hall; with a well-stor'd Library, under which is the King's Printing-house. The Professors and Students are very well accommodated with Lodgings.

3. The Parliament-house stands in a large Court. which is enclosed on one fide with the Exchanges, and with a Set of very stately Buildings. There is a House (perhaps the highest in the World) which mounts seven Stories above the Parliament-Court; for from the bottom to the top, one Stair-case ascends 14 Stories high.

4. The Cathedral, dedicated to S. Giles, is built of hewn Stone, and is so large, as to be divided into 3

Churches, each whereof has its Parish.

5. Heriot's Hospital, so call'd from its Founder George Heriot, Jeweller to King James VI. is more like a Palace than an Hospital. All round the Houses are pleasant Gardens, adorn'd with large Walks and Greens. Here, the Children of the poorer Citizens have their Education, 'till they be fit for the publick Schools and Colleges.

Glascow is situated upon the East-bank of the River Clyde; and is, next Edenburough, the principal City in the Kingdom; whether we confider the Buildings, Trade or Wealth of the Inhabitants. It is, in a manner, four-fquare; the four principal Streets croffing each other in the very middle. The

principal Publick Buildings, are

1. The Cathedral (in the upper part of it) the Pillars and Towers whereof are faid to flew a very exact and curious Piece of Architecture. 'Tis, indeed, two Churches; one whereof stands over the other.

2. The Archipspo's Cafile, furrounded with a Wall

of hewn Stone.

3. The College, parted by an exceeding high Wall from the rest of the Town.

4. The Tolbooth (a stately Building of hewn Stone)

which ftands at the croffing of the Streets.

Greenock, in the Barony of Ranfrew, is a well-built Town, the most eminent upon all that Coaft. Tis the chief Seat of the Herring-fishing; and the Royal Company of Fishers have built a publick House at it, for the better convenience of Trade.

Hamildon (in Clydsdale) is the Residence of the Dutchess of Hamilton, and the great Omament of that part of the Kingdom. The Court is on all sides adorn'd with very noble Buildings, has a magnificent Avenue, and a Fronrespiece of excellent Workmanship. The Park is 6 or 7 miles round, through

which the Brook Aven has its course.

Innerness, the Head-town of the Sheriffdom of that name, is the Sheriff's Seat, where he keeps his Court. The convenience of its Situation upon the River Nefs, gives it a free and easie Commerce with the Neighbours. It has a Castle very pleasantly seated upon a Hill, which affords a noble Prospect into the Fields and Town. They have lately built a Bridge over the Nefs of hewn Stone, and of 7 Arches.

Linlithgow, in the Shire of Linlithgow, is a Royal Burrough, which glories chiefly in its Palace, built almost in the form of an Amphitheatre. In the midst of the Court there is a Fountain, adorn'd with feveral curious Statues, the Water whereof rifes to a good height. The Town is well built, and has a flately Town House, with a Harbour at Blacknesse.

Paslay, in the Barony of Ranfrew, is the most confiderable in these parts for ancient grandeur and magnificence. It was formerly a famous Monastery, founded by Alexander II. High-steward of Scotland. The Abbey and Church, with fine Gardens and Orchards, are all enclosed with a Stone-Wall, about a mile in Circuit.

Peebles, the Head-burgh of the Shire of that name, has a pleasant Situation, standing in a Plain on the side of the River. It has a noble Church, and a stately Bridge of 5 Arches over the Tweed.

Perth, in the Shire of that name, is call'd S.John's Town, a modern name, taken from a Church founded there in honour of S. John. Mr. Camden tells us, 'tis fo divided, that almost every Street is inhabited by a feveral Trade apart. Tis pleasantly seated between two Greens, and the River Tay at every Tide, brings up Commodities from the Sea, in light Veffels.

selkirk, in Teifidale, is a Burgh-royal, has the advantage of a weekly Market and leveral Fairs, is the head Burgh of the Shire, and the Seat of the Sheriff

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and Commissary-Courts.

Ancient Places in the Kingdom of SCOTLAND.

Alauna seems to have some Reinarks preserv'd in the River Alon, in the Sheriffdom of Sterling.

Abravanus (for Aber-ruanus) is the mouth of the Ri-

Alectum feems to be the present Dundee, in the Shire

of Angus.

Banatia, mention'd by Ptolony, is very probably Bean-Cafile (in Marray) which may be inferr'd both from the analogy of Names, and the discovery of an engrav'd marble Vessel, sull of Roman Coins, in the year, 1460.

Berubium, a Promontory, is thought to be Urdhead,

in Stratbnavern.

Bodotria (for fo Tacitus calls it, but Ptolomy Boderia) is agreed on all hands to be Edenburrow-frith.

Caledonia is all the part of Britain, which lies Northward beyond Graham's-dike, or the Wall built by Antoninus Pius.

Canta, were a People who inhabited the Parts

about Ross.

Catini, mention'd by Ptolomy, (and fometimes written Carini) feems by the found and other circumstances, to be Cathneß.

Castra Alata is agreed upon by all to be Edenburrow. a River, now Killian in Ross, upon the

Eastern Ocean.

Cerones, a People who dwelt anciently where now

Corbantorigim feems to be Caer-Laverock, anciently a very strong Fort in Nidisdale. Corda, a Town that anciently stood upon the Lake

Logb-cure, out of which the River Nid arises.

Coria Damniorum feems to be Camelot; where are fome remains of an ancient City. It stands between the Duni Pacis and the Temple of the God Terminus,

in the Sherifflom of Sterling.

Cornabii, a People who dwelt in the utmost Coast of all Britain rowards the North, where now is Strate-navern. Tis probable they had that name from the control of the strategy of the strateg the River Rabeus, which Ptolomy places likewise in

these parts.

Diva (mention'd by Ptolomy) is the River Dee in

the County of Mernes.

Epidiorum Promontorium (a name possibly taken from the Islands Ebude over against it) is call'd at this day Can-tyre, i.e. the Lands-bead.

Glotta is an Island mention'd by Antoninus in the Firth of the River Glotta or Clyde; 'tis call'd at this day Arran, from a Castle of the same name.

Grampius is a continu'd range of Hills, reaching as far as Murray; mention'd by Tacitus in his description of Agricola's Attempts upon those parts.

Horesti scems to imply no more than the High-lan-

ders in general.

Ila is a River in Cathness, possibly the same which they now call Wifle.

Lelanonius, mention'd by Ptolemy, is the River Le-

vin, which gives name to the Country of Lennox call'd in Latin Levinia.

Leucopibia feems by the fense to be determin'd to Bede's Candida Cafa and our Whitern in Golloway especially if we may believe that Ptolomy wrote it Asux oixidia, instead of which the Transcribers, by a blunder, have made it Leucopibia. The eafiness of the mistake will readily be own'd by such as have opportunity of making their Observations upon the intolerable flips of ignorant Librarians.

Lindum is still manifest in our Linlithquo, describ'd'

among the more eminent Places.

Littus altum feeins to be Tarbath in the County of Ross, where the River rises to a great heighth; enclos'd on one fide with the River Killian, on the other with the Haven Cromer.

Longui, a River, retains manifest footsteps of the old name in our present Longh-Longas, in the County of Ros, which empties it self into the Western Ocean.

Loxa, by Ptolom, is still evident in our present

Losse, in Murray.

Nabous feems to be somewhere in the Country of Strath-navern, which the ancient Cornabii formerly inhabited; a People, that feem to have been originally call'd from the River.

Nodius (mention'd by Ptolomy, and written in some Copies Nobius) is evidently the River Nid; from

which Nidifdale takes the name.

Novantum Chersonesus is well known at this day by the name of Mull of Galloway.

Oreas (call'd also Tarvedrum and Tarvisium) is at this day nam'd Howburn; a Promontory over against the Isles of the Oreades.

Randwara seems to be no other than Ranfrew, which gives name to the Barony of Ranfrew, and is the prin-

cipal Town in it.,

Rerigonium is both a Creek and Town, mention'd by Ptolomy. Bargeny in the County of Carrick should be some direction to the old name; especially, confidering that an ancient Copy of Ptolony reads in Beat regonium,

Vacomagi, a People that liv'd about Murray. Vararis sinus is, that Bay upon which Murray lies; whether that County have any remains of the old

name, I dare not determine ? ; 1771.

1 1110 00 Victoria perhaps is Bede's Caer-Guidi, and our Inchkeith-Island in Lothien.

Vidogara was in Prolomy's time, a place of good note in the Country of Kyle. There is Aire, at present a Town pretty confiderable, which possibly may have the best title to it.

Virvedrum is look'd upon to be the farthest Promontory in all Britain: We call it at this day Duncansbay, and by contraction Dunsby. * + = 5.

Upon the Coast of Scotland lye, dispers'd here and there great numbers of Islands; some of them of confiderable note and extent, but the greatest part very narrow and of little importance. The Western-Isles so call'd from their westerly situation, are suppos'd-by those that have travell'd them, to be in number 300 or more. They belong to the Crown of Scotland; but the Inhabitants speak the Irish Language, and retain the Customs and Modes us'd by the ancient Scots, as the Highlanders in the Continent do.

Another cluster of Isles upon this Coast is call'd Orlines, confifting of 26 Islands that are inhabited; and of some more (which they name Holms) used only for Pasturage. Here, the length of the longest day, is 18 hours and some odd minutes. A parti-

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cular account of these Islands (with the Customs of the Inhabitants, the Produce of the Country, and other material Heads) is publish'd in the new Edition of Camden's Britannia, pag. 1073,&c.

Ancient Names of Islands upon this Coast.

Dumna, possibly Fair-Isle, wherein they call the chief Town Dum, a Remain perhaps of the old name.

Epidium should seem by the name not to be far from the Promontory of the Epidii: The struction of Ila, a

pretty large Island, agrees very well to that destription. Hebudes, call'd by a modern Author Hebrides, are

the Western-Isles before mention'd.

Hebuda is two-fold, Eastern and Western. The first is thought to be Skie, which lies out in a great length; and the second, Lewes, a very craggy and mountain-

Maleos, mention'd by Ptolomy, is manifestly the Isle

Ocetis may be plac'd among the Islands of Orkney. in that we now call Hethy.

Oreades are the Isles of Orkney, just now describ'd. Pomona (call'd by Solinus, Pomona Diutina) is Main-land, the chief of the Isles of Orkney, and the Bishop's

Recine, call'd by Antoninus, Riduna, possibly in-stead of Ricluna; tor there is one of the Western-Isles call'd at this day Racline, which seems to be the very place; and the change of (c l) into (d) is very easie, and might be made by a Copyest, otherwise accurate

Thule is a place mightily celebrated among the old Writers, and made use of to express the most remote parts of the habitable World; such, at least, as were then known. Sir Robert Sibalds has prov'd it to be the North-east part of Scotland; to whose Differtation (publish'd in the new Edition of Camden's Britannia, pag.1089,&c.) I refer the Reader, for the particular

Eaving the Continent, we come to a large Isle on the West-side of Britain, call'd by Ptolomy Britannia Parva, and by other ancient Writers Jerna, Juverna, Iris, &c. but by the Inhabitants Erin, and by the English IRELAND. The length of it, according to the best computations, is about 300 miles, but the breadth scarce 120. The Irish Sea bounds it on the East, the Deucaledonian on the North, the Western Ocean on the West, and the Virgivian on the South.

The SOIL is very moift and Wer, abounding with Bogs and Lakes: Which quality is much leffen'd by the encrease of Inhabitants, who have (with great Industry) drain'd the Low-lands and Marshes. abundance of Water and Moisture, makes them very inclinable to Fluxes, Rheums, and such like Diftempers, against which they find their Uskehab the best Remedy. It dries more, but enslances les, than our English Remedy. English Brandy. And as the Husbandry of the Inhabitants is feen in these Drains; so is it also discover'd by the destruction they have made of the Woods, which abounded in this Country. Infomuch, that now they have great plenty of Corn.

Who the first INHABITANTS were, cannot be learnt from Records; but must only be trac'd by conjecture and probality. Things at such a distance can receive no light, but what they have by these helps; unless we suffer our selves to be drawn by more modern Writers, into a number of extravagant and foolish Fancies. In short then, That they were Britains, we are encourag'd to believe, 1. Because the ancient Writers, some of them, call it Britannia par-va, and Insula Britannorum. 2. Tacitus has told us, That in his time, their Customs were much the same with the Britains: And Strabo calls them expresly Britains. 3. At the first plantation of the World, tis very natural to imagine that this Island was Peopl'd from Britain, from whence the passage into it is short and easie. 4. A great many Words, in the Irish Language, appear to be of British Extraction.

That it was ever conquer'd by the Romans, is an Opinion which fome have endeavour'd to establish upon little hints they have met with in the old Authors, that feem to look that way. But after all, there's no just reason to believe it: Nor can we imagine, but the Panegyrifts would have run out largely upon fuch a Conquest, if the Romans had ever got footing in the Island. Towards the decay of the Roman Empire, the Scots (a People that are thought to have come out of Scythia into this Island) began to make a mighty figure in these parts; so that the whole Country from them, was call'd Scotia. Some of the Saxon Kings, and the Norwegians also, were very troublessome to them, but could not bring them under before Henry II. King of England invaded them with a powerful Army (in the year 1172.) brought the States of the Island to an entire Submission, and bestowd the Sovereignty upon his Son John. But for all this the Kings of England were only Lords of Ireland; until the more ample Title of King was be-ftow'd upon Henry VIII. by the States in Parliament affembl'd.

They are faid to have receiv'd CHRISTIANITY very early. What progress had been made in it before the time of S. Patrick, we have no certain account: Probably, not very much. But that Saint (who was a Disciple of S. German) carry'd the Work on with fo much fuccess and resolution, as to convert the greatest part of the Island; which gain'd him the Character of the Irish Apostle, and mighty Commendations from all the Irish Writers. In the next Age, their Reputation was fo advanc'd upon the account of Religion, that it was term'd Sanctorum

Patria :



Patria; and fent out great numbers of pious and devout men into other parts of the World. Nor was Religion their only Character; their Learning too is much celebrated by Authors both ancient and modern, who tell us, That the Saxons (particularly) very commonly fent over their Children hither, for a liberal Education.

Thus much of its ancient Condition. At present, the Inhabitants are in a great measure brought over to the Customs and Fashions of the English: Except in some parts, where they live at a loose, uncivilized rate; and are therefore term'd Wild-Irish.

They are govern'd by a Vice-Roy (fent over by the

King of England) stil'd Lord Deputy or Lord Lieutenant; whose Jurisdiction and Authority is very large and ample. As for their Orders of Degrees, Ireland has the same, that we have here in England: Their Courts of Justice too, and manners of proceeding, differ very little. The Parliament is call'd and dissolv'd, at the pleasure of the King of England. They have their four Terms; their Chancery also, King's-Bench, Common-Pleas and Exchequer; with their Judges of Assize, and Justices of the Peace in each County.

Ireland is divided into five parts, arifing from the number of its Governors heretofore. These, with their extent, will best be understood by the following Scheme.

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i. MUNSTER Kerry, contains the Coun-Cork, ties of Waterford, 7 (Limerick, Tiperary. Kildare, Wenford, 2. LEINSTER (Kilkenny, Caterlough, contains the Counties of Kilkenny, Caterlough, Queens-County, Kings-County, Dublin. 3. CONAGHT Twomund, contains the Coun-Galloway, ties of Slego, Letrim, CRofcommon 4. ULSTER con-tains the Counties Farmanagh, Monaghan, (Lough, ... (Down, Antrim, Colran, Tir-Oen,

5. MEATH contains SEast-Meath, SLong-the Counties of West-Meath, Sford.

(Armagh,

The CHURCH is govern'd by four Archbishops; Armagh, Primate of all Ireland; Dublin, Caffil, Tuam. The particular extent of the Biftopricks has been fo alter'd from time to time, that I had rather omit the List, than run the hazard of giving a false Catalogue. In the Survey of the Kingdom, we will use the method observ'd in Scotland; which (for the Reasons laid down, in the beginning of that Kingdom) is here alfo most convenient and easie.

The more Armagh,
Athlone,
confide able Towns
are,

Armagh,
Athlone,
Cariefergus,
Caffil,
Clare, Down, Limerick, DUBLIN, Lifmor, Galway, London-derry. Waterford, Kildare, Kilkenny, Weisford, are, (Cork, Kinfale, Yoghal.

Armagh, in the County of Armagh, near the River Kalin, seems to be the same which Bede calls Dearmach; where (as the same Author adds) S. Pabeamach; where the the lattice Author actes of the trick built a very fine City; only, he fibliowing a Romantick circumitance, That he follow a the Model which the Angels had drawn for him. But whoever was the Founder, its certain, That in the year 1142. It was made an Archbithop's See, when Cardinal Papirio was fent over into Iveland to revive the decaying the Church. Not is it only an ing discipline of the Church. Nor is it only an Archbishoptick, but the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom; the Archbishop hereof being stil'd Primate of all Ireland. The City was reduc'd under the power of the English by John de Curcy; but was afterwards utterly destroy dby John O Neal; so that now nothing remains but a few Cottages, and the Ruins of the ancient Buildings.

Athlone, in the County of Rescommon, is a place of good strength, and has a fair Stone-bridge over the River. "Tis much talk dof in our Accounts of the

late Wars in this Kingdom.

Cariefergus, in the Country of Antrim, is the most considerable Town upon all the Coast; having a very commodious Haven. In the late Wars in Ire-

Land, it was much spoken of.

Cassil, upon the River Swire in the County of Tipperary; is only eminent for being an Archbishop's See, cstablish'd there by Pope Engenius III.

Clare is a Market-town (in the County of that name) standing upon a Creek of the River Shan-2022.

Cork, the Metropolis of the County of that name, is encompass'd with the River on which it stands, and is of an oval form. It has the honour of being an Episcopal See, and is now mostly irhabited by the English; who by their diligence and industry have improved to that degree, both in Estates, Trade and Buildidgs, as to exceed all the Cities in Ireland, except only Dublin.

Down (the principal City in the County of Down) is of very great Antiquity; being mention'd almost under the same name (Dunum) in Ptolomy. 'Tis at present a Bishop's See; and the Inhabitants would claim a farther Honour, by making it the Burialplack of the great S. Patrick. But Armagh in Ire-land, Glassenbury in England, and Glassew in Scor-land, do envy them that Happiness, and endeavour to affert that Esteem to themselves upon several Anthorities, which feem to countenance the feveral Opi-

(Tir-Connel.

DUBLIN, the chief City in Ireland, has a very pleasant situation, by reason of Hills to the South, Planes to the West, the Sea to the East, and the River Liffy to the North. The River here makes a faft Harbour; but the heaps of Sand thrown into its Mouth, by the violence of the Winds, or else the ebbing and flowing of the Sca, hinders Ships of any great Burthen from coning up, but at high Water. The City is well Wall'd and neatly built: Within these hundred years, it is doubly increased in its Buildings, Ornaments, &c. Formerly, it was governed by a Provost; but King Honry IV. granted them a Mayor and two Bailiffs: And the two latter were changed into Sheriffs by Edward VI. Its publick Buildings of greatest note, are,

1. The College (which is fittuated in the fame place on which the Monastery of All-hallows flood) dedicated to the Holy Trinity, and endow'd with the Privileges of an University by Queen Elizabeth. In Edward the Second's time, there was a Foundation laid here for an University, by the Institution of publick Lectures; but the Disturbances which follow'd,

broke that Defign.

2. The Arch floop's Palace, in the Suburbs of S. Patrick: with a stately Church dedicated to S. Patrick; eminent without for its high Steeple, and within for its Pavements and arch'd Roof. This consists of a Dean, a Chanter, a Chancellor, a Trea-

furer, 2 Archideacons, and 22 Probendaries.
3. The King's Cafrle, well fortify'd with Ditches and Towers, and furnish'd with a good Arlenal.
4. Christ's Clunch, in the heart of the City; carry'd on and finish'd by Lawrence Archbishop of Dublin, and others.

5. The Town-hall, built of square Stone, and call'd Tolestale.

Gallway (the chief place in the County of that name) is a neat Town built of Stone. The convenience of a Harbour has made it well flor'd with Merchants; who, by the advantage of a full Trade both by Sea and Land, are very wealthy.

Kildare has the honour of giving name to the County wherein it stands; but yet N.tas is the Shire-Town. Its greatest honour is the Bishop's Sec, skil'd in anci-

ent Writings Episcopatus Dariensis.

Kilkeniny (the chief place in the County, and the beft In-land Town in the Kingdom) is fair-built and very plentiful, standing upon the River Neure. divided into the English-town and the Irish-town. The English-town is the newer, faid to be built by Ranulph III. Earl of Chefter. The Ir stown is like a Suburbs to the other; but yet has the honour of

S.Canic's

S. Canic's Church, who gave name to the City, which implies as much as the Cell of S. Canic; 'a Person very eminent in this Country for an extraor-dinary piety and strictness of Life. The Bishop of Offory has his Seat in this City

King fale stands at the mouth of the River Bandon, in a fruitful Soil; and receives its greatest interest and reputation from the commodious Harbor it enjoys.

and reputation from the commodious Harbor it enjoys. Linerick (the head City in the County) is encompals'd by the divided Channel of the famous River Shanon. "Tis parted into the Topper and Lower: In the first stands the Cathedral and Castle; the second is guarded with a Wall and Castle. It is a Bishop's See, and a place strongly forcify'd both by Art and Newton as the many active most from the learner. Nature; as we may eafily guess from the long Defence it made, when besieg'd by his present Majesty, in the late Irish Wars. This is the great Emporium of the whole Province of Munster.

Lismor (upon the River Broodwater in the County of Waterford) has a confiderable name in the Histories and Records of *Ireland*, upon account of the Bistop's Sec. But the Revenues thereof being almost quite alienated, and loft, it came afterwards to be annex'd

to the See of Waterford.

London-derry, formerly call'd Derry, is now annex'd to the County of that name; and is famous in our modern Histories and publick Papers, for refifting two memorable Sieges, one in the year, 1649, the

waterford, the chief City in the County of that name, can neither recommend it felf by a good Air nor fruitful Soil. Notwithstanding which, by the when the Harbour, it was look'd upon for Wealth and Populousness to be the second City in Ireland; till Cork (as we observ'd before) grew up, and over-topp'd it. Upon account of its eminent Loyalty to the English, our Kings having granted it several Privileges: But in the Rebellion of 1641. it loft its old Character of Fidelity, by the Influence of the Popish Clergy, settl'd there probably to carry on that bloody Defign.

Weisford, the chief Town of the County, seems to be a place of some Antiquity; tho' that name be modern, and given it by the Germans who fettl'd rhemselves here. The Town is remarkable, for being the first in this whole Island that surrender'd to the English, and that receiv'd a Colony of that Na-tion. Which is the cause why all the neighbouring Parts do so much abound with English Inhabitants.

Yoghall, near the entrance of the River Broodwater into the Sea, stands in the County of Cork, being of an oblong form, and wall'd round. The Town is divided into Upper and Lower. The convenience of the Harbour, with the fruitfulness of the Country round, have made it a place of confiderable Refort.

Ancient Places in the Kingdom of IRELAND.

Argita is a Lake in these parts; perhaps that which empties it self at Swilly in the County of Tirconnel. Aufoba, mention'd by Ptolemy, is a River about

Lough-Corbes, in the County of Galloway.

Auten, a People in these parts, seem to have formerly inhabited that Tract where the County of Galloway is at present: Aterith may well enough be supposed to retain something of the old name.

Blani were a People, who (along with the Birgan-tes-Menapii and Cauci) inhabited the Province of

Boreum Prora, now S. Helen's Head in Tirconnel. County.

Bavinda is the River Bayn, well known by reason of the late Wars.

Brigantes or Birgantes, have their name from the River Brigus (for so Peolomy calls our Barrow) and inhabited Kilkenny, Offory and Caterlogh, which are all water'd by the Barrow.

Cauci feems by the circumstances to have inhabited the County of Wickley; now full of English Inhabitants, and by them improved to that degree, as to make a figure among the best Shires in this Kingdom.

Concani, a People in those parts, inhabited the South-part of Conaghe, viz. Clare, Galloway, the Territory of Clan-Richard, with the Barony of Averith. Tis possible, our present Bonaghe may have something of the name of this People; especially, if a more fuitable Original cannot be found out.

Coriondi, a People who dwelt about the County of Cork; to which perhaps it might have left a tin-cture of the name.

Darni (along with the Voluntii, Robogdii and Er-

dini) peopl'd the Province of Ulfter.

Daurona, mention'd by Peolomy, and by Giraldus, call'd Lauranus, is probably the River which runs along by Cork.

Dunum is undoubtedly Down; an account whereof we have given in the descriptions of the Towns.

Duris feems to be the River which runs by Trailer through the County of Keny.

Etlana is agreed upon by all hands to be the City / of Dublin.

Eblani were a People in those parts.

Erdini inhabited part of the Province of Ulfter,

along with the Voluntii and others.

Hieron Promontorium, may very probably be that Neck of Land which shoots out into the County of Weisford; where Benna, a Town's name, implies the fame thing as Hieron, namely, sacred or holy.

Iberni (call'd in some Copies Uterini) seem to have

inhabited part of the County of Defmond, along with the Vilabri.

Fernus is a River, settl'd by Ptolomy under the Promontory Notium, as emptying it felf there into the Sea. Maire (which runs under Drunkeran) bids the

Isanium is a Promontory call'd at this day S. John's

Foreland in the County of Down.

Laberus, mention'd by Peolomy, seems to be the Castle Kil-lair, in the County of Meth; a name posfibly deriv'd from Ptolomy's old one.

Libnius keeps something of its name to this day in the River Liffy, which runs by Dublin, Logia is the Lake Lough-Foyle, in the County of

Luceni, a People who formerly inhabited West-

Munster, along with the Vetabri and Uterini.

Macolicum, is now Male, upon the River Shanon,

in the County of Long-ford.

Menapii, mention'd in Ptolomy, inhabited the County of Wenford; the chief City whereof, of the

same name, seems to be the old Menapia. Modona is a River in these parts, at the mouth whereof stood the ancient Menapia. If the latter be Weisford, the former must on course be the River

Nagnata is plac'd by Ptolomy some where about the present County of Slego; the very spot is not yet discover'd, nor any remains of the old name.

Nagnata must have their Seat in the same Tract. whereof Nagnata may feem to have been the capital

56 FERSET and GARNSET.

Notium in our Miffen-head (a Promontory in the County of Defmond) under which he tells us the old River Jarnus empties it self into the Sca.

Ovoca seems to be that River which empties it self

into the Sea, below Wicklow or Arcklow.

Revius is the River Trebis, the northern Bound of the County of Slego.

Rheba is ftill prefery'd entire in the old Rheban, (near the River Barrow in Queen's-County) at prefent an inconfiderable place.

Regia may feem to have been seated about Patrick's Purgatory, in the County of Tirconnel; because the place, in the Life of S. Patrick, is call'd Reglis.

Rigia has some Relicks of the old name, in the Lake we call Lough-Regith, in the County of Long-ford. Which is of more moment, because the situation agrees very well with the account left us of it by Ptodony.

Rhobogdii inhahited all the northern Shore of Ire-

land, about Ticconnel, &c. Robogh still preserves the manifest marks of the old name.

Robogdium Promontorium must also have been in those parts.

Senus (call'd also Sena, Sacana and Flumen Senense) is the noble River of Shanon.

Velabri (to call'd from the Friths and Affuries) among which they dwelt; for to much Aber implies) inhabited part of the County of Definoud,

Vidua a River in Tirconnel, now Crodagh.

Vinderius is the Bay of Knock-fergus in the County of Antrim.

Vodia, a People, who, with the Coriondi, inhabited the Counties of Cork, Tipperary, Limerick and Waterford. The Territores Idou and Idouth feem to have fomething of the old name.

Vennicnium Promont, now Ram's Head in Tirconne!.
Volunty, along with the Darni, Robogdii and Erdini,

inhabited the Province of Ulfter.

FERSEY and GARNSEY.

Besides the Kingdom of Ireland, and the other Islands which lie round the Continent of Britain (the most considerable whereof are describ'd in the Counties upon which they border) there are two more, which could not be conveniently drawn into the Body of the Survey, by reason of their distance from the Continent. And yet they are of so great importance to the Crown of England, that in a Description of the three Kingdoms, it would be a gross Error wholly to omit them. These

are Jersey and Garnsey.

JERSEY is that which Antoninus mentions under the name of Casarea, about 30 miles in compass, and defended with Rocks and Quick-sands. The middle parts are mountainous, but the Vallies are delicately water'd with pleasant Brooks, and planted with Fruit-trees; Apple-trees more especially. The Villages are thick-set, and make 12 Parishes; out of which 12 Jurots are chosen by their respective Parishioners to affish the Bailist (who is appointed by the Governout to administer Justice) in the management of Causes and Actions, both Civil and Capital. They have no Physicians, nor any Distempers but Fevers; which always come at a certain time of the Year. Instead of Fewel, they use a Sea-weed, which they name Uraie; and the Sea now and then furnishes them with a good prize of combustible matter. S, Hilary's on the South-side of the Island, is their

chief Town, both on account of its Trade, and the Court of Justice settl'd in it. The name, it has from Hilary (Bishop of Pillers) supposed to have been bury'd here, in his Banishment.

GARNSEY (20 miles to the North-west) is by

GARNSET (20 miles to the North-west) is by Antoniums call'd Sarnia; inferior to the other upon some accounts: For it contains only 10 Parishes, and is not so fruitful: But its better fortify'd, being encompass'd with a continu'd Ridge of steep Rocks. This whole Island is Enclosure; but the Inhabitants do not follow Agriculture so closely, as their Neighbours of gersey. S. Peter's, a Town consisting of a long narrow Street, and seated upon a Bay in form of a Half-moon, is their capital Place, whether we respect Trade or Strength. For it is well stor'd with Merchants; and has the Mouth of the Haven defended by a Castle on each side. The Governor of the Island keeps his Residence here, and a Garison for the desence of the place.

The Government of these Islands, is much the same in both; the Customs of Normandy obtaining in most cases. Their Drink is generally Cyder, by reason of the abundance of Apples; and Fish they have in great plenty. Their Language is the French; and tho they are generally of the same Extraction, yet they seem not fond of an Alliance to that People, but had rather make out a Relation to the English.

FRANCE.

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CHAP: I.

FRANCE, Gallia, in General.

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THE Country of France is very advantagiously situated, in the midst of the Northern temperate Zone, and extended from the 42d degree of Latitude to THE Country of France is very advantagiously situated, in the midst of the Northern temperate Zone, and extended from the 42d degree of Latitude to the 51st degree; and from the 13th degree of Lonson the 13th degree of Longon
The Longitude of France has been strangly confounded by the Ignorance or Vanity of their Geographers, who have in their Maps extended it East and West a handred Miles or more above its real Length: But the Meffires de l'Academie des Sciences, have by exact. Observations and Calculations corrected that Error, and by Monsiese du Fers new Maplie appears that the Length of the Kingdom from Compute to Manifestiant is but 12 Degrees, the Sanfan makes it 13 and others much more.

Miles, from the Pyrenean Mountains in the South, to Calis in the North. And from the Point of Conquet in Bretaign in the West to Alfatia in the East, about 160 Leagues or 480 Miles. On the Northeast it is contiguous with the Spanish Netherlands, and parted from England by the British Channel: On the East it is bounded by Germany, Switzerland, Savoy and Piedmont, from the last of which it is separated by the Alps; on the South by the Mediterranean-Sea and the Pyrenean Mountains, which divide it from Spain; and on the West by the Ocean.

The AIR is very temperate, and not subject to the great Colds of Germany, Sueden and Muscovy, nor to the excessive Heats of Spain and Italy; but it is more or less hot or cold, according to the different

fituation of the feveral Provinces.

The SOIL is every where fertil;" and "produces, befides abundance of Corn and divers forts of Fruits, a vast quantity of Wine and abundance of Flax; and in Provence and Languedoc, Oil. The Pastures and Meadows feed great Herds of Cattle, and the Forests which are spacious enough, but not fo large as those of Germany, contain much variety of Game. Some Mines of Iron, Lead, Tin, Coperas, &c. are found in France, but of these not many nor very considerable. Great quantity of Salt is made in the Isle of Rbee, about Rochford, and other parts of France, which yields the King a great Revenue.

The most noted MOUNTAINS here, be-

fides the Pyrenean and the Alps, are those of Cevennes, Auvergne, Mont-jure or S. Claude towards Smifferland, and Mont-vogesse, or des- Faucilles in the Diocess of

The Chief I S L A N D S are, I. In the Mediterranean-Sea, those of Hieres, S. Margaret, Sc. Henoratus or of Lerins, &c. II. In the Ocean, Oleron and Ree on the Coasts of Saintonge and Aunis; Noir-Monstrier, De-dieu, Beil-Isle, Ouessant, &c. off of Bretaigne; and Aldernay near the Shoar of Normandy.

Its chiefest PORTS in the Ocean, arc Calis, Ambleteuse, St. Valery, Diepe, Havre de Grace, S Malo, Brest, Rochel, Rechfort, Bourdeaux, Bayonne, &c. And

in the Medicerranean, Marfeilles and Toulon.

The principal RIVERS of France are, 1. The Seine, which rifes in Burgundy near Dijon, paffeth through Champaign, the Isle of France and Normandy, watering by the way Troys, Paris and Roan, and receiving in its Course the Yonne, the Oyse, and several smaller Rivers, empties it self into the Sca at Havre de Grace, and makes a very good Haven, whence this Town hath its Name. 2. The Loyre is the largest River in France, and springs in Languedoc, in the Mountains call'd les Severins, paffeth by Nevers, Orleans, Tours, Angers and Nantes, receiving by the way the Aller, the Cher, the Indre, the Vienne, the Sarte, the Ardre and many others, and falls into the Sea about 40 Miles below Nantes, and over against Bell-Isle. Garonne rifeth in the Pyrenean Mountains, runs to Thoulouse, thence flows westward to Bourdeaux, a little below which the Dourdonne joyns it, and both together make it a very wide Haven, which is emptied into the Ocean near the Island of Oleron. 4. The Rhosne hath its Source in the Alps, passes through the Lake of Geneva, flows to Lyons, where it receives the Saone, at Valence the Isere falls into it, as doth the Durance at Avignon, and quickly after empties it self into the Mediterranean-Sea in Six Chanels. Besides these there is a great number of finaller Rivers, which are mentioned in the following Description of the Country.
The particular COMMODITIES of France,

which they fend abroad into foreign Countries, are Wine, Brandy, Canvas, and other Linnen, Paper, Salt, wrought Silks, Druggets and other Stuffs; feveral wrought Goods, as Gloves, Lace, &c.

The PEOPLE of France are a mixture of the

Posterity of the ancient Gauls, Romans, Franks, Visigoths and Burgundians, but chiefly of the Gauls, whom though the Romans and Franks successively subdued, they did not however expel, those ftill remaining the body of the People, tho' these obtain'd the Govern-

ment of them.

Of the TEMPER of the Gauls, Cafar fays, They were quick-witted, but rash and unsteady; and their Successors the French are of the fame nature. They have generally quick and ready Apprehenfions, but too often run away with a superficial Knowlege of things, without having Patience to dive to the bottom: But tho' this be their general Character, there have been abundance of Particulars that must be excepted: France having produced very learned and in-dustrious Men in all Arts and Sciences, especially in our Age; wherein beside the vast improvement they have made of the Art of War, all the parts of Learning have been industriously studied and improved by the ingenious Virtuesi of France; and even a Woman of that Nation hath been found an excellent Critick in Philological Learning. They abound in Complements, and are really very civil, especially to Strangers; and have a natural freedom in their Converlation, which would be very agreable if it were not overacted and mixed with Levity. Both Men and Women are full of Talk, and as familiar at first fight, as if they had been long acquainted. In their Habit they are fomething fantastical, but have generally an Air of Gentility; especially the Women, who are well shaped and fair enough, except in the Southern Provinces, where they have very fwarthy Complexions. The French are much addicted to Litigiousness; more Law-fuits are tried there, than in any Nation in the World; nay some say than in all Europe besides; which encourages all forts of People to breed up their Children to the Law; and if a Father can raise Money enough to purchate his Son an Office, he thinks him well fettled: By which means here are fwarms of Advocates, Procurers, Registers, Notaries, and other Men of Law. The Gentry scorn Trade, so that the younger Brothers always apply themselves to the Gown or the Sword, which makes the French King's Armies fo large and well stockt with Officers. In War they have been always efteemed furious in attacking, but quick in retreating, not to be brought on a fecond time, if they obtained not their End at the first Onset. Sicut primus impetus eis major quam virorum est, ita sequens minor quam feminarum, says L. Florus of them.

But tho' this may still be part of their Character, yet, what by strict Discipline and careful Instruction, their Soldiers will now endure the Fatigues of a Camp and a Siege as well as any in Europe, and in Battles too, they have behaved themselves very bravely.

The Religion of the Gauls was Paganism in its highest degree, even to the offering of human Sacrisices (faith Solinus) but as they became more civiliz'd this barbarity was laid afide; however, they ftill remained superstitious Idolaters, till the CHRISTIAN RELIGION was planted among them, by some of St. Peter's Disciples. St. Denis, the Areopagite, is pretended to have been the Apostle of Paris, and many ridiculous Miracles are related of him in their Legends; particularly, that after he was beheaded his Body rofe, took up his Head and walked with it a

Mile: which is as true, as that this Denis was ever there *. However, it is certain, that Christianity was received here very early, and that the Learned and pious Father St. Ireneus came hither in the middle of the second Century, and succeeded Ponthinus (who was martyr'd An. Dom. 178.) in the Bishoprick of Lyons. But the Franks being Pagans, when they came, Christianity was again suppress'd, till Clovis the fifth King being converted, by the Persuasion of his Wife Crotilda, and the instruction of St. Vaast, and St. Remigeus the first Bishop of Rheims, it was restored.

But in the succeeding Ages of Ignorance and Superstition, the Errors that crept into the Church in most parts of Christendom, prevailed here also; and though the Gallican Church was never fo fervilely subject to the Court of Rome as those of other Nations, yet the pernicious Doctrines were as generally received here as any where. Wherefore when the Reformation was fet on foot, great numbers of the People of France were convinc'd of the falliood of that Religion, and Calvin's Doctrine was readily received upon the preaching of Zuinglius. And so numerous did the Protestants or Hugenots (as they were called by the Romanists) grow, that even so early as the year 1560. there are said to have been 1250 of their Churches in France. But they were always perfecuted by the Romish party, and even massacred in most barbarous manner leveral times; patticularly at Paris on Saint Bartholomew's day, in the year 1572. where in the middle of the Night, more than 10000 of them were murder'd at once, and in other Cities three times as many; though a Peace was just concluded, and for affurance the King of Navarre, the Head of the Prorestant party was that day married to the French King's Sifter. King Henry IV. granted them Liberty of Conscience by an Edict made at Nants, and confirm'd and registr'd in the Parliament of Paris: By which means they again grew very powerful, and no-less than 300 walled Towns were inhabited almost only by them, of which Rochel was the chief. But Lewis XIII deprived them of them all, even Rochel it felf, after a long and famous Siege. By which their Strength being broken, and the Heads of the Party being brought over, or otherwise reduc'd, the present King Lewis XIV. resolved utterly to suppress them, which he began by the revocation of the Edict of Nants in the year 1685, notwithstanding it had been so firmly ratified, and made a standing Law of the Kingdom; and afterwards caus'd the Prote-ftants to be most cruelly persecuted by his Soldiers, which continued for two or three years; at the end of which, all those that could not be brought to renounce their Religion, were banished the Kingdom, after they had been long imprisoned, and deprived of all their Goods and Estates And at this time the Perfecution is renewed with fuch Heat, that none dare own any other Religion, than that of the Romish Church.

The ancient LANGUAGE of the Gauls was the same with that of our ancient Britains, as the learned Mr. Cambden has proved at large; but when the Romans conquer'd it, they introduc'd the Latin, and by means of the long time they were Masters of the Country, established it so effectually, that the old

Gaulish was quite lost; afterwards the Franks, being Germans, introduc'd their own Language, which was us'd at Court for some Ages; but the German being a more harsh indocile Tongue, and the Latin the contrary, this prevail'd above that; fo that though the present French Tongue be composed of the German and Gothick, as well as of the Latin, the last has much the greater share.

It is voluble and elegant, and admir'd for its sweet-ness; it is true by means of the liberty they take in the pronunciation, sleaving out harsh terminations and Consonants) it is pliant enough, but not so sweet as the Italian. The Royal Academy at Paris have of late years much improv'd and refin'd it, however it is not yet copious nor at all heroick; fo that though in their Translations they have express'd the sense of some ancient Authors aptly enough in Prose, none of their Ingenious have been able to produce Heroick Poems like those in English.

But notwithstanding that this Tongue hath nothing of fignal Majesty or Manliness in it, and seems rather fit for the Converlation of Women than of Princes and Statesmen, yet what by the greatness of the present King, and their Obstinacy in using their own Language in the Businesses other Nations have had occafion to transact with them, together with the splen-dor of the Prince's Court which hath invited Stran-gers to visit it, the French Tongue is at present us'd in many Courts of Europe, and the most generally -understood of any modern one in Christendom.

SECT. II.

Of the ancient State of France:

THE want of Literature in the earlier Ages of the World, hath made it extreamly difficult to discover the origine of Nations: The best that can be learnt of that of France, is, That it was peopled after the Flood, by the Posterity of Gomar the eldest Son of Noah: These growing numerous, composed many Nations, to whom the Greeks and Romans gave the general name of Galli; for what reason, as it is uncertain, so it is not very material; however under that name they were known in the time of Tarquinius Priscus the fifth King of Rome, and possess'd a Country of very large extent, comprising not only all the present France. but part of Italy also, as far as the River Rubicon or Pistello, which falls into the Adriatick Sea between Ravenna and Rimini; and all that part of Germany and Belgium, that lies within the River Rhine, the Division whereof, according to the Roman Accounts, was thus, viz.
I. GALLIA CISALPINA or Citerior,

with respect to the Romans, afterwards called LON-GOBARDIA or LOMBARDT from the Bardi, a certain Gaulish People, and the Langons, so named by reason of their long Javelins.

II. GALLIATRANSALPINA, or Ulterior, which contained all the present France, and that part of Germany and Belgium westward of the

Rhine.

The Gauls in general were a very vigorous and

Dr. Cave in his Life of that Denis hath sufficiently proved that he was never in France, Lives Eath. Vol. 1. p. 71. as alle heir own Country men, Launey, Sirmondus and du Pin. V. du Pin's Hist. Eccles. Writ. Vol. 1. p. 31. of the Engl. Edit.

warlike People, those of the Cis-Alpina fought and defeated a large Army of Romans, march'd

*A. M. 3562. up to the City, took and fack'd it *, laid Siege to the Capitol, and had well nigh taken it: For having observed on one fide of the Castle a place of more easie access than the rest, in the dead of night some of them climb'd up the Rock there, and got to the top with that fi-lence, that they escaped the Centinels and the Dogs; but difturb'd certain Geese that were in the Capitol, which by gagling and clapping their Wings, alarm'd the Soldiers; who prefently running to their Arms, drove them back, and by that lucky Accident recover'd the Roman State, then reduc'd to its last gasp. At length the Siege was raised by Camillus the Dictator, and in time the Gauls were driven out of the Roman Provinces: But left so dreadful a Name behind them, that Cicero confesses the Romans were more afraid of them than any other Nation of the World. And Saluft says, It was not Honour but Life that was to be disputed with a Gaul. The Rom ins durft not attempt the Conquest of them, till they had subdued almost all the rest of the then known World. At length, Anno U. C. 628, Fulvius Flaccus the Conful made War upon them, and five years after Fabius Maximus reduced the Narbonnensis into a Roman Province. About 70 years after this, Julius C. sfar undertook the Conquest of Gaul, which, after a very bloody War he effected, and totally subjected the whole Country to the Power of Rome, A. M. 3900 U. C. 703. ante Christ. 48. C.sjar at his arrival found the whole Country divided into three parts, whereof the Celta or Galli possessed the best and largest, being all the Country that is bounded by the Garonne on the South, the Ocean on the West, the Loire and the Rhine on the East, and by the Seine and Marne on the North; From the Confines of the Gallia Celtica to the British Sea, and along the lower part of the Rhine quite to the German Ocean was inhabited by the Beig.e; the other part, being all from the River Garrone to the Pyreneau Mountains, quite crofs from the Ocean in the West to the Mediterranean in the East, belonging to the Aquitains. Of these the Colese were the most civilized, because of their Neigh--bourhood and Converse with the Romans, and the Beige the most warlike, by reason of the little Converse they had with other Nations, and the frequent Wars that the Germans made upon them. These great Nations were again subdivided into a multitude of smaller, whereof C.efar mentions no less than LXIV. that had different Appellations from the chief City, as the Rhemi of Rheims, the Sueffiones of Soiffons, Bellovaci of Beauvais, Seffui of Seez, &c. But by him it was divided into these four great Parts, viz 1. Narbonnenfis, so called from the City Narbon, containing Languedoc, Provence, Duphine, and some part of Savoy; called also Braccata, from a certain Habit worn by the People. 2. Aquitanica, so named from the City of Aquivaugustie, now d' Acqs in Guienne, comprchending the Provinces of Gafcogn, Guienne, Quercu, Xaintoigne, Poictu, Perigort, Limofin, Auvergne, Bourbonnois, and Berry, extending from the Pyrenees to the River Loire. 3. Celtica, called so from the valiant Nation of the Celt.e, and Comata from the long Hair worn by them, and also Lugdunensis from the City Lyons, extending from the Loise to the British Sea, and comprehending the Province of Lyomois, the Dukedom of Burgundy, Nivernois, &c. part of Champaigne, the Isle of France, the Provinces of Normandi, Bretaigne, Maine, Perche, Beauce, Anjoy, and Touraine. 4. Belgica, named from the Belgae a potent Nation, compri-fed all the Eastern part of Gaul, viz. Picardy, the rest

of Champaigne, the Netherlands, and so much of Germany and Belgium, as lyeth on this side the Rhine, with the County of Burgundy or Franche Comee.

Afterwards the Empetor Conftantine the Great, divided it into seventeen Provinces or Governments; fix of which were Confular, and eleven under certain Presidents sent by the Emperor, who resided in these Cities, viz.

Narbonne in Languedoc. 1. Narbonnensis prima. Aix in Provence. 2. --- fecunda. Vienne in Dauphine. 3. Viennensis. 4. Alpes, Graie and Pe-Monstriers en Tarentaise in Savoy. nine. Ambrun in Dauphine. 5. Alpes Maritima. 6. Lugdunensis prima. Lyons. 7. _____fecunda. 8. _____terria. Roan in Normandy. Tours. - quarta. Sens in Champaigne. 10. Sequania. Besancon in Franc. Comte. Bourges in Berry. 11. Aquitanica prima. Bourdeaux in Guienne. ---- lecunda. 12. -Aux in Gascoigne. 13. Novempopulania. Ment 7. 14. Germania prima. secunda. Colen.

He also placed Counts in the Cities, and Dukes in the Frontier Towns to administer Justice according to the Roman Laws; and A. D. 330. dividing the Office of Presential Prestorio, or Lieutenant-General of the Empire, among sour Persons; appointed one of them to reside among the Gauls; and under him, three Vicars, who were dispersed in Britain, France, and Spain.

Triers.

Rheims.

16. Belgica prima,

Afterwards the Goths got footing in Gaul, the Narbonnensis being granted to them by the Emperor Honorius upon their quitting Italy; and afterwards for Service done the Empire, Aquitain also was given them. And the Burgundians, a great and populous Nation on the Roine, (at first called in by Srilico Lieutenant of the same Honorius, to defend the Borders against the Franks) possessed themselves of all the South-east parts and both the Burgundies, from them so calied.

This was the State of Gaul, when the Franks or French entred it,

The FRANKS were a warlike People of Germany, who possessed all the Country that lies between the Rhine and the Weser, and from the German Ocean in the North to the River Mayne in the South; and consisted of the Nations of Sicambri, Brutleri, Salij Cherusci, Sc.

They also conquer'd the Country beyond the Mane, and making the Banks of that River their chief Seat, gave the name of Franconia to the Country now called so.

The Sicambri, from whom some deduce the original of the French, are said to be of Seythian Extraction, and have come down into Germany A. M. 3519. ante J. Chr. 429. in a very great Body, under their Captain Marcomir, and tetled themselves in those parts now called Easth-Friesland, Guelderland, and Holland. They were a rough uncivilized People, and often invaded and plundered their Neighbours, A. M. 3925. their King named Francus, was called by the saxons to their affishance against the Goths, where he so signalized himself by his Valour, that, as some Authors report, the Nation had from him the Name of

Franci; but this feems improbable, fince neither Strabo, Ptolemy, Pliny, C.e.far, Tacitus, or any ancient Author have mentioned them under that Name: From whence it is concluded, That they had it not till long after, that they took it up to denote the Freedom they enjoy'd from the Roman Yoak, which the Neighbouring Nations were Subject to.

The first notice of them in History under this

The first notice of them in History under this Denomination is in the Reigns of Valerian and Galienus, about A. D. 260, after which they are frequently mentioned on account of the Pillage they made in Gaul, &c. Constantine the Great, took their Kings Afcaric and Rhadigaise Prisoners, and exposed them to wild Beasts, for having violated their Faith in war-

ing against him.

About A. D. 412 the Armorici, who inhabited the Maritime Provinces of Gaul, as Flanders, Picardy, Nor-mandy and Bretaign, revolted from the Romans, to whom the Franks joyned, and by that means poffessed themselves of part of the German and Belgick Provinces of Gaul, which the Romans were forced to grant them. Soon after this it was, that Pharamond was chosen their King; he reigned ten Years and had his Seat in Gaul, but about the time of his death the Remans beat the Franks out of Gaul again, and took from them the Lands they had given them, which Clodion the Successor of Pharamond endeavour'd to regain, but was beaten back. Meroveus succeeded Clodion, in whole time Attila King of the Hunns invaded Gaul with a vaft Army, and having plundered feveral other Cities, befieged Orleans; for the relief whereof Meroveus joyned his Forces with those of Aetius the Roman General, and Theodorick King of the Vifigoths, who altogether fet upon Attila, and in Battel killed 200000 of his Men (as Historians report) and drove him out of Gaul. Actius, who was the great fupport of the Roman Power in Gaul, was foon after Maffacred by Valentinian, and he himself kill'd by Maximus. This put the Roman Affairs into such diforder, that Meroveus had time to extend his Conquelts, which he did over all Picardy, Normandy and part of the Isle of France; and Childerick his Son took Park, Orleans, and several other Cities, and established the French Monarchy. Clovis his Successor freed the French wholly from the Romin Power, and gave the Name of France to all the Country that reaches from the Rhine to the Loire. After the death of Clovis, the Dominion of the Franks was divided into two parts, viz. Onsterrich, or the Eastern part called Austrasia, and Westerrich, or the Western part called Neustria: The former containing all the old France, and the Country beyond the Maine, which they had conquer'd, to gether with Reims, Chalons, Cambray and Laon; which was from that time a separate Kingdom, the Seat whereof was Mets in Lorrain. The latter contained all the Country that lies between the Meuse and the Loire, which was again divided into three Kingdoms, viz. 1. Of France at Paris, 2. of Orleans, and 3. of Soissons: And afterwards, when the French had subdued the Visigoths and Burgundians; two other Kingdoms were erected, viz. of Aquitain and Burgundy. These were several times united and divided, as the Royal Family happened to be more or less numerous. But the Title of Kings of France, the Hiltorians have given to those only who have ruled in Paris; who are these mentioned in the following Table.

SECT. III.

Of the French Kings.

F these Monarchs there are reckon'd three Races? The first is called Merovignian from Meronee, who putting aside the Children of Clodion, caus'd him self to be chosen King; and fixed the Regal Seat in Gaul, as bath been already shewn. This Race continued during the Reigns of XXI Kings, and ended in Childerick III. who being a weak man, was furnamed the Witles, and was degraded by the Affembly of the Estates; Pepin the Son of Charles Murtel, Maire of the Palace, being advanced in his stead; who began the second Race, called the Carlian or Carlsvinian.

The Maire of the Palace was an Office of great Dignity and Power; he was at first chosen by the Nobility and confirmed by the King; and was entrusted with the Management of all Affairs of state: Their Power was very great, which by reason of the Weakness and Supineness of the Kings, they encreased as they pleased; so that at last it became hereditary. Of these, Pepin and his Son Charles, surnamed Martel, were in a manner Kings themselves during the Reigns of Disobert II. Chilperick, Clotaire and Thierry, and after the Death of the laft, Charles made himself chief Governour, with the Title of Maire and Duke of the French, in which he was succeeded by his Sons Carloman and Pepin, during an Interregnum of 6 or 7 Years; and after the Expulsion of Childerick, Pepin obtained the Royal Dignity, as hath been already faid. To Pepin succeeded his Son Charles, called le Maigne or the Great; An Epithet the Noble Actions he performed, very worthily deserved: For it was he that conquer'd the Barbarous Inhabitants of the most Northern Parts of Germany, and establish'd Christianity and Civil Government among them, after he had overcome Wittikind the last King of the Saxons, whereof we shall have occasion to speak more particularly in our description of Germany. He also conquer'd the Boii or Bavarians, became King of Germany, and in the Pope's Quarrel carried his Arms into Italy against Desiderius King of Lombardy, who attended the Control of the Cont tempted to diminish the Papal Power and make himfelf King of all Italy; Him Charles defeated, seized his Kingdom, and was crown'd King of Lombardy. He also conquered the Sarazens in Spain, and the Huns, Danes, Normans, &c. that infested his own Countries: And finally, he was by the Romans chosen Emperor, to which he was crowned on Christman-day, A. D. 800, thereby erecting anew the Western Em-M. B. Soot thereby erecting and we the Mental Empire, and making himlest the greatest Prince of the Universe. But this mighty Monarchy was in a little time reduced to its former Limits; for his Son Lewis the Godly parted his Estates among his four Sons, and erected the Kingdoms of Italy, Aquitain, Bavaria, and Rhatia; and the fome of his Posterity succeeded in the Empire, yet his Family degenerating, they not only lost that Title, but Charles surnamed the Simple, the great Grandson of Lewis the Godly, was for some time kept out of the Throne of France also, by Lewis and Carloman his Bastard-Brothers, and after them by Carolus Crassus Emperor, and Endes Farl of Anjou; and though he obtained it at last, he was much disturb'd and forc'd to resign it to Rodolph of Burgundy, who having enjoyed it two years, after his Death the Son of Charles the Simple was restored. But his Son and Grandson were disturbed by Hugh Capet, Earl of Paris and Anjou, and Maire of the Palace. descended from the Eudes abovementioned, who after the Death of Lewis the Sloathful, got to be chosen King by the assembly of the Estates at Noyon in the Month of May, A. D. 987. And began the third or Capetine Race of the Kings of France.

A Chronological Table of the Succession of the Kings of France, according to Mczeray.

The first or Morovignian Race.

Began to Reign	AD.	Reigne	d Years
1 Pharomond	418	10	
2 Clodion the Hairy	428	20	
3 Merouee	448	11	
4 Childerick I.	458	23	
5 Clovis I.	481	30	
6 Childebert I.	511	47	
7 Clotaire I.	558	3	
8 Cherebert	561	9	
9 Chilperic I.	570	13	
10 Clotoire II.	584	45	
II Danobert I	629	16	
1. 2.3	Whereof of	s with his	Father
12 Clovis II.	638	18	
13 Clotaire III.	655	14	
14 Childerick II.	670	∫in Austı	ia 🕽 🛚 I
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15 Thierry I.	674	17	
16 Clovis III.	691	4	
17 Childebert II.	695	17	
18 D.igobert II. the just	711	5	
10 Chilperick II.	716	5	
Cltoaire, fet up by Ch. Mari	tel 721	1	
20 Thierry II.	722	17	
An Interregnum of 6 or	7 years		
21 Childerick III. the Witle	fs. 743	8	

The Second or Carlovignian. Race

22	Pepin, the short	751		17	
2.2	Charlemaign, or Ch. the Great	1t768		46	
2.4	Lewis I. the Pious	814		27	
	Charles II. the Bald	840		37	
25	Charles II. the Daid				Months
26	Lewis II. the Stammerer,	87 7		19	Months
	(Lewis III.)	879	5	2	
27	{Lewis III. }	0/9	Σ	4	
28	Charles III. the Gross	884		3	
29	Eudes Crowned King	888		5	
	Charles IV. the Simple	893		29	
-	Robert Crowned King	922		1	
31	Rodolph Crowned King	923		13	
32	Lewis IV. Transmarine	936		18	
33	Lothaire	954		32	
34	Lewis V. the Sloathful	986		16	Months

The Third or Capetine Race.

35 Hugh Capet	987	9	Father.
36 Robert the Devout	995	45	
W	hereof 9 w	vith his	
Hugh the Great, Crowned,	bur died	before	
ther. 37 Henry I. 38 Philip I. 39 Lewis VI. the Groß	108	28 48 29	

Philip Crowned, but died before his Father

40 Lewis VII the Young	1637	43
41 Philip II the August	1180	43
42 Lewis VIII the Lyon	1223	3
43 S. Lewis IX.	1226	44
44 Philip III. the Hardy	1270	15
45 Philip IV. the Fair	1286	29
46 Lewis X. Hutin	1314	18 Months
Rege	ncy.	
70hn died at 8 days old.		
Philip V. the Young	1317	5

47 Philip V. the Young	1317	5
48 Charles IV. the Fair	1322	6
After whose death Edward		
claimed the Crown of	France, a	s next Hei
however it was given to		
40 Philip VI. of Valois	1228	2.2

ırs	49 2000 120	, , ,		
	50 John the Good	1350	13	
	He was ta	ken Prifor	ner by	the Black
	Prince S	ion to Edv	vard I	II.
	51 Charles V. the Wife	1364	16	
	52 Charles VI. well belov'd	1380	42	
	53 Charles VII. Victorious	1422	39	
	54 Lewis XI.	1461	22	
	55 Charles VIII. Courteous	1483	15	
	56 Lewis XII. the Just	1498	17	
	57 Francis I. the Great	1515	32	
	58 Henry II.	1547	13	
	59 Francis II.	1559	1	5 Mon:
cr.	60 Charles IX.	1560	13	
	61 Henry III	1574	15	
	62 Henry IV. of Bourbon.	20.		
18	King of Navarre.	}1589	2.1	
10	63 Lewis XIII.	1610	33	
	64 Lewis XIV .	1643	now	reigning.
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The present King was born Sept. 5th 1638, succeeded his Father in the Throne, May, 14th 1643 and was Crowned at Reims, June, 7th 1654 he marceed Mary of Austria Daughter to Philip iv. King of Spain, June 9th 1660, by whom he hath Issue the DAUPHIN, born Nov. 1st 1661, who married Mary Sister to the present Elector of Bavaria, on the 28th of Jan. 1630, and by her hath slue three Sons; viz. the Duke of BURGUNDY, born Aug, 6th 1632. The Duke of BURGUNDY, born Dec. 9th 1633. And the Duke of BERRY, born August 31 1686.

SECT. IV.

Of the Government, Laws, Courts and Officers of Justice, and Taxes.

GAul, as we have faid, was anciently divided into many Nations, each of which was govern'd by a different King; whose Power was limited by Laws agreed between him and the People in a grand Council. But though these Nations were separate Governments, they all maintained a general Alliance, and upon extraordinary Occasions, a General Council of the chiefs of each Nation was convend; as we find there

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Was to choose Deputies to congratulate
Cαfar upon his Victory over the Helvetians, and to crave his affiftance against
Arioviftus King of the Germans.

And like the Gauls, the French also at the beginning of that Monarchy, established a grand Council for makeing Laws, called the Assembly of the Estates; which was composed of Deputies sent from the Nobility, Clergy, the chief Cities of every Province, and from the Common People. These being assembled before the Knig

King, the Peoples Grievances were heard, the Necessities of the Kingdom considered and Laws were made for Imposing Taxes, Redressing Grieveances and what elfe was needful for the Publick, Good: And the Laws there made obliged the King, as well as the People. The first Assembly of this Council, mentioned in History was A. D.422 at Salisson or Selez in Alfatia, which was called (lays du Tillet) to interpret and Reform the Customs of France not yet written; and in this Council ('tis said) the samous Salique Law was made. Mention is made many times that Childebre affembled the Estates. Charlemaigne called them twenty times, To receive the Annual Gifts, and confirm the Priviledges of the Nobility, says a late French Author of good Learning; by which it should seem that they had the same Power that our English Parliament hath. It is at least certain, that in those days this Affembly had great authority: Divila fays it was an ancient Question, Whether the Estates or the King were superior. But at length their Power was much restrained and latterly they were not assembled in many years together. Lewis XIII. convoked the Assembly of the Estates to Sens, Sept. 10, 1614, thence adjourned them to Paris, where the Sessions began on the 27th of October, and on the 23d of February, 1615, the Result of their Deliberations being written down, were presented to the King, but whether passed into Laws or no I am not inform'd, the Hastorian leaving it there. Since that time they have never met; and the only Legislative Power in France at present is in the King, whose Edicts (with a Soit, car tel oft notre plaifir; So be it, for fuch is our Pleasure) being regifired in the Parliament of Paris (which too is com-posed of Persons that are at his Devotion) have the full force of Laws.

The Ancient Civil Law is used in France, besides which there are ancient particular Laws and Customs,

and the Edicts of the Kings.

The Salique Law and that of Appenages are esteemed Fundamental and unrevocable: The first confines the Succession to the Crown in the Males, excluding the Females, and the Issue of them: What more it contained is not known. Many Conjectures have been made of the Reason of this Name Salique: some derive it from the Salii, one of the Nations of the Franks; others from the River Sala, on the Banks whereof it is pretended to be made, &c. But that which feems to be much the most Natural and Probable is the Judgment of a most ingenious Antiquary of our own Nation, who derives it from the Word S AHL or Z AL, as it is now written, which in the High Dutch (the Language of the Franks) fignifies a Hall or Court, so that it is the Law Salique, q. d. the Court-Law, or the Law of the Court, by which the King and the Royal Family were affur'd of their Honour and Prerogative. That of Appenage was made by Charles the Great, and is to hinder the King's younger Sons from having any part of the Kingdom with their Elder Brother; before which France was frequently parcelled out into several Kingdoms.

For maintaining the Publick Peace, and the better Administration of Justice, the King appoints one of the prime of the Nobility Governor in every one of the Twelve Governments, and under him Licutenants and Governours of Towns, whose Officers are the fame with the ancient Dukes and Counts, first establishedby the Romans, viz. to keep in Obedience the Provinces and Places given them in Custody, to maintain them in Peace and Tranquility, to have Power and command over their Armies, to defend them a-gainst Enemies and Seditious Attempts, to keep the

Places well fortified and provided with what is needful, and to affift the Execution of Justice.

The Administration of Justice, both Civil and Criminal belongs to the Parliaments. Anciently the Kings administred Justice themselves, but it being troublesome to them, this Court was established by King Pepin. Anno. Dom. 757. composed of certain Noblemen, whom the King appointed to hear the Complaints, and do Justice to his Subjects. At first it was held where the King resided, and follow'd him in his Journeys: But for the Convenience of the People, Philip the Fair made it ledentary, and gave a Part of his Palace at Paris to be the fixt Seat of the Parliament; and because of the multiplicity of Bufinels, and the large extent of the Country, fucceeding Kings erected new ones in feveral Parts of the Kingdom, so that at present there are Fourteen Parliaments in France and its Conquests, viz,

I At Paris. 9 At Pau. Touloufe. FO Befancon. It . Tournay. Roan. 12 Of Rousillon at Perpig-Grenoble. Bourdeaux. nan Dijon. 13 et Arras. 14 Of Alface at Strasburgh, Aix. Rennes, now at Vannes.

These Parliaments are composed of certain Prefidents, Counsellers, Advocates, &c. and divided into feveral Chambers, according to the respective Busi-nesses. That of Paris is called the Court of Peers, because the Dukes and Peers of France, and several great Officers of State are Sworn before it, and are there tryed, when accused of any Crime. It is divided into Ten Chambers, viz.

The Grand Chamber, which tryes great Causes, and

judges Noblemen.

The Tournelle (so called, because the Counsellers of the Grand Chamber attend in it by Turns) Civile, judges of Civil Causes to the Value of 1000 Livres or 50 Livres per Annum.

The Tournelle Criminelle, which judges all Appeals

of Criminal Matters from the Subordinate Courts, not

made by Noblemen.

Five Chambers of Inquest. Wherein the Depositions of Witnesses are written down, and Causes judged thereupon, in the Nature of our Bill and Answer in

Two Chambers of Request, which judge the Causes

of those that are priviledged.

For the Service of these Chambers, there are one Chief President, and seven Presidents au Mortier (so called from a Cap they wear in form like a Mortar) who are all Persons of Quality: Twenty nine Counfellors, Clerks, among which the Archbishop of Paris, and the Abbot of S. Dennis have place; One hundred eighty and five Counsellors, Laicks; Fourteen Presidents of the Inquest and Request; Two Advocates General; one Procureur General, and Twenty Substitutes to him; Three Registers; with Grieffers, Notaries, Ushers, &c. and Four hundred Procureurs or Attorneys.

Besides the Parliaments, there are two other forts of Supreme Courts in France, which are the Cham-

bers. of Accounts, and the Courts of Aides.

The Chambers of Accounts are Twelve in Number, and held at these Cities, viz. 1. Paris, 2. Roan, 3. Dijon, 4. Nantes, 5. Montpelier, 6. Greneble, 7. Aix, 8. Pau. 9. Blois. 10 Liste, 11. Aire, and 12 Dole. This Court administers the Oath of Fidelity to the

Archbishops, Bissops, Abbots, &c. They Examine the Accounts of the Treasury, receive the Homage and Vassalage due from the Royal Feiss, &c. and Regifter the Treaties of Peace, and all other Contracts.

Grants and Gifts of the King whatsoever.

The Courts of Aides are Eight, and held at these Cities, viz. 1. Paris, 2. Montpelier, 3. Roan, 4. Clermont Mont-ferrand, 5. Bourdeaux, 6. Aix, 7. Grenoble, and 8 of Burgundy at Dijon. This Court judges without Appeal all Causes relating to the Tailles, Aides Gables, and all other the Kings Revenues.

Under these Supreme Courts there are other for fmaller Matters citablish'd in all the Cities, and con-

inderable Towns in the Kingdom, viz.

Prefdial. A Court composed of several Judges who Try Civil Causes (and Appeals from Subaltern Justices in Villages) of Matters of smaller Importance. Each Presidial is divided under two Chiefs; The first judges definitively, and without Appeal, to the Sum of 250 Livres or 10 Livres per Annum; The second to the Sum of 500 Livres, or 20 Livres

per Annum.

Generalities. Which are the Treasurers General of France; Of these there are Twenty three, conveniently disposed in several Parts of the Kingdom: Each Generality is composed of Twenty three Perfons, who have the care of Assessing the Taxes, and Receiving the King's Revenue, in their respective Districts, which for their ease are divided into several Parts, called Elections. When the King in his Council, hath determined what extraordinary Sum must be levied upon the Subjects that Year, the Resolution is fent to the Generalities, who compute the Proportion of it that each of their Districts must raise: And then fend their Orders to every Election, to raife fo much as their Proportion amounts to, upon the Parishes within their respective Elections; and the Money being Collected, is returned with the Accounts to the Generalities, who remit it to the Exchequer. The same Method is used in levying the Tailles, and all Money raised for the King.

This is a Court also for judging Matters relating to the Crown-Lands and the Kings Revenue. They have the Inspection of all publick Works, and give out Orders concerning the building and repairing the Royal Houses (except Verfailles and the Louvre) publick Bridges, Caufeys. &c. They are Surveyors General of the High-ways, and Judge of the Nusances without Appeal. All Letters of Enobling, Legitimation and Donation from the King must be regi-fitred in their Office. The Places that these Gene-ralities are held in, will be seen in the following

Description of the Country.

The Election is a subordinate Court to the Generality. It is compesed of feveral Persons who compute the Proportion that every Parish in their Divi-sion must raise of the Sum demanded by the Generality, and fend out their Orders to the Parithes accordingly, where the Inhabitants chuse one, who proportions it cxactly among them, and collects it This Court judges small Causes relating to the Imposts and

Taxes.

For administring Justice and punishing Criminals, there are certain Officers and Magistrates in every confiderable Town (who are commonly Lawyers) appointed by the King; they have different Titles, being in some places called Bailiffs, in others Provosts, and in others seneschals, but their Power and Duty is much the fame. The pursuing and seizing of Criminals belongs to them: They have Power also

to punish them, as the Law directs, which they did formerly disnitively, but since so many Parliaments have been instituted, Appeals are admitted to the Parliament from their Sentence. The District over which they have the Care is called a Bailliage, Provoste or Seneschausee.

There are also in some Places Officers call'd Intendants; these are men of the Law, whom the King sends into the Provinces or Generalities to give Orders in extraordinary Affairs. There are Intendents de la Justice, Police and Finance. They are also called Commisfaries of Paris for executing the King's Orders in fuch

or fuch a generality.

There are a multitude of other Courts and Officers in France, too many to describe here; what is faid is enough to give the Reader a general Idea of the Government, and to explain the Terms of Generality, Election, &c. which often occur in the en-

fuing Description of the Kingdom.

The TAXES paid by the Common People of France are very large... Those that are constant, be-sides the extraordinary ones in time of War, are of fix forts, viz, 1. Tailles, a Sum paid yearly by every Housholder, according to his Substance and Family; granted by the Three Estates. 2. Taillons, paid by the same Persons as the Taille, and amounts to about one third of that; this was first imposed by Henry II. 1549. 3. Subsistance-Money, a Dury im-posed by this present King for the Subsistance of the Soldiers in Winter, for which the Subject is excused from Free Quarter: It is paid in the same manner as the other two. These Taxes are paid by the Third Estate only, the Nobility and Clergy being exempt. 4. The Customs upon Merchandise imported and exported. 5. The Gabell, or Excise upon Salt, which is very high, and the People forc'd to take a certain quantity yearly, proportionate to their Family, and pay the Duty whether they can consume it or no, 6. Smaller Excises, Farms and other Demeins of the Crown, to the number of 26; all which raile a vast Sum.

The whole Revenue of the King of France in time of Peace hath been computed to amount to more than 150 Millions of Livres, or 11 Millions and 375 thou-

fand Pounds Sterling per Annum.

The Accounts in France are kept in Crowns, Livres, Soiz and Deniers; 12 Deniers make a Sol or Sou, 20 Solz a Livre or Florin, 3 Livres or 60 Solz make a Crown. A French Crown is of equal Value with Four Shillings and fix Pence English; an English Crown yields in France 65 Solz; a Pound Sterling yields 13 Livres, and an Enlish Guinea piece of Gold 14 Livres. The other Monies of France are a Double, which is two Deniers; a Liard, the fourth part of a Sol, Pieces of 32 and 5 Solz, the quarter and the half Crown, the two Livre piece. And of Gold, the Crown, value 5 Livers 14 Solz, Lys de Or value 7 Livers 10 Solz, the half Louis, the whole Louis d' Or, value 11 Livres, double Louis, &c.

SECT. V.

The Archbishopricks, Bishopricks, and Universities of France,

FOR the Government of the Church, France is divided into 18 Archbishopricks, and 109 Bishopricks, viz

I. Archbishop of Lyons, Count and Primate of France,

hath

hath Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Autun, 2 Langres, 3 Macon, and 4 Challon.

II. The Archbishop of Sens; Primate of France and Germany; Suffragans, the Bithops of 1 Troies, 2 Auxerre, and 3 Nevers

III. The Archbishop of Paris, Duke and Peer; Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Chartres, 2 Orleans, and

IV. The Archbishop of Reims, Duke and Peer, Legat of the Holy See; Suffragans, the Bishops of Sossons, 2 Laon, 3 Chadlons, 4 Noyon, 5 Beauvais, 6 Amiens, 7 Senlis, and 8 Boulogne.

V. The Archbishop of Rouen, Primate of Normandi; Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Bayeux, 2 Eurreux,

Auranches, 4 Seez, 5 Lisieux, 6 Coutances. VI. The Archbishop of Tours; Sussingans, the Bishops of 1 Mans, 2 Angers, 3 Rennes, 4 Nantes, 5 Cournouaille, or Quimper, 6 Vannes, 7 St. Malo, 8 S. Brieux, 9 Treguier, 10 S. Pol de Leon, 11 Dol.

VII. The Archbithop of Bourges; Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Clermont, 2 Limoges, 3 St. Flour, 4 le Puy,

Tulle.

VIII. The Archbithop of Alby; Suffragans, the Bilhops of 1 Castres, 2 Mende, 3 Rodez, 4 Cabors, 5 Va-IX. The Archbishop of Bourdenx; Suffragans, the

Bishops of 1 Poistiers, 2 Sainstes, 3 Angoulesme, 4 Pe-

rigeux, 5 Agen, 6 Condom, 7 Sarlat, 8 Rochelle, 9 Lu-X. The Archbishop of Auch; Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Acqs, 2 Aire, 3 Bazas, 4 Bayonne, 5 Comminges, 6 Conserans, 7 Lectoure, 8 Leschar, 9 Oleron,

10 Tarbes, 11 St. Leger.

XI. The Archbishop of Tolouse; Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Pamieres; 2 Mirepoix, 3 Montauban, 4 La-

Sillops of 1 Pameres, and the state of the s

and to Perpignan.

XIII. The Archbishop of Arles, Prince of Salon, and Mont-Dragon; Suffragans the Bishops of 1 Marfeilles, 2 Orange, 3 S. Paul des trois Chateaux, 4 & Tou-

XIV. The Archbithop of Aix in Provence; Suffragans, the Bishops of I Apt, 2 Riez, 3 Frejus, 4 Gap,

5 Sisteron.

XV. The Archbishop of Vienne in Dauphine, Count and Primate; Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Valence, 2 Die, 3 Grenoble, 4 Viviers; as also the Bishop of Geneva, and the Bishop of Maurienne in Savoy

XVI. The Archbishop of Bezancon; Suffragans, the Billiop of Belly in Bengey, together with the Bithops of

Basil and Lausanne in Switzerland.

XVII. The Archbishop of Ambrun; Suffragans, the Bithops of 1 Digne, 2 Glandeve, 3 Vence, 4 Senez, 5 Grace, and the Bishop of Nice in Savoy.

XVIII. The Archbithop of Cambray in French-Flanders; Suffragans, the Bishops of 1 Arras, 2 Tournay,

3 S. Omar, 4 Namur.

In the French Conquests are five other Bishops, who are Suffragans to Archbishops of other Nations, viz.

The Buhop of Strasburg to the Archbishop of Mentz.

The Bishop of Mets, Toul, and Verdun, to the Archbithop of Spires, and the Bithop of Hellene in Roufillon,

to the Archbishop of Tarragone in Spain.

These Prelates enjoy very large Revenues, and have under their Care above Thirty Thousand Parishes, and a vast number of Monasteries, which are all very richly endowed.

For the Propagation of Learning, there are Twenty one Universities established in France, viz.

At Paris.

Touloufe in Languedoc. Bourdeaux in Guienne. Poitiers in Peictu. Orleans. Bourges in Berry. Angers in Anjou. Caen in Normandy. Montpellier in Langued. Cahors in Quercy. Nantes in Bretaigne. Reims in Champaigne. Valence in Dauphine. Aix in Provence.

At Avignon in the County of Avignon. Pont a Minjon in Lorraine. Perpignan in Roufillen. Douay in Flanders. Dole in the County of Burgundy.

Friburg in Frifgau, Orange in that Principality. Arles, an Academy.

SECT. VI.

Of the Extents of the French Dominions, and the Acquisitions of the present King.

Reat part of the present Dominions of this Monarchy, were formerly divided among many Princes. Normandy, Aquitain and Anjon, were for fome time subject to the Kings of England. Bretaigne was subject to its own Dukes, till A. D. 1484. The Dukes of Burgundy were powerful Princes for many Ages, and Lords of great part of the Netherlands, besides the Buzzundies, till A. D. 1476, Charles the warlike, being kill'd in Battel by the Switzers, Lewis XI. feized the Dutchy of Burgundy: But that Family enjoyed the Earldom till the prefent King took it from the King of Spain, A. D. 1668. but being obliged to reftore it at the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, he retook it, A. D. 1674, and both the Burgundies are now reckoned part of France.

Many little Principalities and Lordships were made Hereditary to certain Families, by Hugh Capet, which in time fell again to the Crown, as will be feen in the ensuing Description; and when the present King came to the Crown, he was in a manner the only Sovereign, very few of those Princes then remaining, and those that were, in time he found means to deprive of their Royalties, and render himfelf ablo-

lute, and fole Monarch of France.

Besides which, he harh enchroached upon his Neighbours on every fide, and hath made himfelf Mafter of the Province of Artois, great part of the Provinces of Flanders, Hainault, and Alfatia, The County of Bwgundy abovementioned, &c. except what are restored by the late Treaty at Ryswick.

But the Reader may be better informed herein by the following Account of the Treaties of the Pyrences,

Aix la Chapelle, Nimeguen and Ryswick, viz.

By the Peace concluded in the Island of Pheasuns, near the Pyrenean Mountains, A. D. 1659, these Towns were granted to the French King, viz. In Artois, Arras, Hesdan, Bapaume, Bethune, Lilers, Lens County of St. Pol, Terouane, and all the Bailiwicks and Castleries of Artois, except St. Omer, Aire, and their Dependencies; also Renty, if in the dependance of Aire, elfe not. In Flauders; Graveline, Pas, Fort St. Philip, with the Sluce, Hannuin, Beurburg, St. Venant. In Hainanly; Landreey and Quefnoy, with all their Bailiwicks and dependencies, Marienburg and Philipville, in Exchange tor la Basses and St. Winoxburg, Avenne. In Luxemburg; Thionville, Montmidi, and Damvilliers, the Provofthips of Ivoy, Chavancy, Morville, Rocroy le

For

Chatelet, and Linchamps: fo much of the Counties of Roufillon, Conflent and Cardana, as lie on this fide the Pyrenean; all the reft of those Counties, together with the Principality of Catalonia, being restored to the Sp.miard. The upper and lower Alfatia; Suntgau, the County of Ferette and Brifue, with its Dependencies,

were also granted to the French.

The Duke of Lorrain by this Treaty was restored to his Dominions, except Mionize. But the French King prevail'd upon him to make a Donation of them to him at his Death; by the pretence whereof, when that Duke died, A. 1675, the French entred upon them, and kept out his Nephew the late Duke of Lorrain. Afterwards at the Treaty of Nimeguen, at the instance of the Emperor, the Dutchy of Lorrain was offer'd to be restored to him, but with Condition, that the French King still keep the City of Nancy and its Jurisdiction, and also have four Roads cross his Country, of half a league in breadth from Nancy, viz. Into Alface; to Vefout in the Franche Comte, to Metz, and to St. Dizier in Champaigne, together with the Sovereignty of all the Boroughs and Villages which lye in the faid Roads of half a League's breadth; as also the Provolt hip of Longui, and its Dependencies, for which he was to exchange another Provoltthip of like value; by which means the French retain'd half Lorrain, befides all the Dutchy of Bar, the County of Clermont, and other Dominions of that Prince. But these Conditions were look'd upon by the young Duke as too hard, especially since the French King had promised him his whole Country; so that after much time in endeavouring to obtain better Terms, the Peace was concluded without including him; and the French poffeffed the whole Country, till the late Treaty of Ryswick, whereby the present Duke was re-ftor'd to the Royalty of his Ancestors: As is more parricularly express'd hereunder in the Account of that Treaty.

By the Peace of Aix la Chapelle, or Aken, in the Dutchy of Juliers in Germany, A. D. 1668. It was

agreed.

That the French King should enjoy the Fortress of Charleroy, the Towns of Binch, Aeth, Doway, Tournay, Oudenard, Lisle, Armentiers, Courtray, Bergues and Furness, and the whole extent of their Territories, with

the entire Sovereignty thereof.

By the Peace concluded at Nimeguen with the King of Spain, A. 1678. the Franche Conte, or County of Burgundy, with all the Towns and Places thereon depending, was granted to the French King; as also the Towns of Valenciennes and Bouchain, with their Dependencies; the Town and County of Cambray, Air, St Omer, Menin, Conde, and Tyres, and their Dependencies; Warwick and Warneton on the Lys. Poperinghen, Brilleul, Mont Cassel, Bavay and Mewbenge, with their Dependencies. And also the Town of Dinant.

And by the same Treaty the French restored these

Towns, viz.

Charlerey, Ghent, Oudenard, Courtray, Binch, Aeth, St. Ghislain, Lewe, Limburg, and its Dutchy; the Country of Wies, and all the Dependencies of every of them in the Netherlands; and Puicerday in Cerdaigne, on the Frontiers of Catalonia, to the Spaniards. And to the Dutch, Macstricht.

And by the Treaty with the Emperor at the fame

place, A. 1679.

The Town and Citadel of Friburg in Brifgaw, with the Villages of Lebn, Mathausen and Kirkzart, and their Liberties, as also a passage from Brifac to Friburg, were granted to the French; and in return Philipphurg was restored to the Bishop of Spire.

Soon after this Peace, viz. A. 1680, the French took Strasburg, which they still hold, together with

the greatest part of its Bishoprick.

And A. 1684, they took the City of Luxemburg, and a great part of that Duchy.

And once more this Monarch for his Glory, kindled the flame of War in Europe, which he began by the Siege of Philipsburg in the Month of Seprember, 1688, and rook it on the first of November following. And afterwards his Armies ravag'd and destroy'd the Palatinate, took and destroy'd the Cities of Hidelburg, Spires, and Wormes. And in the Netherlands they took the Cities of Mons and Namur, and the Fortress of Charleroy: And in Savoy, Niffa, Suse, Montmellian, and Villa Franca. In Catalonia, Barcelona, &c. but Namur was retaken by the Consederate Army, under the Conduct of his Majesty King William, and all

tics and Places of Consequence, by the Peace concluded at Ryswick in Holland, September 10. 1697. where-

the rest were restored together with many other Ci-

in it was agreed,

That to the Empire shall be restored all places possessed by the French in Germany, out of Alfatia, with out demolition, and with the Artillery in them when taken: Particularly, Triers and Spires with all their Dependencies. The Palatinate to be restored, and the Dutchess of Orleans to receive two hundred thousand French Livres per annum till her Pretentions be adjusted. Friburg, Brisac, Philiphung, to be restored with all their Dependencies, Fortifications and Artillery. Dimant to be restored (as when taken) to the Bishop of Liege. Sponheim, Veldents and Deny-Ponts with the Artillery, to the King of Sweden. Montbeliand to the Family of Wirtemburg. The Fort of Kiel restored, and those of Pille, Hunningen with the Bridge, Montroyal, Kembourg and Ebernbourg demolished.

Trarbach restored, but dismantled.

On the other fide, Strasburg was absolutely fur-

rendred to France.

To the Duke of Lorrain was reftored all the Estates which his Uncle was possessed of in the Year 1670. With these exceptions, Sar Louis with half a League round it to remain to France, as also the City Longwi with its Dependencies. Nancy and the Castles of Bissessed and Homboug, to be dismansled: And a passage permitted to the King of France's Soldiers thro' Lorrain, in the common Road, paying for whatthey take, and observing strict Discipline.

To Spain was reftored, Barcelona, Gironne, Roses, Belver, and every place taken by the French in Catalonia. Luxenburg with his Fortifications, together with the whole Duchy, and the County of Chiny. Charleroy and Mons with the Fortifications. Ath with all its Dependencies, except some sew Boroughs. Courray with all its Dependencies and Artillery. And in general all Places taken by the French since the Treaty of Nimeguen in all the Provinces of the Ne-

therlands are restored.

The French have also Dominions in America; as Canada or New-France, upon the Continent; also Colonies in Now-foundland, Marsinico, St. Christophers, and

other Islands, &c.

The Division of France.

This Kingdom is divided into Twelve Governments, Four of which lye to the North, Four in the middle,

and Four to the South, viz.

Tothe North, NORMANDY, PICARDY, the ISLE of FRANCE and CHAMPAIGNE.
In the Middle BRETAIGNE, ORLEANNOIS, BURGUNDY and LYONNOIS.
To the South, GUIENNE, LANGUEDOC, DAUPHINE and PROVENCE.

The Sub-divisions whereof are as follows. viz.

Nor- mandy is di- vided into 7 Dio- ceffes.	f Diocefs (Vexin-Normand Rouanois en in 4 Caux Bray. Diocefs of Lifieux Bayeux Coutance Auranches. Seez Euvreux	Orlea- nois in to 14 { Coun- tries	Orleanois Proper La Beauce Blaifois Perche La Maine Vendomois Anjou Poictou The Country of Aunis. Angounois Touraine	Lan- guedoc < into 11:	Toulousan Albigeois Lauragais County of Foix Rousillon Quarter of Narbonne Besiers Nimes Cevennes in 3. Vivarais Givauden Velay
Picar- dy into feven Coun- tries.	Amienois Ponthieu Boulonnois Santerre Vermandois Tiarache Pays re conquis	•	Gatinois. Berri Nivernois The Islands. Dijonnois Autunois Chalonnois Mountainouns C.	Dau-	Grefivaudan Diois Baronies Gapencois Ambrunois Brianconnois Viennois Valentinois
The Isle of France into	Ifle of France, Properly fo called. Brie Francoife Hurepois Gatinois Mantois. Vexin Francois Beauvafis Valois Soifonois Laonnois.	Bur- gundy <into 2.<="" td=""><td>The Dutchy Auxois Auxerrois Auxerrois Auxerrois Coun- Interest Briennois Auxerrois Aux</td><td>Pro- vence into 13 Diocef- fes, 1 Princi- pality, 1 County</td><td>Tricastin Dioces of Aix Riez Senez Digne Arles Marseille Toulon Frejus Grace Vence Glandeve</td></into>	The Dutchy Auxois Auxerrois Auxerrois Auxerrois Coun- Interest Briennois Auxerrois Aux	Pro- vence into 13 Diocef- fes, 1 Princi- pality, 1 County	Tricastin Dioces of Aix Riez Senez Digne Arles Marseille Toulon Frejus Grace Vence Glandeve
Cham- paigne into 8 Coun- tries.	Champaigne Proper Remois Perthois Rhetelois Vallage Baffigni Senonois. Brie Champenoise	Lionois into 6 Coun- tries.	Lionois Proper Forets Beaujolois Bourbonnois Auvergne La Marche. Guienne Proper Bazadois		Sifteron Apt County of Venaisfin: Principality of Orange Of Martee-Pomegue gue in Paulet Paffou
Bre- taigne into 2 parts. The If	The Vantes Nantes St. Malo bithop- Dol Brieux Treguier S.Paul de Leon. Quimper coretin Vannes. lands Ouessant Belle Isle.	ne into	Agenois Condomois Saintoigne Perigord Limofin Quercy Rovergne Gafcogne Prop. or Chaloffe Armagnac The Landes Terre de Labour The lower Navarre Vicounty of Soule Bearn Bigorre Cominge Conferans	Islands.	Steca- des des Titan Porqueyroles into 5. Lerin {S. Margaret into 2. S. Honorat. Chateau Dif.
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CHAP. II.

NORMANDY, Normania.

THIS Province was under the Romans, part of the Lugdunensis in Gallia Celeica; and when reduc'd by the French, was part of their Kingdom called Neustria; to which also Picardy, Champaigne, and part of the Belgium belonged. But this part was ravished from them by some of those Northern People, that for many years infested all the Coasts hereabouts, and in the Reign of Charles the Simple, forced him to grant it to them : after which it was called NORMANDY, and Govern'd by its own Dukes defeeding from Rollo, who were powerful Princes, and often maintained Wars with the Kings of France. Of these William, firnamed the Baftard, invaded England, upon a right he pretended to that Crown after the death of Edward the Conlessor; and by his valour defeated Harold who had Usurped the Crown; and by his prudent management obtained the Government, and Reigned Twenty years King of England. Afterwards this Province was part of the English Dominions for feveral Ages the History whereof is too long for this place. At prefent it is one of the molt important Governments of France, affording a large Revenue to the Prince by reason of its situation on the Sea-coasts, and the fruitfulness of its Soil.

It is bounded on the North and West by the British Chanel, on the East by the Isle of France, and on the Southby Perche and Maine, being extended from East to West for the space of about 160 Miles, viz from Annale to the Coasts of Contantin; and about 70 Miles from South to North. The Country abounds in good Pastures, and is extreamly ferrile in Corn and Flax and divers forts of Fruits, assording great quantities of Canvass, Cyder, and Beer, but little Wine. There are also Mines of Iron, together with some of Copper and other Metals. Moreover, at considerable Trassick is established in these parts, for Corn, Timber, Coal, Hay, Cattle, and Herbs proper for Dying, as Madder, Woad, &c. Within the Tertiteries of this Government are contained 100 Towns, 150 large Burghs, and 120 Forests; as also, one Archbishoptick, 6 Sussingan Bishopticks, one University, and one Court of Parliament. It is water'd with 12 principal Rivers, viz. the Siene, Eure, Bress, Toque, Dive, Orne, Vire, Selune, See, Soule, Ouve, and Eu,

Normandy is usually divided into the Upper and Lower, the former comprehending four Bailliages, viz, those of Rouen, Eureux, Caux, and Giferi. And the lower three, namely those of Caen, Alenson, and Cautance. But we shall distinguish this Province into the feven Diocesses, which are of Rouen, Lysieux, Bayeux, Coutance, Auranches, Seez, and Eureux. The four first are situated on the Coasts of the English Chanel, in passing from East to West; the three other lie to the South of these, and are seen in returning from West to East; according to the order of the ensuing Table.

The Dioces of Rouen Arch- scine, divided bishoprick divi-dinto these Parts, ded into four Countries, viz. Caux. those of Rouen Normand on Rouen the banks of the Gifors Scine, divided Pont de l'Arch. Rounois.

The Diocels of Lyfieux, Bith,
Bayeux, B.
Contance, B.
Auranche, B.
Seez, B.
Euveux.

ROUENORROAN, Rotomagus aut Rothomagus. the Metropolis of the Province, and Seat of an Archbishop, as also of a Court of Parliament, is feated on the North-side of the River Seine, in a valley environ'd with Hills and covered with Woods. It is a very considerable City, both on the Account of the Wealth of its Inhabitants and its Largeness, being extended for the space of seven Miles in compass. The Eastern-side is water'd with divers Rivulets, which passing through the Town cleanse the Streets, and after having turn'd a great number of Water-mills sall into the Seine: Over that River was erected a most stately Stone-bridge confisting of 13 Arches, but it is now ruined, and another of Boats of very artificial Structure, built near it, reaching 270 Paces in length; it rifes with the Tide, and is paved like a Street. The City is defended with an old Castle on the Seine but that which stood on the adjacent Hill of St. Catharine, is now utterly ruin'd. It hath also good Walls, (in which are 16 Gates) large Dirches, Bulwarks, and Rampiers; It is enlarged with fix very fair Sub-urbs and hath in it 13 Market-places, 136 Foun-tains and 35 Parith-Churches, and adorn'd with many noble Piles of Building; and among others the Cathedral Church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the Quire whereof is lined round about with Copper: It of the whereof is fined round about with Copper: It hath three Towers of a vaft height, particularly that of Renve, and that of the Pyramid; the Spire of which Steeple only (being made of Wood and cover'd with gilt Lead) hath 200 Steps, and the whole Edifice above 600. The great Bell in it, called George d'Amboifo, is 13 foot high, and weighs 40000 pound: On the great Gate is a Triumphal Arch in Honour of King Rung IV with amblement him. Honour of King Henry IV. with emblems of his Conquest over the Holy League: The Body of the Church is supported by 21 Pillars, in which, and in the Chapel, are to be seen the magnificent Tombs of Cardinal d'Amloife, and of the Ancient Dukes and Archbishops; as also, the Monument of John Duke of Bedford, who was Regent of France under our King Henry VI. The other remarkable Buildings are, the Convent of the Cordeliers, the Church of the Jefuirs, the old Palace or Castle, the Church and Abby of St. Ouen, and the Palace of the Parliament, which are very beautiful Structures. Also, the Archbishop's Palace, called Gaillon, is a fair Building, adorn'd with fine Paintings and pleafant Gardens.

Rouen hath fuffered many Calamitics and Revolutions, it hath been almost entirely burnt at 13 or 14 several times; was taken by the Normans, A. C. 841. the English made themselves Masters thereof in 1418. and in 1449. it was surrender'd to the French King Charles VII. Asterwards it was storm'd and taken by the French Protestants, and retaken and pillaged under Charles IX. Anno. 1562. Anthony of Bourbon,

King

King of Navarre, received a mortal Wound before it, but his Son Henry IV. took it in 1594 King William I. firnamed the Conqueror died here. It is distant 28 Miles from Eureux, to the North; 34 from Diepe to the South; near 40 from Beauvois to the West; 55 from Amiens to the South-west, 64 from Paris to the North-west, and 52 from Havre de Grace.

Pont de L'arche, Pons Arcis, or Pons Arcuensis, is a strong place seated a little below the confluence of the Rivers Seine and the Eure, and 10 Miles above Rouen to the South toward Eureux. It is strengthenod with a Caftle, and hath a fair Stone-bridge over the Seine built by King Charles the Bald. This was the first Town that surrender'd it self to Henry IV. after his Accession to the Crown, in 1589. It is a place of Importance, and hath a particular Governor.

Gifors, Gifirium, C.cforrium, aut Caforotium, stands on the Banks of the River Este, which divides Normandy from Picardy, and is senced with a Fort now half ruin'd; it is the capital of a Bailliage, and is diftant 40 Miles from Paris to the North-west, 30 from

Rouen to the East.

In the Territory of the ROU MOIS are fituated fome fmall Towns and Villages, particularly Quiellebeuf, at the Mouth of the River Seine, and 30 Miles from Rouen to the West, and Montfort; but neither of these are places very considerable.

The Country of CAUX lies to the North part of the Vexin Normand, taking up the Northern and Western parts of Normandy on the North side of the seine, and including a Bailliage of Parliament, together with these principal Towns, viz.

Diepe. Havre de Grace. Caudebec.

St. Valery. Eu. Aum.ile.

Diepe, Deppa, and Depa, is a noted Sea-port Town on the Shore of the British Sea, at the distance of 30 Miles from Rouen to the North, and 42 from Havre de Grace to the East. It is seated at the foot of the Mountains, and at the Mouth of the River Arques, which falling into the Sea makes the Haven; it is fortified with Bulwarks to the Sea, with a Fortress at the Suburb called Pollet, and a Castle; which, together with the craggy Mountains that lie on the South make it a place of good strength; and as such it was chosen by King Henry IV. for his Head Quarters when he was opposed by the League at his Accession to the Crown. The Town is reasonably large and well built, and is inhabited by Sea-faring who are reckon'd very expert in Maritime Affairs: Mechanicks, that make curious Works in Ivory, and Merchants, who make confiderable Traffick to foreign Parts, especially Newsoundland in America. Its Inhabitants were mostly Protestants till the late Persecution. The Haven is narrow but very long, and will receive Ships of great Burthen; but by reason of its strainers, is of difficult access. This Town hath been often taken and retaken in the Wars between the French and English. And in the year 1694. was almost totally destroyed by the Bombs that were shot into it from the English Fleet commanded by the Lord Berkeley.

Havre de Grace, Portus Gratie, is a strong Sea-port Town at the Mouth of the Seine between Harfleur and Fescamp, 40 Miles from Rouen to the West, 40 from Caen to the North East, and 20 from Lisieux to the North. It is a pleasant and well-built Town, and a place of good Trade, several Merchants inhabiting here that Trade to Newfoundland and other

places. Francis I. and Henry II. fortified this Town to defend it from the Incursions of the English; to which Lewis XIII. added a Citadel, which is flanked with four Loyal Bastions. In the Reign of Charles IX, it was seized by the Protestants, and by them delivered over to Queen Elizabeth in 1562, for the Assistance of the Assis stance she gave them. But the next year it was vigoroufly befieged by the French, and as couragioufly defended by the English under the Earl of Warwick; but by reason of a Pestilence in the Town, they were forced to furrender on the 17th of July 1563, and returned home. This Town also was almost wholly destroyed by the Fire of the English Bombs the same year, 1694.

Harfleur, a small Sca-port Town, stands at the mouth of the Seine, five Miles from Havre de Grace to the East. It was once a considerable Port, but Havre de Grace being found more convenient, this is

now neglected.

Caudebec, Caledobecum, is feated near the Bar or Mouth of Seine, where that River meets the Seawater, 24 Miles below Rouen toward Havre de Grace. It is remarkable on the account of its divers forts of Manufactures, especially Hats, which bear the name of the place, and much are esteem'd in England and

Eu, Auga feu Augum & Eusium, is seated in the midst of pleasant Meadows, and on the banks of the River Brele which separates Normandy from Picardy, between Diepe and S. Valery, at the distance of one I cague from the Sea, 10 Miles from Diepe to the East, and 20 from Abbeville to the West. It is adorned with a stately Castle, and Abbey and a College of Jesuits; it gives Title to a Count and Peer of France, which hath been enjoy'd by feveral illustrious Families.

S Valeri, Fanum Sancti Valeri, stands on the Coasts of the British Sea, between Soreville and Veuleres, 40 Miles from Rouen to the North, and 20 from Diepe

to the North West.

Aumale, Albamala, called Albermarle by the English. stands near the Spring-head of the River Russine in the Lower Normandy, and enjoys the Titles of a County and Dutchy: It is diftant 36 Miles from Rouen to the N. E. 20 from Abbeville to the South, and 23 from Beauvois to the North.

Near Caudebee stands the Village Tvetot, which hath the Title of a Principality, and as some say, sormerly a Kingdom. Longueville 10 Miles South from Diepe, and Estoutville 15 Miles from Longueville give the Titles of Duke to two Peers of France, but otherwise not confiderable

The County of BRAY is extended on the right fide of the River Seine, and contains these Towns, viz

Gournay, Fleri, la Ferte, &c.

Gournay, Gornacum, is a small Town on the River Epte, diftant 12 Miles from Gifors, and three from Neuf-Marche to the North.

The Diocess of LISIEUX lies between those of Rouen, Eureux, and Seez, and the Ocean on the South Side of the Seine.

> SPont-l'Eveque.
> Bernay, &c. Lisieux Bish. Honfleur

Lyfieux Lexovirum aut Noviogamus Lexovirum a fair and large City, being the See of a Prelate Suffragan to the Archbithop of Rouen, is fituated in a very beautiful Country in the Upper Normandy, and on the Banks of the River Lizon, at the distance of 15 Miles from the Coasts of the British Chanel to the South, 46 from Rouen to the West, and 35 from Caen to the East. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to St. Peter. This See is of ancient Foundation, for Lotharius Bishop of Lyseux is found among the Bishops that affished at the first Council of Orleans, held A. D. 511 as did also Theobald at the Third Council of Orleans in 538.

Henfleur, Honflorium, stands on the Coasts of the British Sea, at the Mouth of the River Seine, overagainst Hursteur, from whence it is distant 8 miles to

the South, as also 8 from Havre de Grace.

Pont L'eveque, Pens Epifcopi, is Watered by the small River of Lezon, 8 miles below Lyseux to the North, and 5 from the Sea. This Town is more especially samous for a fort of excellent Cheese made in it.

Berna, Bernafeum, is built on the fide of the Rivulet of Carentonne, almost in the midst, between Enreux to the East, and Lyseux to the West, at the distance of 25 miles from both these Towns, and 26 from Candebee to the South.

The Diocess of BATEUX, lyes between the Ocean and those of Coutance, Sees and Liseux, inclu-

ding these chief Towns, viz.

Bareux Bish. Sine, Caen. String, &c.

Baveux Baiocæ, Baiocum and Baiocensis Orbs, olim Biducassel, Biducassum and Juliobona, is Seated on the River Aure, which a little below is swallow'd up under Ground. It is distant 15 miles from Caen to the West, 35 from Coutance to the N. E. and but 5 from the Shore of the British Sea to the South. It is a very ancient City, dignified with the Title of a County, Bailliage, and Episcopal See; and its Bishop presides in the General Assemblies of the Clergy of the Province, during the Absence of the Archishop of Roven. The Cathedral Church Dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is extreamly Magnificent, and Beautissed with two high Spire-Steeples, besides a stately Tower. The City is divided into the Upper, and the Lower, or the Suburbs of St. John; whereto are joyned those of St. George and St. Patrick. It hath been often Pillagd and Ruin'd in the X and XI Centuries, by the Incursions of the Normans, and other barbarous Nations.

CAEN, Cadmus, aut Cadomum, is a large and well built City in the lower Normandy, having received its Name (according to the Opinion of Iome Authors) from Cains Cafar, as the Latin word Cadomus, Cai Domus feems to import, in regard this Emperor refided here for fome time, whilst he made preparations to pass into England. It is situated on the River Orne, and divided by its streams into the upper and lower Towns, between which there is a Communication, by the means of the Bridges of St. James and St. Peter, on the latter whereof is erected a stately Town-House, adorn'd with four large Towers. The upper Town is fenced with a Castle built on a Rock, very well fortified; the lower altogether incompassed with Water. It is a place of good Trade, Boats of good burden being able to come up from the Sea to the Bridge of St. James. King Charles VII. Founded an University here, A. D. 1430, or 1431 which is become Famous; also a Mint-Office about the fame time. An Academy of Ingenious Men hath been Established here about twenty five years ago. It is believed that the fecond Council which Maurice Archbishop of Rouen Celebrated, in 1063, was held at

Caen in the presence of William Surnamed the Conquerout King of England, and Duke of Normandy, who was interr'd in the Abby of St. Stephen in this City, which he had sounded. It is distant 74 Miles from Rouen, and 30 from Listeux to the West, and 15 from Bayeux to the East.

Vire, Vira, is a very neat Town, Founded on the Banks of a small River of the same Name, about 33 Miles from Caen to the South-West, and as many from

the Coast of the British Sea to the South.

Torigny, Toriniacum, Tauriniacum, is a small Town near the same River of Vire, being distant 15 Miles from that Town to the North, and 33 from Courance to the East.

The Diocess of COUTANCE lies in the lower Normandy, between Bayeux, Auranches, and the Western Ocean. The Principal Towns whereof are these, viz.

Coutance Bith.
S. Lo.
Granville.
Carentain.

Canada Barflett.
Cherbourg.
Valogue.

Coutance, or Conflance, Castra Constantia, aut Confedie, the Metropolis of the Country called from thence Le Coutautin, is a Bailliage, a Presidial, and the See of a Bishop Suffragan to Rouen, Seated on the River Burd, at the distance of 7 miles from the Sea over against the Isle of Fersey to the East; and 52 miles from Caen to the West. The Adqueducts sound in the Adjacent Territories of this City are a sufficient mark of its Antiquity; and the pleasant Meadows watered with a great number of Brooks, with which it is encompassed, render its Situation very delightful Itis pretty large and Populous, and adorn'd with many stately Edifices, particularly the Cathedral Church, the Churches of St. Peter and St. Nicholas, divers Monasseries, a Colledge Founded by John Michael, a Canon of this Dioces; And King Lewis XI. caused the Walls of Contance to be demolished, because the Inhabitants had declared in favour of Prince Charles his Brother; and under the same Reign it was exposed to the Incursions of the Bretons. It suffered much likewise duting the English Wars, and was taken by the French Protestants, A.D. 1562.

Granville, Grandivilla, aut Magnavilla, a good Seaport, stands partly on a Rock, partly in a plain, on the Coasts of the British Chanel, 6 Leagues from the Island of Jersey; as also 16 from Courance to the South.

Carentan, Carentenium is built in a Marshy Ground on the side of the River Ouve, where it receives the Carentan or Carente, being distant 25 miles from Bayeux, to the W. 20 from Coutance to the N. and only 3 from the Sea; insomuch that the Vessels of the largest size arrive there at high Tides. It hath large Suburbs, a strong Castle, and firm Walls, and environed with Ditches full of Water. This Town bears the Title of a County, and hath been Subject to divers revolutions in the preceeding Age.

Cherbourg, Caroburgus, aut Cassavis Burgus, is seated on the Sea-coasts between the Cape La Hogue and Barsleur, and hath a very capacious Harbour, at the distance of 32 miles from Coutance to the N. and 24 from Carentan to the N. W. In this place was formerly made admirable Glass, which for clearness and beauty even excell'd that of Venice; but the Work-houses have been lately remov'd for certain reasons of State, to Auxerve in Burgundy, and these Glasses are polith'd in the Fauxbourg St. Antoine at Paris. The Town of Cherburg was the last of the

Province

Province that remained to the English, and fell into the Hands of the French under Charles VII. in 1453. It is very ftrong by reason of its Scituation, (the Sea flowing almost round it every Tide) and its Fortifications lately erected.

Valognes, Valonie, olim Altune, is a small Town on the River Ooue, in the Country of Contontin, being distant to miles from the Coasts of the British Sea, 14 from Cherbourg, to the East, and 30 from Courance

to the North.

Buffeur, a finall Town on the Sea-shoar, 10 miles from Valognes to the North. It was formerly the Landing place of our Kings that were Masters of that Province. And hath of late been made known by a very fignal Victory the English Fleet, commanded by Admiral Russel, obtained over that of France, commanded by Tourville, M.ty, 1692,

La Hogue, a small Sea Town on the Northwest point of Normandy, thence called Cape la Hogue, which hath been made notable to Posterity by the bravery of the English Seamen, who after the above mentioned Victory in 1692, did attack and burn the French Admiral, call'd the Royal Sun, (a very glorious and large Ship) and twelve more of their best and largest Men of War; which had been run aground here to avoid the English Fleet, and the Cannon carried ashoar and plantedupon the Plat-forms for their defence; notwithstanding which the English under Sir Ralph Delaval, did in their Boats burn them all as abovesaid. This Cape is about 15 miles North from Cherbourg.

The Diocels of AURANCHES lies between those of Contance, Bayenx and Seez in the South wost part of the lower Normandy. Its most remarkable Towns are these.

Auranches Bish. SMortain.
Mont St. Michael. SPont Orson.

Auranches, Abrinc.e., olim Legedia and Ingena Abrincataurum, stands upon a hill on the side of the River Sce, which a little below falls into the Sea, being distant 22 miles from Coutance to the South, and 50 from Bayeux to the S. W. It is a place of very great Antiquity, and (as 'tis supposed) was inhabited by the Ambiliates, a People mentioned by Cassar in his Commentaries. Its extent is not very large, but it is however a Bailiwick and Vicounty, and hath in it besides the Cathedral, several Parish Churches, and Monasteries. It is well fortisted with a strong Castle and other Bulwarks. Theodia and Albert, Cardinals and Legats of the See of Rome, held a Council or Assembly in this City by the special Order of Pope Alexander III. to take information concerning the Murderers of Thomas a Becket Archbishop of Canterbury; and Henry II. King of England was thereupon oblig'd to clear himself by an Oath from the Accusations laid to his charge. The Bishoprick was erected by Clovis the Great.

Mont St. Michael, Mons Santli Michaelis in periculo Maris, is a large Town, together with a famous Abby, defended by a strong Castle, built at the soot of a Rock, which was heretofore a Mountain encompassed with Forrests, the Seat of certain Hermits. This Rock stands in the midst of a large sandy Shoar, or Strand, which is covered with the Seawater at high tide. There goes a Fabulous Story that St. Michael the Arch-Angel appeared A. D. 708 to Albert Bishop of Auranche, admonishing him to casse a Church to be erected on the top of this Rock, and confectated to his Name, whose Orders were soon put in execution by the Reverend Prelate, and

Augustin Bishop of the same Dioces in the begining of the VIII. Century, constituted Canons to Officiate therein; afterwards, viz, in 966 Richard I. Duke of Normandy, sounded an Abby of the Benedictine Order; and his Son Richard the II, surnamed the Undauuted, sinished the Church in 1026. This place is samous for the frequent resort of Pilgrims, and on the account of the great quantities of Salt extracted out of the Sands that are impregnated with Sea-water.

Mortain, Moritannum is leated near the River Ardese, on the Frontiers of the Province of Mayne, being about 7 miles distant from thence, and 20 from Auranebes to the East. This Town is the Seat of a Bailiss, and enjoys the Title of a County or Earldom, which Henry I. King of England and Duke of Normandy, granted to his Nephew Stepben of Blos, who obtain'd also that of Bolen, by his Marriage with Mand the Daughter of Enslance Earl of Bolen, and was afterwards King of England.

Pent-Orfen, Pens Orfenis, stands on the Frontiers of Bretaigne, near the mouth of the River Covession, which a little below dischargeth it self into the Sea, 16 miles from Annanches to the South-east.

The Diocefs of SEEZ is extended between those of staranches, Bayeux, and Lifeux, toward the Southern patt of Normandy, and contains these principal Towns, with

Secz Bish. } { Falaize. Alenson. } { Argentan.

Seez, Sagium, olim Sessui and Vagoricum Sessuorum, is seated on the River Orne, near its Source, and but an ordinary built City, although dignified with the Title of an Episcopal See, which (as some Authors say) was translated hither from Oximum or Hiesmer, an adjacent Town of great Antiquity. Seez is distant 64 miles from Roan to the S. W. 37 from Lisseux to the S. 70 from Auranches to the E. and 12 from the Frontiers of Mayne.

Alencon, Alencemium, aut Alentia, is pleafantly feated on the River Sarte, in a fruitful Plain between the Forests of Escours and Perseigne, at the distance of 13 miles from Seez to the S. and 66 from Auranches to the E. It is a very fair and large City, having long since enjoy'd the Title of an Earldom, which was errested into a Duchy by Charles VI. 1414. and hath been often conferr'd on the Royal Progeny of France: In the principal Church dedicated to the Virgin Mary, are to be seen the Tombs of the Dukes of Alenson, and not far from thence a stately Bridge creeked over the Sarte, where it intermixeth its Waters with those of the Briane, which some a small Island in the Town, whereon stands the Convent of St. Claire. This City hath been often taken by different Parties, and suffered much damage during the Civil Wars of France.

Falaife, Falefia, aut Falefa, a fmall Town of the Lower Normandy, took its name from the Rocks that environ it, and is feituated on the little River Anne, at the diffance of 18 miles from Caen to the South, and 34 from Seez to the North West. The first Dukes of Normandy chose it for their Palace in the time of Peace, and Fortress during the Wars. Here is a strong Castle built upon a Rock. It was the last place which the English subdued in this Province, and was by them exceedingly well fortised; and the last in like manner that surrendred to Charles VII. in 1430. The Suburbs called La Guibray, are samous for the Fairs that have been held there in the Month of Angust, ever since the Reign of William the Conqueror. The Town is encompatied with large

Motes and two Ponds, one of which can never be dried up; and not far from thence stands Mount Arienes, whence Birds of Prey are often taken, and some-

times Eagles.

Argentan, Argentomum, Argentanum, Argentomacum, aut Argentomagum, is a very neat Town on the River Orne, diftant about 10 miles from Falaife, to the S. E. 12 from Seez to N. W. and 20 from Alenson to the North.

The Dioceis of $E \cup R E \cup X$ lies between those of See_X , Rouen, and Lifeux, toward the Southern and Wethern parts of Normandy. The most considerable Towns whereof are these $v_i : x$.

Towns whereof are thefe, viz.

Evreux, Bith.

Beaumont, le Roger.

Bretucil.

Vernon.

Evreux, Ebroicum, olim Ebroica, and Mediolanum, Eburovifum, is feated in a very fertil Plain in the upper Normandy, and on the fide of the Rivolet Iton, which a little below falls into the Eure, being diftant 30 miles from Roan to the S. 48 from Seez to the E. and 54 from Paris to the W. It is a very ancient City; and an Epifcopal See hath been long fince efablish'd therein; befides a Bailliage and a Court Prefidial. It contains a great number of Churches and Monasteries, more especially the Cathedral, adorn'd with twelve large Towers, and the Abbies of St. Thurin and St. Saviour. This City hath been formerly subject to the Jurisdiction of its own Counts or Earls, Princes of the Royal Blood, and other Potent Lords, from whom were descended Walter and Robert D' Evreux, Earls of Essex in England, &c.

Beaumont le Roger, Bellomontium Rogerij, ftands on a rifing-ground, 15 miles from Evereux to the N. W. towards Lificux, and is water'd by the River Rille. This Town bears the Title of a County or Earldom, and hath been govern'd by very noble Lords, of whom Earl Roger gave his name to it, and caus'd it to be enlarged and beautified with a great many fair Buildings; fince when it hath been well forti-

fied.

Bretueil, Bretolium and Britolium, stands near the River Itom, about 12 miles from Evreux to the West. Henry II. King of England and Duke of Normandy, gave this Town to Robert de Montfort; and his Sister Amicia sold it to the French King Philip the August, A. D. 1210. Afterward it devolv'd as an Inheritance on Charles King of Navarre, who exchang'd it for some other Possessions with Charles VII. in 1416.

Vernon, Vernonium, and Verno, is water'd by the River Seyne, over which is erected a Stone-bridge, now half demolih'd; diftant 26 miles from Roan to the South, and 16 from Evreux to the North-east.

For the Government of this Province the King appoints a Governour or Commander in general, and under him, two Lieutenant-Generals; befides which he hath a Lieutenant in every one of the feven Bailiwicks, and particular Governours in all the chief

Towns, viz. In Roan, Pont de l'Arche, Diep and the Fort of Pollet, Fecan, Honstein, Pont-Eveque, Caen, Cherbourg, Carentan and the Bridge Powre, Coutance, Granville, Mont St. Michael, Falaise, Argentan, Alencon, Havre de Grace, Montiervillers and Hansteur.

A Cronological T A B L E, shewing the Succession of the Dukes of Normandy.

Began their Reign	s A. D. reig	Y'e
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Pollo, called also Robert I. William, Surnamed Longsword	d. 017	26
3 Richard I. the Old or void of Fear.	0/3 52 OF	
4 Richard II. the Undannted.	996 about	30
5 Richard III.	1026	2
6 Robert II.	1028	7
7 William the Conqueror K. of Eng.		52
8 Robert III.	1087	20
9 William II. Rufus, King of Englan		
flain in	1100	
10 Henry I. King of England.	1507	28
11 Stephen King of England.	1135	
Maud of England, died in	1167	
Geoffry V. Earl of Anjou, the Hus		
band of Maud,		
12 Henry II. King of England.	1154	38
Henry the younger, furnamed Co	urtmantle.	
	1161	
Died before his Father.	1183	
13 Richard IV. Surnamed Caur de Lyo.		10
14 John King of England, who was D		
possessed of Normandy by Philip	11.	
King of France, in	1202	
And died in	1216	-
After this, Normandy was united to		of
France, and the Title of it was giv		
15 John of Valois, afterwards King		
France, who held it from	1332	23
And to	-6	
16 Charles V. of France in the Life		
his Father.	1355	

But these enjoy'd the Title only, for it was not alienated till it was regained by the English under our Valiant King Henry V. A. D. 1420, which was 218 years after it was seiz'd by the French; but the English held it not long, for by reason of our unhappy Divisions at home in the unfortu-

taken by the French, 30 years after we had regain'd it. Afterwards the Title of Duke of Normandy, was gi-

nate Reign of Henry VI. this Province was again

ven to
17 Charles, Son of Charles VII. and

Brother to Lewis XI. in Anno 1464. But he patted with it quickly after for that of Guienne; and ever fince it has been no other than a Province of France.

CHAP. III.

PICARDY, Picardia.

PICARDY, was part of the ancient Gallia Bel-I gica, and inhabited by Sueffiones, &c. But the Original of its prefent Name although Modern, is difficult to find out; there is little reason to believe that it was deriv'd from certain Picards of Bohemia, who were declared Hereticks; nor from a Greek word, the fignification whereof is conformable to the hafty

and petrish Humour of the Inhabitants.

This Province is the most Northern of all France, and is extended along the Banks of the British Chanel from Callis in a narrow tract of Land to the River Brele, which separates it from Normandy; from thence being much wider, it goes directly West for near 110 miles, where it is bounded by the Northern part of Champaign. Its whole length may be reckon'd 140 miles, for from Calais to Abbeville is about 54 miles, and from thence to the borders of Champaign is about 90 miles, but then the breadth is not answerable, for in the broadest part it is not above 35 miles, and in the Bolonnois not above 15 miles broad. On the South it is bounded by the 1stee of France, and on the North by Artois and Hay-

Picardy is efteem'd one of the most considerable Provinces of the Kingdom, and is remarkable on account of the most ancient Nobility of the Realm, who derive their Original from thence, besides a great number of Valiant Soldiers and experienc'd Commanders; the People are very Generous, Courteous, Civil and Courageous, yet somewhat too much enclined to Anger and Voluptuousness. The Soil is extreamly fertil in Corn and divers forts of Fruits, which hath given occasion to a Saying among the French, that Picardy is the Granary and Magazine of Paris; but this Country affords very little Wine. Its Principal River is the Oife, which receives into its Channel the Streams of the Serre, the Somme, the Authie and Canche. The two former of these flow toward the East, and the three others towards the West, until they discharge themselves into the British Channel, near the Territories of Calais. It is observed, that the Waters of the Somme never freez nor diminish, as do those of the other neighbouring Rivers.

For the Administration of Justice, here are many Bailiages, Prefidials, and other Courts of Judicature that depend on the Jurisdiction of the Parliament of Paris. The Towns are govern'd by Mayors and Sheriffs; besides the General Governor, there are 18 particular ones. The Bishopricks in Picardy are Four, which are subject to the Metropolitan See of Rheims. This Province was never alienated from the Demesns of the Crown, and is usually divided into three Parts, viz. The Upper-Picardy, the Middle, and the Lower, according to the following Table.

The Upper The Dutchy of Tierachei
on the Oife
Laonnois These two last are annexed to the Isle of
France. divided into The Middle Vermandois.
on the Som-The Country of Santerre or Sangme, in 3. ters. Amienois.

The Lower Sponthieu.
on the Sea-Boulonnois.
coasts, in 3. The recover'd Countries. The Dutchy of TIERACHE, Tieracfeia, is the most Eastern Part of Picardy, and lies between Hainault, Champagne, Vermandon and Laonnois, and in-

cludes within its Precincts, these remarkable Towns,

Guise,

La Fere, Vervins, Marle,

Sha Chapelle, Ribermont, Moncornet.) (Aubenton.

Guife, Guifia, and Guifium Castrum, is fituated on the River Oise, towards the Confines of Hainault, it is well fortified with a Castle and other strong Ramparts, and was ftrong enough to oppose the Spaniards, who besieged it in the year 1650. It is distant 80 miles from Paris, to the North East, 48 from Amiens to the East, and 25 from Cambray to the South-east. This Town at first bore the Title of an Earldom only, enjoyed by the younger House of Lorrain; till A. D. 1528. Claude the younger Son of Rene, Duke of Lorrain, was created Duke of Guise by Francis I. whole Grandson, Henry D. of Guise, made himself Head of the Holy League, which under the pretence of Religion and extirpation of Heresie, as they call'd Protestancy, fomented Sedition, and at length took up Arms and maintained a Rebellion against Henry III. and Henry IV. making France a Scene of War and bloodshed for many years; till at last Henry IV. by his Victorious Arms, brought them to submission, and restored the Peace of his Country.

La Fere, Fara, is situated also on the Oise, near the borders of the Isle of France, at the distance of 20 miles from Guife to the South, and 15 from Laon to the West. It is a strong place seated in a marshy Ground, and defended by a strong Castle, which stands between the two Subrros of St. Firmin and the Virgin Mary, and deep Trenches full of Water, which renders the place almost inaccessible; by which means it hath been able to resist divers Sieges. However the Spiniards made themselves Masters of it during the Civil Wars of France in the end of the XVI Century. But Henry IV. regained it in the month of

Vervins, Vervineum, stands on the Banks of the Rivulet Serre, in the midst between Capelle to the North, and Marle to the South, at the diffance of 8 miles from both these Towns; as many from the Frontiers of Champagne to the West, and 15 miles from Guife to the East. This Town is more especially famous for a Treaty of Peace concluded therein between Henry IV. King of France, and Philip II. King of

Spain, on the 2d day of May, 1598.

La Chapelle, is a Fortress near the Confines of Haynault, and is distant about 3 miles from the Oife, 15 miles from Landrechies to the South-east, and 15 from Guise to the North-east. It was built in the last Age, on purpose to restrain the Incursions of the Flemings, and hath been often taken and re-taken by the contending Parties.

The Countries of Laonnois and Soissonnois, being taken from Picardy, and made part of the Isle of France, an account shall be given of them in the De-

scription of that Province.

The Country of VERMANDOIS, Ager Veromanduensis, lies between that of Tierache to the East, Santerre to the West, Cambress to the North, and the Isle of France to the South, containing these chief Towns, viz.

St. Quintin. Beaurevoir, Ham, La Castelet, Bohaim.

St. Quintin, Quintinspolis, aut Fanum Quintini, is feated on the rifing Ground near the Source of the Somme, having the River on one fide, and a fleep Valley on the other, 15 miles from Guise to the West, and 15 from La Fere to the North. It sprang up out of the Ruins of Augusta Vermanduorum, or Vermand, a small Village near it, and is now a considerable City, being very populous, and hath divers forts of Manufactures, especially Linnen Cloth, made in it. The Collegiate Church of St. Quentin, is a noble pile of Building; there are also other fair and wellbuilt Churches, and a great number of Monasteries. This Town being belieged by the Spaniards, in 1557, the Constable Montmorancy came to its Relief, and fought a fatal Battel with the Spaniards, wherein the Constable was taken Prisoner, together with the Dukes of Montpensier and Longueville, the Marshal de St. Andre, 10 Knights of the Order, and 300 Gentlemen; besides 600 Gentlemen and 3000 private Soldiers killed, Upon which the City was taken, but restored two years after at the Peace concluded at Chateau Cambresis, a Town near the Frontiers of Hay-27.111/t.

Ham, Hamum, is fituated in a Plain, having the River on one fide of it, and a Marsh on the other, and stands 12 miles from St. Quentin to the West. Here is a Cittadel which was built by order of Lewis of Luxemburg, or Constable de St. Paul, A. D. 1470. This Town was taken by the Spaniards, in 1595, after the Battle of St. Quentin; but the French took it again by Storm, and put the whole Garrison to the Sword.

S ANTERRE, or Sangers, Ager Saneteriensis, aut Sanguitersa, is extended between Amienois on the West, and Vermandois on the East. The most considerable Towns of this Country are thefe, viz.

> Peronne, Mont-Didier, Nefle, Breteuil, Chaunes, Roie, Moreuil.

Peronne, Perona, feated on the River Somme, is a very strong Hold, and one of the Keys of the

Kingdom of France: The Spaniards have often endeavour'd to surprize it, but the Marshes that encompass it, and the Kamparts that defend it rendring it exceeding stong, they have always been repulsed. It is distant 15 miles from St. Quentin to the West, 20 from Cambray to the South, and 75 from Paris to the North, on the Road to Douay.

Mont-Didier; Mons Desiderii, aut Mondiderium, is a large Town, built on a Hill in the midst between Amiens and Compaigne, at the distance of 20 miles from both; 24 miles from Peronne to the South-west upon a small River which falls into the Aurenge, that falls into the Somme at Amiens. It is a strong Town,

and has often relifted the Spaniards

Nefle, Nigella, is water'd with the Brook Ignon, which falls into the Somme. It stands upon the Road 15 miles South from Peronne. It is a small Town that bears the Title of one of the most ancient Marquisates of the Kingdom. Charles the Warlike D. of Burgundy, took this place by Storm, in 1472. When it fuffer'd all forts of Outrages, by reason that the Inhabitants had killed a Herald at Arms, who had been fent to summon it and two of his Men, during a Truce which had been granted to them, infomuch that the Altars were not able to protect the miferable People that fled for Refuge into the Churches; and they that escaped the fury of the Soldiers, were either Hang'd, or had their Hands cut off,

Roye stands on the River Aurenge 10 miles South

from Nesle.

Chaunes, Celviacum, fituated in the midway between Amiens and St. Quintin, and 7 from Peronne to the South-west, is a small Town, nevertheless dignified with the Title of a Dutchy. &c.

AMIENOIS, Ager Ambianensis, lies between Artois to the North, Santerre to the East, Beauvaiss to the South, and the Country of Caux to the West. The Towns of chiefest note are these, viz.

> S Dourlans, Pequigne, Conti. Amiens, Bish. Corbie,

Amiens, Ambienum, alias Amviani, and Samarobrina the Metropolis of Picardy, and the See of a Prelate Suffragan to the Arch-bishop of Rheims, is situated on the River Somme, forming a Triangle with Paris and Roan, being diftant 66 miles from Paris, and 55 from Roan, as also 30 from Arras to the South, and 24 from Peronne to the West. It is a place of very great Antiquity, the Inhabitants having fought most resolutely against Julius C.esar, and even took up Arms against those of Rheims, only because they had too easily yeilded to the Conqueror. Afterward C.sfar erected a Magazine for his Army, and caused a general Assembly of the Gaulish People to be conven'd there. The Emperor Antoninus Pius enlarg'd it, as also did his Son Marcus Aurelius. The Emperors Constantin, Constans, Julian, Valentinian, Valens, Gratian, and Theodosius, chose Amiens for their Royal Scat in Gaul. However it fuffered much damage by the Incursions of the Alans, Vandals, and Normans, A.C. 925. and was almost intirely burnt, but soon after rebuilt. The City affords a very pleasant Prospect, by reason of the largeness of the Streets, the Beauty of the Houses, and the extent of the publick Places, of which there are two, where feven fair Streets meet; the Ramparts have two rows of Trees planted on them, which form a delightful Walk. The River Somme enters into the City in three different Channels through as many Bridges, and after having water'd feveralparts

of the City, they are united at the other end of the Town, near St. Michaels Bridge. The Cathedral Church dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is one of the faireft and best adorn'd in France: The Pillars, Quire, Chappels, Tombs and Paintings are admirable, and Chappers, Tombs and Faintings are admirable, and more especially the Gate flanked with two high Towers, on which are placed many Statues. King Philip VI of Valois first fortified this City, which Lewis XI, much improved by additional Works, and Henry IV. built a ftrong Cittadel after he had retaken it from the Spaniards, who had seized it by Stratagem in 1597. Queen Isabel of Bavaria establish'd a Parliament there, but that was afterwards remov'd. At present it has a Bailiwick, Prefidial, and Generality, and the Bi-shop, Vidame, and Bailly, are after the King, the three chief Lords.

Corbie, Corbia, is likewise scated on the River Somme, which there intermixethits waters with those of the Otnere, 7 miles above Amiens to the North-east, and 20 from Peronne to the West. It is a strong Place, but was however supprized by the Spaniards in 1636. and recover'd by the French a little while after. This Town grew up out of an Abby, which St. Beshilde Queen of France, the Wife of Clovis II. founded, together with her Son Clotaire III. A. C. 660. It is called Old Corbie, to distinguish it from Corbie or Corwey, a small Town of Westphalia in Germany.

Doulens , Dulendium, is a very strong Town divided into the Upper and Lower, and Water'd by the River Authie on the Frontiers of Artois, being distant 20 miles from Arras to the S. West, and 18 from Amiens to the North. It heretofore belong'd to the Counts of Ponthieu, but was annex'd to the Crown in 1559.

Conty, Contiacum, is a small Burg on the Rivulet of Celle, about 10 miles from Amiens to the South: It is dignified with the Title of a Principality, which hath given name to a Branch of the illustrious House of Bourbon. It was at first subject to the Dominion of its own Lords, afterwards transferr'd to the Family of Mailli, and at length devolv'd on that of the Prince of Bourbon.

The County and Earldom of PONTHIEU, Comitatus Pontivencis, was formerly an Inheritance of the younger Sons of France, and is extended along the Banks of the River Somme, which renders the Ground every where marthy. The Principal Towns are these, viz.

Abbeville. Abbeville, St. Riquier. | Rue. | Montreuil. Pont de Remi. | Creffy.

Abbeville, Abbatis Villa, or Abbevilla, is seated on the River Somme at the distance of 83 miles from Paris to the North, near 40 from Bullen, 25 from A-miens to the N. West, and 15 from the Coasts of the British Sea to the East. It is supposed to have been founded by S. Riquier, or some of the Abbots his Successors, and that Hugh Duke of France built the Castle. It is at present the Capital City of the County of Ponthieu, and one of the strongest and most important places of the Kingdom; it hath always enjoyed cerrain peculiar Priviledges. Here is a Prefidial Court, a Canonship, 12 Parishes, and many Religious Houses, among which that of S Ulfran is most considerable. This City hath produced many great Men, and in this Age it hath given the World those Learned Geogrophers, Nicholas Sanson, William Sanson his Son, Peter Duval, and Philippus Brietius.

S. Riquier, Centula, nunc S. Richarius, took its name

from a certain Saint who was a Native of this Place ; it is near the River Cardon, and is diffant ; miles from Abbeville to the East toward Doulens.

Monstreuil, Monstrolium, aut Monasteriolum, stands on an Hill the Foot whereof is washed by the River Canche 8 miles from the Coasts of the British Sea, (from whence Boats of good Burthen come up to the Town,) 24 from Abbeville to the North on the Road to Calis. Its name is derived from two ancient Abbeys of the Beneditiin Order, viz. one called S. Saviour for Monks, and the other S. Auftreberte, for Nuns. The Town is diftinguished into the Lower, built along the Banks of the River, and the Upper, which is separated from the former by a Wall. It is the Seat of a Baily, and was united to the Crown with the County of Ponthieu; and is defended by strong Works and a good Cittadel.

Creffy, Cressiacum, is a small Town or Burgh on the River Authie on the Frontiers of Artois, and the Bailliage of Abbeville, from whence it is distant 12 miles to the North. It was heretofore only a Village, and is more especially famous on the Account of the memorable Battle fought between the English and French in the time of *Philip* of *Valois*, on the 26 of *Augustin*, 1346. when the former, under the Conduct of their Valiant King *Edward* III. and his heroick Son called the black Prince, defeated their Enemies with a very great flaughter, and obtain'd a most fignal Victory; for above 80 Standards were taken, 30000 of the French Infantry, and 1200 Horse were slain in the Field, where also John King of Bohemia, Charles Count of Alenson, the French King's Brother, and Lewis Count of Flanders lost their Lives, together with 12' other illustrious Counts and Earls, and even the whole flower of the Nobles of France. There is also another Town of Creffy in the same Province of Picardy, on the River Somme in the County of Tierache. 8 miles from Laon to the North, and as many from Fere to the East, besides a third in Champaigne, within three Leagues of Meaux, called Crecy or Creffy in Brie, &c.

BOULONNOIS. Comitatus Bolonnienfis, is extended between Arton, the County of Pontbien, the recovered Country, and the strait of Calis, including

these principal Towns, &c. viz,

Bolon, Cap. Bish. \ Estaples, Moni-Hulin, \ \ Ambleteuse.

Boulogn, or Bolen, Bolonia, is scituated on the Sea shore at the distance of 20 miles from the Town of Calis to the South, 10 Leagues from the nearest Coasts of England, 15 miles from Monstrevil, and 36 from Abbeville to the North. It is divided into the Upper and Lower Town, the former being well fortified with a strong Citadel, and adorned with divers publick Places and Fountains, as also a Palace wherein Justice is administred; a Cathedral Churchdedicated to the Virgin Mary, a Parochial Church of S. Joseph, an Abby of S. Vilemar, and some other Monasteries. The lower Town is not inhabited by fo many Persons of Quality as the other, but is larger and more considerable for its Trasick, and extends along the Port at the mouth of the River Liane. The Harbour is not very commodious; in it formerly flood a Watch-Tower, called La Tour de Ordre, and by the English, The Old Man, faid to be built by Julius Cafar, and repair'd by the Emperor Charles the Great; but being neglected, is now fallen down. The Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Rveims, was cstablish'd here by Pope Paul IV. after the destruction of Theronane. This City, together with the L 2

adjacent Territories, was formerly subject to the Doadjacent Territories, was formerly subject to the Dominion of its own Counts of great Reputation, from whom were descended Gedfrey of Boulegn, and his Brother Baldwin, Kings of Jerusalem, but it was united to the Crown of France by King Philip II. the Angust, A. D. 1209. Bolen was taken by King Henry VIII. King of England, in 1544. and afterward restord to the French King Henry II. by Treaty of Peace in the Year 1550.

Mont Hulin, Mons-Hulini, is a Fortress standing on a Hill near the River Liane on the borders of Arton; it has a Citadel which was built against the Spaniards, and is diftant 9 miles from Bolen to the East.

Estaples, Stappile, a large Burgh, is fenc'd with an old Castle, and stands near the Sea a little above the mouth of the River Canche, 6 miles from Monstreuil,

and 14 from Bolen to the South.

Ambleteuse, Ambletosa, is a Village having a fmall Port on the Coasts of the British Channel heretosore called Amstat; it is distant only 7 miles from Bolen to the North, and about 12 from Calis to the South.

The RECOVER'D COUNTRIES, Recuperata Ditio, is a small Tract not above 15 miles over, and lies to the North of Bolen, containing these Towns, viz.

Calis. Guisnes. Ardres, Principality.

CALAIS or CALIS, Caletum, is feated in a marthy Plain on the Coasts of the British narrow Sea, called from thence the strait of Calis, at the distance of 9 miles from Gravelin, and the confines of Flanders to the West, 20 from Bolen to the North, and about 8 leagues from Dover, and the nearest shoar of England furnamed the bearded Count of Flanders, first built the Port, and that Philip Count of Bolen caus'd the Town to be encompals'd with Walls, which before was only a fimple Burgh. However, it is at prefent a confiderable Mart and a place of strength, its Fortifications confifting of 9 royal Bastions, besides those of the Citadel, and many other Out-works, all lined · with Stone; being also encompass'd with a very large and deep Ditch, into which falls the River Hames, as well as a great number of other Brooks, after having pass'd through the adjacent Fens, with which it is furrounded, there being only one passage to the Town over a Causey, commonly called the Bridge of Nieullay, and none can enter without the Permission of

the Garrison of the Ricebank into the Port, which is divided into two parts; one whereof is named Cap de Grey, the other is larger and thut up between two Moles built of Stone. The Town is extended in form Moles built of Stone. The Town is extended in form of a Triangle, with a Castle: The most remarkable things in it are two stately Towers; the Altar of the Grand Church is all of wrought Marble, and its-Dome extreamly magnificent. In the Marstes are to be feen floating Islands; and Sluces, by which the Country may be overflow'd within a little space of time. Edward III. King of England took the Town of Calis from the French, A. D. 1347. but they at length recover'd it under the Conduct of the Duke of Guise in 1558, after the English had possest it above 210 years. Afterwards Albert Archduke of Austria and Viceroy of the Low-Countries, made himself Master of it in 1596, and it was restored two years after to the French King Henry IV. by the Articles of the Peace of Vervins.

Guines, Guisne, is a small Town, yet the chief of a County of the same name, formerly subject to its own Earls, who are celebrated in History: It is seated in a marshy Ground, and is distant 6 miles from the Sea; as many from Calis to the South, and somewhat less

from Ardres.

Ardres, Ardra, and Arda, is a well fortified Town, and bears the Title of a Principality, altho' of a very fmall extent; It stands on the Frontiers of Arton. about 8 miles from Calis to the South, and fomewhat more from Gravelin. A famous Interview was celebrated near this place, between Henry VIII. King of England, and Francis I. King of France, in the Month of June, 1520, for the ratifying of a Treaty of Peace. The Attendants of these two Princes were most richly cloath'd, and their Court appear'd fo fplendid that it was termed the Camp of Cloth of Gold. Cardinal Albert of Austria took Ardres in 1596. but was oblig'd to refign it to the French within a little while

The Governor-General of Picardy is also Governor of Artois, and under him are three Licutenant-Generals. There are also particular Governors in these Towns, viz. Amiens, Abbeville, Boulogn, and the Boulonnois, the Town and Castle of Calis, with the Fort Nieullay and the recover'd Country. Dourlans, S. Valery upon the Somme, Guise, S. Quinton, the Bailiage of Vermandois, la Ferre, Peronne and Roye, Montdidier; the Town and Cittadel of Ham, and the Town and

Cittadel of Monstreuil.

CHAP. IV.

CHAMPAGNE, Campania.

HAMPAGNE is one of the twelve principal Governments of France, and the Province that best furnishes the Granaries and Cellars of Paris. Ir is fo called (fays Gregory of Tours) from the spacious and pleasant Plains which are found therein, more especially near Rheims and Chalons. This name is Modern, and the first that hath mention'd it, is the Author of the Continuation of the Chronicle of Marcellinus, who is follow'd by the faid Gregory of Tours, and other Writers. The Country of Champagne and Brie, according to the division of Julius C.esar, lies partly in Cel-tick and partly in Belgick Gaul, being situated between the 47 degree 30 Minutes, and the 50 degree of Lati-

tude, and extends from Raviers in Senonnois in the South to Rocroy in Rhetelois in the North, about 150 miles. From West to South-east, that is to say, from Cressy in Brie near Meaux, as far as Bourbon les Bains, near the Head of the River Meuse, about 120 miles; but in some places its breadth is not above 60 miles from East to West. It is bounded on the North by Picardy, Haynault and Luxemburg; on the South by Burgundy; on the East by Lorrain, and on the West by the Isle of France.

This Province was heretofore famous for the Grandeur of its Counts or Earls, who posses'd it as absolute Sovereigns, and were so potent that they main-

tained

rained fierce Wars against the Kings of France and Burgundy: They were also so illustrious by reason of their noble Descent, that those Princes have not dissain to make Leagues with them, and even to contract Marriages with their Family. In the Division of Inheritances among the Sons of Clovis I. and Clotaire I. Campagne, constituted a part of the Kingdom of Mets in Australia: And in the time of Segebert King of Mets. A. C. 570. there was a certain Duke of these Territories, named Lupus, who shewed much fidelity in preserving the Sates of the young King Childebert, against Orsion and Berstroy; Guintrio or Vintrio, whom Brunebaut caus'd to be affassinated, was afterwards Duke. But this Title denoted then only a kind of Government, and not a perpetual Dignity. The first Hereditary Count was Robert of Vermandois, who made himself Master of the City of Troyes in 953. and left the possession thereof to his Brother Herbert. But in the year 1284, the whole Province was inseparably united to the Crown of France; which Act was construed by the Treaty of Laon, in 1317, and by another ratified on the 14 of May, 1335.

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Among the principal Rivers are reckond the Seine, which receives into its Channel the Waters of the Jony and the Aubre; the Manne, the Aijne and the Vefte, befides a great number of other small Rivulets that are very full of Fish. The River Meufe or Maes hath its Source in this Province, but it quickly runs out of it into the County of Barr, which it crosseth from South to North, and then returns into this Province and passes of Sedan and Charleville, from whence it runs through the County of Nimur, Bishoprick of Liege, and Duchy of Guelderland into Holland, where

it falls into the Sea near the Briel.

The Soil although white and chalky, brings forth many forts of Grains in abundance, particularly Rye. The vaft Plains are extreamly fertil in Corn and excellent Grapes, and yield good Pafture for Cattle. On the Northern fide also are large Forests, assording variety of Game, together with Mines of Iron and other Metals.

But for a more particular description of this Province we will divide it into eight Parts, according to the method of most modern Geographers.

E Champagne prop.
Remois.
Retelois.

In the Diffrict of CHAMPAGNE, properly fo called, are comprehended these most remarkable Towns, viz.

Troyes, Bishop.
Pont sur Seine.
Meri.
Romeru, or Râmeru.
Plancy.

Chalons, Bish.
Epernay.
di.
Dormans.

Trojes, Treea, olim Angusto-bona and Tricassis, is seated on the River Seine, at the distance of 80 miles from Paris to the South-east, 64 from Rheims to the South, and 60 from the source of the Meuse to the West. It is a City of very great Antiquity, and is reckoned among the most considerable of the Kingdom

for Trade, which confifts chiefly in Linnen Cloth. It hath been long fince dignified with the Title of an Epificopal See, the Jurisdiction whereof is extended over 510 Parishes, and depends on the Metropolitan of Sens. Nine or ten of its Prelates have been canonized for Saints; of these St. Amatre was the first, and S. Lupus the eighth, who bindred Attila from ruining the City; which was nevertheless afterward done by the Normans. But Count Robert caused it to be re-built, and it is at present a fair well built City, and adorned with a fine Palace; the Cathedral dedicated to St. Peter, is a very stately Structute, in which 40 Canons Officiate. There are also two Collegiate and ten Parochial Churches, besides the Abby of S. Lupus, a Colledge of the Fathers of the Oratory, and many other Religious Houses. The City is defended with strong Walls, and the Inhabitants are reckon'd Couragious, and are train'd up in Arms. Here is a fine Palace, and a Bailiage and Presidial.

Pont-Sur Seine, Pons ad Sequanem, a small Town so called from its Situation and Bridge over the River-Seine. It stands 22 miles from Troyes to the North-West, and 57 from Paris. Rameru, Ramerucum, stands on the Banks of the Anbe, 20 miles N. East from Troyes. Planci is in like manner water'd by the same River,

and stands 15 miles West from Rameru.

Chaalons, Catalaunum, is scated on a most pleasant Plain on the River Marne, over which here are many Bridges, distant 50 miles from Troyes to the North, and 80 miles from Paristo the East. It is a very ancient, large and well fortified City, and was esteemed one of the Principal of Gallia Belgica in the time of Julian the Apostate. It is encompassed with firm Wallsand deep Ditches full of Water. The whole City is divided into three Parts, viz. The City it felf; the Island formed in it by the River Marne; and the Burrough. The Houses appear very white, being built of chalky Stone, and the Streets are large, the publick Places are fair and spacious, more especially those in which stand the Town-house and Collegiate Church, consecrated to the Virgin Mary. This City is the Sear of a Bishop. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to St. Stepben, and is remarkable on the acceptate of in Town-resemble highest days. count of its Tower extreamly high and large. There are also 12 Parochial Churches, 3 Abbeys, and many other Convents. A considerable Trafick is maintained here, in Linnens, Cloth and Corn; which by means of the River are conveniently transported to Paris. Here is a Court of Justice and a Generality. This City was sometime governed by its own Counts, till they refigned their Right to the Bishop, who is dignified with the Title of Count and Peer of France. The Plains about Chaalons are judg'd to be the Campi Catalaunici, wherein the famous Battle was fought by Merouee King of the Franks, Theodorick King of the Goths, and Ætius the Roman General, against Attila King of the Huns, whom they defeated with the slaughter of near 200000 of his Men, as the French Historians relate. But others say it was at Sologne near Orleans, in the Campis Secalaunicis that this mighty Battel was fought. And again, others fay, it was near Toulouse in Languedoc.

Espernay, Epernacum, is distant 16 miles from Chaalons to the West as well as Ay; the former of these Towns standing on the South side of the River, and the other on the North, over against one another.

Dormans, Dormanum, stands likewise on the Banks of the Marne, 19 miles from Espernay, and 36 from Chaalons to the West. This Town hath imparted its name to the noble Family of Dormans.

RE-

nou, Soisonnois, Rhetelois, &c. Its principal Towns are Towns of chiefest Note, viz. these. viz.

Rheims, Archb. Fimes. Mechant.

RHEIMS. Remi, olim Durocortorum and Remorum Caput, is fituate in the midft of a Plain, where the River Vefle washes part of its Walls, which are extended in compass above an Hour's Journey, and enclose a great number of spacious Courts, large Streets, well built Houses, and magnificent Churches; more especially the Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, which is a vast pile of Building, the Gate thereof being effeem'd the most stately throughout the whole Kingdom on account of its admiral Architecture, Images and other curious Ornaments. In this Church the King's of France are usually Crowned, and anointed by the Archbithop of Rheims, with a facred Oil prefery din a fmall Veffel commonly call'd la Sainte Ampoule, or the Holy Bottle, which (as they fay) was fent from Heaven at the Inauguration of Clouis I. and is kept here in the Abbey of S. Remi. In this City are establish'd, besides a Metropolitan See, a Presidial Court, another of the Bailiage, and an University founded by Charles of Lorrain Cardinal of Guise, with the permission of King Henry II. The Archbishops of Rheims are stiled the first Dukes and Peers of France; twelve or thirteen of these Prelates have been canoniz'd for Saints; and four of them have been Popes, viz. Sylvester II. Urban II. Adrian IV. Adrian V. fix Princes have possess'd the See, viz. Arnold the Son of King Lotbarius, and Henry the Son of Lewis the Gross, and four others of the Royal Blood. Here are to be feen fome Monuments of Antiquity, as a Fort of Julius C.s.f.ar's, and is a Roman Triumphal Arch that is quite It is composed of three Arches, adorned with many Figures and Trophies; supposed to have been formerly the North Gate of the Town, and called Porta Martia, but had been covered with Earth for many Ages, and not discover'd till the year 1677. The City of Rheims is distant 74 miles from Paris to the North-East; 66 from Troyes to the North; and 24 from Charlons to the North-West.

Fimes, Fime, Fisme, is a Burgh on the River Vesle in the confines of the Isle of France 15 miles from Rheims to the Wett. It is more especially remarkable on the account of two Councils held there in the Church of S. Maire the Martyr Finibus apud fanctam Mairam, and for a certain Stone fixed not far from thence, which ferves as a Boundary between the Bi-

shopricks of Rheims, Laon and Soiffons.

PERTHOIS, Ager Perthensis, is extended on the Frontiers of Lorrain between the Rivers Marne and Ornay, and contains these considerable Towns viz.

S. Dizier, 7 5Vitry le Francois, Sermaife, 5 Harzicowt. S. Dizier, Fanum Sancti Defiderii aut Defideriopolis, stands on the Banks of the Marne 30 miles above Chaalons, near the Frontiers of the County of Barr. It was taken by the Emperor Charles V. in 1544. after a very notable Siege, and restored to the French at the Peace concluded at Creffie.

Vitry le Francois, Victoriacum Francicum took its Name from King Francis I. the Founder thereof who caused it to be built in the room of a Neighbouring Town that was burnt, which is at present called Vitry le Brussé. It is seated on the Confluence of the Marne and the Orne, being distant 18 miles from Chaulons to the S. E.

RETELOIS, Rhetelensis Ager, is the Northern

RE MO 15, Ager Rhemenfis lies between Chaalon- Part of the Province of Champagne, and includes these

Rhesel. Mezieres. Charleville.

Rhetel, Retelium aut Reiteste, is situated near the River Aifne, 24 miles from Rheims to the North; 27 from Sedan to the S. W. and as many from Rocroy to the S. in the adjacent Territories of this Town, which bear the Title of a Dutchy, the French obtain'd a great Victory over the Spanish Troops, and the Prince of Conde commanded by the Marshal de Turrene, A. D. 1650.

Mazieres, or Masieres, Maderiacum aut Macerie, is a strong Town, and stands in a Peninsule made by the River Meuse, partly on a rising Ground and partly in the Valley, the Citadel being fortissed with a double Rampart. It is a place of great importance, being a Passage from Luxemburgh into France. It is distant 23 miles from Rhetel to the North, 15 below Sedan to the West; not above 7 from the confines of the Dutchy of Luxemburgh, and 46 from Rheims to the

Charleville, Carolopolis, is in like manner feated on the Meuse just over against Mazieres, and was for-merly only a Burrough call'd Arches, where Charles de Gonzagua Duke of Nevers and Mantua caused a very plealant Town to be built, A. D. 1609, and gave it his Name. It hath been fince regulary fortified, and on the other fide of the River is erected the strong Fortress of Mont-Olympe, where is to be seen the Ruins of an old Castle, supposed to have been a Temple of the Pagans.

Rocroy, Rupes Regia, is a very strong Hold near the Forrest of Ardenne on the Frontiers of Hainaule, being diftant 30 miles from Rherel to the N. and 15 from Maziers and Charleville to the N. W. The French Forces under the Conduct of the Duke of Anguien gained a Battel over the Spaniards, and defeated their General Don Francisco de melo near this

Town on the 15th day of March, 1643.

Sedan, Sedanum stands on the East side of the River Meuse near the Frontiers of Luxemburgh, at the distance of 15 miles from Charleville to the East, and 28 from Rhetel to the North-East. This Town was formerly lubject to the Archillop of Rheims; by whom it was afterwards granted to the King inflead of Cormecy. In process of Time the Braquemonts and Marcans became Lords of it, and at length it devolved on the Princes of the Family of La Tour: But in the Year 1642 it was united to the Crown by a Compact made with Prince Frederick-Maurice de la Tour d'Auvergne, Duke of Bouillon and Lord of Sedan. It is a Walls, &c. It was chiefly inhabited by Protestants, who had a famous University here before the late Perfecutions.

The County of VALAGE lies between those of Perthois, and Baffigni, and contains these principal Towns, viz.

} Sar sur-Aube, Clervaux, Abb. &c. Foinville, Brienne, Vignoris,

Joinville, Jovis Villa, Joanvilla, aut Joville, is a small Town, but dignified with the Title of a Principality, seated on the River Marne at the distance of 15 miles from S. Dizier to the South, and 43 from Chaalons to the South-East. This Principality was erecterected by King Henry II. A. D. 1552. in favour of Francis of Lorrain Duke of Guife, to ferve as an Inheritance for the younger Sons of that Noble Family, and hath been the Burial-place of divers of these Dukes. But that which hath made this City most noted, is, that the Holy League, which made so much disturbance in France, was revived here in the Year, 1584. by the Duke of Guife and his adherents.

Brienne, Castrum Briennium is a Town of a small compass, nevertheless honoured with the Title of a County, and stands on the Banks of the Aube, 25 miles from Joinville to the W. and 21 from Trojes. It was in time past one of the seven Peerages that were established by the ancient Counts of Champagne, and the place where the Peers usually held their Assembles.

Bar-Sur-Aube, Barium ad Albulam, aut Albam, is so called from its fituation on the River Aube at the soot of an Hill in a very pleasant Country, about 3c miles from Troyes to the East, and 15 from Joinville to the South-West. It is a well-built Town, and famous for its good Wines. It was for some time possess'd by certain particular Counts, but was at last reunited to the Crown at the same time with the rest of Champagne.

Clervaux, or Clairvaux, Claravallis is an Abbey of the Cistercian Order, famous for the Conversation of S. Bernard, by whom (as they say) it was Founded, through the pious Liberality of Thibatu or Theobald III. Count of Campagne, A. D. 1115. It is built in a Valley before called, The Vale of Wormwood, 14 miles from the Frontiers of Burgundy, and 5 from Bar-fur-Aube to the S.

BASSIGNY, Bassiniacus Ager lies on the South of Valage between the Spring-heads of the Manne and the Meuse on the side of Lorraine, containing these most considerable Towns, viz.

Langres, Bish. Stufi, Nogent-le-Roy.

Langres, Linganes aut Andomatunum is very advantagioufly fituated on a Hill near the Spring-head of the River Marne, at the distance of 10 miles from the Confines of Burgundy; 50 from Trojes to the S.E. and 35 from Foinville to the South. It is a very ancient, large and well fortified City, and the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Lyon. It was ruined by the Vandals in the beginning of the 4th Century, but afterward rebuilt and restor'd to its former Grandeur. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to S. Mammez the Martyr. The Bishop of Langres, who takes place among the fix Ecclefiastical Peers of France, bears the Title of Duke, Marquis and Baron, as being both Spiritual and Temporal Lord of these Territories, wherein he constitutes Bailists, Judges, and other Officers of Justice. Five or Six Rivers have their Source in the adjacent Country, which on that account is supposed to be the highest Ground of the whole Kingdom of France.

Chaumont, Calvomontium, and Calvus Mons, stands on a Hill near the Marne between Joinville and Langres, from whence it is distant 20 miles, and 15 from Barfur-Aube to the E. This Town, which had been before only a Burrough, was enlarged and encompassed with Walls, about the Year 1500. It was govern'd by its own Lords, until it was annexed to the Jurissiction of the County of Champagne.

SENONNOIS, Senonensis Ager, is the South West part of Champagne, lying between Champagne proper, Brie, and Gastinos. This Country is extended 16 Leagues in length and 8 in breadth, and includes these principal Towns, viz.

Sens, Archb.
Pont-sur-Yone, S. Florentin,
Tonnerre,
Joigni, Chabli.

SENS, Senones, aut Agendicum Senonum, is seated in a verdant Plain on the confluence of the Seine and the Yonne, over which it hath a Stone-bridge; and is distant 55 miles from Paris to the South, and 30 from Troyes to the West. It is a very fair City, and without doubt one of the most ancient throughout the whole Kingdom of France. For the Galli Senonenses, heretosore extended their Conquests very far into Isaly and Greece, took Rome, and (as it is generally believ'd) founded Siema Senigaglia, and some other Towns, which still bear their Name. These Territories, during the Second Race of the French Monarch's, were subject to the Jurisdiction of certain particular Counts, until King Robert made himself Master of Sens, A. D. 1005. The City is large and well-built, and water'd with a great number of Brooks, which run throughall its Parts, and serve for the convenience of the Inhabitants. It is the See of an Archbishop, who was formerly Metropolitan of Paris, Orleans, and four other Diocesses; but since Paris hath been erected into an Archbishoprick, he hath only Troyes, Auxerre, and Nevers for his Suffragans. The Cathedral Church of S. Stephen is admired for its stately Front, adorned with divers Figures and two lofty Towers; as also on the account of its large Body, rich Chappels, ancient Tombs, and the costly Basis of the High Altar, where is to be seen a Table of Gold enrich'd with many curious Stones, representing in Bas-relief the Images of the four Evangelists and S. Stephen. The whole Diocess comprehends above 900 Parochial Churchs, and 25 Abbies, five of these being included within the City and Suburbs. Divers Councils have been celebrated here, the first of which was held by Archbishop Sevin, A. C. 980.

Poni-fur-Yonne, Pons ad Icaunum, aut Pons Syriacus, stands on the Frontiers of Champagne, and the Banks of the River Yonne, about eight miles from Sens to the North toward Paris: Joigni, Jozniacum aut Juniacum, a small Town, at the distance of 15 miles from Sens to the South, and as many from Auxerre to the North.

Tonnerre, Tornodorum and Ternodorum ad Hermontionem, is a confiderable Town bearing the Title of a County, and built on the fide of the River Armanson in the Confines of Burgundy, about 35 miles from Sens to the South-east.

Chabli, Cabliacum, stands about 10 miles West from Tonnere. It is a small Town, but remarkable on the account of the excellent Wines that are made therein, and for the bloody Battle which was fought in the adjacent Plain, between the Sons of the Emperor Lewis the Debonaire. A. D. 841.

The County of BRIE is divided into two Parts, and made part of two Provinces of the Isle of France and Champagne. BRIE CHAMPENOISE, Brigiensis Saltus, aut Bria, lies between the Rivers Scine and Marne, on the North of Sennonois, abounding in Pasture, and is very fruitfull in Corn, Fruits, &c. The most considerable Towns in it are these, viz.

Meaux, Bish.
Provins,
Chastean Thierry,

Segaune,
Montereau-faut-Yonne,

Meaux, Melde, Patinum Meldarum, the Capital City of Brie, and the See of a Prelate Suffragan to the Archbishop of Paris, is situated on the Marne, at

the distance of 25 miles from Paris to the East; 50 from Rheims to the South-west, 60 from Chalons to the West, and 50 from Sens to the North. It is divided by the River into two parts, viz. one called the Town and the other the Market, and furrounded with three Suburbs. The Cathedral is dedicated to St. Stephen, and the Diocess contains 410 Parishes. There is also a Collegiate Church bearing the Name of St. Sainstin first Bishop of Meaux; and some others that are Parochial, and besides the Abby of St. Faron appertaining to the Benedictine Monks of the Congregation of St. Maur, a great number of Monasteries. This City was for sometime subject to its own Lord, before it was united to the Crown of France: It suffered very much in the year 1358. John King of France, being at that time the Prisoner of our King Edward III. For the Dauphine having posses'd himself of this Place, in his absence, the Citizens had plotted with those of Paris to take it from him, but were not able to effect it, for though they let in the Parisians into the Town, the Garrison kept the Market, overcame them, cut them to pieces and fir'd and pillag'd the City. It was afterwards taken by the Forces of our valiant King Henry V. after a Siege of three Months. This was the first City of France wherein the Protestants preach'd against the Errors of the Church of *Rome*, for which many of them fuffer'd Martyrdom. In the Civil War, the Protestants got the possession of this Place, but it was taken from them by Surprize by Claude Gouffier, Duke of Rouanez for King Charles IX. It is now a wellbuilt, flourishing and populous City, and is the Seat of a Baily and an Election.

Provins, Provinum, aut Pruvinum, stands at the foot of an Hill and the Banks of the Rivulet Vousie, being

diftant 10 miles from the Seine to the North; 25 from Meaux to the South; 36 from Tropes to North-West, and 38 from Park to the South-East. This small Town is famous for an excellent sort of Roses which grow in the adjacent Fields, and bear the same Name. Chateau-Thierry Castrum Theodoricum, is a very fair Town with a Castle enjoying the Title of a Dutchy, and scated on the South-side of the Marne, about 20 miles from Meaux to the East; 30 from Reims to the South-west; 40 from Chalons to the West, and 45 from Park to the East.

Clomiers, Colomeria, aut Columbaria, is adorned with the Palace of Longueville, and water'd with the little River of Morin, 12 miles from Meaux to the South towards Provins, and 30 from Paris to the East.

Montereau-Faut-Toine, Monasteriolum ad Icaunam, Monasteriolum St. Marcini in faucibus Icaune, aut etiam Mons Regalis, takes its Name from a place where the Tonne falls into the Siene. Being sounded on the Confluence of these two Rivers, and defended with an old Castle, distant 16 miles from Provins to the South-west. The Town it self properly belongs to the Justistiction of Gastinois, and the Suburbs on the other side of the River to that of Brie. It was heretofore a Royal Seat, and is beautisted with a fair Stone Bridge, on which John Duke of Burgundy was slain, on the 10th Day of September, 1419.

The Governor General of the Province of Cham-

The Governor General of the Province of Champagne, hath under him four Linetenant-Generals and two Bailiffs, all Noblemen. And in these following Towns there are particular Governours, viz. Troyes, Chaalons, Langres, Chaumont, Revel, Chateau-Portien, Rocroy, Maziers, Charleville, Sedan, S. Menchould, S. Dizier, Vitri, Bar-sur-Aube, Epenay, Fismes, and

Brie-Comte-Robert.

A Chronological Table shewing the Succession of the Counts of Champagne and Brie.

	Succeed		govern. Years	Succeeded .	A. C.	govern Years
ı	Robert Herbert.	958		10 Theobald III.	1197	4
2	Herbert.			11 Theobald IV. King of Navarre	1201	53
3	Stephen I.	993	26	12 Theobald V. the young	1254	16
4	Eudes I. le Champenois.	1019	18	13 Henry III.	1270	4
5	Thibauld or Theobald	1037		14 Joanna Queen of Navarre	1274	
6	Stephen II. firnam'd Henry					
7	Theobald II.	1101	5 t	This last Princess was styl'd (Counte	s Palatine of
8	Henry I. the Rich	1152	28	Brie and Champagne, and Married to the French King		
9	Henry II. the Younger	1180	17	Philip IV. surnam'd the Fair, A. C. 1284.		

CHAP V.

THE ISLE OF FRANCE, Insula Francia.

The Government of the *Isle* of *France*, though it be one of the leaft of extent, is however the most considerable of the whole Kingdom, on account of its fertility and pleasant situation, the great number of starely Palaces, and the Capital City which stands therein; but more especially by being honoured with the presence of the King in his splendid Palaces of *Versailles* and the *Lonvie*, S. Germains, Fountainbleau, and S. Cloude; all which are teated within the Limits of this Government. The Isle of France, proper-

ly fo called, lies between the River Seine, Marne, Oife, and Aisine; for which reason the Name of an Island hath been given it. But to make it a Government, some parts of the Neighbouring Provinces have been added to it; so that at present it is bounded on the East by Champagne, on the West by Normandy, on the North by Picardy, and on the South by Beauce and Gastinous, extending it self between the 48th Degree 20 Min. and the 49th Degree 40 Min. of Latitude; and includes from West to East, that is to say,

from Dreux to Lieffe, near 120 miles, and from North to South, viz. from Noyon as far as Tourtenay in Gati-

non 100 Miles.

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fmall.

The Soil is very fertile in excellent Whear, Grapes. and other Fruits: There are also divers verdant Plains and spacious Forests, affording abundance of all forts of Games. The principal Rivers are the Seine. the Mirne and the Oife. The last of these is enlarged with the Waters of the Aifne, that paffeth to Soiffons, and those of Terrain, which conveys its Streams along the Walls of Beauvait, &c. This Government is usually divided into ten small Countries, nine of which are taken out of the Provinces of Champagne, Beauce, Normandy, and Picardy.

The Isle of France, prop. Paris, Archb. Brie Francoife Lagni Melun -Hurepois Gastinois in part The Isle of Nemours Mantois, Minte Vexin Francois Pontoife Beauvasis Beauvais, B. Countries, Crespy Soissons, Bish. Valois Soissonnois Laonnois. Laon, Bish.

In the ISLE OF (Paris, Archbish. Capital of FRANCE, properly so called, are S. Dennis contain'd Montmorency Bois de Vincennes.

PARIS, Parisii, aut Lutetia Parisiorum, so called from Lutum Dirt, and Parifii the ancient Inhabitants of the Neighbouring Country. To omit the feveral fabulous Accounts of its Origine, it is certain that it is very ancient: Julius Cefar mentions it in his Commentaries; and Eufebius says, It was older than Rome. The Island in the Seine called la Cite, now the middle of Paris, was the first City, built in that place by the Parisii (as some say) to avoid the Ravage of War and Pestilence that raged among them.

It is the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom of France, and at prefent one of the largest, most populous and flourishing Cities of Europe. The River Scine which passet through it from East to West, is broad, but not deep enough to bring up Ships of Burden, whereof none come higher than Roan, and from whence the Goods are brought hither in Lighters: Its Stream is divided by two or three Islands, whereof that call'd la Cité above-mentioned is the chief, and is the Center, round which the Additions from time to time have been made of that great number of Houses and Palaces whereof Paris now confifts. On the Northfide lies that part called la Ville the Town; and on the South the University, with the Fauxbourg or Suburbs of S. Germaine, and S. Marcel. The Houses of Paris are mostly built of Stone and Brick, very high, and fill'd with People, every Floor often containing a Family, especially in the Old City, where the Streets are norrow, but those later built are spacious and neat, especially les Rues Richelieu, and S. Martin, which are very long, strair, and broad.

The whole City, University, and Suburbs of Paris make an Oval of three English Miles long, and two and an half broad, and consequently rake up five and an half square Miles of Ground. Concerning the number of Houses and Inhabitants herein contained, Frenchmen talk very largely; but this Matter having been judiciously handled by the ingenious Sir William Pettyr, his Computation will be the best ac-

count we can give the Reader, which is as follows: He fays, The number of Houses are, 23223, together with 32 Palaces, and 38 Colleges, in which do live 81280 Family 6 Persons, the number will be 487680. To prove this Account, he argues from the number of Burials in Paris, which according to a reasonable Medium, are, 19887 per Annum, whereof 3506 in the Hotel-Dieu unnecessarily, which being deducted, the number of Burials of the Inhabitants, is communibus annis, 16381, and then allowing one of thirty to die yearly, the number of Souls in Paris will be 491430. The Medium of these two Accounts is 488055. Whereas in London the fame Author proves the number of Inhabitants to be 695718, and the number of Houses 105315, and that London contains above 100 thousand Inhabitants more than Paris and Rouen together. But to proceed,

The Places in Paris that most deserve a Stranger's Notice, are the Louvre, the Tuilleries, the Church of Notre-Dame, the University, the Old-Palace, the Town-House, the Place-Royal, the Bastille, Pont-neus, many stately Palaces of the Nobility, the Hotel-Dieu, and

other Hospitals.

The King's Palace, nam'd the Louvre, is a noble and stately Pile of Building: It is one large Square with a Court in the middle, the Fronts of Stone finely adorned with Pillars and Carvings. It was first built by King Philip the Angust, A. D. 1214. and began to be rebuilt of larger Extent by K. Charles V. in the Year 1364. Francis I. began the Switzer's Hall and the South Porch, which his Son Henry II. finished, and built two Stories over it; he also added an Order of Corinthian Architecture to the inner Front, and adorn'd it with a noble Cornice and curious Carvings. King Henry IV. built a Gallery along by the fide of the River quite to the Tuilleries, which is very long, and ofteem'd the finest in Europe: Under it is the Royal Printing-house, and the Lodgings of many curious Artifts in Painting, Carving, Graving, & who have Pen-fions from the King. Lewis XIII. finited the Front to the West, and built a large Pavillon, in form of a Dome, in the middle, over the Gate, which is supported by two Ranks of very large Pillars of the Fonick Order; and also adorn'd the Architrave of the Front to the Court with fine Sculprures. The present King hath bestow'd great cost upon the East-Front; in the middle whereof is the chief Gare of the Palace. Here are forty Columns of the Corinthian Order detachee, which sustain a large Terras, that is to be rail'd with a stately Balustre. The Building is not sinished, not the Lodgings furnished, no Body dwelling in it but some few Officers, except the French Academy, who have a Hall here to hold their Assemblies in. Behind the Louvre is a large piece of Ground design'd for a Garden; but the King never coming here, some Persons have been permitted to build upon it, so that at present it is full of Houses, which are to he all pull'd down when the Building is finished, and the King fancies to Reside here.

Behind the Louvre at some distance, stands the Palace called les Tuilleries, built by Queen Catherine de Medicis, A.D. 1654. and much improved by the prefent King. It is one Range of Building, with a Pavillon at each end, and a Dome in the middle; before it is a handsome large Space which is divided into three Courts; and behind are exceeding pleasant Gardens, the Walks whereof are every Evening fill'd with People of Fashion that come nuther to take the Air. When the King lies at Paris, which is very feldom, he lod-ges in the Tuilleries. These two Palaces are seared in the West-part of the Town by the River-side; the M

Houses, and is open to the Fields.

The Cathedral-Church of Notre-Dame or the Virgin Mary, stands near the middle of the City in the Island which thence hath its Name: It is a Majestick Venerable Building of the Gothick Order of Archi-The Foundation was laid A. D. 522. by King Childerick; and the Building was afterwards much beautified and enlarged by King Robert and his Succeffors, till Philip the August sinished it as it now appears. It is in the Form of a Crofs, having a fmall Spire in the middle, and at the West end two large square Towers of 389 Steps high, flat at top, with Ballustres round, which make the Front very spacious and noble. Over the three West Gates is a Row of Niches, in which stand the Statues of 28 Kings of France, Predecessors to Philip. The length of this Church is accounted 66 Fathoms, its breadth 24, and its height 17 Fathoms. The Roof is supported by 120 great Pillars, and the whole Building adorn'd with the Ornaments usual to this Order of Architecture, befides several Statues, curious Paintings, rich Tapestries, Silver-Candlesticks, &c. that make the infide appear very Glorious. The Prelate of this See was formerly Suffragan to the Archbishop of Sens, till A. 1622. when Lewis XIII. by permission of the Pope, erected it into an Archbishoprick; and the present King hath added to it the Title of Duke and Peer, (A. 1674.) in favour of the prefent Archbishop.

The University of Paris was first founded (as 'tis faid) by Charlemaign, A.D. 791, at the defire of Alcuinus an Englishman, his Tutor, who was made the first Professor. It is situate on the South-side of the River, and hath been much encreased by Lewis VII. Philip the August, and feveral other Persons of lower Rank, particularly Robert Sorbon, who (in the time of St. Lewis, A. 1252.) founded the College called by his Name; which being decayed, was rebuilt by Cardinal Richelieu, and made a very beautiful Place. It is efterm'd the strictest College in Europe, the Degree of Doctor in it being only given to those who hold the Sorbonique Act, which is to answer all Disputants from Sun-ile to Sun-let. Wherefore the Title of Sorbon Doctor is of great Repute. The College of Navarre, founded by Jane Queen of Navarre, is also a very noble Building; and that of the four Nations, founded by Cardinal Mazarine, is very handsome, spacious, and well adorned. The Buildings of the other Colleges, near 30 in number, are not very stately. The Professors have setled Revenues, but the Colleges are not endowed, except with Privileges and Collation to

feveral Benefices.

It will not be amiss to mention here the Academies for Arts, established in Paris by the Favour and Encouragement of the present King and his Predecessors. And first, the Academy Francoise, is a Society of ingenious Men, the most polite and curious Criticks of the Nation; first began in the Year 1620. by Messires Godeau, Gombaud, Chapelain, Comrard, and feveral more, who agreed to meet weekly at one of their Lodgings for Conversation; these being encouraged by Cardinal Richlieu, fet themselves at work to correct and polish the French Tongue, and in 1635. the Academy was established by the King's Edict, and hath been much honour'd by the prefent King, who hath given them a Chamber in the Louvre to hold their Affemblies in. These ingenious Persons have very much improv'd the French Language, and publish'd a Dictionary of it; and several Members of the Society have published Books that have been very acceptable to the learned World. The number of them

Garden of the Tuilleries reaching quite beyond the at present is forty. They give yearly two Golden Houses, and is open to the Fields.

Medals to the best Performers in Eloquence and

The Royal Academy of Sciences, was established by Monsieur Colbert, A. D., 1666, and is composed of the best Philosophers and Mathematicians in the Nation, for whose use the King built the Royal Observatory in the Fauxbourg St. Facques, where they daily make Experiments, and labour in new Discoveries for the im-

provement of Knowledge. The Royal Academy for Painting and Sculpture, was established by Lewis XIII. and that for Architecture,

by the present King in the Year 1671.

But to pals on to the other remarkable Things in Paris. The Palace is the place where the Court of Parliament is held. It was at first the King's Palace, but was made the Seat of this Court by King Philip the Fair. The Hall is arched with Stone, and fupported by Pillars: In it are many Shops for Tradefmen, and beyond it are feveral Chambers for the refpective Courts,

The Hotel de Ville, or Guild-Hall, is a fair Structure; the old one being decayed, this was begun to be built A.D. 1533, but by reason of the Civil War, was not finished till 1610. It is built of Stone, the Front reasonably handsome, but somewhat Gothick; in the middle over the Door there is a Spire, and two Pavillons at the ends; within-fide is a spacious Hall, and several Chambers.

The Palais Cardinal, or Palace Royal, as it is now called, is a handsome Building, composed of two square Courts and fine Gardens; the Apartments in it are beautiful and convenient. This Palace was built by Cardinal Richlieu, and at his Death bequeathed to the King: The Duke of Orleance dwels in it, altho he hath another very stately one that bears his Name, which was built by the Widow of Henry IV.

The Place Royal is a Noble large Square, furround-

ed with Piazza's and very fine Houses.

Paris lying on both sides the Water, there is need of many Bridges, of which here are nine of Stone and two of Timber; that named Pont-neuf, or the New Bridge, is the most considerable, being the finest built and the longeft; it is all of Stone, begun to be built in 1578, and finished in 1604, by King Henry IV. whose Statue on Horseback of curious Workmanship stands in the middle.

Pont au Change was built of Stone in 1629, and hath two Rows of Houses on it; this being near the Palace, hath the most Passengers of any. Pont-Mary hath Houses on it also. The other Bridges are less

confiderable.

The Hotel-Dieu is a large Hospital for poor siek People, whereof here are commonly no less than 4000, who are ferv'd by the Nuns of St. Augustin: The Building is old, and not very fine, but the Revenues are very great. There are many other Hospitals; but that which makes the greatest Figure, and is most talk'd of is,

The Invalides, built by this King for the Reception and Maintenance of old crippled and disabled Soldiers. It is a very noble Building, exactly square, with fine Courts in the middle. It stands in the West end of the

Fauxbourg St. Germains.

The Baftile is a Castle built in the Year 1360, for defence of the City, but at present serves for a Prison for State-Criminals. It stands at the East-end of the Town, in the Fauxbourg St. Antoine. There are also two smaller Castles, which were anciently Fortresses, and without doubt stood at the Limits of the Town, but are now in the middle of it, and serve to hold the Provost's and other Courts in.

The Suburbs of Paris are large and well built; that of St. Germain hath been taken into the City, and en-

joys the fame Privileges.

For the Civil Government Paris hath a Magistrate call'd the Prevot des Merchands, not unlike our Lord-Mayor, and 4 Eschevins or Aldermen, 26 Counsellors, 10 Serjeants and under Officers; and is divided into 16 Wards. And for administring Justice, there is a Provoft, 3 Lieutenants, and the Judge and Conful of Merchants.

In the City and Suburbs are 10 Collegiate and 44 Parochial Churches, 4 principal Abbeys, besides many other Religious Houses, 30 Hospitals, great number

of publick Fountains, and 17 Gates.

This City hath undergone the Fate of most Great Ones ; viz. hath been two or three times befieged, twice burn'd, and once much damaged by an Inundation of the Seine. Our King Henry V. took it, was crown'd here, and kept his Court at the Louvre in great State and Splendor, A. D. 1422. In the Civil War Paris took part with the Leaguers, and was therefore besieged in the Year 1539. by King Henry III. who there loft his Life, being murthered by Jacques Clement a Friar. The next Year it was block'd up by Henry IV. and reduc'd to extream Mifery, and to that want of Victuals, that the People made Bread of dead Mens Bones; yetwould they not yield, but held out till the Dukes of Parma and Mayenne came to their Relief, and forced the King to raise the

Paris is situate in the Latitude of 48 Degrees 50 Minutes, and Longitude of 20 Degrees 15 Minutes, reckoning from Teneriffe; but, according to Sanson, 23 Degrees, 30 Minutes; and is diffant 130 English Miles from Calais to the South, 60 from Roan to the S. E. 300 from Brest to the E. 220 from Lyons to the N. W. 130 from Verdun on the River Meuse, and 230 from Strasbourg on the Rhine to the W. 180 from Triers, 155 from Luxemburg, and 140 from Namur to the S. W.

The most remarkable Place in the Neighbourhood is the Bois de Vincennes, fituated at the very Gates of Paris, where the Citizens often walk to take the Air, and divert themselves with divers kinds of Sports and

Exerciscs.

VERSAILLES is a finall, but neat Burrough, fituate upon a rifing Ground in the midft of a Champain Country, fit for Hunting, and abounding with Game, at the diffance of about 12 Miles from Paristo the W. Lewis XIII. built a small Castle here, to ferve for a Hunting-Seat; but the present King fancying the Place, in the Year 1661, began to enlarge ir, by the addition of feveral new Buildings, which he hath encreased from time to time, and hath been at prodigious Expence in adorning it and making the greatest variety of Water-Works, and most delightful Gardens, that probably are any where to be seen. This beautiful Palace deserves a more particular Description than we have room to make: what follows will be sufficient to give the Reader a general Idea

The Passage to it is through four long Rows of tall Elm-trees, which make three Alleys; the middle one of twenty Fathoms, and the fide ones of ten Fathoms wide; at the end of these, on each fide, fronting the House, are the Stables, which for Symmetry and Convenience are thought the finest in Europe; in them are kept near five hundred Horses of the King's. Between this and the Court is a large void Space, from whence is a fair view of the whole, all the three Courts being open to the Front, and only divided by Iron

Ballustres. The first Court is named the Place-Royal; it is very spacious, being eighty Fathoms square: In the Front is only a low Wall and Iron Ballustres, which are carried out in a Half-Moon, and on the Wings are a very handsom Range of Buildings, which are the Lodgings of some of the Nobility that attend the Court. From hence you pass through one large Gate (very finely adorn'd with Trophies in Iron-work gilt) in the middle of a large and high Ballustre of Iron, gilt, into the first or great Court of the Palace, which confists also of two Wings of Building, on each side of a large Court, but so much smaller than the Place-Royal, as that that does not hinder the full fight of this; in the middle is a very large Fountain: The Buildings are of Brick and Stone, very stately, and adorn'd with very fine Carvings, and Pillars of the Corinthian Order, which support Balconies at the top, that go quite round each Wing; on the Ballustre whereof stand several Statues of Stone, representing the four Elements; these are the Lodgings of the Officers of the Houshold: Behind them are square Courts and other Buildings for Offices. Next is the fecond or finaller Court of the Palace, which is also open to the Front; the Ground is raifed three Steps, and paved with black and white Marble: This Court is still smaller than the former, for the same Reason; and here the Sight is terminated by the Building at the end of the Court, which with the two Wings make the Royal Apartment. These Buildings are wrought and gilt: In the Wings are two very noble Stair-Cases that lead to the Lodgings, in which appear all the Pomp and Beauty that the most curious Sculptures and Paintings by the greatest Masters of the Age, together with excessive rich Furniture, can make: Behind this, and fronting the Garden, is a noble Range of Building, adorned with Statues and Carvings, and a Piazza of 100 Yards in length. Gardens are extream delightful, and furpass all other for pleasant Walks and great number of Fountains, in which the Water is diversified a thousand ways, through a multitude of Marble and Copper Statues, that represent abundance of curious Devices, as the Triumphal Arch, the Water Mountain, the Theatre, the Pyramid, the Basin of Ceres, the Basin of Flora, the Basin of Apollo, the Basin of Saturn, the Basins of the Crown, Mermaid, Dragon, the Water-Bower, the Water-Alley, many of the Fables of Æfop represented by Figures, which spout Water; together with abundance more too long to mention. Besides these Fountains here is a very large Canal, in which Yachts and Gallies fail and row to and again. At the bottom of this Canal on one fide stands a fine Summer-house called Trianon; and on the other fide is the Menagerie, where are kept all the Outlandih Beafts of greatest Rariety. Every part of this House and Garden is perfectly beautiful, and gives fatisfaction to the most curious Spectators.

St. Germain en Lave, is a very fair Town plea-fantly feated on an Hill near the River Seine, and the Wood of Laye, at the diffance of fifteen Miles from Paris to the Welt, and four from Poiffs: It is adorned with two ftately Palaces, the Old and the New, in which the French Kings have often resided: The Gardens and Water-works were formerly much celebrated, but since those of Versaillest have been mide, they are less regardof Verfailles have been made, they are less regarded. In this Palace were born Henry II. Charles IX. and Lewis XIV. A Peace was concluded here between King Lewis XIV. the King of Sweden M 2

the Elector of Brandenburgh on the 29th Day of June,

About a League from St. Germain, toward Paris, stands The Wood of Treason, le Bois de la Trabison, so called from a Plot there contrived by one Ganelon, against the House of Ardennes, the Peers of France, and the chief Generals of the Emperor Charlemagne, which was afterward put in execution at the Battle of Roncevaux near the Pyrenean Mountains. This Wood There are is divided by a large Road or High-way. also divers other considerable Towns not far from Paris, particularly those of Ruel, S. Maur, S. Cloud, where the King hath another Palace, Meudon, Vanvres, Con-frans, Gonesse, Montmarte, &c. besides.

S. Dennis, Fanum Sancti Dionysii, a small Town watered by a Rivulet, called La Croe, which a little below falls into the Seine, and adorn'd with a most famous Abbey, founded by King Dagobere I. as also a stately Church, which the same Prince erected, A. C. 636. in Honour of St. Dennis, the Patron or Tutelar Saint of France, whose Body was interred therein. But this Church being in time fallen to decay, Abbot Sugger caused it to be rebuilt in a larger Form, as it now appears in three Years and three Months time, under the Reign of Lewis VII. as it is recorded in the Acts of the faid Sugger. It was finished A. D. 1144. and hath been fince very remarkable for its Treasure, and the sumptuous Tombs of the French Monarchs. The Town was formerly of larger extent then at present. It is a little way diftant from the Seine to the East, and eight Miles from Paris to the North.

Minmorency, Monmorenciacum aut Mons Morentiacus, a small Town distant about 12 Miles from Paris to the North-West, stands on an Hill, and hath imparted its Name to a very pleafant and fruitful Valley; as also to an illustrious Family that founded the Church of St. Martin. Mentmorency is the principal Barony of the Realm, and the first Territory dignified with this Title, which was heretofore conferr'd only on Princes, and whereon (as they fay) above 600 Mannors in Fee fometime depended. Afterward King Henry II. erected it into a Dutchy, A. 1551. in favour of Anne de Montmorency Constable of France; and when this Family was extinct, Lewis XIII. bestowed the same Title on Henry of Bourbon, Prince of Conde, in 1633. This Town was burnt by the English in 1358.

BRIE-FRANCOIS, Bria Francica, lies between the Rivers Seine and Marne: It is a very fertile Country in Corn, Fruits, &c. The principal Towns are thefe, viz.

Lagny, Latiniacum, is a large Town fitnated on the River Mirne, over which it hath a fair Stone-Bridge 17 Miles from Paris to the East, 4 from Gournay fir Marne, and 12 from Means to the South-West. It enjoys the Title of a County: In it is a famous Monastery of Benedictine Monks, founded by St. Furfi or Poursi a Scotch Gentleman, in the Eighth Century. This Town was ruin'd by the Normans in the Ninth Century, but Herbert of Vermandors re-pair'd ir, caused the Church to be rebuilt, and was buried therein, A. C. 993. Many other Noblemen were likewife Benefactors to the fame Abbey, and Ives Legate of the See of Rome, held a Council in it A. D. 1142.

Brie-Comte-Robert, Bria-Comitis-Robert, is a Town of small extent, built near the Brook Tene, in a very

Fruitful Country, 15 miles from Paris to the South-East, wherein is established a Court of Judicature depending on the Castelet of Paris. It is also supposed to have been the Place of Nativity of Pope Martin IV.

Rofey, Rofetum, is feated upon the fame Rivulet Terre above Brie-Comte-Robert, 20 miles from Meaux rothe South, and fomewhat more from Paris to the

South-East.

Ville-Neuve S. George, Villa-Nova Sancti Georgii, is a fmall Burgh standing near the River Seine, 10 miles from Paris to the South, and about 8 from Corbeil.

HUREPOIS, Hurep.esium, constitutes part of the Provostship and Vicounty of Paris, beginning at the Seine under the little Bridge, and extending it felf along the West side of the River, between Beauce to the West, Brie to the East, and Gatinois to the South. The chief Towns are these. viz.

Melun, \ \ La Ferte-Alois, Corbeil, \ \ Fontaine-bleau, &c.

Melun, Melodunum, a very fair, large, and populous Town, is feated on the Seine, at the distance of 8 miles from Corbeil, 33 from Sens to the North-West, and 25 from Paris to the South-E. It is built on an Island, and on both sides of the River, after the manner of Paris, which gave occasion to the Proverb, Apres Paris Melun. It is without doubt a place of much Antiquity, and was confiderable in the time of Julius C.efar, being mention'd in his Commentaries. It is well fortified with a Castle, encompassed with large Suburbs, and adorned with a great number of beautiful Churches, particularly the Collegiate dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the Parochial of St. Stephen, S. Aspar, and S. Ambrose, besides the Abbey of S. Peter and divers other Monasteries. Moreover it bears the Title of a County, and hath given its Name to an illustrious Family, from whence have fprung many Prelates and Officers of the Crown. The Normans facked this Town in 845, the English Forces took it after a Siege of 4 or 5 Months in 1420. and it suffered much damage during the Civil Wars of France in the XVI Century, but hath fince recover'd its former Splendor.

Corbeil, Corbelium, aut Corvolium, olim Josedum, stands also on the Banks of the Scine, where it receives the Juine, or River of Etampes, being distant 7 miles from Melun, 15 from Fontaine-bleau to the North, and as many from Paris to the South. It was heretofore a Roman Colony, and took its name from Corvulo Governor of the G.zuls. It was governed by its own Counts from the X. and XI. Centuries, (of whom one named Aimoin, founded the Church of S. Spire, and established therein a College of 12 Canons in memory of the 12 Apolles) till it was united to the Crown in the time of *Lewis* the Gross, but hath still the Title of a County: Here is a fair Stone Bridge

of nine Arches over the Scine.

Fontaine-bleau, Fons Bellaqueus, seu Fons Aque Puichr.e, is a very fair Town, diffant about 3 miles from the Scine, 8 from Melun, and 30 from Paris to the South: Near this place is the Forest of Bieure, containing 26000 Acres of Ground, together with many Herds of Deer and all forts of Game; in the midt of which large Wood of high Trees, stands the Royal Palace of Fontain-bleau, taking its name from the great number of Springs, of clear Water and Fountains, that appear on all fides. A Caftle was first erected here by King Lewis VII. A. D. 1169. but Francis I

began to beautific it with divers forts of Ornaments, more especially a curious Library which was afterward transported to Paris, and his Successors continuing in the same Design, have since render'd it one of the magnificent Seats of Europe. About 3 Leagues from Fontain-bleau, is another stately Mansson-House or Palace, known by the Name of Fleury, which is remarkable for a large Canal of Spring-water, enclosed with Walls on both sides, a large Walk shaded with Trees, that seem to be joined together in an admirable Arbour, &c.

The Territory of G ATINO Is, Vastinium, lies to the South of Hurepois bordering on Beauce. It derives its name from the Rocks and Sands which the Inhabitants of the Country call Gastines: Part of this Province belongs to the Government of the Orleannois; that part that belongs to this Government of the Isle of France, contains these principal Towns, viz.

Nemours, Dourdan, Courtenay. Montheri, Montargis.

Nemours, Nemofium, aut Nemoracum, is fituate in a Plain on the River Loing, and detended with an old Caffle, being diftant 10 miles from Fomaine-bleau, and 40 from Paris to the South. The most confiderable publick Edifices are, the Priory of St. John, and the Abbey of Nostre Dame de la Jove, possessed by Nuns of the Cistercian Order. This Town was heretofore subject to the Jurisdiction of certain particular Lords, and afterward to that of its Counts; until at length, Charles VI. caused it to be enclosed with Walls, and erected the adjacent Territory into a Dutchy, A. D. 1404.

Dourdan, Durdanum, aut Dardincum, is a small Town seated on the Frontiers of Brauce on the River Orge, 26 miles from Paris toward Orleans, and 28 from Nemours to the North-West. It was part of the Possessian of Hugh Capes, but being often pawn'd and fold, was at last bought by Lewis XIII. This Town was much insested during the Civil Wars, and taken by the Protestans in the years 1562 and

1567.

Courtenay, Curtiniacum and Corteniacum, flands on an Hill on the Banks of the Rivulet Clairy, 15 miles South-East from Nemours. This Town tho' of very small compass, hath imparted its Name to divers Princes, whose Actions are celebrated in the French Hiltory, and of whom some have been Emperors of

Constantinople.

Montargis, Montargium, aut Mons Argi, is a very fair Town built at the Foot of a Hill, water d with the River Loing, and fenced with an old Castle, which was re-built by Charles V. being distant 25 Leagues from Paris to the South towards Nevers, 12 miles from Nemours, and 30 West from Sens. It is annexed to the Demesso of the Crown, and bears the Titles of a Bailiage, Election, and Provosthip. It was built in the year 1522, and afterward re-built and enlarged.

MANTOIS, Meduntanus Ager, is the West part of this Government, and extends from St. Germain to the Frontiers of Normandy, along the sides of the River Seine, and includes within its Territories these considerable Towns, viz.

Mante,
Poiffy,
Montfort l'Amaury,

St. Germain en Laye.

Mante, Medanta, is feated on the South fide of the River Seine, (which is there covered with a Stone Bridge) near the Frontiers of Normandy; from whence it is distant, only fix miles, and also 25 from Eureux to the East, and 30 from Paris to the North-West. In this Town died King Philip the II. surnamed the August.

Poiffy, Pifciacum, is a finall Town fituated not far from the Confluence of the Oife and the Seine, at the diffance of 15 miles from Paris to the North-Weft toward Reuen. It is famous for the Nativity of Lewis IX. King of France, and on the account of a Conference held between the Roman Catholicks and Proceftants, under Charles IX. Here are established divers Religious Houses, and among others a Convent of Nuns of the Dominican Order, founded by Philip the fair, &e.

Monfort l' Amaury, Montfortium Amalrici, took the name of Amaury from that of its Lords, and stands on an Hill, the Foot whereof is water'd with the streams of a little River; 27 miles from Paris to the West toward Dreux, and 15 from Mante to the South. King Robert caused a Castle to be erected here, which is now half ruin'd, and enclosed the Town with

Walls.

VEXIN-FRANCOIS, Veximum, aut Veleaffinum Franciscum, is extended between the Rivers Oise and Depte, on the North of Mantois to the Confines of Normandy, including these Towns within its Jurisdiction.

Pontoise, SChaumont. Magny.

Pontoife, Pontifura, feu Pons ad Oesiam, is fituate on an Hill and the Banks of the Oise, between L'Isle Adam and the Confluence of this River, with that of the Scine, 20 miles from Paris to the North-West towards Rouen. It is a place of considerable Importance, and adorned with a fair Stone Bridge over the Oise, from whence its name is deriv'd.

Magny, Magniacum, flands on the confines of Normandy, in the midst between Paris and Rouen, at an equal distance of 34 miles from both these Cities.

Chaumont, Calvomontium, aut Calvus Mons, is a fmall Town between Beauvais to the South, and Mante to the North, being diffant 12 miles from the fifth, and 20 from the last, and 16 from Pontoise to the North.

BEAUVOISIS, Bellovacensis Ager, lies between the River Oise and the Frontiers of Normandy, to the North of Vexin Francois, containing these Towns, viz.

Beauvais Bish. | Gerberoy. Clermont. | Merlou.

Beauvais, Bellovacum, aut Casaromagus, is seated on the River Therin, at the distance of 43 miles from Paris to the North, as many from Rouen to the East, 30 from Compeign, and 15 from the Borders of Picardy. It is a large and well fortified City and Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Roeims, the Bishop whereof is one of the twelve Ecclesiastical Peers of the Realm. It is honourably mentioned by Casar, who says that the People of this Territory were very powerful and withstood him the longest. This is called the Maiden City having been always faithful and not suffer'd it self to be taken. Our English Forces attempted to surprize it in 1433. but did not effect it. Nor did Charles the warlike Duke of Burgundy, prove

more successful, when he besieged it in 1472, being forced to raise the Siege 26 days after his Trenches rocced to rane the Siege 26 days after his Trenches were opened. However, violent Commotions often arole in it, on account of Religion, during the Civil Wars of France in the last Age. It is a place of good Trade, which confifts in Stuffs, Cloths, Earthen Ware, &c. The Bishop was formerly sole Temporal as well as Spiritual Lord of the City and adjacent Country, thus forestrone a Bailwingh and Page Link. Country; but fince 1539. a Bailiwick and Prefidial have been establish'd here. However, the Bishop hath still great Power, and is temporal Lord of the Botough Gerberoy, and tich in great endowments.

Clermont, Cleromontium, or Clermont en Beauvoisis.

for diffinction, is built on a rifing ground, and the fides of the River Breches, 16 miles from Beauvais to the East, 14 from Compeigne to the West, and 10 from Seulis to the North. It hath been dignified with the Title of a County ever fince the time of Robert of France, Son of St. Lewis and Count of Clermont, from whom the Royal House of Bourbon is de-

riv'd,

Gerberoy, Gerboredum, stands on the Frontiers of Picardy 8 miles from Beauvais to the North-West. In the Reign of our Henry VI. A. D. 1435. the English loft a Battel near this Town. Merlon is a Borough feated on the River Teraine, or Therin, 4 or 5 miles from Clermont.

The Duchy of VALOIS, Valefium, lies on the East of Beauvoisis, between that and Soisonnois. In it are these Cities and Towns, viz.

> La ferte Milon. Crespy.
> Senlis Bish. Pont Sainte Maixance. Villers Cotterets, &c. Compeigne.

Crespy, Crepiacum, aut Crispeium, formerly a very considerable City, now a Town of a small compass, nevertheless the chief of the Country of Valois, and bath in it a Provostship and Castellany; it is diftant 32 miles from Paris to the North-East, 15 from Meaux to the North, and 12 from Compeign to the South. In this Town a memorable Treaty of Peace was concluded between the Emperor Charles V. and King Francis I, on the 18 day of September, 1544. The ancient Counts of Valois had the Title of Counts of Crespi also, and used to reside here in a Castle said to be built by King Dagobert, which is now almost ruin'd.

Senlis, Sylvanectum, is situated in a very pleasant place on the Brook Nonnette, near the Forest of Rets, which gives occasion to its Latin Name, 25 miles from Paris to the North, 16 from Compeigne to the South, 5 from the River Oife, and 25 from Beauvais to the South-East. It is a considerable City, being the Capital of the County, or Bailiage of Scalis, and the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Rheims. St. Proculus converted the Inhabitants to the Christian Religion, and was the first Bishop of this Diocess. The Cathedral is dedicated to the Virgin Mary; here are also 7 Parochial and two Collegiate Churches. The City of Senlis was besieged by the Leaguers in 1579, but they were beaten thence, and a signal Battel fought on that occasion, between the Duke of Longueville, who commanded the King's Forces, and the Duke of Aumsle, one of the Principal Heads of the League, wherein the latter lost 1500 Men.

Compeigne, Compendium, stands on the Banks of the River Oife, which a little above falls into the Aime, and near the Forest of Guise, at the distance of 16 miles from Senlis, and 40 from Paris to the North,

and 30 from Beauvais to the East. It had a stately Castle, which was the Seat of several of the Kings of France; of these Charles II. surnamed the Bald, Emperor, founded a famous Monastery, and repair'd and beautified the whole Town, and called it Carolopolis. It is still a confiderable Town, and a place of good Trade, several Manufactures being made in it. The famous Maid of Orleans, Joan of Arcke, was taken Prisoner here by the English, when they besieged it in 1430.

Ferte-Milon, Firmitas Milonis, is water'd by the Rivulet Oure or Oureque, and stands between Meaux Soiffons, and Senlis, 35 miles from Paris to the Northeast, and 20 from Compeigne to the South-east. It was so called, as it were the Force or Fortress of Count Milon, who built it under the Reign of Lewisthe Gross; Son of King Henry I. Count of Vermandois, Valois, &c. who founded the Priory of Voulgis. It is a good Town, and hath large Suburbs and a ftrong Caftle. It was very much impair'd during the Civil Wars, in the end of the XVI Century. A Provofthip and Caftellany is established here, from whence appeals lie to the Prefidial Court of Senlis.

SOISSONOIS, Suessionensis Ager, lies between Valors and Laonnois, and hath these chief Towns, viz.

Soiffons Bish. Braine. Velly.

Soissons, Suessiones, five Suessones & Augusta Suessonum, is a very fair, large and well fortified City feated on the River Aifne, at the distance of about 16 miles from the Frontiers of Picardy and Champagne, 22 from Compeigne to the East, 30 from Meaux to the North, and 50 from Paris to the Northeast. In the time of the first Race of the French Kings. it was the Capital City of a Kingdom of the same Name; afterward it bore the Title of a County, and was annexed to the Government of Picardy as well as Laon, although they now depend on that of the Isle It is at present the Seat of a Presidial of France. Court, and a Generality, as also the Sec of a Bishop, who is the first Suffragan to the Archbishop of *Rheims*, and in his Absence hath a right to crown the Kings of The Country hereabouts is very fruitful in France. Corn.

Braine, Brennacum aut Brana, is a small Town and Abby on the River Vesle, between Fimes to the East, and Soiffons to the West, about 10 miles from each, and 5 from the River Aifne to the South.

Veilly stands on the Aifne to miles above Soiffons, a finall Town and not confiderable.

L AONNOIS, Laudunensis Ager, is extended between part of Champagne, Picardy, Beauvoisis and Soissonois, and is the North-east Border of this Government, including these principal Cities, Towns, &c.

Laon Bish. Solvauni. Chauni. Premontre, &c.

Laon, Laudunum, aut Laudunum Clavatum, is a large well fortified City, and an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Rbeims; this Bishop is one of the ancient twelve Peers of the Realm, enjoys the Title of a Duke, and hath the right to carry the Sacred Vial la St. Ampoule, at the Cotonation of the Kings of France. It was at first only a Castle built at the top of an high Hill, and called Laudu-

num, from a Name commonly attributed by the Gauls to all places of fuch Situation, but in time grew to be a pretty good Town, which King Clovis the Great enlarged and made a City, and St. Remigius or Remi of Rei ms erec'ted the Bishoprick and founded a Cathedral Church, on which at prefent depend 84 Canons, of which four are dignitaries. This City is diftant 18 miles from Soiffons to the North, 35 from Compeign to the East, and 65 from Pauis to the North-

Lieffe, Letitia, is a finall Town on the Frontiers of Picardy and Champagne, about 8 miles from Laon, to the East. It is chiefly famous on the account of the Pilgrims that frequently refort hither from divers parts to pay their Devotions in a Church dedicated to the Virgin Mary; where even the Kings of France have used to pay their Devotions as soon as they came to the Crown, without which they beleived they had

not the Power to cure the King's Evil.

Noyon, Noviodunum, Noviomagus, aut Noviomum, is fituated on the Rivulet Vorfe, which a little below falls into the Oife, at the distance of 20 miles from Soissons to the North-welt, 25 from Laon to the West, and 45 from Paris to the North. The Archbishoprick of Vermandois was translated bither A. C. 520. when Agusts Vermanduorum, or St. Quintin, the Metopolis of that Diocess, was ruin'd by the Barbarians. Noyon is a well-built City adorned with fair Buildings and Magnificent Churches, the chief of

which is the Cathedral, dedicated to the Virgini Mary, besides a great number of Fountains, and four Suburbs. This Bishop had Jurisdiction over all Flanders before Tournay was etected into a See. He is still Count and Peer of France. It may not be amils to note that the famous John Calvin was born here,

A. 1509.

Chauny, Calniacum, stands on the Banks of the Chauny, Calniacum, stands on the Banks of the East. It is a Royal Town and a Caftleany, although of a finall compass. It was annexed to the Crown by

Charles V. in 1378.

Premontre, Præmonstratum, is a Village distant 8 miles from Laon to the West, about 16 from Noyon to the East, and 15 from Soissons to the North. It took its Name from a Famous Abby of Canons Regular of St. Augustin, founded there by St. Norbert,

fometime Archbishop of Magdeburg.

The Isle of France, with the Soissonnois, Laonnois, Beauvaisis, &c. hath a Governor-General, a Governor of the City, Vicounty and Provostship of Paris, besides which there is a Grand Provost of Paris and the Isle of France, properly so called; 4 Lieutenant-Generals in Beauvaisis, and Vexin Francois, a Baily of Valois, about 20 Governors of the King's Houses, and particular Governors of Beauvais, Compeign, Marli, Laon, Noyon, and Soiffons, Villers, Senlis, Crefpi en Valois, &c.

CHAP. VI.

BRETAGNE, Armorica aut Britania Minor.

THE Province of Bretagne, or the leffer Britain, apparently took its modern Name from those People of Great Britain, who having escaped the fury of the Sexons, arriv'd on these Coasts, where they were courteoully entertained by the Inhabitants, and incorporated with them into one Body. They still retain a different Language from the rest of France. This Country was heretofore called Armorics, i. e. admire fits, from its fituation on the Seafhoar, and afterward Llydaw, in the British Tongue in the same sense; as also Letavia in Latin, by the English Writers of the middle Age. It is bounded on the East by the Provinces of Anjou, Maine, and part of Normandy, advancing it felf in form of a Penisse to the West into the Ocean, with which it is encompassed on the three other sides. Its utmost extent from East to West, consists of about 170 English miles; that is to fay, from Vitrey to the point of Conquet, and about 100 miles from North to South, viz. From St. Mulo to the Borders of Poistou, but in other Flaces it is not above 70 miles broad. It is situated between the 47th Degree, and almost the 49th of Latitude.

Julius Cefar first made himself Master of this Province, and it remained under the Dominion of the Romans till Maximus having caused himself to be proclaimed Emperor in England, A. C. 382, granted to one of his Lieutenant-Generals named Conan Meridiac, the Title of King of Armorica or Bretagne, which Soveraignty continued to the time of Clovis and Chilperick, who oblig'd these Princes to be content with the stile of Counts. But they often revolted, until Dagobert II. rendred them Tributary; and Charlemanne entirely subdued them A. 787. How Charlemagne entirely subduced them A. 787. ever they took up Armes against Lewis the Debonn.tire and Charles the Bald, and their last King Solomon was flain in Battle. Afterwards the Country was Govern'd by divers Princes until the Year 1213. at which time Aix, the Heirels of Bretagne, Married Peter of Dreux Mucler, whose Successors to the number of Ten retained the Possession thereof under the title of a Dutchy, until to the Year 1491, when Ann of Bretague the only Daughter of Francis II. the last Duke, was espouled to King Charles VIII. and and afterwards to Lewis XII. who inseparably united this Dutchy to the Crown of France.

The Soil of this Province yields Pasture, Hemp, Wood, Minerals, fome Corn, but no Wine; and about Nantes great quantity of Salt is made. The Meadows feed abundance of Cattle, especially Horses, of which a very good Race are bred here. Hemp and Flax grows in great plenty, so that abundance of Canvas and Linnen is made here. The Forests are many and large, and contain great variety of Game. Between Chateau-Briant and Martignes, are found Mincs of Iron and Lead, and in other places fome of Copper and Tin. This Province is happy in Havens, having more good Sea-Ports than any other part of France, and many Islands all round ir. The Inhabitants are good Fisher-men, which they are encouraged to by the great variety of delicate Fish daily taken on their Coasts; particularly Salmons, Herrings, Sardines, and a certain Fish of a most delicious taste, called Imperador, or Emperor

at Marfeille, and Gracieux Signieur, or Gracious Lord in Bretagne; besides Tunnies, Porpesses, Dolphins, Sturgeon, and some others appropriated to the Royal Fishery. Travellers admire the Jewels of Amber at Belle-Isle, the Aqueducts at Dol, the Vaults between Rieux and Redon, the Subterranean Torrent in the Forest of St. Aubin du Cormier, the singular Properties of the River Ardre, and the Lake of Grand-lieu near Nantes, from whence are taken many Toad-stones, and Serpent-Tongues of extraordinary Vertue,

The most considerable Rivers of this Province are the Loire, the Vilaine, Rance, Blavet, Aufen, Trieux,

Laitta, Oder, Arguenon and Covefnon.

Bretagne is divided into nine Diocesses.

The Bishoprick of Rennes, Chief Town, Rennes.

The Upper The Bishoprick of Nantes, Chief Town towards the East, in 5.viz. The Bishoprick of St. Malo. Idem.

The Bishoprick of St. Brieux. Idem.

The Lower The Bishoprick of Treguier. Idem. roward the The Bisho of St. Paul De Leon. Idem. West in 4. The Bisho of Quimpercorentin. Idem. viz. Idem. Idem.

The Bishoprick or Diocess of R E NN E S, Episcopatus Rhedonensis, is situated on the Frontiers of Normandy, and the Province of Maine, and bounded on the North by the Bishoprick of Dol. The chief Towns are these, viz.

Rennes Bish. \ Fougueres, Vitrey. \ \ Antraim, &c.

Rennes, Rhedones aut Conducte Rhedonum, stands on the River Vilaine, which here receives the Lille, and divides the Town into two parts, and at the distance of 54 miles from Nantes to the North, 40 from St. Malo to the South, and 30 from the Borders of the Province of Maine to the West, and 30 from the Borders of Normandy to the South. It is the Capital of Bretagne, and was heretofore the Place of Residence of the Counts or Earls of Bretagne, and was for some time the Seat of the Parliament of the whole Province, which was established there by King Henry II. but has been in this Age remov'd to Vannes. It is an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Tours. The Dioces contains 450 Parishes, besides two notable Abbeys, viz. Of St. Magdalen and St. George, within the City, a College of Jesuis, and divers other Houses for Religious Persons. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to St. Peter, besides which there are several Parochial Churches. The Palace where the Parliament used to Sit, is a fair Building. The Clock of it is admired, as being one of the largest in France. This City is pleasantly seated in a fruitful Country, being environ'd with Pastures and Forests, and hath a good Trade by means of the River.

Vitrey, Vitraum, Vitriacum, and Vistoriacum, is a fair walled Town, bearing the Title of a Barony, and stands also on the Banks of the Vilaine, 24 Miles above Rennes to the East, and not above five from the Borders of Maine. The Protestants had formerly a considerable Church here.

Fougeres, Fiticeriae, is feated on the River Corespon, near the Frontiers of Normandy and Maine, 15 Miles from Vitrey to the North, and near 30 from Rennes to the North-East. This Town hath given its Name to a Noble Family, and is noted for the fine Glass made in it. Raouel de Fougers, fortissed it, and built the Castle.

The Bishoprick of N A NTES. Episcopatus Nannetensis, lies to the South of Rennes, between the Frontiets of Anjou and Poitou, and the River Vilaine. The most considerable Towns are these, viz.

> Nantes, Bish. Ancenis, Chateau-Briant, Guerande, La Roche-Bernard, &c.

Nantes, Nannetes, aut Corbilium, the Capital City of a County of the same Name, is seated on the Northern Bank of the River Loire, near the confluence of the River Ardre, about 30 Miles from the Sea to the East, 40 from Angers to the West, and 55 from Rennes to the South. It was the Seat of the later Dukes of Bretagne, and gave the Title of a Count to their eldeft Sons. It is at prefent a handsome large City, well fortified, and hath a strong Castle slanked with Towers and Half-Moons. It is the See of a Bishop, who is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Tours, and is a Councellor in the Parliament of Rennes. Here is a University, a Presidial, Generality and Chamber of Accounts. The Publick Buildings are the Cathedral dedicated to St. Peter, a fair ancient Structure, beautified with two high Towers: In it are to be feen the Tombs of feveral Dukes of Bretagne; the Collegiate Church of the Virgin Mary, and some Parochical ones; divers Monasteries, the Town-House built after the Modern Architecture; the Palace of the Chamber of Accounts; that of the Presidial Court, with a beautiful Tower and Clock; and a stately Hospital. This City is a great Mart for Trade; vast quantities of all sorts of Merchandizes are brought in by the River Loire, which flows up to its Walls, and brings up very large Boats, and Ships of small Burden: And from hence by the same River Foreign Goods are fent to Anjou, Blois, Orleans, &c. and Native Commodities brought down; an excellent fort of Brandy is exported hence to Foreign Countries. By reason of this convenience of Traffick, the City has from time to time been largely encreased, and there are now four Suburbs round it, which are well filled with Inhabitants. A famous Edict in favour of the Protestants was made here by King Henry IV. in the Year 1598, which was registred in the Parliament of Paris, and confirmed and tworn to by his Successor Lewis XIII. Notwithstanding which the present King hath repealed it in the Year 1685. and severely persecuted the Protestants.

Ancenis, Ancenissim, and Anderesium, was heretofore the chief Town of the Amnires, stands likewise
near the Banks of Loire, and is distant 25 Miles from
Angers to the West, and 18 from Nantes to the NorthEast. It was formerly defended with a Castle built
by Aremburg, the Wise of a Breton Count, named

Gueree, &c.

Chateau-Briant, Castrum Brientii, is a small Town senced with an old Castle on the Frontiers of Anjou, about 30 Miles from Nantes to the North.

Guerande, Guerada, aut Aula Quiriaca, is between the Mouths of the Vilaine and Loire, 38 Miles below Names to the West, and is remarkable on ac-

count

Machecou, Machicolium, is the chief Town of a fmall County commonly called the Dutchy of Ratz, and seated on the South side of the Loire, about 10 Miles from it, 20 from Nances to the South-West, 4 from the Frontiers of Poitou, and about 5 from the Coasts of the Ocean.

The Bishoprick or Diocess of St. MALO, Episcopaeus Macloviensis, is situated on the Northern Part of the Province near that of Dol, and includes these remarkable Towns, viz.

St. Milo, Maclovi, or Macloviopolis, one of the chief Towns and Ports of the upper Bretagne, is feated on the Northern Coast, and built on a Rock in the Sea, call'd the Island of St. Aaron, and joined to the Continent by the means of a long Cauley, of not above 30 Fathoms broad, the entrance whereof is defended by a strong Castle, slanked with large Towers, and the Town surrounded with Walls, deep Ditches, and always guarded with a sufficient Garrison; besides which to the Sea it is secured by a shoal of Sand that encompasses it, and several Rocks and small Islands, that make a Haven of difficult access, infomuch that it is reputed one of the Keys of France. It is confiderable for its Traffick and Strength, and the Skill of its Inhabitants in Maritime Affairs, by which means great numbers of Privateers are in time of War from hence fitted out, and much diffurb the Trade of these Seas. It was founded on the Ruins of the ancient Alet, or Guid-Aleth, and derives its Name from that of its first Bishop Maelovius, or Macutus, and is distant 10 Miles from Dol to the North-West, 36 from Rennes, and 90 from Nuntes to the North, and 200 Miles West from Paris. St. Malo was at first only an Abbey, until the Bishoprick of Quidalet was translated thirber in the Year 1172. But it hath ever fince retained the Title of an Episcopal See, under the Metropoliran of Tours. The Cathedral dedicated to St. Vincent, is one of the most ancient of all France. Besides the Cathedral, there are many fair Monasteries, and some other publick Buildings of good Nore.

Dinant, Dinantium, stands on the Banks of the River Rance, about 15 miles from St. Malo to the South. This Town in time past hath been well fortified, and hath conferr'd the Title of an Earl on the younger Sons of the Duke of Bretagne.

Jocelin is a small Town on the side of the River

Ouste or Aust, near 40 Miles from Rennes to the West, and as many from St. Brieux to the South.

Montfort, a small Town on the River Melin, which falls into the Vilaine, stands 10 miles from Rennes to the West.

The Diocess of DOL, Episcopatus Dolensis, is of small extent and adjoins to that of St. Malo; it lies in the North-East Angle of Bretagne, and bounded

by the Frontiers of Normandy and the Ocean.

The City of Dol, Dola, and Dolenfis Urbs, is feated in a Marshy Plain, at the distance only of 6 Miles from the Coasts of the British Sca to the South, 10 from Sr. Malo to the South-East, and 30 from Rennes to the North. It takes up a vety little space of Ground in compass, but is desended with a strong Fort. The Cathedral Church bears the Name of St. Sonson, who was the first Bishop of this Diocess; and some of his Successors have assumed the Title of Metropolitans of

count of the adjacent Salt-pits, near the Port of the Province, which Preeminence nevertheless after a long Tryal at Law, was at length granted to the Archbishop of Tours.

> The Bithoprick or Diocess of St. BRIEUX, Briacensis Episcopatus, lies on the West of St. Malo, between Treguier and Vannes, containing these Principal Towns, viz.

> > St. Brieux, Bish. Sagon.
> > Pontrieux,
> > Quintin,
> > St. Brieux, Bish. Sagon.
> > Lambale.

St. Brieux, Briocum, aut Fanum Sancti Brioci, is fituated on the Gulph of Hilion, between the Rivers of Trieu and Arguenon, being diftant 25 Miles from Trequier to the East, 36 from St. Malo to the West, and 55 from Rennes. It is well fortified, and hath a convenient Harbour on the Coasts of the British Sea. This City takes its Name from St. Brieux, one of its Prelates. The Episcopal See was first founded by Neomene Duke of Bretagne, in the time of King Charles II. firnamed the Bald, A. C. 144, and its Bishop is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Tours.

Pontrieux, is a good Town, seated on the River Trieu, from which it takes its Name, at the distance of about 10 Miles from the British Sea, and 20 from

St. Brieux to the West.

Quintin, Quintinum, is a finall Town, and ftands about 10 Miles from S. Brieux to the South.

Lambale, Lambalium, was heretofore the Chief Town of the Arabiliates, an ancient People mention'd by Cafar (according to the Opinion of la Vigenere and others) and sometime belonged to the House of Cliffon; it is diftant only 10 or 12 Miles from the British Sea, 12 from S. Brieux to the East, and 45 from Rennes to the North-West. This place is especially famous on the account of the adjacent Pastures, wherein are fed many Herds of Cattle, and for its confiderable Trade in Parchment, &c.

The Bishoprick of TREGUIER, Episcoparus Trecoriensis, extends it self on the Northern Coasts of this Province, between S. Brieux and S. Pol de Leon, including these chief Towns, viz.

> Treguier, Bish. Annian, Morlaix, Guingamp, Carlesquin. Morlaix, Guingamp,

Treguier aut Lantriguet, Trecora aut Trecorium,olim Vorganium, is a very ancient City on the Northern Coasts of Bretagne, and hath been often exposed to the Incursions of the Saxons, Danes and Normans. The Bishop is both Spiritual and Temporal Lotd thereof, and assumes the Title of a Count. The Cathedral Church bears the Name of S. Tudgal, who was the first Prelate of this City. It hath a safe Harbour on the Coasts of the British Sea, and is distant 25 Miles from S. Brieux to the North-west, 10 from Pontrieux to the North, 30 from S. Pol de Leon to the East, and So from Rennes to the North-West.

Morlaix, Morlaum aut Mons Relaxus, fituate on the fide of a Hill, between two Valleys, near the Sea-Coasts, on a River of the same Name, which a little below falls into a Bay called le Toreau. It is a very large, well-built, and populous wall'd Town; the River is deep, and receives Vessels of 100 Tuns, which come up into the Town; by the Convenience whereof it is a Place of good Trade, which consists in Flore Coarses. in Flax, Canvals, Paper (made here in great quanThis hath so increased the number of the Inhabitants, that two Suburbs have been added to the Town, which are named Venice and S. Matthew. Here are many beautiful Buildings, among which the Palace called I' Hospital is one of the stateliest in the Province, and magnificent Churches, whereof that of the Virgin May is the most noted. On the top of the Hill stands the remainder of an old Castle, now almost ruin'd. Morlaix is distant 30 Miles from Treguier, to the South-West, 40 from Brieux to the West, and 12 from S. Pol de Leon to the South-East.

The Bishoprick or Diocess of St. POLDE LE-O N, Episcopatus S. Pauli Leonini, is bounded on the North and West by the Ocean; on the South by the Bishoprick of Quimper-Corentin, and on the East by that of Treguier. The Principal Towns are these,

S. Pol. de Leon. Bith.
Lefneven,
Lanaerneau,

Sperft,
Portal,
The Itle of Ouesfant, or
Ushant, &c.

S. P.inl, or Pol de Leon, or Leondoul, Leona & Fanum Sancti Pauli Leonini, aut etiam Staviocanus Portus, & Civitas Ofismiorum, was a considerable Town even in the time of Julius Cofur, who in his Commentaries makes mention of Offmii, whose Capital City (according to Ptolomy) was Vorganicum, which is called Vorgium in the Roman Itinerary, and Ofismii in the Notitia Imperii; it hath been ruined long fince, and of its ancient Diocels have been formed these three of S. Pol de Leon, S. Brieux and Treguier. This City is fituated on the Sea-coasts between Lantriguet or Treguier and Brest, and is distant about 30 miles from each, and 100 from Rennes to the West. It hath a safe Harbour, and is defended with a Fortress, wherein some of the Dukes of Bretagne have formerly refided. It is also at present an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Tours, and the Capital City of a small Territory called Leonnois; it hath been possessed by its own proper Princes, until about the year 1254, when John I. Duke of Bretagne purchased this Principality. Its fift Bishop was named P.tul, who died Anno 600, was canonized, and from him the City had its Name. The Chapter is composed of a Chanter, 3 Archdeacons, 16 Canons, 7 Prebendaries styled Vicars, &c. The Inhabitants speak the Low British Language more purely and elegantly than the other of the same Country.

Landerneau, stands on the Banks of the little River Elorne, which falls into the Bay of Brcft; and is diftant 24 miles from S. Pol de Leon to the South-West. It is noted for the Richness of the Soil of its Neigh-

bouring Country.

Brest, Brivates Portus, olim Gesocribale & Gesobrivate, is a famous Sea-Port Town, feated on the North fide of a large commodious Bay or Harbour, which opens to the Ocean in the most extreme We-ftern part of the Continent of France. The Entrance of this Harbour called the Goulet, is exceeding difficult by reason of certain Rocks, known by the Names of Minons, Filets, and Mingant, that lie under Water at high Tide, and is therefore the more secure Retreat for the French King's Ships of War, for which this is the only Port he has on this fide the Mediterranean. Wherefore this Town is one of the Grand Magazines of the Admiralty of France; Tou-lon in the Mediterranean being the other; and in this Harbour the greatest number of the French Navy,

tity) Linnen-Cloth and other Commodities that are exported hence to England, Holland, and other parts. This hath so increased the number of the Inhabitants, fions for 70 Sail of Men of War are laid up in this Town, and Ships of 80 and 90 Guns are built here, which makes Brest a populous and rich Place. It is well fortified after the modern manner, with strong Walls and a Caftle well fuftained with Outworks and Batteries. It is distant 35 m. les from S. Pol de Leon to the South-West, and 15 from the Promontory of Conquet.

Conquet, is a small Sea-Town, situate near the Southern Cape of the Bay of Brest, not considerable, and only mentioned because it gives name to the Road between it and the Islands of Belinguier, Molines, &c.

The Island of OUESSANT or USHANT, Uxentius, Uxantis, & Uxentissena, called 4xantos by Pliny, and Uxantissena by Antonius, lies at the distance of 30 Miles Westward from Brest, and is not above 20 Miles in compass; nevertheless it hath obtained the Title of a Marquifare. It is fortified with a Castle, and contains some rich Towns of Note.

The Bishoprick of QUIMPER-CORENTIN, is bounded on the M. by that of S. Pol de Leon, on the W. and S. by the Ocean, and by the Diocess of Vannes to the E. and takes up the S. W. Corner of the Lower Bretagne, and contains thele remarkable Towns, viz.

Quimper-Corentin, B. Concorneau,
Quimperlay,

Quimperlay,

Douvarenes,
Chatee-Lin,
Guirene, &c. Quimperlay,

Quimper-Corentin, Corisopitum, olim Curiosotiva, is the Metropolis of a finall Territory in the Lower Bretagne, named Cornouaille from the County of Cornwall in England, whence the City it self is also sometimes, the improperly called Cornonalle. Its ancient Name is Kemper or Quimper, whereto Corentin was added from that of its first Bissiop, who is supposed to have been ordained by S. Martin of Teurs, its Epif-copal See being as yet subject to that Metropoli-tan. This City was heretosore possessed by its own Counts or Farls; it is of a large extent, well built, and very confiderable for its Trafick, and fituated on the Oder, into which a small River falls that surrounds the Town, and makes it a kind of an Island. The Oder is so deep, that Barks of a large fize are convey'd at high Tide to the Port, at the confluence of the two Rivers, where flands the Suburbs term'd, The Duke's-Land, inhabited by many rich Merchants. The Cathedral is a stately Edifice, and of much Antiquity, adorn'd with two large Towers: There are also divers other Churches, and Monasteries, and the Bishops Palace, which is a very magnificent Psie of This City stands about 12 Miles from the Building. This City stands about 12 Miles from the Southern Shoar of Bretagne, and 30 from Brest to the South, and from Rennes about 120 to the East.

Concarneau, Conquerneau, or Concorneum, is a well fortified Town and Castle on the Sea-coast, lying between Blavet and Penmark, 15 Miles from Quimper-

Corentin to the South-East.

Quimperlay, Quimperlaum, is a reasonable good Town seated at the confluence of the two little Rivers Isotta and Laitta, about 8 Miles from the Sea-coasts, and 30 from Quimper Corentin to the East.

Douarnenes, a small Town about 10 Miles N. E. from Quimper Corentin, gives name to a large Bay, adjoining to that of Brest.

The Bithoprick or Diocess of VANNES, is bounded on the South by the Ocean, on the E. by the Diocess of Nantes, on the N. by that of S. Brieux, and on the West by that of Quimper-Corentin. The chief Towns are these. viz.

The France, and is almost encompassed with small Isles or Rocks. Its extent from W. to E. is about 10 Miles,

Vannes, or Vennes, Venetice, aut Dariorigum Venerorum, the Capital City of the Lower Bretagne, stands on an incommodious Bay, being fill'd with little Islands, into which the Sea flows through a Canal named Montalbon, and is distant 55 miles from Rennes to the S. W. somewhat less from Nannes to the West, and 60 from Quimper-Corentin to the East. It is defended with an old Castle called l'Hermire, which was formerly a Palace of the Dukes of Bretagne. The Cathedral dedicated to Sr. Peter, hath a considerable Chapter, and divers other sair Churches contribute much to render it a splendid City, but the sury of the Civil Wars hath diminish'd part of its ancient Lustre.

Port Louis, or Blavet, Portus Ludovici ant Blavetum, is a small but well fortified Town on the Mouth of the River Blavet, that takes it rise near the Burgh or Village of Grace in the Diocess of S. Brieux, and distangeth it self into the Sea at the Port of Blavet; which is a capacious and safe Harbour, and distant 26 Miles from Vaunes to the W. and near 40 from

Quimper-Corentin to the E.

Hamebon, Hamebontum, stands on the Banks of the same River Blavet, about 8 Miles from Blavet to the North, and 26 from Vannes to the W.

Bell-Isle, Calonesus, a considerable Island on the Southern Coasts of the Province of Bretagne, lies at the diffance of about 3 or 4 Leagues from the Continent of

and its greatest breadth about 5 Miles. It hath a fair Haven and some strong Forts over against Vannes and Auray. The whole Island is at present divided into 4 Paristes, and tho' of a small compass, yet affords much good Pasture-Ground for Catile. It is also remarkable for its Salt-Pits, and on the account of the frequent Paffage of Veffels along the adjacent Coafts, but especially because it is the usual Rendezvous of the French Fleet, when they put to Sea. Bell-Ifle was heretofore possessed by the Monks of the Abby of S. Croix of Quimper, till King Charles IX. erected it into a Marquisate, and bestow'd it on the Count of Raic, A. D. 1573. The Abby hath been also endow'd for some time with so plentiful a Revenue, that it was esteem'd a competent Preserment for Antony of Bourbon, Base Brother to King Hemy IV. to be created Lord Abbot thereof. The Principal Place bearing the name of the Town, is adorn'd with a very stately Cittadel or Castle, called the Palace, and so well senced of late with Ramparts and other Works, according to the modern Method of Fortification, that it feems to be almost impregnable.

The Governor-General of Bretagne hath under him two Lieutenants-General, whereof one hath the Infpection of all the Province except the County of Nantes, under whom are two Lieutenants. The other hath the care of that Country only. There are also particular Governours in these Places, viz. Nantes, Vannes, S. Malo, Dinant, Vitre, Brest, Quimper,

Blavet, and Bell-Isle.

CHAP. VII.

L'ORLEANOIS, or the Government of Orleans.

THE Government of ORLE ANOIS is one of the most fruitful and pleasant Countries of France, and its Jurisdiction is one of the largest extent, as comprehending fourteen or fifteen small Provinces, every one of which hath its particular Governor. This Government takes its name from Ocleans, its chief City, but Appeals lie from thence to the Parliament of Paris. It is extended from East to West, that is to say, from the Castle of Chinon in Nivernois as far as the Coasts of the Ocean, the space of about 270 miles; and 190 Miles from South to North, viz from Moubrun in Angoumois to Nonancourt in Normandy; It is bounded on the North by the Ille of France and Normandy; on the East by Campagne and Burgundy; on the South by Xaintonze, Perigort, la Marche, and Bourbonnous; and on the West by Bretagne and the Sea: and it lies from South to North between the 45th degree 40 minutes, and the 48th degree 50 Minutes of Latitude; as also from West to East, between the 14th degree 40 Minutes, to the 21 degree 40 Minutes of Longitude, which ought to be understood of its greatest length and breadth.

The Soil is extreamly rich, plentifully bringing forth Corn, Fruits, Wine, and every thing necessary for the support of Humane Life, abounding likewise in Verdant Meadows, Arable and Woods. The great Forest of Orleans is especially remarkable, containing 70000 Acres of Land, and double that in the time

of Francis I. The principal Rivers are the Leire, into which the Indre, the Cher, and the Vienne, enlarged with the Streams of the Creuse, discharge themselves between Montereau and Langest in Touraine: The Mayne in like manner being joined to the Sartes a little above, Angers falls into the same River Loire about a League below that City. The Aller also falls into the Loire a little below Nevers. Lastly, the Charante takes its rise in Angoumois, passet through Xaintonge, and runs into the Sea over against the Island of Oleron.

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ORLEANOIS, properly so call'd, lies between Berry, Gatinois, Beauce and Blassois. The most confiderable Towns of this Country are these, viz.

Orleans, Bish.
Beaugency,
La Ferte Seneterre.
or S. Aubin.

Stilly.
Gergeau.
Pluviers, &c.

ORLEANS, Aurelia, Aurelianensis Orbs, olim Genabum, is one of the principal Cities of France; it is structe on the River Loire, on the side of a Hill, and in form of a Bow. It's a very ancient City, and by some said to have been built by the Druds; or according to others by the Emperor Marcus Aurelius, A. D. 163. who gave it the name. The Buildings are fair and beautiful, though old: The Fortiscations are a Terras and strong Wall, with 40 Towers on it.

a Terras and strong Wall, with 40 Towers on it. From the middle of the City there is a Bridge over the Loire, built of Stone upon 16 Arches, which leads into one of the Suburbs. On this Bridge stands a Statue of the Virgin Mary, and on her right, at some distance another of King Chailes VII. and on her left one of the samous Virago's Joan d'Arc, all three of Copper. This City was the Capital of a separate Kingdom, in the first Ages of the French Monarchy: At present it bears the Title of a Dutchy, which is appropriated to the second Sons of the Kings of France. It is also the Sec of a Bistop, who is Susfragan to the Archbishop of Paris, and adorn'd with a samous Uni-

versity, founded by King Philip the Fair.

The Cathedral is a venerable and sumptuous building; its Chapter confifts of 59 Canons, and 12 Dignita-ries: Besides the Cathedral, here are 4 Collegiate and 22 Parochial Churches. A Generality is established here (to which 12 Elections, containing 1148 Parithes refort) and also a Bailiage and Prefidial. The Country round it is very fruitful and pleasant, and the River furnishes them with the Commodities of Foreign Nations from Nantes, as well as the Product of their own from the more Southern Provinces. Orleans liath sustain'd divers Sieges; Attila King of the Huns invested it A. D. 450. but it was reliev'd, and the Huns totally routed by Ætius the Roman General, affifted by Mrrowen the French King, and Theodorick the Goth. In the year 1423, our English Forces under the command of Thomas Mauneuse Earl of Salisbury befieged this City, and reduc'd it to great diffress, but a certain Maid of 18 years old, call'd Foan of Arc, came to the King of France, and pretending her felf fent from God, put on Man's Habit and Armour, and having got into Orleans, did fo animate the besieged, that by their frequent Sallies, in which Joan was always the foremost, they forc'd the English to raise the Siege, having lost the Earl of Salisbury, the Lord Molines, the Lord Poynings, and many Soldiers. This Woman was for some time the Director of the French Armies, in which the had great fuccefs, till at length being taken by the English, the was burnt for a Witch. Civil Warthe Protestants made themselves Masters of this City; and being belieged by the Duke of Guije, he was treacheronfly flain by John Poltror, Ech. 14, 1563. and a Month after a Peace was concluded and the City furrendred: But in 1567, the Protestants again feiz'd it, and for a long time it was their Head Quarters. Orleans is feated, as bath been faid, upon the River Loire, and is distant near 70 Miles from Paris to the South, 160 from Nantes to the East, 220 from Bourdeaux to the North-East, 190 from Lyons to the North-West, 130 from the Head of the River Meuse to the West, 60 from Tours, and 30 from Blois

to the East, 55 from Bourges to the North, and 70 from Sens to the West.

Sully, Sulliacum, & La Ferte-Seneterre, or S. Aubin, are two Towns of good Note, both bearing the Title of Dutchies; the former is feated on the Loire, 28 miles above Orleans to the Eaft, and the other 10 miles from the fame City to the South.

Gergeau, or Gargeau, Gergetium, stands in like manner on the Banks of the Loire, to miles above Orleans to the East. Our English Forces gain'd this Town from the French, A. D. 1420. but John II. Duke of Alenson, retook it by Storm in the year ensuing.

BLASOIS, Blesensis Ager, is extended between Berry, Orleanois proper, whereof it is a part, Beauce, Perche, Vendonois, and Touraine, the chief Towns of this Country are,

Blois, SMer, Chateau Dun, Remorentin.

Blois, Blese, & Blesense Castrum, the chief Town of a Tetritory of the same name, is seated on the fide of an Hill near the South Banks of the River Loire, over which is built a fair ftone Bridge, at the distance of 30 Miles from Orleans to the West, and as many from Tours. It is honoured with the Title of a County, and beautified with a most magnificent Caltle, not long fince repair'd by Gallen Duke of Orleans, which (by reason of the pleasantness of the Place, and wholsomness of the Air) hath often afforded a Royal Seat to the Kings of France, and wherein one of them, viz. Lewis XII. was born. Belides that, it hath heretofore afforded Nurture to many young Princes of the Royal Family; not to mention that the first Counts of Blois were descended from Hugh Capet. Moreover the spacious Park and adjacent Garden are much admir'd by Travellers; it may perhaps not be amifs to observe that divers Queens of France have died at Blois, particularly Ann the Wife of Charles VIII. and Lewis XII. A. D. 1514. Maude the Wife of Francis I. in 1524 and Catherine of Medicis the Wife of Henry II. in 1589. In the year 1562, this City being possessed by the Protestants, was taken and sack'd by the Kings Forces under the Duke of Guife. In 1576. the Affembly of the Estates of the Kingdom were convoked hither by King Henry III. to accommodate the Differences between the Hugonots and the Papists, but broke up in a little time without effecting it. Again, in the Year 1588, they met here upon occasion of the great Diforder the Kingdom was brought into by the Holy League, and the Duke of Guife, the Head of it was here flain in the Castle by the Kings command.

Civateau Dun, Cassellodonum, Called corruptly Chaudun, is a neat well built Town lesser, and the Capital of the small Country of Dunois. It hath an old Cassle, and is distant 25 Miles from Bleis to the North, and 20 from Vendome to the East; it is seated upon a small River, which ariseth about 20 Miles from hence, and bears the name of the Loire also, and falls into the great Stream at Angers.

Remorentin, or Remorentin, Remorentinum, Remorentinum, & Rivus Moretentino, is a good Town, feated upon a little River, that a little below falls into the Cher, and is diftent 25 Miles from Blois to the South-East. Thole Geographers that call this part the Lower Orleanois, make this Town the Capital of another Division named Sologne,

BEAUSSE or BEAUCE, Belfia, lies between the Isle of Feauce, Perche, Blafois, and Orleanois; and its most remarkable Towns are, Chartres, Bish. \ Gaillardon. Nogent-le-Roy. \ Bonneval. Espernon.

Chartres, Carnutum, Carnutes, aut Autricum, the Metropolis of the Province of Beausse, and of the Tertitory of Chartrain, is fituated on a Hill, and on the banks of the River Eure, 45 miles from Paris to the South-west, and as many from Orleans to the North. It is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Paris. This City and its Territories were sometimes subject to its own Counts, but united to the Crown, in 1528. And Francis I. erected it into a Dutchy in savout of Madam Renee of France, Dutchess of Ferrara: It is an ancient City, but fair and well-built; the Streets are narrow, but the publick Places are spacious, and the Houses neat; the Churches are magnificent, epecially the Cathedral, which is remarkable for its beautiful Quire, Church under Ground, and two very sine Steeples; the Chapter is compos'd of 72 Canons, and 17 Dignitaries, within the Diocess are contain'd 30 Abbies, 257 Priories, and above 1300 Parishes. Rollo Duke of Narmandy Bestegi'd the City of Chartres, A. D. 911, and in 1019, it was almost entirely consum'd by Fire. In 1568, the French Protestants in vain besieg'd it. It adher'd to the League Party, and stood out against Henry IV. who at length took it, and caus'd himself to be Crown'd therein, 4. D. 1591.

Nogent-le-Roy, Nonigentum, seu Nogentum Regium, stands on the banks of the River Eure, where it single begins to be Navigable, 12 miles from Chartres to the North, and 8 from Dreux to the South. This Town about five Ages ago, was named Nogent l'Erembert, Nonigentum Erembertium, according to the report of the French Historiagrapher Du Chesne, and is remarkable for the Death of King Philip of Valous, which happend there on the 22d day of April, A.D.

1350.

Dreux, Drecum, the chief Town of a County of the same name, is seared on the River, at the foot of a Hill, on which is erected a Castle, formerly well fortified, but now half ruin'd. It is a very ancient Town, and said to be built by Druis a King of the Gauls. It is distant about 20 miles from Charters to the North, and 40 from Paris to the West. Robert the Son of Lewis the Gross, obtain'd the County of Dreux in 1137, and from him are descended the Counts of this Name, as also a branch of the Family of the Dukes of Bretagne. This place is samous for a bloodly Battle sought near it, between the French Roman Catholicks and Protestants, A. D. 1652.

PERCHE, Perticus, is bounded on the North, by Normandy, on the West by Muine, on the South by Vendomis, and on the East by Besuce. It is usually divided into the Upper, or the County and the Lower or Perche Gouzs, from the name of one of its ancient Lords. Its chief Towns are.

Nogent-le-Rotrou, \ \ Timerais, D. \ \ La Pierriere.

Nozent-le-Rotrou, Nonigentum Rotrudum, olim Novidumm feu Neodunum, is fituated on the River Huisne almost in the midst between Chartres to the East, and Muns to the West, about 33 miles from each. It is the principal Town of the upper Perche, and generally esteem'd the fairest throughout the whole Kingdom of France, and is very much enrich'd by divers forts of Manusactures, particularly of Silks, Linnen-cloath

and Leather. The Earl of Salisbury took this place during the Wars betwixt the English and the French in the XVth Century, and caus'd many of the Inhabitants to be Hang'd; butthe French King Charles VII. recover'd it, A. D. 1449.

Mortaigne, Moritania, stands on a Hill and a Brook,

Mortaigne, Moritania, stands on a Hill and a Brook, which begins to form the River Huigne, or Huifne, about 8 miles from the Frontiers of Normandy, and 40 from Chartres to the West. It is a very pleasant Town, and adorn'd with divers fair Churches, a Castle, Ge.

Timerais, Timerenfis Pagus, is a Town on the Confines of Normandy, 30 miles from Nogent, bearing

the title of a Principality.

LE MAINE, Ager Meduanus, hath Normandy for its Northern Bounds, Perche, Vendomois, and Beauce on the East, Bretagne on the West, and Anjou on the South. It is usually divided into the Upper and Lower, and contains these chief Towns, viz.

Mans, Bith.
Mayenne, D. Sabte.
Laval.

Laval.

Laval.

La Ferte Bernard.

Sabte.

Beaumont-le-Vicomte.
Chateau-du-Loire, &c.

Mans, Cenomenum olim, ut & Vindinum, is fituate on the Confluence of the Sarre and the Huijne, about 60 miles from Chartres to the Eath, 25 from the Confines of Normandy to the South, and 40 from Tours to the North. It is a very ancient City, but hath been much more confiderable than it is at prefent: For Aimoin affures us, that under Charlemaigne it was one of the most flourithing of Gallia Belgica; fince which time, the Incursions of the Normans, the Wats of the English, and the frequent Conflagrations it hath suffer'd, have so far desac'd its Beauty, that it hath often chang'd its Form. However, a Presidial Court is held therein, and it is as yet the See of a Prelate Suffragan to the Archbishop of Tours. The Cathedral Church was at first dedicated to the Virgin Mary, afterward to S. Grevace, and at length to S. Julian, who was the first Bishop of this Diocels.

Miyenne, Miduana, is pleasantly scated on a River of the same name, 15 miles from the Frontiers of Normandy, and 35 from Mins to the North-west. This Town formerly bore the title of a Marquisare and was afterwards erected into a Dutchy, and given

to the Family of Guise.

Laval, or Laval-Guion, Lavallium aut Vallis Guidonis, is fituated on the River Miyenne, about 16 miles below Mayenne, and 15 from the Confines of Anjou, to the North. It appertains to the Noble Family of Trinouille, and is chiefly remarkable for its Manufacture of Linnen-cloth.

La Ferte-Bérnard, Firmitas Bernardi, is a large Town, built on the lide of the River Huisne, near the Frontiers of Perche. It is distant 25 miles from Mans to the East. A Court of Justice is held therein at

certain times.

The Dutchy of ANJOV borders on Maine to the North, Bretagne to the Weft, Poitou to the South, and Touraine to the East, including about 30 Leagues in length, and 20 in breadth. It affords vast quantities of excellent Wine, and Quarries of Slate, with which all the Houses are coverd, and is water'd with 36 Rivers, the chief of which are the Loire, the Sarte, the Loire, the Mayenne, the Dive, the Vienne, the Touay, the Larion, the Eure, and the Guinate, besides so great a number of Lakes, Ponds, Brooks, and Springs, that some are of opinion, that the name of Anjou is deriv'd from Aiguade, signifying Water. This Province was given by Charles the Bald to Robert of Saxony, A. D. 370, with the Title of Earl of Anjou, whole

whose Son Eudes was King of Feance, and his Great Grandson Hugh Capet, began the third Race of those Monarchs. Hugh the Great, Father of Hugh Capet, gave it to Geoffry Gryseponde, A. D. 926, whose Grandson added to it the Province of Touraine by Conquett, and his Descendant Foulk III. obtained that of Mine also by Marriage A. D. 1083. Which Foulk was Father to Geoffry the Husband of Maud, Daughter to out King Henry I. who contended with Stephen for the Crown of England, which her Son Henry II. enjoy'd, and added to it these Estates, which continued part of the Demess of the English Crown till the time of King John, when Philip Augustus, the French King Feiz'd it, A. D. 1202. And it is now an Appenage of the Second Son of France. It is usually divided into Upper and Lower, Angiers being the Capital of the former, and Saumur of the latter. The chief Towns are

Angers, Bish. Brisfac.
Saumur,
La Fleche.
L.: Leude. Pont de Ce.
Beaufort.

Angers, Andegavum, olim Juliomagus, is seated very pleasantly and in a good Air, at the Confluence of the Rivers Mayne and Sarte, and the upper Stream of the Loire, being d.ftant only one League from the great Stream of the Loire to the North, 25 miles from Saumur to the West, 40 from Nantes to the East, and 55 from Mans to the South-west. The greater part of the Town, properly called the City, is built on the fide of a pleasant Hill, on which stands the Castle, built on a Rock, flanked with 18 large round Towers and a Half-moon, and encompassed with a broad-flat-bottom'd Ditch, cut out of the fame Rock on the fide of the River, from whence all necessary provisions are drawn up with Engines. The City is large, wellbuilt and Populous, and hath a good Trade, which confifts chiefly in White-wines, whereof the best in France are made in this Province. The Cathedral Dedicated to St. Maurice, is a Beautiful Building, and remarkable for its three high Steeples over the Gate, its Body supported without Pillars, and its exceeding rich Treasure. There are also 15 other Parochial Churches, three Abbies, viz. Those of St. Al-bin, St. Nicholas, St. Sergius, and a great number of Monasteries, Seminaries, Se. The Episcopal See depends on the Metropolitan of Tours. The Civil Government of the City is administred by the Mayor, and 24 Echivens or Aldermen. The University here was founded by Lewis II. Duke of Anjou, A. D. 1388. and is now in flourithing state, and contains divers Colleges, of which that of the Port du Fer and the Oratory are most noted.

Saumur, Salmurum, aut Salmurium, olim Truneum, is feated on the River Leire, over which it hath a long Stone-bridge, at the distance of 25 miles from Anjou to the East, 50 from Mans to the South, and 30 from Tours to the East. The fituation of the place is very delightful, and on that account very much admir'd by Strangers. The Town is adorned with a stately Castle well fortified; the Church of Ardilliers, wherein the Fathers of the Oratory officiate and have a College, is the most notable in the Town. Here was formerly a famous Protestant Academy, well fill'd with Students, not only of Natives, but also young Gentlemen out of England, Germany, and Sweden; but since the Perfecution this hath been destroy'd.

La Fleche, Flexia, stands on the Banks of the up-

per stream of the Loire in the Upper Anjou, near the Consines of Maine, being distant 30 miles from Saumur to the North, 28 from Angers to the North-East, and about 25 from Mins to the South. In this Town is a magnificent College of Jesuits, sounded in the year 1603, by King Henry IV. containing three Courts, and as many Rows of Appartments, capable of entertaining a Prince. Here is also a Castle, in the Chapel whereof is interr'd the Heart of King Henry IV.

Brissac, Brissacum, is seated in a sertile Country near the Bridge of Ce over the Loire, about 12 miles from Angers to the South. It is a Town of small compass, nevertheless dignified with the Title of a Dutchy, erected in savour of Charles de Coss Marshal of France. It is also adorn'd with a fair Castle, a spacious Park, a Pond extending almost a League in

length, &c.

VENDOMOIS, a very small Country, lyes between Perche on the North, Maine on the West, Touraine on the South, and Blaiseis on the East. It is a very small Province, not above 20 miles in Extent, and contains not many Towns, the chief are.

Vendosme, Montoire.

Vendosme, Vindocinum, is fituate on the River Loire, 25 miles from Chateau-Dun to the South-weft 20 from Blois, to the North-weft, and 30 from Orleans to the Weft. It is defended with an Old Cassle, and bears the Title of a Dutchy, whereof Charles of Bourbon, Grand-Father to Henry IV. was the first Duke. A College of the Fathers of the Oratory, and some other Religious Houses, are founded here.

Montoire, stands also on the Loire, about 12 miles below Vendosine, and is a good Town, but of no us-

nal Note.

POICTOU, a large Province, is bounded on the East by Berry, Limolin, and Touraine; on the North by Anjou and Bretagne, on the West by the Ocean, and on the South by Angoumois and Xaintonge. It is usually divided into the Upper to the East, and the Lower to the West, and is a very fruitful Country, supplied also with plenty of Fish from the Neighbouring Sea, and Venison from the Inland Forests. It is also befor with many sair Towns, and Villages, the chief of which are these, viz.



Poiltiers, Piltavium, olim Limonum, one of the most ancient and largest Cities of the Kingdom, but not proportionably Opulent, there being Corn-fields and Meadows within the Walls. It is scared on a rifing Ground between the River Clain, which falls into the Vienne, and another Rivulet that springs out of a large Pond, and is joyned to the former at the Eastern end of the Town, near the Gate of S. Lazarus, where stands an old Castle, together with some remains of an Amphitheatre, and other Roman Monuments. It is an Episcopal See, dependant on the Metropolitan of Bourdeaux. Besides the Cathedral, sup-

and a great number of other Monasterics. Here is is also a University, Founded by King Charles VII. A. D. 1431. Poitiers is a Seneichaley subordinate to the Parliament of Paris, besides which Court, here is also a Presidial and a Generality. The Civil Government is administred by a Mayor, 12 Escheyins or Aldermen, and 12 Sworn Counsellers: The Mayor bears the Title of a Captain and Governor of Poitiers, and the Privilege of Nobility and many other Honours and Advantages are granted by the French Kings, to the Person that enjoys this dignity. The City is diffant 28 miles from the River Loire to the South, 100 from Orleans to the South-west, 65 from Angers to the South-east, 90 from the Sea-coast to the East, 70 from Saintes to the North-east, and about 100 from Bourges to the West.

Lucon, or Lussen, Lucione, is a City of a very small Compass, and destitute of Walls, situated in a Marthy Ground, near the Confines of the Country of Aunis, at the distance of about fix miles from the Ocean, 20 from Maillerais, and 70 from Poitiers to the West. Pope John XXII. establish'd its Episcopal See, changing an Abbey of the Benedictine Order into a Cathedral, A.D. 1317. One Lucius is reported to have founded the Abbey and given name to the Ci-

Maillezais, Malleacum, is a small City or Town, built on an Island form'd amidst the Marshes, by the Rivers Savre and Autise, being distant 30 miles from Rochel to the North-Eaft, and 50 from Poitiers to the South-west. It was heretofore the Place of Refidence of the Counts of Boitou and Dukes of Guienne, but at prefent is not much inhabited by reason of the unwholtomness of the Air. The Abbey of Maille-zais, was also erected into an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Bourdeaux, by Pope John XXII. in the year 1317. but Innocent X. caused it to be suppress'd A. D. 1649. and translated it to Rochel.

Lufignan, Lufignanum, stands on the Banks of the Voine, near 20 miles from Poitiers to the South-west, on the Road to Rochel and Bourdeaux. This Town is more especially famous for the Valour of its Illustrious Lords, who were Kings of Cyprus, Ferufalom, and Armenia. The Castle of Lusignan, sometime esteemed as Impregnable, was surprized by Mr. Troligni, for the French Protestants, A. 1569. But the Prince of Montpensier, retook it, after a Siege of eight Months,

in 1574, and difmantled its Fortifications.

Chatelerault, a good Town on the River Vienne, a-Road to Bois and Paris, hath the Title of a Dukedom, fometimes possess'd by the Hamiltons of Scotland, at present by Mademoiselle Montpensier the King's Aunt. bout 20 miles from Poitiers to the North, and on the

Riebelieu, Riebelium, aut Ricolocus, formerly a small Vulage; but this being the Place of Birth of that great Minister of State Cardinal Richelieu, he Rebuilt it and adorned it with a stately Palace and an Academy, and obtain'd it to be erected into a Dukedom and Peerage. It is feated on a little Rivulet that falls into the Vienne, and is distant 16 miles from Chatclerault to the West, and 28 from Poisiers to the North.

Loudun, is a confiderable wall'd Town, and gives name to the Country about it: It hath a Castle, which with the Town, hath a particular Governor. Here is a Nunnery of *Orfeillines*, famous not many years ago, for the Imposture the Nuns were guilty of, in pretending themselves Bewitch'd by the Curate of the

pos'd to be founded by St. Martial, and dedicated to Parish, whom they barabarously caused to be Execu-St. Peter, there are 24 Parochial Churches, five Abbies, ted. This Town stands about 10 miles from Riebelieu to the West, and 20 from Saumur to the South-East.

The small Country of AUNIS, Alnensis, Alnetensis aut Alniensis Tractus, Les to the South of Poitou, and and bounded on the West by the Ocean, and the I-stands of Re and Oleron: Its principal Towns are these,

Rochefort, SMarans, Rochefort, Srouage.

ROCHEL, Rupella, olim Portus Santonum hath been always a very confiderable Port and Mart-town; it is distant only two Leagues from the Island of Re, 4 from that of Oleron, 10 miles from the Confines of Porcton to the South, about 30 from Saintes to the North-West, and 70 from Poitiers to the South-West. This City, being the chief Seat of the Protestants, suffered much during the Civil Wars of France, and was often valiantly defended, and long possessed by that Party, till at length Lewis XIII, after a long and famous Siege made himfelf Master of it in the year 1628, chiefly by the means of an admirable Rampart or Bank of Earth, which Cardinal Richelieu caus'd to be raifed against it on the side of the Ocean: After it was taken, the King caus'd the Walls and Fortifieations to be demoliai'd, except only two Towers, which defend the Port. Afterward, in 1649, the Episcopal See of Maillegais was removed thither; the Island of Re, together with many other neighbouring Places, to the number of about 100 Towns and Villages, being taken from the Docess of Saintonge and added to this, as appears by the Confistorial Decree made on that occasion.

Rochefort, Rupifortium, hath a convenient Harbour at the Mouth of the River Charante, capable of receiving Men of War: It was at first only a small Village, but for the fake of its Port hath of late been wall'd round and fortified with strong Bastions and Ramparts, and some of the smaller of the King's Ships of War being laid up here, a Magazine is kept well stored with all forts of Ammunition for their Service, and an Hospital built for infirm Seamen. This Town is distant about 5 miles from the Seacoasts, and 15 from Rochel to the South.

Brouage, Broagium, formerly call'd Jacquez Ville, Facebipolis is a finall Town and Port, very well for-tified, and feated in a Marsh, near the Salt-works, being distant almost 3 Leagues from the Mouth of the Charance to the South, 8 from Rochel, 4 from Royan, and 8 from Saintes, to the West.

ANGOU MOIS, lyes on the South of Poistou, and is bounded on the West by Saintonge, on the South by Perigort, and on the East by Lymofin and La Marche, being extended 50 miles in length, and about 35 in breadth; The chief Towns in it are.

Angoulefme, Bish. Rochefoucaue, · Cognac, Jarnac.

Angoulesme, Engolisma, aut Inculisma, olim Ratiaftum, is feated on the top of a Hill, near the River Charante, about 50 miles from Poiltiers to the S. 30 from Saintes to the E. and 40 from Limoges to the W. It is a very ancient City, adorn'd with the Titles of a Dutchy and Seneschalcy, and hath a Presidial and Election. It is also an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Bourdeaux; and is well fortified with a ftrong Caftle and other Bulwarks, fo that it is acceffible only on one fide. In the adjacent Fields is to be scen a Spring, from whence iffueth a Torrent

of Waters, as it were a River, &c.
Rochefoucaut, Rupes Fucaldi, & Rupe Fucaldum, is a small Town and Castle on the Rivulet of Tardovere, about 15 miles from Angouleme to the N. E. It bears the Title of a Dutchy, and hath imparted its name to one of the most ancient and noble Families of France, from whence have sprung divers Branches, &c.

Farnac, Farnacum & Farniacum, stands on the Banks of the Charante, almost in the midst between Angou-leme to the E. and Saintes to the W. This little Town is famous for a memorable Battle fought between the Duke of Anjou, afterward King Henry III. and the Prince of Conde, on the 15th of May 1569, wherein the latter was flain.

TOURAINE lyes on the North-East of Poicton. between Anjou, Blasois, and Berry. It bears the Tile of a Dutchy, and its extent is about 60 miles from N. to S. and 50 from E. to W. The fertility of its Soil, cipecially in Fruit, makes it be call'd the Garden of France. Many Rivers pass through it, as the Loire, the Cher, the Indre, the Vienne, &c. The most remarkable Towns of this Province are,

Teurs, Archb. \ Loches, Amboise, \ Chinon, &c.

TOURS, Turones, Turo & Turonica Urbs, olim Cefarodunum, is situate in a fruitful Country on the S. fide of the River Loire, over which it hath a very beautiful long stone Bridge, at a little distance from the North fide of the Cher. It is a large well built City, and the See of an Archbishop. The Publick Places, Streets, and Houses are fair, and the Cathedral, dedicated to St. Gratian its first Prelate, deserves well to be viewed by Travellers: The Church of St. Martin, together with fome other Parochial ones, are stately Piles of Building. This City is a Place of very good Trade, and therefore rich and polulous, the Silks manufactured here being fent into many foreign Paris. A Generality, and Prefidial Courts are establish'd here. It is seated, as hath been said, on the River Loire, and is distant 30 miles from Vendosine to the S. 50 from Poitiers to the N. 55 from Angers to the E. 30 from Blois, and 60 from Orleans to the S. W.

Amboife, Ambaca, Ambafia & Ambacienfis Vicus, is feated also on the Loire, at the distance of 15 miles E. from Tours, and 20 from Blois to the S. W. This Town is likewise adorned with a fair Bridge over the Loire, and a large Castle built on an Hill, where the French Monarchs have often retired, and in which King Charles VIII. was born in the year 1470, and

died in 1498.

Loches, Lochia and Locia, stands on the River Indre, about 20 miles from Amboife to the S. and 25 from Tours to the S E. It is a good Town and hath a Castle, wherein King Charles VII. usually resided. Lewis XI. added divers Apartments to it, and caused a Tower to be built, wherein for a long while he kept the Cardinal de Balve Prisoner; and in the same Place Lewis XII. confin'd Lewis Sforza, who died there, and was buried in the Church of the Virgin Mary. A Royal Court depending on the Prefidial of Tours is held here. The Territory adjacent was the Patrimony of the first Dukes of Anjou.

Chinon, Caino & Chinonium, formerly a Village, is at present a neat Town seated on the River Vienne, and hath a Gastle built on the top of a Hill, about 30

miles from Tours to the S. W. and 20 from Saumur to the E. Here is a Collegiate Church, dedicated to S. Mefine, the Canons whereof are immediately subject to the Pope. The French King Charles VII. retir'd to this Town, when our Kings Henry V. and VI. d' Arc, commonly call'd the Maid of Orleans, already mentioned, addressed her self to that King. Our King Henry II. died here A. D. 1189. And if it be worth mentioning, Francis Rabelais was born here.

BERRY, Bituricensis Provincia, bcars the Title of a Dutchy, and is a Province of larger extent than those we have last mentioned, being 90 miles from N. to S. and 70 from E. to W. It is bounded on the W. by Touraine, on the N. by Orleanois and Gastinois, on the E. by the River Loire, and on the S. by La The River Cher paffes through it, the Indre hath its Source in it, as have also many other smaller ones. The Soil is exceeding ferril, and the Inhabitants are noted Artifts in making a certain fort of thick Cloth, which is thence called Drap de Berry. Its ancient People, the *Bituriges*, were famous heretofore for their Conquests, and obstinate Resistance of the *Romans*. This Province was for some Ages subject to its own Count, but being bought and united to the Crown by King Philip, it hath often fince been an Appenage of the Sons of France, as it is at present to the third Son of the Dauphine. The most remarkable Towns here are,

> Bourges, Archb.
> Chatcau-Roux,
> Issoudan,
> Le Blanc,
>
> S. Aignan,
> Dun le Roi,
> Sancerre,
> Henrichmont, Valencay, &c: Argenton.

Bourges, Biturix, Bituriges & Biturica, alias Avaricum Biturigum, is fituated about the middle of France, on the Rivers of Auron and Eure, or Yerve, at the distance of 80 miles from Tours to the E. 50 from Orleans to the S. 30 from Nevers to the W. and 60 from the Borders of La Marche to the N. It is a large City, dignified with the Titles of a Metropolitan See and Patriarchate, besides a samous University, a Bail-liage, a Presidial Court, a Generality, &c. It is also a place of great Antiquity, for it is reputed to have been already founded in the XLVII Olympiad, and A. V. C. 164. about 590 years before the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Titus Livius affures us, that under the Reign of Tarquinius Priscus King of the Romans, the Monarchy of the Celtie was fix'd in this Merropolis of Berry, whereof Ambigatus was then the Soveraign. Julius C.ofar made himself Master of it A. U. C. 702. 52 years before the Christian Æra, and of 40000 Inhabitants fearcely faved 800, the rest being put to the Sword. It was afterward the Capital City of the Aquitania prima, under Augustus. The Visigoths pillaged it in the fifth Century, and they were fubdu'd by King Clovis; then it fell into the possession of Clodomir, and at length of Gontran King of Orleans: Chilperic took it A. C. 583. and caused it to be almost entirely burnt: But it hath been fince re-establish'd at feveral times, more especially under *Charlemaigne*, and it is now a well built and flourishing City. It was possessed by its own Counts till the time of *Phi*lip King of France, to whom Count Herpin fold it, with the rest of the County.

Chateau-Roux, Castrum Rufum aut Castrum Radulphi-um, is a considerable Town, bearing the Title of a Dutchy, on the River Indre, about 30 miles from

Bourges

Bourges to the S. W. It's Castle was built by one Raoul, whence it is called Chateau-Raoul, and corruptly Chato in-Roax. Here are a Collegiate and four Parochial Churches, also a Park, appertaining to Monsieur the Prince. It is a place of good Trade, many forts of Manufactures being made in it.

Isoudun, Exelodunum, Exolidunum, Exfoldunum, & alias Ernodurus, is water'd by the Rivulet of Thiot or Thee, and seated in the mid-way between Bourges and Chateau-Roux. It is fortified with a strong Castle, firm Walls and deep Ditches; and is remarkable for its Trafick in Wool and Kid's leather Gloves. It is adorned with divers magnificent Structures, particularly the Royal Palace, the Court of Justice, the Church of St. Stephen, the Convent of Benedictines, &c. This Town was one of the twenty burnt by Cafar in one Day.

Argenton, Argantomagum & Argentomagum, stands on the Confines of the Province of la Marche and the Banks of the Creuse, 40 miles from Bourges to the S. W. This Town hath for its defence a fair Castle, slunk'd with 10 Towers, one whereof was built by the Emperor Heraclius, and on which is carved the Figure of an Ox with this Device of Cafar; Veni, Vidi, Vici. The other Towns are less considerable.

NIVERNOIS, Ager Nivernensis, is extended along the East Banks of the Loire, between Burgundy, Bourbonnois, and Berry, for the space of about 50 miles from N. to S. and 35 from E. to W. including these principal Towns, viz.

La Charite,
S. Pierre le Moutier,
Decise,

S. S. Vizelay, &c.

Nevers, Nivernum, Nivernium & Niverna, olim Noviadunum Vadicascium, is situated on the Loire, near its confluence with the Allier, and the Rivulet of Nievre, almost in the midst between Paris, to the N. and Lyons to the S. about 120 miles from both, as also 30 from Bourges to the E. and 20 from the Confines of Gastinois to the S. It was heretofore the Capital City of the Vadicasses, and Julius Casar thought fit to make choice of it for a Magazine for his Army. It bore the Title of a County under the first Race of the French Monarchs, and was erected into a Dutchy by Charles VII. in the year 1457. It is also the See of a Bishop Suffragan to the Archbishop of Sens, and the Seat of a Chamber of Accounts, together with a Bailliage under the Jurisdiction of the Presidial Court of S. Pierre le Moutier. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to S. Cyres. There are also 11 Parochial Churches, divers Religious Houses, and a stately Stone Bridge of 20 Arches, over the River Loire. Nevers is also famous on account of the great quantities of Glass, white Iton, and fine Earthen Wate there made. In this City died John Casimir King of Poland, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1672.

La Charite, Charitas, took its name from the great Liberality which the Monks of Cluny exercised in times past toward poor People and Pilgrims; it is seated on the side of an Hill near the Loire, over which River here is a fair Stone Bridge, 15 miles below Nevers to the N. and 25 from Bourges to the E. It is adorn'd with a large Market-place, divers Churches and a very rich Priory of the Cluniack Order. This Town suffered much damage during the English Wars in France, and more in that of the French Protestants, by whom it was often taken and retaken in the years 1562, 1563, &c.

Decife, Decetia, is a small Town on the same River Loire, which with the Rivulet Airon, that falls into it at the East end of the Town, form a fort of an Island. Here is a good Castle belonging to the Duke of Nevers, and a fair Bridge over the River. This Town is distant 20 miles from Nevers to the South-East, and belongs to the Duke of Nevers.

GASTINOIS, Vastinium, & Vastiniensis Pagus, lies between Nivernois, Berry, Orleanon, Beauce, Isle of France, Champagne and Burgundy. It hath its name from the Rocks and fandy places in it, which the Inhabitants call Gastines. The extent of this Province is near 60 miles from N. to S. and 45 from E. to W. But part of it as we have said, belongs to the Government of the Isle of France, and was spoken of there; the other part hath these Towns of chief Note.

> Montargis, ZSGien, Chateau, Estampes, Renard. S. Farfeau,

Montargin, Montargium, aut Mons Argi, is a neat Town, pleasantly situated at the Foot of a Hill, and the Banks of the River Loing, at the distance of 55 miles from Paris to the S. and 40 from Orleans to the E. It is fenced with an old Caltle, that Charles V. caused to be repair'd, and which was befieged by the English Forces, A. D. 1426. The Town was burnt in 1528, and after rebuilt with greater mag-

Estampes, Stamp.e, stands on the side of the Ivine, commonly called from thence the River Etampes, in a very fruitful Country, near the Confines of the Isle of France, 30 miles from Paris to the S. as many from Chartres to the E. and about 25 from Montargis to the N. W. It is beautified with a Collegiate Church and divers Monasteries, and enjoys the Title of a Dutchy, and belongs to the ancient Demesns of the Crown. King Robert founded a Castle here; and the Town was formerly fortified, but dismantled by King

Henry IV. A. D. 1589.

Gien, Genabum, is a small Town on the Loire, over which River it hath a Stone-Bridge below the Canal of Briare. It stands 35 miles above Orleans to the E.

and 28 from Montargis to the S.

The principal ISLANDS that lie over against Orleannois in general, more cipecially the County of Aunis, are these, viz.

Nermoutier, Armot, &c. Oleron, Re or Oye, Isle-dieu.

OLERON, Uliarius, is an Island situated on the Coast of the Province of Saintonge, over against the mouth of the River Charante, about 4 Leagues from thence to the W. It is extended from N. to S. for the fpace of 15 miles, but is not above 4 or 5 miles in breadth, and between 30 and 40 in compass. Soil is very fruitful, and produces good Corn; abundance of Rabbets are caught here.

On the Northern part of the Island is erected a very ftrong Fortress, called the Castle of Oleron, which is distant a League and a half from the mouth of the River Scure to the W. 3 from the Isle of Re to the S. and

6 from the City of Rochel to the S. W.

The Island of Re, Rea, olim Reacus, lies before the Coasts of the Country of Aunis, only 2 Leagues from thence, and 3 from Rochel to the W. containing many Towns

Towns or Burghs; the chief of which are those of S. Martin and Oye, called the Isle, by reason of a Chanel, over which one must pass to enter into it. The most considerable Fort is that of *la Paree*, containing 4 Bastions, with half-Moons and other Outworks, which have been improved and increased since the late War begun. Here is a high Tower, on which Lights are kept a nights for the direction of Ships. The Cannon of this Fort commands the Land over against it, as well as the Sea all round it. This Island affords great quantities of Wine and Salt, especially the latter, for the making whereof, this is the chief place in the whole Kingdom.

ISL E-DIE U, Infula Dei, lies over against the Town of S. Giles, in the Province of Poitou, about 3

Leagues from the Coasts of that Province.

The Island of NERMOUTIER lies over against S. Urbain in Poitou, and is distant two large Leagues from the Continent: On it is founded a rich Convent, &c.

Though the Orleannois be call'd one of the Governments of France, yet it is divided among nine Governors General, independent of one another, viz. I. The

Orleannois proper, Blaifois, Beauce, and Vendomois : under whom are three Lieutenant-Generals: Alfo a particular Governor of the City of Orleans. II. Poicton hath a Governor General, two Lieutenant-Generals, and two Seneschals, besides particular Governors in Poitiers, Loudun, and Niort. III. Anjou, a Governor General, and under him are one Lieutenant-General, one Seneschal, and particular Governors in Angers and Pont de Ce. IV. The Saumurois with its Dependances, Richelieu, and Marabeau is another Government, which hath one Lieutenant-General. V. Touraine also hath a Governor General, a Licutenant-General, two Bailiffs, and particular Governors of Tours and Amboife. VI. The Country of Aumis, Rochelle, Brouage, in Saintoigne, the Isles of Re, Oleron, &c. have a Governor General, a Lieutenant-General, a Seneschal, and particular Governors of Rochel and Brouage. VII. The Provinces of Maine and Perche, have another Governor General, a Lieutenant-General, and a Seneschal. VIII. The Governor General of Berry, under whom are a Lieutenant-General and a Seneschal. And lastly, the Nevernois hath a Governor, with a Lieutenant-General.

CHAP. VIII.

LA BOURGOGNE, or BURGUNDY, Burgundia.

Nder the Name of BURGUNDY is comprehended, at present, the Lower, or Dutchy of Burgundy, the Upper, or County of Burgundy, Breffe, Beugey, the County of Gex, and the Principality of Dombes, which are bounded on the North by Cham-pagne and Lorraine, on the South by Lyonnois and Dauphine, on the East by Mount Jura to the Rhosne, and on the West by Nivernois and Bourbonnois.

Burgundy in General divided into these parts, viz. o o T. Dijonois, Chief Town. Dijon, Cap. Autun, Bifh.

Auxois, Auxerrois, Auxerrois, Charolois, Chalons, Bish. Semur, Auxere, Bish. Charoles, Semur, Mason, Bish.

6. Charoloss,
7. Briennois,
8. Maconnois,
9. The mountainous Country, Chatillon.

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1. The Middle Bailiage, Bezanson, Archb.

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Bailiages, Amont.
viz. Amont.
3. The Bailiage of Aval. Polygny,
Bourg, Bourg, Beugey, The County of Gex, Belley, Bish, Gex, The Principality of Dombes. Trevoux.

The DUTCHY of Burgundy is bounded on the East by the County of Burgundy, on the North by Champagne, on the West by Bourbonnois and Nivernois, and on the South by Dauphine and Lion-nois. Its largest extent from South to North confifts of about 110 English miles, that is to fay, from

below Macon as far as Chateau Vilain in Champagne, and of 90 miles from East to West, viz. from beyond Auxonne to the Frontiers of Gatinos, lying between the 46th and 48th degree of Latitude, &c. This Province is very confiderable on the account of its Largeness, Situation and Fertility, being commonly call'd, the Magazine of Corn, Wine, Hay, Wood, &c. affording also many Iron Mines, and Springs of Mineral Waters. And indeed, it contributes very much to the subsistence of the City of Paris, and almost entirely maintains that of Lyon. It is water'd with a great number of Rivers; the Seine takes its rife here, near a Village named Sainte Seine; the Same paffeth through the Eastern part, and receives into its Chanel the streams of the Dehune, augmented with those of the Burfure, the Ouche, and the Tille, besides divers other lesser Rivulets and Brooks. On the Western the Loire divides Burgundy from Bourbonnois, and receives into it the Reconce, the Brevince, the Arroux, &c. The Yonne is there joined to the Cousni or Avalon, the Sezin or Serin, and the Armenson, into which flow the Brenne, the Oferain, and the Oze, all which Rivers have their Source in this Province.

The County of DIJONNO 1S Ager, Divionenfis, contains these more remarkable Towns, viz.

> S. Jean de-Laune, Citteaux, Abb. &c. Dijon, Cap. Beaunc, Ausconne,

Dijon, Divio & Divionum, is feated on the Rivers Ouche, and Suzon, in the Diocess of Langres, from which City it is diffant 32 miles to the South, 85 from Sens, and 140 from Paris to the South-East, 105 from Lyons to the North, 80 from Nevers to the East, 45 from Bezancon, and 15 from the Saone to the West. This Town is suppos'd to have been first founded about A. C. 220. It is of a large extent and well-built; the Walls are strong and surrounded with Towers and Bastions, and the Castle slanked with four large Towers and two Ravelins. The most considerable publick Buildings are, the Church of the Carthussans, adorn'd with magnificent Tombs of the Dukes, the Hall of Justice, the Royal Palace, and the Townhouse, besides 16 other Churches, two Abbies and five Hospitals. The States of the Country are usually assembled here every three years. Besides the Court of Parliament held in this Town, here are a Chamber of Accounts, and a Presidial Court.

Beaune, Belna & Belnum, is seated on the small River Bourgeose and other Brooks that run through the Town at the distance of 10 miles from the River Saone to the West, 20 from Dison to the South, and 18 from Challon to the North, and lies on the Road betwixt these two Towns. The Antiquities of this place prove it to have been a Roman Work. It is well-built, the Seat of a Bailiage, and the Capital of a small Territory, thence call'd the Country of Beaune, which is very fruitful, especially in an excellent fort of

Wine.

S. Jean de Laune, Fanum S. Joannis Laudonensis, aut Laudona, is a small Town on the Saone neat the Abbey of Cisterciant, 15 miles from Dijon to the South East. It was formerly fortified, and is samous for repulsing the Efforts of the Imperial Army commanded by the formidable Galas, Charles Duke of Lorrain, the Marquis of Grana, and other Illustrous Generals, A. D. 1636.

Citeau, Ciftercium aus Cifterrium, is distant about six miles from S. Jean de Laune to the Wost, and 12 from Dijon to the South. 'Tis believed that this Village took its name from the great number of Cisterns which were dng there under ground, and hath acquired much reputation by its Abbey of Ciftereian Monks, which Order was first instituted here; and this Abbey built, A. D. 1098. by Robert Abbor of Molesme, assisted by Ortho I. Duke of Burgundy, Walter Bishop of Chalons, and Hugh Bishop of Lyons. It is a Branch of the Benedictine, and hath its name from this Town. The Monks quickly grew numerous, and the Order so powerful, that for a long time it had a great share in the Government of Europe, and hath produced four Popes, several Cardinals and Bishops, and a great number of Writers. The Abbot of this House is a Counterloof the Parliament of Burgundy, and general of the whole Order, whereof are said to be near 3000 Convents and Numeries in the World.

AUTUNOIS, lies on the Frontiers of Nivernois, and these whereof are two principal Places, viz. Autun Bish. and Bourbon-Lancy.

Autun, Augustodunum, olim Bibracte, is firuated on the Rivet Arrowne in the midst between Lyon to the South, and Sens to the North, 40 miles from Dijon to the South-West, and 50 from Nevers to the East. It is one of the most ancient Cities of the Kingdom, being said to have been sounded by Simotheus I. King of the Gauts. It was famous in the time of the Romans, and the Capital of the Republick of the Adui or Hadui, which comprehended part of the Dutchy of Burgundy, the Countries of Bresse, Lionnois, Beaugslois, Dombes, Nivernois, &c. The Ruins found here of the Temple of Janus, now called Le Janvoye or Jenetoye, the Marehaut or Campus Martius, Mont-Dru or the Scat of the Druides, and Mont-Jou or the Hill of Jupiter, besides a great number of Statues, Columns, Pyramids, Aqueducts, Triumphal Arches, Sc. do also lufficiently evince its ancient Grandeur. This City is divided in-

to two parts, viz. the Upper Town cover'd by Mount Cenis, at the foor whereof stands a Castle, and the Lower, called Marebaut, which is water'd by the River Arraws, discharging it self into the Loire, and affording abundance of good Fish. It is an Episcopal See, Sussingan to the Metropolitan of Lyons and the whole Dioces, divided into 24 Arch-Priesthoods or principal Cures, contains about 600 Parishes. The Cathedral dedicated to St. Luzarus, is a noble and venerable Structure; besides which, here are many other Churches, divers Abbeys and Convents, particularly those of St. Martia, St. Andoche, and St. John. This City is also the Seat of a Bailiage.

Bourbon-Lancy, Borbanium Anfelmium, is a very well built Town and Castle with a Bailiage, standing on the descent of one of those pleasant and srutsful Hills that surround its Territory, and is distant but two miles from the River Loire, which separates the Diocess of Antum from the Territories of Bourbannas, and 25 from Antum to the South-west. It is a fair Town; the Castle is old, but the Walls are strong and surrounded with a Trench cut out of a Rock, infomuch that it could not be taken during the whole Civil Wars of France. The Mineral Waters of Bourbon were much commended even in the time of the Romans, and have been no less esteemed since the Reign of Henry III. Who preserved them before all the others of his Kingdom.

CHAALONNOIS, Cabillonensis Ager, is extended along the Banks of the Saone in the midst of the Province and hath these chief Towns, viz.

Chaalons, Bish. Verdun, Belle-garde.

Chaalons, Cabillonum, is fituated on the River Saone, at the distance of 20 miles from the frontiers of the County of Burgundy to the West, 25 from Autum to the East, 40 from Dijon to the South, and 65 from Lyons to the North. It is a very spacious City, the See of a Bithop Suffragan to the Archbishop of Lyons, as also a County and Bailiage, and a Place of great Antiquity, as appears from divers Statues, Veffels and Inferiptions found therein; not to mention the remains of an Amphitheatre, and of many publick Edifices. The Romans were wont to keep store-houses of Corn for their Army at Chaalons; afterward the Emperors constituted it the general place of Rendezvous of their Forces, and the Kings of Burgundy took no less delight in its situation. However, it was ruin'd by Attila, and repaired within a little while after. Suburbs of S. Laurence, are shut up within two Bridges, viz. one of Stone and the other of Timber, on an Island made by the Saone; and the Citadel is flanked with four Royal Bastions, whereto some new Fortifications have been lately added. The City it self is divided inthe Old and the New, the latter enclosing the other, which confifts only of three large Streets, where is to be feen the Palace of the Bailiage, that of the Prince, the Cathedral of S. Vincent, and the Town-house, besides the Parochial Churches of S. Ceorge, S. Laurence, and S. Marz, the Commandery of S. Antony, a stately College of Jesuits, &c. This City was taken by the French Protestants, A. D. 1562.

Verdun, Virdunum & Verodunum, is a small Town near the confluence of the Doux and the Saone, about 12 miles from Chaalons to the North East. There is another Town of this Name in Lorrain, the Capital of a

Belle-garde, Belloguardia stands on the Eastern Banks of the Saone, five Leagues from Chaalons to the North

East, and was formerly called Seure, but the Name was changed when King Lewis XIII. erected it into a Dutchy in favour of Reger de S. Lari A. D. 1620. It was also well fortified for some time, but its Bulwarks are now dismantled.

The MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY is the North Corner of Burgundy near the Spring-head of the Seine; its chief Towns are these,

Chatillon sur Seine, Bar-sur-Seine, Aisei-le-due.

Chatillon fur Seine, Castelie ad Sequanam, is a sair Town and Abbey extended very far in length along the Banks of the Seine, about 40 miles from Dijon to the North-west, and 30 from Langres to the West. It is divided by the River into two parts, one whereof is call'd The Burgh, and the other Chaumont. Here are to be seen the Ruins of an old Castle; and this Town is the Seat of the Baily of this Country.

Bar-fur-Seine, Barium Juper Sequanam, takes its Name in like manner from its situation on the Seine, near the Consines of Champagne, about 18 miles from Chatillow to the North, and 15 from Trops to the South. It is a little Town well-built, and stands in the midst

of a fruitful Country.

AUXOIS, Alexienfis Tractus, bordering on the Frontiers of Nivernois, and includes these principal Towns, viz.

Seymeur, Avalon, Arnay-le-Duc, &c.

Semur, Semurium, is a small Town on a Rivulet which dischargeth it self into that of Armanson, being distant 30 miles from Autum to the North, and as manager of the North was

ny from Dijon to the West.

Avalon, Avello, is seated in a Plain on the River Cousin, 30 miles from Auxerre to the South, and about 40 from Auxin to the N. W. It is a small City, and hath a Castle and is the Seat of the Bailiage. Robert King of France took this Town by Famine after a

Siege of three Months, A.D. 1003.

Arnay-le-duc, Arneum ducinum, is a very pleasant Town, near the Spring-head of the River Arroux, and one of the Seats of the Baily of Auxois, being

distant 35 miles from Avallon to the South-east, and 20 from Challon to the North-west.

A UXERROIS, lies between Champagne, Gatinois, Auxois, and Nivernois, and is the N.W. Corner of Burgundy. The Places of chiefeft note are thefe, viz.

Auxerre, Bish. Seignelay, Coutange, Crevant, &c.

Auxerre, Antiffodorum, is feated on the fide of a Hill in a fruitful Country, and on the banks of the River Tonne, where it begins to be navigable, at the diffance of 70 miles from Paris to the South, 30 from Sens, and 65 from Dijon to the West. It is a very ancient City, 'tis faid Julian the Apostate refreshed his Army here for some time. A. C. 451, it was ruin'd by Attila, and King Robert took it from Landri Count of Nevers in 1005. Asterward it became subject to certain particular Counts, and at length was united to the Crown of France. It hath been long since erected into an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Sens, and its Cathedral bearing the Name of St. Stepben, is a very magnificent Structure, having a fair Quire, an

exceeding high Tower. Here are also other fair Churches, a stone Bridge over the River, divers publick Fountains and large publick places. It is dignified with the Title of a County, Bailiage, and hath a Presidial and Election from the South-east parts. It stands upon the great Road to Paris, and is therefore much frequented by Travellers.

The County of CHAROLOIS, Carolienfis Comitatus, is fituated in the South part of Burgundy, between Bourbonnois and Masconnois. Its principal Towns are,

Charoles, Cap. Toulon,
Paroi-le-Monial, Mont S. Vincent.

Charoles, Carolie, is feated on the Rivulet of Reconfe, 30 miles from Autum to the South, 20 from the River Loire to the Eaft, and 20 from Mascon to the West. It is a very fair Town, beautified with a Collegiate Church and some Monasteries.

Toulou, or Toulon fen Arroux, Tullonium ad Arrofum, is a small Town through which runs the River Arroux, seated almost in the midway between Autum and Cha-

roles, and 25 from Challon to the West.

BRIENNOIS, Briennensis Trastus lies between Charolois and Masconois, near the Frontiers of Beaujolois, and doth not contain any Place of good Note, excepting Ancy-le-Duc & Semeur Semurium, which stands on a Hill scarcely one League from the Rivet Loire to the E. and on the Consines of Beaujolinis.

MASCONNOIS, borders on the Southern part of the Dutchy of Burgundy toward Bresse, being about 30 Miles long and 24 broad. The chief Towns are these, viz.

Mascon, Bish. Tornus, Abb. Clugny, Abb.

Mafcon, Matifco aut Matifcona, is fituated on the fide of a little Hill on the Bank of the Saone, and near the Confines of the Province of Breffe, almost in the midst between Lyons to the South, and Chaalons to the North, at the distance of about 30 Miles from each. It is a place of much Antiquity, an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Lyons; also a Bailiage and an Election. Here is a stately Bridge over the River Saone which leads to the Suburbs of S. Lawrence, where are two strong Towers. The Cathedral is dedicated to S. Vincent, besides which here is a Collegiate Church, the Canons whereof are all of noble Extraction, the Parochial Church of S. Stephen, many Religions Houses and a College of Jesuits. This City was often ruin'd by the Incursions of the Huns, Burgundians and Franks, but hath been often repair'd by the munificence of divers Kings of France.

Tornus, or Tournus, Tinurtium & Trenorchium, is a large Town built on the Banks of the Saone about 15 Miles from Mafcon to the North, and 18 from Chalous to the South. Albinus C.far was overcome by the Emperor Severus near this place; at prefent it is

chiefly remarkable for its Famous Abbey.

Climy or Clingny, is a Village seated on a small River called Grofne, 10 Miles from Mifeon to the N.W. and 15 from Charoles to the E. It hath imparted its Name to the renowned Abbey of Cliniack Monks, which is the chief of the whole Order, and was instituted according to the Rule of S. Benedist, A. C. 910. by Bernon Abbot of Gigniac, by the Favour of William I. Duke of Aquitaine and Count of Auvergne.

BRESSE,

BRESSE, Sebustianus Ager, lies S. E. from Burgundy, and is bounded on the E. by Burgundy and Beaujolois, on the W. by the River Dain, which divides it from Buger, on the N. by Challenois, and on the S. by the River Rhosne, which divides it from Lyonnois and Dauphine, and is in-extent from North to South about 40 Miles, and from E. to W. 30 Miles. It is a fruitful Country, but by reason of some Lakes of standing Water in it, not very wholsom in some Parts. It is divided into the Upper, being the parts about Bourg; and the Lower, lying towards the Lionnois. The chief Towns are,

Rourg, Cap.

Montluel, a fmall Town
on the S. borders of
the Province.

Coligny, 15 Miles North

from Bourg.

Pont des Vanx, near the
Saone, and 15 Miles
from Coligny to the
West.

Bourg, Burgus, aut Forum Schustanorum, call'd for distinction Bourg en Bress. is situate in a Marshy Ground on the Rivulet of Reissouse, at the distance of 15 miles from Mascon to the E. and 30 from Lyon to the N.being environ'd on the E. by Mount St. Claude and the Hills of Vignoble, and on the W. by a spacious Plain extended as far as the River Saone. This Town, together with the whole Province, hath been subject to the Dominion of the French Kings ever since the Year 1601, whereas before it belonged to the Duke of Savoy, who had built a strong Citadel in it in the Year 1569, which was demolished in 1611. However, it is as yet govern'd as it were in form of a Republick, the Administration of all Civil Assairs being committed to the care of two Sandicky or Sherists. Pope Leo X. erected an Episcopal See at Bourg A. 1515, which was suppressed the Year ensuing. It was also re-established in 1521, but Pope Paul III, thought fit to suppress it again by his Bull publish d in 1534. This Town hath a Bailiage, a Court of Election and a Presidial.

BUGET, Brugestt, Beugia, Bugia, lies between Bresse to the W. and Savey to the E. from which it is separated by the River Rhosne, including these chief Towns, viz.

Bellay, Bish. Seissel. Lanieu. S. Rambert, &c.

Bellay, Bellicum, stands upon a Hill about 2 Miles from the River Rhone, 36 from Bourg to the S. E. and 40 from Grenoble to the N. It is a City of but simile compals, nevertheless dignified with the Title of an Epitcopal See under the Metropolitan of Befinican. It was ruin'd by Fire in the Year 1385, but Annedes VIII. Duke of Savoy, caused it to be rebuilt and enclosed with Walls. The Chapter of the Carbedral Church of St. John Baptish, which had been before regular under the Rule of S. Augustin, was secularized in 1579. The Bishop is both Spiritual and Temporal Lord of the City, which was resigned, together with the adjacent Territories, by the Savoyards to the French, A. D. 1601.

Seissel, Sesselium & Sissum, is a large Town where a Bridge of Boars is laid over the River Rhome, which divides it into two Parts, and there begins to be navigable. It stands on the foot of the Hills, and the very Frontiers of Savoy, being distant 20 Miles from Bellay to the North, and 15 from Annecy in Savoy to

the West.

The Bailiage of GEX, Gega aut Gaium, is a small Territory that lies between the County of Burgundy

to the North, and the City of Geneva to the South; the Country of Vaud in Suisserland to the East, and Bugey to the West. But it doth not comprehend any very considerable place, except the Town of Gex, Gessum, the Capital and Seat of the Bailiss, which was also granted by the Duke of Savoy to the French King, by the Peace concluded at Lyons A. D. 1601.

The Principality of DOMBES, Dumbensis Principatus, is a small but very pleasant Country, lying South-west of Bresse, along the Banks of the Saone between Masconnois and Lyonnois, and contains 11 Castellanies, whereof that of Trevoux is the chief; the others are Beauregard, Montmerle, Toissey, Lans, Chatamon, Cheteler, St. Trivier, Velleneuve, Ambrica, & Ligmieu.

Trevoux, Trivoltium, a finall Town, but the Capital of this Principality and a Bailiage, is feated at the Foot of a Hill on the Banks of the River Saone, 10 Miles above Lyon to the North, and near 30 from Mascon.

to the South.

The County of BURGUNDY, or the UPPER BURGUNDY, also call'd the FRANCHE COMTE, is the Country of the ancient Sequani, and part of the ancient Burgundia Chijurana. It is bounded on the E. by Switzerland, on the S. by Breffe, Bugge, and the Bailiage of Gex, and on the N. by Lorraine, and on the W. by the Dutchy of Burgundy and part of Champagne; and is extended from the 46th Deg. 10 Min. to the 48th Deg. including the Space of about 110 Miles; and from the 23d Deg. 15 Min. to the 25th Deg. of Longitude, which amounts to 72 Miles, from the Frontiers of the Bishoprick of Basil as far as beyond Gray. This Province affords abundance of Corn, VVine, Timber and Cattel, especially Horses. There are also a great number of Salt-pits, and many Quarries of black Marble, Jaspar of divers colours, and very sair Alabaster, together with some Mines of Iron. The Principal Rivers are the Saone, the Doux, the Lougnon and the Louve, which are full of several forts of Fish. Moreover, the Wines of Arbois, Poligny and Vesoul, are esteemed beyond those of the other Provinces of France.

This County was quietly possessed by the Kings of Spain, as Heirs of the Family of Burgundy, till the time of this present King of France, who in the Year 1663. by his Army made himself Master of it, but was obliged to surrender it the same Year by the Treaty of dix la Chapelle: Notwithstanding which, he again invaded and took it in the Year 1674. and forced the Spaniards to grant it to him in the following Peace of Nimeguen, as we have already elsewhere shewn; It

is divided into three Parts.

I. The Bailiage of VESOUL or AMONT; or the Upper Bailiage of the County of Burgundy which is extended toward the Northern part of this Province, and comprehends these considerable Towns, viz.

Vefoul, } {Lure, Abb. Gray, } {Mont-beliard County.

Vefoul, Vefulum, is feated on a small River that runs into the Saone, at the distance of 28 Miles from Befancon to the N. 20 from the Borders of Lorraine to the S. and 60 from Dijon to the North-east. This Town of late hath been often taken and restored, but was at length resigned to the French King by the Treaty of Nimeguen A.D. 1678.

Gray, Graium, Greium, and Graiacum, stands on the

Banks of the Saone, 30 Miles from Vefoul to the S. W. It is a fair Town, tho' of small extent, and formerly well fortified with a Castle, &c. but it was taken by the French in 1668, and also in 1674, and not long after all its Bulwarks, together with the Fort, were intirely demolished.

Lure, Ludera, Lurensis Monast. a small Town and famous Monastery, whose Abbot was Lord of the Town, is feated on the River Lougnon, 18 Miles from

Vefoul to the E.

Mont-beliard, Mons-belligardus, gives name to a County on the N.E. of the Franche Comte, and bound-Mons-belligardus, gives name to a ed on the N. with Lorraine, and on the E. by Suntgau: It was formerly part of Germany, and belong'd to the Dukes of Wirtemburg, but hath been made part of France by the present King. The Town is seated at the Foot of a Rock, on the top whereof stands the Castle, which was the Seat of a Count of the Family of Wirtemburg: It had besides a strong Cittadel, now deftroy'd. It is but a small place, having not above two or three Streets; and is water'd by the small River Hall, or Alaine, which a little below falls into the Doux. This Town is diftant 35 miles from Vefoul to the E. 40 Miles from Befancon to the N. E. and 30 from Bafit to the W. and not far from the Foot of Mount Vauge.

II. The middle Bailiage, or that of DOLE, Dolenfis Tradius, lies in the middt of this Province, from the Frontiers of the Dutchy of Burgundy to those of Switzerland, containing thefe principal Towns, viz.

Befancon, Arch. Sornans, Dole, Quingey.

BESANCON, Vesontio, Vesontium and Bisuntie, is a very ancient City, and the Capital of Franche Comte, the See of an Archbill op, the Seat of the Parliament, and a confiderable University. It is feated on the River Doux, which almost encompasses it; and is defended with a good Citradel lately built. This City was formerly Imperial and Free, under the Protection of the Count of Burgundy, but exempted in the Year 1651, and given to the Spaniards, from whom it was taken by the French, and by the Treaty of Nimeguen granted to them with the rest of the County. It is diftant 30 miles from Vefoul to the South, 45 from Dijen to the East, 30 from the Frontiers of Swifferland to the West, and 65 from Geneva to the North.

Dole, Dola, is in like manner feated on the Doux, in a pleasant and Fertile Country, about 30 miles from Besancon to the S. W. and as many from Dison to the N. E. It was the Capital of the Province, before Befancon obtain'd that Honour. Philip the Good Duke of Burgundy, founded a University here in the year 1426, which the Dutchess Margaret augmenced in 1484, and it is now in a flourishing State, Here is a Chamber of Accounts and a Bailiage. City was heretofore well fortified, but the present French King made himself Matter of it in the Month o: February 1668, and diffmantled it before he re-ftored it to the Spaniards, as he was forced to do by the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle; by which means he the easier retook it in 1674, and hath ever since pos-sessed it. The other Towns contain nothing very confiderable.

III. The Bailiage of POLIGNY, or AUAL, or the Lower Bailiage of the County of Burgundy, is fituated between Swifferland on the East, Breffe on

the South, the Dutchy of Burgundy on the W. and the middle Bailiage, or that of Dole on the North. The chief Towns in it are,

> Orgelet, Arbois, Noferoy, Jougne. Polygny, Salins, S. Claude, Abb. Blaterans,

Poligny, Polichnium, Polenium, and Poliniacum, ftands near a small River that runs into the Doux, and was formerly well fortified, and more confiderand was formerly well forthed, and more connecrable then at prefent. Its Suburbs are large, encompas'd with Gardens, Hills, and Forests, and the Wines made here are highly esteemed. It is distant 20 miles from Dole to the S.E. 30 from Befancon, as many from the Frontiers of Swifferland, and 35 from

Geneva to the N. W.

Salins, Salina, and Saliense Castrum, is pleasantly feated in a Valley between two Mountains, on the Rivulet of Forica, at the distance of 12 miles from Poligny to the N. E. and 20 from Befancon to the S. raking its name from an admirable Spring of Salt-waters, whereof are made vast quantities of pure white Salt, that afford a large Revenue to the Prince. This Town is extended very far in length, and well fortified, its Walls being flanked with high Towers, befides two Castles that defend it on all sides, and the Cittadel on the top of a steep Rock, rendring it almost impreg-nable. The Hall or Store-house, commonly call'd La Grand Saulnerie, (wherein the Salt is boiled and preserved, and the Officers employed in this Opera-

tion have their Lodgings) is a flately Building.

S. Claude, Farum S. Claudii, is a ftrong Hold on the Frontiers of Benger, and the Country of Gex, about 3 Leagues from the River Rhone, and 5 from de Jour, Fanum Santi Eugendi; and is now chiefly remarkable for its famous Monastery, in which is preserved the Body of St. Claude, Archbishop of Befanon, in the VII Century, whose name is communicated to this Town and part of Mount Jura in

the adjacent Territory.

On the East side of the Franche Comte, stands the ridge of Mountains, called Mont Jura, which extends from near Basil on the Rhine in the N. quite as far as the River Rhone, and the Province of Beugey in the S. being the whole length of this Country, and divides it from Swifferland; but in several places they bear different Names: At the South end it divides into two Branches, whereof one extends to the Rhefne, about 12 or 15 miles below Geneva, and is called the Credo; the other divides the Franche Comte from Beugey, and isnamed Mont St. Claude from a little Town near it: About the Head of the River Doux, it is called Mont de Joux; in the Neighbourthood of Ba-fil, Pierrepont, and Botzberg, and a little more South-ward, Schaffmas, and by the Swiffers Leerberg.

This Government is divided between two Governours- General, whereof one hath the Dutchy of Burgundy, Bresse, Beugey, Valronier, and Gex, under his Care: Subordinate to whom the Count d' Armagnae is hereditary Grand Senetchal, and under him are five Lieutenants Generals, twelve Bailiffs, and thirteen Governors of Places, viz. of Dijon, Auxone, Chalon, Bellegarde, Taland, Semeur in Auxois, the Bridge of Majoon, Aujun, Beaune, Bourbon, Lancy, Avalon and Chatillon.

In the County of Burgundy, is a Governor General, and under him one Lieutenant-General, and eleven

Gover-

Governors of Places in these Towns, viz. Befancon, the Cittadel of Besancon; also the Fort of St Stephen, and the Fort Grison, in the same City have different Governors; Dole, Salins, the two Forts of St. Andrew and Belim, the Castle of Joug, and Town of Pontarbier, the Castle of Blamont, and the Castle of Montbeliard.

The Burgundians, who gave name to this Country, were once a very powerful Nation, possessing not only this Dutchy and County of Burgundy, but also Alsatia, Swisserland, Wullisland and Savoy, and afterwards Dauphine, Lionnois and Nivernois also; which great Tract of Country was divided by the Romans into Burgundy Trans, and Cis Jurana, with respect to Mount Jura. They were originally a Tribe of the Vandals, and came from the Parts about Mecklenburg and Pomerania, and like the rest of those Northern Nations, a rough unciviliz'd People, living in Tents clap'd up for their present occasions, which in their Language were called Burghs, and thence the Men Burgundians: Thus faith Agathias and other Historians. But Isidore derives their Name from Ognius, under which name they worshipped Hercules: But this, as all Etymologies, is very uncertain; the former feems much the more Natural, and is therefore generally followed. About the beginning of the fifth Century they received Christianity, and began to inhabit the Towns along the Banks of the Rhine, and by their valiant relistance of the Huns, obtained great reputation, and for that reafon were called into Gaul by Stilico the Roman General to affift him against the Franks, and for their Service had the two Burgundies assigned them; to which they afterward added Lionnois, Nivernois and Dauphine, and erected a Kingdom, which continued for 120 years in an uninterrupted Succession; at the end of which, Childebert and Cleraire, the French Kings of Paris and Soissons, defeated and slew Gundomar the last Burgundian King, by which that Kingdom being broken, the Eastern parts were seized by others, and the Western made parts of the French

Kingdoms, and remained so for some Ages, till at length Lews the Godly, Son of Charles the Great, in the Partition that he made of the Kingdom Charlemaign left him (already mentioned) erected Burgundy again into a Kingdom; the chief Seat whereof being Arles it was sometimes called the Kingdom of Arles. In this state it continued for near 200 years, till the Death of Rodolph III. 1032, who leaving no Issue, bequeathed his Estate to Conrade the Emperor, who had married his Sister; or Niece, as others say: After which it was again divided among several Princes; this now called the Dutchy of Burgundy, the Ancestors of Hugh Capet enjoy'd, and by his Son King Robert it was annexed to the Crown; but by his Succeffor Henry I. given in appenage to his Brother Robert, whose Posterity continued Dukes of Burgandy till 1361. when Eudes IV. leaving only one Son, who died young, the Dutchy was claimed by John King of France, Charles King of Navarre, and Edward Count of Barr, all three Descended from the Sisters of Eudes; of these John gor the better, and gave it to his younger Son Philip, who by Marriage obtain'd also the Counties of Burgundy and Flanders, and his Successors added almost all the Netherlands; infomuch, that Philip the Good, and Charles the Warlike, the two last Kings of Burgundy, were as powerful Princes as any in Europe: But the latter being kill'd in his Wars against the Swiffers A. 1476. and leaving no Male Issue, Lewis XI. seized the Dutchy as an Escheat to the Crown; and it hath ever since been retained by the Kings of France; but the County of Burgundy with the other Estates of that Prince, de-scended to Mary Daughter of Charles, who marrying Maximilian of Austria, afterwards Emperor, brought the Netherlands into that Family, and Philip the Son of Mary and Maximilian, married Joan, Queen of Caftile, and begat Charles V. who was Emperor of Germany, King of Spain and the Indies, Duke of Burgundy, and Lord of the Netherlands; as will be scen more particularly in our account of Belgium.

CHAP. 1X.

The Government of LYONNOIS, Lugdunensis Provincia.

THE Government call'd L TO NNO IS, comprehends the ancient Gallia Celtica, or at least the greatest part thereof, being bounded on the North by Berry, Nivernois and Burgundy; on the South by the Mountains of Cevennes, and the Country of Rowvergue; on the East by Bresse and Dauphine, and on the West by Quercy, Limousin, Angouncis and Poistou. It lies between the 44th degree 26 min. and the 46th degree 46 min. Latitude, in its greatest breadth from South to North, confifting of about 140 English miles, that is to fay, from the Frontiers of Rouvergue to Dunle-roy, on the Frontiers of Berry; as also between the 18th degree, and 23d degree of Longitude. And in its greatest length from W. to E. includes the space of 180 miles, viz. from beyond the Town of Availle on the River Vienne near the Confines of Poillon, as far as Lyons. The Soil here is not so fertil as in other parts, by reason of the many Mountains that rise up in some of its Parts. The principal Rivers are the Loire, the Rhone, the Saone, and the Allier.

In this Government are conpriz'd fix dif- Bourbonnois, ferent Countries, viz.

Lionnois, Proper Forets, Beaujolois, Auvergne, Marche,

Lyon, Archbish. Montbrison, Beaujeu, Moulins, Clermone, Gueret.

LYONNOIS, properly fo call'd, Lugdunensis Ager, is of but small extent, It lies along the Banks of the River Rhone and Saone, and is from North to South about 45 miles, and from East to West not above 12 or 15 miles, and is bounded by Dauphine; from whence it is separated by the Rhone and Bresse, and Beaujolois on the North, Forets on the West, and Vivarets on the South. The Country round about Lyons produces more Grapes than Corn, and the rest is Fertile enough in both, and yields excellent Fruits. Its most considerable Towns are these, viz.

LYONS, Lugdunum, is a large, populous and flourishing, and next Paris may be reckon'd the richest, largest, and most trading City of all France, except Roan be preferred, which she claims; however it be, Lyons is very confiderable on account of its great Traffick, which its convenient Situation on the Rivers Rhone and Saone, and on the Road to Italy doth much affift. It is the See of an Archbishop, who hath the Title of Primate of Gaul; also a Generality, Election, Seneschalcy, Presidial, and a particular Court for Merchants, call'd the Tribunal of Commerce, and hath also a Famous University, and an Exchange or Course of Money. The Origine of this City is much disputed; some Authors report it to have been built by one Lugdus a King of the Celta: Strabo makes Momor a Gaulish Prince its Founder, which is also disputed by others; and concerning its Name, there is the same difference, fome deducing it from Lugdus abovementioned, and the old Gaulish Word Dunum, a Mountain or rifing Ground, such a one being near it; others from an old Gaulish Word, imitating a Hill of Crows, from a lucky Omen of these Birds at its Foundation. There are many others too long and trivial to mention here. It is feated at the Foot of the Mountains on the Frontiers of the Provinces of Bresse and Dauphine, being separated from the latter only by the River Rhone, which passing by the City, hath a long Stone-Bridge over it, and a little below receives the Saone, over which in like manner are three fair Bridges. The Town is divided into two Parts, the Greater whereof lying between the Rhone and the Saone, is the Quarter of St. Nizier, and the leffer that of St. John. These two Quarters are sub-divided into 32 Wards, or Precincts, call'd Penonages, and every one of them hath its particular chief Sub-ordinate Officers. The City is likewife furrounded with very large Suburbs, and fenc'd with an old Castle built on an adjacent Rock, named Pierre-Scize, and it is adorn'd with many starely Edifices, among which the Guild-Hall or Town-house is chiefly conspicuous, and esteem'd as a Master-piece of Architecture. Here are likewise to be feen the Remains of some ancient Roman Works, particularly of an Amphitheatre, divers Aqueducts, Publick Baths, &c.
The City of Lyons having been burnt by Light-

The City of Lyons having been burnt by Lightning in the time of Nevo, A. C. 59 was re-built by the Liberality of that Emperor, according to Tacitus; which Conflagration is also mentioned by Seneca, in one of his Epistles to Lucilius. Afterwards Severus billaged and burnt it in 198, in Revenge, because the Inhabitants had entertained Albinus his Enemy. It also suffered often by the Incursions of the Germans, Goths and Saracens. The Emperor Claudius was born in this City; and the Emperor Claudius was born in this City; and the Emperor Gratian slain in it by Andragathus, A. D. 383. And two General Councils were affembled here in the Years 1245 and 1274-Lyons is distant 120 miles from Paris to the S. E. 150 from the Banks of the Mediterranean Sea to the N. 250 from Bourdeaux to the E. 70 from Geneva to the S. W. 110 from Nevers to the S. E. 105 from Dijon to the South, and 40 from the Frontiers of Savoy to the

West.

FORETZ, Forensis Provincia, is usually divided into two Parts, viz. the Upper and Lower, bounded on the E. by Lyonnon, and Beaugolo's, on the N. by Burgundy and Beaufonnois, on the S. by Valley, and Vi-

vaters, and on the W. by the Mountains of Auvergne, comprehending these principal Towns, viz.

Montbrison, St. Etienne de Furens, Rouanne, Feurs.

Monthrison, Monthrisonium, & Mont-Brusonis, is fituated on the Rivulet of Vecize, at the distance of 6 miles from the River Loire, and 30 from Lyons to the W. 30 from the Borders of Bourgogne to the S. and 20 from the Borders of Velay. It was at first only a Castle, but encreased to a Town and enclosed with Walls in the year 1428. It is adorned with a Collegiate Church dedicated to the Virgin Mary, diverse Monasteries, a Court of Election and a Provostship.

St. Etienne, or St. Steven de Firens, Furnaium aut Fanum Sančii Stephani, is seated on the foot of a Hill on the Banks of the Brook Furens, about two Leagues from the River Loire to the E. and 20 from Monthrifon to the S. E. The adjacent Country affords good thore of Pit-coal, and the Waters of the Brook Furens are very proper for the tempering of Iron and Steel, which advantage hath induced the Inhabitants to make vaft quantities of small Iron-ware, maintaining a very great Trade in these forts of Merchandizes, which are transported by them into almost all the Countries of Europe. The Town of St. Stephen suffer'd much damage during the Civil Wars, and was twice taken by the Protestant Party, viz. in 1563. and 1570.

Roanne, or Ronanne, Rhodumna, is a large Town, but destitute of Walls, and founded on the Banks of the River Loire, where it begins to be capable of admitting small Boats at the distance of 20 miles from Monthrison to the N. The adjacent Country is call'd from thence Roannois, and was erected into a Dutchy by King Charles IX. The Town it self being beautised with a fair College of Jesuits, and divers other Monasteries.

Feuers, Forum Segufimorum, the chief Town of the Upper Forets, from whence the whole Country takes its name, ftands on the East-side of the Loire, near its Confluence with the Lignon, 10 miles N. E. from Monthrifon, and 20 from Reanne to the South, and 20 from Lyon to the W.

BEAUJOLOIS, is extended from E. to W. from beyond the River Sone to the Loire, on the N. of Lyonnois, having the principality of Dombes, and part of Musconois on the E. Charolois on the N. and Forets on the VV. This Country affords abundance of Corn, VVine and Flax, and hath these considerable Towns,

Beaujen, Ville Franche, Belle-ville, &c.

Beaujeu, Baujovium, Ballojovium and Bellijoeum, is a small Town together with a Castle, (on the Rivulet Ardiere,) which hath imparted its name to the Territory of Beaujolois, and the Lords of the ancient and Illustrious Family of Beaujeu; being distant 25 miles from Lyon to the N. and 5 or 6 from the River Sone. Over the Gate of the principal Church of this Burgh is to be seen a very old piece of VVork-manship in Basslo-Relievo, representing a Roman Sacrifice of a Hog, a Sheep, and an Ox.

Ville-franche, Francopolis aut Villa Franca, is water'd by the Brook Morgon, which a little below falls into the Sone, and stands upon the Road in the Mid-way between Lyons and Beaujeu, 20 miles from Majcon to to the S. It is at present the chief Town of Beaujeulois, and remarkable for its Collegiate Church, A-

cademy

endemy, Court of Election, Bailiage, and Granary

BOURBONNOIS, Borbonensis Provincia, is divided into the Upper and Lower, and bounded on the E. by the River Loire, which divides it from the Dutchy of Burgundy, on the W. by Berry, on the S. by Auvergne and Forets, and on the N. by Nivernois, and part of Berry. It is extended from W. to E. for the space of about 70 Miles, and 45 from S. to N. The ancient Inhabitants of Bourbonnois, who were a part of the Boii, sent many Colonies into Germany and Italy, under Ambigatul Prince of the Bituriges, and often maintain'd furious Wars against the Romans. This Province hath also acquired Reputation by its Lords, Barons, Counts and Dukes, from whom the present King of France is descended. The Mineral Waters of Bourbon have been mentioned in speaking of Bourbon-Lancy, in Burgundy. The most remarkable Towns of Bourbonnois are these, viz.

Moulins,
Bourbon l' Archambaut,
Monlusson,

Monlusson,

Moulins, Mouline, is seated near the River Allier, in a large fruitful Plain, at the diftance of 140 miles from Paris, and 20 from Nevers to the S. about 50 from Clermont to the N. and 70 from Challon to the W. It is a Town of very large extent, and was formerly the usual Place of Residence of the Princes of Bourbon, who built the Castle, which hath often been the Royal Seat of the French Kings. This Town is also famous on the account of the fingular Vertue of the Medicinal Waters, and the Inhabitants for their Skill in making divers forts of Knives, &c.

Moulins is usually divided into 4 Quarters, viz The Old Town, the New, the Suburbs of the Carmelites, and those of the Allier. The most remarkable Buildings are the Collegiate Church and two Parochial ones, belides those of the Suburbs, together with divers Monasteries, a Generality and Presidial Courts, and another of Election, and a College of Jesuits. Among the Religious Houses, the chief is that of the Carthusians, and the Church belonging to the Nuns of the Visitation, wherein stands the Sumptuous Tomb of Henry II. Duke of Montmorency, Marihal of France, &c:

Bourbon ! Archambaud, Borbonium Archimbeldi, and Boia, is a finall Town, which nevertheleis harh given name to the whole Province of Bourbonnois, and is diftant about twelve miles from Moulins.

A UVERG NE, Alvernia, bearing the Title of a County, is bounded on the East by Foress, on the West by the Upper Limussin, Quercy, and Marche, on the North by Bourbonnois, and on the South by Cevennes and Ronergue; its utmost extent from South to N. consisting of about 80 miles, and 60 from W. to E. It is divided into the Upper and Lower Countries, the former to the S. being very Mountainous, among which one called the Mount of Cantal, is exceeding high, and the other to the N. extreamly fruitful, especially in the Quarter of Limussic. This Province was formerly subject to its own Counts, but united to the Crown of France in 1204, by King Philip the August, to suppress the Rebellion of the last Count named Guy. The principal Towns are these,

In the Lower,

Clermont, B. Riom, Thiers.

In the Upper,

St. Flour, \{\) \{\) \(\) \(

Clermont, Claromons, Clarus-Mons, Claromontium, and formerly Arverraum, Arverra, and Augustonemetum, and by some affirmed to be the ancient Germetum, and the Metropolis of the whole Province, the See of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Bourges; also the Sea of a Court of Aides and a Presidial. It is situate upon a little Hill near the Mountain called the Puy de Domme, and is water'd by the Rivulet Tiretaine, which riseth in the Mountain, and falls into the Allier; and is distant 50 miles from Bourbon start Archambaud to the South, and 75 from Lyons to the West.

Riom, Ricomagum & Riomum, is feated on a rifing ground about 7 or 8 miles from Clermont to the N. and is a fair well-built Town, the Churches being magnificent, the Houses beautiful, and the Monasteries fair, and adorned with Fountains and pleasant Walks, insomuch that this Town is term'd, The Garden of Limagne. It is the Capital of the Dutchy of Auvergne, on which depend all the Fiess and mean Fiess of the Province, having been erected in savour of John Duke of Berry, the Son of King John, A. D. 1360.

Thiers or Thiern, Thigernum & Thiernum, is a small Town, built on a Hill near the River Dur, in the Frontiers of the Province of Forets, 20 miles from Clermont to the East, toward Lyon. The Inhabitants maintain a considerable Trasfick in Knives, Sizzers, and other small Wares of the like Nature.

St. Flour, Judiciacus, aliis Floriopolis, a City having the Dignity of an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Bourges, is feated on the River Trupere, 40 miles South from Clermont, and fomewhat more North-East from Rhodez. It had its modern name from its Bishop S. Flour.

Orillac, Auriliacum, is a good Town feated among Mountains, on the Rivulet Jordan, which falls into the Lerre, about 20 miles distant from S. Flour to the W. and 30 from Rhodez to the N.

The other Towns are less considerable.

LAMARCHE, Marchia, the most Western, Country of the Government of Lyonnois, is so called as being a passage or thorow-sare into the Neighbouring Provinces. It is bounded on the Northby Berry, on the South by Limousin, on the East by Awvergne, and on the West by Poiston. It is divided into two parts, viz. the Upper having Guerret for its chief Town, and depending on the Generality of Moulins: And the Lower which hath Dorat, and reforts to the Generality of Limoges. The Lords of Luzignen were formerly Counts of Marche and Angouleme; but these two Counties were annexed to the Crown of France by King Philip the sair; afterward it served as an Inheritance to the younger Sons of the Royal Family, and at length after many Revolutions, was re-united to the Crown in 1531. The principal Towns of this Province are these.

In the Upper Marche,

In the Lower.

Dorat, \ Maignac, Belac, \ S. Junieu.

Gueret, Gueretum, Garaelum & Varaelum, is the Capital Town of the Province of Marche, fitnated near the Spring-head of the River Gartemp, hath a Seneschalcy and a Presidial, and is distant about 50 miles from Clermont to the West, 40 from Limoges to the East, and 30 from the Frontiers of Bourbon to the West.

Aubuffon stands on the Frontiers of Auvergne, 20 miles from Gueret to the South-East. It is a very populous Town, and remarkable for its Manufacture of Tapiftry. The large Towers of an old demolish'd Castle sufficiently shew the Grandeur of the former Lords of this Place, of whom was descended Peter d' Aubusson, the famous Grand Master of Rhodes.

Dorat, Oratorium, a small Town, nevertheless the

Chief of the Lower Marche, stands on the small River Seve, which falls into the Garempe, and is distant about 40 miles from Gueres to the West, not above 5 or 6 from the Frontiers of Poictou, and 25 from Limoges to the North.

Belac, Belacum is scated on the Brook Vincon in the Lower Marche, about two Leagues from Dorat, and hath a Court of Election under the Generality of Li-

moges, &c.

The rest of the Towns are not considerable enough

to deserve a particular Description.

The Lionnois, Foretz and Beaujolois hath a Governour-General, a Lientenant-General, a Baily and Scheschal of Lyons, a Baily of S. Stephen in Foretz, and another of Beaujolois. The Bourbonnois hath a Governour-General and a Lieutenant-General. Auvergne hath also a Governour-General, two Lieutenants General, and two Seneschals of Rion and Clermont; and Marche hath another Governour, a Lieutenant and two Seneschals of Gueret and Dorat.

CHAP. X.

GUIENNE, Aquitania aut Aremorica.

THE Government of GUIENNE, which is dignified with the Title of a Dutchy, was heretofore call'd the Kingdom of Aquiraine ab Aquis; that is to say, from the great number of Springs of hot Water found therein, and was then of larger extent than at present: That part of it which lies on the North-side of the Garonne is termed Guienne, and the other on the farther fide of the same River to the South, bears the Name of Gascony.

The whole Country in General is bounded on the North by Poitou, Angoumois and Marche; on the East, by Auvergne and Languedoc, on the South by the Pyrenean Mountains, that leparate it from Spain, and on the West by the Ocean; lying between the 42d Degree 25 Minutes, and 46th Degree of Latitude; as also between the 14th Degree 20 Minutes, and the 20th Degree and 50 minutes of Longitude: which extent comprehends the space of 230 English miles from South to North; that is to say from Vic de Sos on the Pyrenean Mountains to that of S. Jean de Angely on the Borders of Poitou, and about 250 miles from West to East, viz. from S. Jean de Luz, beyond Bayonne as far as beyond S. Genier in Rovergne, near Gevaudan.

The Air is gentle and every where very healthful, and the Soil fertil in Corn, Grapes and other Fruits, excepting in the Sandy Grounds on the Sea-coasts and the Pycenean Mountains, where there are only Heaths and fome Pastures. This Province is water'd with a great many confiderable Rivers. viz. the Garonne or Gironde, the Lot, the Dordonne, the Adour, the Charente, &c. But the Garonne more especially facilitates the Traffick of the Inhabitants, which confifts in Corn Wine, Oil, Prunes, Wool, &c.

Aquitaine, in the Roman Division of Gaul, by Augustus, was divided into the Prima and Secunda, and compriz'd all the Country between the Loire and the Pyrences: Which was by Valentinian III. given to the Goths, as we have elsewhere already said: These were in time conquer'd by the French, and Aquitain made a part of their Kingdom, till Lewis the Godly made it a distinct one, and gave it to his Son Pepin; but Charles the Bald disposses d the Sons of Pepin, and beflow'd it on Arnulph of Burgundy, A. 844. whole Nephew William Earl of Awergne, that succeeded him, bequeathed his Estates to Ebles III. Earl of PoiRou, from whom descended Eleanor Wife of our King Henry II. in whose right he succeeded in the Dutchy of Aquitain, and his Sons Richard and John successively enjoy'd it after him; but in the time of the latter it was seiz'd by the French King Lewis VIII. A. 1202. which caufing great Wars between the two Nations, it was at length agreed between Henry III. King of England, and Lewis IX King of France, That the En-England, and Lewis IA Sung Oriente, bounded on the North by the River Charante, and on the South by the Pyrenean Mountains, and quit Normandy, Anjou, Touraine and Maine, which they before posses dead and Dukes of from this Time our Kings were styled only Dukes of Guienne; which Dignity and Country they enjoyed rill the time of Henry VI. in whose unfortunate Reign the English lost all their Possessions in France; Since when all Aquitain hath been part of the Kingdom of

Guienne, Proper. Bazadois. Guienne and Gascaigne at present divided into Provinces, viz. Agenois. Quercy. Rovergue. Limofin. Guienne Perigort. Saintoigne. Armagnac. Gascoigne or Chalosse. Condomois. les Landes or Sandy Grounds. Basques or Labord. Lower Navarre. Vicounty of Soul. Bearn. Bigorre. Comminge. Conferans.

Bourdeaux, Arch, C Bazes, Bith. Agen, Bith. Cabors, Bith. Rhodes, Bith. Limoges, Bith. Saintes. Auch, Archb. Cap. Aire Bith. Condom, Bith. d' Acqs, Bith. Bayonne, Bith. S. Palais. Mauleon. Pau. Torbe, Bith. S. Bertrand.

S. Lizier, Bifh.

GUIENNE, properly so call'd, or BOURDELOIS, is bounded on the West by the Ocean, on the South by Gascony and Bazadois, on the East by Agenois, and on the North by the Mouth of the Garonne River, and Saintonge. This Country is fruitful in Grapes, whereof excellent Wine is made and transported from Bourdeaux into Foreign Parts. The Towns of chief Note are these, viz.

Bourdeaux, Archbish. Libourne, SBlaye, Losparre.

BOURDEAUX, Burdigala, is fituated in a very fettile and well manur'd Country on the Banks of the River Garonne, at the diftance of about 40 miles from the Coasts of the Ocean to the East, 60 from Saintes to the South, 110 from Limoges to the South-west, and as many from Thoulouse to the North-west, in the Latitude of 44 degrees 45 minutes. It is the Metropolis of the whole Government of Guienne, and indeed one of the most ancient, and fairest Cities of France, and a place of great Traffick, being referted to by Merchanis from divers parts of Europe. Its Haven is very capacious and fafe, and is call'd le Port de la Lune, or the Port of the Moon, from its form, being like a Crescent; into which the Tide slows very high, and brings Ships of great Burthen up to the Key. The City it self in form resembleth a Bow, (whereof the River Garonne is the String) and is well built, the Palace, Town-house, Fair, Markets, Publick Fountains, the Key, and the Cathedral dedicated to S. Andrew, are well worth a Stranger's View; as also the Castle, lately well Fortified, and call'd la Chateau Trompetts. About 18 miles below the City ftands a ftately Watch-Tower, call'd la Tour Cordonan, built by Lewis de Foix, a famous Ingineer. This City is the See of an Archbithop, the Seat of a Parliament, a Court of Aides, Generality, Senefchaley, an Exchange and a Mint. Also a most flourishing University, which King Charles VII. restor'd to its former Lustre, and Pope Eugenius IV. granted great Privi-leges to, which were augmented by Lewis XI. Richard II. King of England was born here, in the year,

Libourne, Liburnia, is a finall Town, built near the Confluence of the River Dordonne and Ile, almost over-against Fronfac, about 20 miles from Bourdeaux to the East, toward Periguenx.

Blaye, Blavia, Blavium or Blavutum, stands on the Frontiers of the Province of Saintonge, on the North

side of the Haven of Bourdeaux, where the Gironne falls into the Dardonne, and changeth its own name into that of Gironde, 10 Leagues from the Mouth of the same River Gironde, 20 miles from Bourdeaux to the North, and 30 from Saintes. All Vessels that pass up to Bourdeaux are obliged to leave their Guns in this Town The adjacent Territory is call'd le Blaiguex.

BAZADOIS, lies between Guienne proper on the North and West, the Landes or Sandy Grounds on the South, and Agenois on the East. It is a Country very fertile in Corn, Wine and Fruits, and comptehends these chief Towns, viz.

Bazas Bish. Castelgeloux. Nerac.

Bazas, Vafarum & Vazatium, olim Coffum aut Coffio, is a fimall City feated in a Woody and Sandy Country, on a kind of a Rock, the foot of which is wash'd by the Brook of Lavafane, about 10 miles from the Garonne to the South, 30 from Bourdeaux to the Southeast, and 35 from Condom to the North-west. It is an Episcopal See, depending on the Metropolitan of Auch, and the Cathedral Church is dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

A G E NOIS, Aginensis Ager, borders on Armagnac to the South, Quercy to the East, Perigord to the North, and Bazadois to the West. It is the most fruitful Country of all Guienne, and furnishes several Provinces with Corn, Wine and Oil; the Province is very small, and hath not many Towns, the chief is

Agen, Aginum, Agenum aut Aginum, was hereofore the Capital City of the Nitiobriges, who were its Founders. It is a very large and populous City, an Epifcopal See under the Metropolitan of Bourdenux; and hath a Senefchaley and a Prefidial: And is fituated near the River Garonne, where it receives the Gers, 60 miles from Bourdeaux to the South-east, 50 from Thoulouse to the North-west, and 40 from Bazas to the East. This City had the Honour to be the Birth-place of that Prodigy of Learning, Foseph Scaliger.

QUERCY, Cadurcensis Tracius, is bounded on the South by Languedec, on the East by Rouergne and Anvergne, on the North by Limousin, and on the West by Perigord and Agenois. Its utmost extent, from South to North, consists of about 90 miles, and 50 from West to Fast. It is divided into the Upper and Lower; the former call'd Causse, are the Valleys on the side of the River Lot. And the Lower or low Towns lye round about that of Aveirou. This Province was united to the Crown of France in the beginning of the Reign of Philip the Hardy, A. 1306. and centains these considerable Towns,

Cahors, Bith. Moissac, Frigeac.

Cabors, Cadurcum, oilm Divina Caducorum is built on a fteep Rock, on which formerly ftood a Citadel, and encompass d in form of a Penisle by the River Lot, over which it hath three Stone Bridges; and is distant 40 miles from Agen to the East, 30 from Limoges to the South, and 60 from Thoulouse to the North. It is the See of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Metropolitant of Alby, a Seneschaley and Election. The Inhabitants make divers Manusactures, with which they maintain a reasonable good Commerce, by means of the River. The Cathedral bears the Name of S. Stephen, and was confecrated by S. Martial. Here are also many other Churches and Monasteries, together with a Colledge.

Montauban, Mons Albanus, is a good City, welf
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built, all of Brick, the See of a Bishop, and the Seat of an Election, 30 miles from Cabors to the South, on the Road to Thouloufe: It is divided into the Old and New City, and hatha Suburb on the other fide of the River Tarne, which is joyned to the Town by a fair Stone-bridge, rebuilt in the year 1667. by the care of M. Colbert, as appears by the Inscription upon it, San-fon places this City in Languedoc, on the Frontiers whereof it stands.

Figeac, Figeacum, is a small City, and hath also an Election. It is situate on the River Sale, 30 miles from Cahors to the East, and near the Borders of Auverg-

ROUERGUE, Rutenensis Provincia, lyes on the South-east of Quercy and is bounded on the East by Cevennes, on the North by Auvergne, and on the South by Languedoc, being divided into three Parts, viz. the County, and the Upper and Lower Marche. It is extended from South to North for the space of 70 miles, and about the same from West to East. Its principal Cities and Towns are.

Rhodes Bishop. \ Milbaud. Vabres Bish. \ \ Ville Franche.

Rhodez or Rodes, Ruteni, Rutena, & Segodunum Ru-tenorum, is fituated near the River Averiou, at the diftance of 55 miles from Cahors to the East, 40 from Alby to the North-east, 50 from S. Flour to the South, and about as many from the Mountains of Cevennes, It is a very ancient, large, and well fortified City, with the Title of a County, Senaschalcy, and an Episcopal See, subject to the Metropolitan of Bourges. The Cathedral is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. There are also many other Churches and Monasterics, besides a stately College of Jesuits. This City was some time this can be supported by the state of the st escheated to the House of Armagnac, and at length was annexed to the Demeans of the Crown by King Henry IV. The Adjacent Country abounds in Mines of Copper, Azure and Arienic: And not far from hence is the Mountains of Cansac, which burns when it Rains; as also a Cavern call'd Tindoul, which is 60

Paces wide and 200 deep, &c.
Vabres, Vabre is a small City, water'd with the Streams of the Rivulet Dourdan, at the Foot of the Mountains, being diffant about 15 Miles from the Confines of Languedoc, and 25 Miles from Rhodez to the South. It was heretofore only an Abbey of Benedictin Monks in the Diocefs of Rhodez, until Pope John XXII. erected it into an Episcopal See, under the

Metropolitan of Bourges, A. D. 1317.

Milnau or Millaud, Millieldum aut Amilbanum, the principal Town of the Upper Marche of Ronergue, ftands on the Banks of the Tarn near the Frontiers of Languedoc, 20 Miles from Rhodez to the South-East. It was formerly a strong hold, but its Fortifications

were dismantled in 1629.

Ville Franche, Villa Franca & Francopolis, is a large well built Town on the River of Aveirou, and the chief of the Lower Marche, being diffant 20 Miles from Rhodez to the West, and as many from Cahors to the East. It hatha Seneschaley and a Presidial.

LIMOSIN, Limovicensis Provincia, is bounded on the East by Auvergne, on the North by la Marche, on the West by Angoumois and Perigord, and on the South by Quercy, extending it self from South-east to North-west, for the space of about 65 Miles, and 50 from West to East. The whole Country is generally cold and nor very fruitful, scarcely affording any good Wine; how-ever here grows some Wheat, much Rice, Barley and Chesnuts, of which last the Inhabitants often make Bread. The Principal Cities and Towns are,

Limoges Bish. \ Brive, Tulle Bishop. \ Tulle Diferche.

Limoges, Lemovicum, seu Augustoritum Lemovicum, is seated partly on the Top of a Hill and partly in a Valley, on the Bank of the River Vienne, at the di-ftance of 120 miles from Orleans to the South, 60 from Poidiers to the South-East, 90 from Cabors to the North, 85 from Clermont to the West, and 110 from Bourdeaux to the North-East. It is a City of large extent, encompass'd with strong Walls and deep Dirches, having been founded (as fome Authors alledge by a certain Gaulish Prince, who communicated his Name to it: Julius Cafar mentions it as a very populous Place, in his Time; and it is at prefent dignified with the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Bourges. The Cathedral bears the Name of S. Ste-phen, and S. Martial was its first Bishop. There are also three considerable Abbies, viz. those of S. Martial S. Augustin, and S. Martin, together with divers other Convents for Religious Persons of both Sexes; a Pre-fidial Court, a Generality and Seneschaley. The Ci-ty of *Limoges* was formerly subject to its own hereditary Vicounts, who were likewise Lords of the whole Province of Limosin; but it hath been taken at several times by the Goths, French and English? The Constable de Gueschin dispossessed the latter in the Year 1371. but Edward the Black Prince retook it soon after by Storm.

Tulle, Tutelas, aut Tutella, is water'd by the Rivers Corese and the Soulane, about 37 Miles from Limoges to the South, and 55 from Cabors to the North. It was at first only a Town and Abbey of Benedistine Monks of S. Martin, which Pope John XXII. turned into a Cathedral, A. D. 1318. Arnold de S. Aftier having been its laft Abbot and first Bishop. These Prelates are Viscounts, and Lords of the City, wherein is also established a Presidial Court, another of E-

lection, &c.

PERIGORD, Petricoricensis Provincia, lies between part of Quercy and Limosin on the East, Angoumois on the North, part of Xaintonge and Guienne Proper on the West, and Agenois on the South: Its utmost extent from South to North, consisting of about 55 miles, and from West to East 65 miles. This Province is divided into the Upper and Lower Parts, the former whereof, called the Wvite, by reason of the Mountains along the Banks of the Dardogne and Verzere: And the other on the River Ille, is term'd the Black, on the account of its Woods. The most confiderable Cities and Towns are.

Perigueux, Bish. Bergerac, Sarlat, Bish. Montignac.

Perigueux, Petrocorium, alias Petrocorii & Vefana, the Metropolis of the Upper Perigert, is seated on the River Ille, and distant 65 miles from Bourdeaux to the North-East, and 40 from Limoges to the South-West. This City is very Ancient, and hath been often laid watte by the Inroads of the barbarous Nations; and near its Walls King Pepin, firnamed the Short, gained a fignal Victory over Gaiffer Duke of Aquitaine, A. 768. Its ancient Grandeur is evident from the Ruins

of a Temple of the Goddels Venus, and of an Amphitheatre, together with divers Inscriptions, and other magnificent Monuments of venerable Antiquity, that are found here. It is the See of a Bishop, and the Seat of the Seneschal of the Province.

Sarlat, Sarlatum, the Capital of the Lower Perigord, is figuated as it were in an Island between the Rivers Dordonne and Vezere, near the Confines of Quercy, 30 miles from Perigueux to the South East, and as many from Cahors to the North, it formerly belonged to the Diocess of Perigueux, but it is now it felf an Episcopal See, erected out of an Abbey by Pope John XXII. in the Year 1317. It is also a Place of confiderable Strength, and sustain'd two Sieges during the Civil Wars.

SAINTONGE or XAINTONGE, Santonia, hath Angoumois and Perigord on the East, the the Country of Aunis and Poictou on the North, the Ocean on the West, the Haven of Bourdeaux and Guienne Proper on the South; comprehending from West to East the Space of about 80 Miles, and from South to North about 50 Miles: It is a fruitful Country, and yields Corn, Wine, Saffron, and Salr, whereof very good is made here. The Towns of chiefest note in this Province are,

Saintes or Xintes, Santones, aut Mediolanum Santonum, is fituated on the River Charante at the distance of 60 Miles from Bourdeaux to the North, 30 from Rockel to the S uth East, 35 from Angoulesme to the West, and about 20 from the Sea-coasts to the East. It is a large City, but not very well built. It is an E-pifcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Bourdeaux. The Cathedral is dedicated to St. Peter. Here are yet to be feen divers Aqueduchs, an Amphitheatre, a Triumphal Arch over the Bridge of the Charante, a great number of Interiptions, and other Monuments of the ancient Romans.

S. Jean d'Angely, Fanum Sancti Joannis Angeriaci, Angeriscum aut Engeriscum, is a fair Town on the River Buttonne, about 5 or 6 Miles from the Frontiers of Poitou, and 15 from Saintes to the North. It was fome time fortified by the French Protestants, but when Lewis XIII. took it he demolish'd its Fortifica-

The Provinces of GASCOIGNE.

ARMAGNAC, Armeniacensis Comitatus, is a County in Gascony, lying between Languadoc to the East Agenois to the North, Gascoigne and Bigorre to the West, and Comminge to the South. It is usually divided into Upper and Lower, and comprehends the entuing Principal Towns, viz.

Auch, Archb. \ \ \ Mirande, Lectoure, Bith. \ \ Verdun.

AUCH or AUX, Aufchii, Augusta Ausciorum, is feated on the River Giers, in a very fruitful Country, about 55 miles from Bazas to the South East, 35 from Agen to the South, and 40 from Tolouse to the West This City is the Secos an Archbishop, and the Cathedral one of the richest and most magnificent of the Kingdom, its Chapter confifting of 15 Dignitaries and 20 Canons, of whom five being Secular, are the

Count of Armagnac, and the four Barons, of Montaut, Pardillan, Montesquion, and Ile. Moreover the Archbishop enjoys half the Lordship of the City, which is also adorn'd with many other Churches and Monaste-

Lectour, Lactorium, a Bishop's See, stands on a Hill near the River Giers, 20 miles North from Aux, and

10 East from Condom.

Mirande, Miranda, is a small Town, and only considerable because it is the Capital of a County, call'd Aftarae or Estrae, which takes up the Southern part of the Province of Armagnae. The Town stands on the River Boise, at the distance of 10 Miles from Auch to the South West. It was first founded under the Reign of King Philip the Fair A. D. 1289.

Verdun, 30 miles East from Auch, and near the River Garonne, is the Capital of another small Coun-

try call'd Gavre.

CHALOSSE, Caloffia, or GASCONY, properly so called, lyes on the West of Armagnac, having Bazadois on the North, the Landes or Sandy Grounds on the West, and Bearn on the South. This Country although of small compass, is subdivided into many Territories, viz. those of Turson, Marson, Gavardan, Ne-bousen, &c. The most considerable Towns are these

Aire Bish. S. Sever.

AIRE, Adura, Atura, Aturum, & Aturus, olim Vi-co-Julius & Atufatum, is scatted on the River Adour, 45 miles from Auch to the West, 60 from Bourdeaux to the South, and 70 from Bayonne to the East. The Kings of the Vifigoths were wont to keep their Courts in this City, and on the Bank of the River are still to be feen the Ruins of the Palace of Alaric: Since which, the City of Aire hath been often ruin'd by the Saracens, Normans, and other Nations, and fuffer'd much dammage during the late Civil Wars of France. It is an Episcopal See subject to the Metropolitan of Auch, and the Civil Government depends on the Courts of Judicature of Bazas, from whence Appeals lie to the Parliament of Bauraleans. The moft remarkable publick Buildings are, the Abbey of St. Quiterne, and the Cathedral of the Virgin Mary. Two Arch-deaconries appertain to the Chapter, and the whole Diocels is divided into fix Arch-Prieft-hoods.

S. Sever, Fanum, S. Severi, aut Severopolis, is a confiderable Town at the foot of the Hills on the Banks of the River Adour, about 20 miles below Aire.

CONDOMIS, Condomensis Ager, is a small Territory lying between Armagnac on the South, Agenois on the East, and Bezadois on the North: Its chief Towns are,

Condom, Bish. Mont de Marfan.

Condom, Condomum & Condomus, is feated on the River Blaife, and diftant 20 miles from Auch to the North, 40 from Bazas to the South East, and 15 from Agen to the South. It is but a small City, however an Episcopal See, erected in the year 1327. by Pope John XII. who gave it to the Revenue of an Abbey of the Benedictine Order, which is now the Cathedral Church. Reimond Goulard the laft Abbot, was the first Bishop of Condom, and the Canons were secularized in 1549. Here are also many other Churches and Monasteries. This City was taken by Sebriel de Monmorency, chief of the Protestant Party, in 1569.

Mont de Marsan, Mons Martiani, - stands on the banks of the River Midou, 46 miles from Condom to the West, and 15 from Aire to the North toward Bourdeaux. It is the chief Town of a Territory of the same name, and was built by Peter Count of Bigomme, A.D. 1141.

The LANDES or LANNES, Landaarum Trastus, aut Landa Burdiagalensis, is a sandy and barren Country, lyes West from Condomois to the Seacoast between Basques on the South, Guienne on the North, and the Ocean on the West, being divided into the Greater Landes between Bourdeaux and Bayonne, and the Leffer between Bazes and Mont-Marson; its principal Towns are these viz.

Dax, Bish. Albret, &c.

Dax or D'acq, Aque Agusta aut Tarbellica, is situated on the Adour, 40 miles below Aire, and 25 above Bayonne, about 70 miles South from Bourdeaux. It is a fair well built City, and drives a good Trade by means of the River, (which falls into the Ocean but 30 miles below it) and its Neighbourhood to Spain. It hath a Castle for its descence, which is slank'd with many large round Towers, wherein a Infficient Garison is maintained. It is also famous for its Baths of hot Water, that were much efteemed even in the time of the Romans. On which account it acquir'd the name of Aque, from whence also proceeded that of the whole Province of Aquitaine. This City is the See of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Auch; and a Seneschalcy.

Albret, Lebretum seu Lebreti Vicus & Abbretum, is built in the midst of a Forest of the same name, 40 miles from Dax to the North-east, 30 from Bourdeaux to the South, and 25 from Bazas to the South-west. The Town and adjacent Country which it gives name to, was dignified with the Title of a Dutchy by Henry II. King of France. From the noble Family of Albert were descended two Kings of Navarre.

The Country of LABOURD or BASQUE, borders on the Frontiers of Spain, lying between the Landes and the Pyrrhenian Mountains, having Bearn on the East, and the Sea on the West. The places of chief Note are,

Bayonne, Bish. S. Jean de Luz.

Bayonne, Lapurdum, aut Bayona, is a large, rich and well fortified City, at the Mouth of the River Adour, near its confinence with the Nive; 15 miles from the Confines of Spain to the South, 25 from d'Acqs to the South-west, 100 from Bourdeaux, and 390 from Paris. Some Authors are of opinion, That it was the Aque Tarbelliese of the Romans; but it is certain, that its ancient name was Lapurdum, on which account its Episcopal See (which depends on the Metropolitan of Auch) was stiled, Episcopatus Lapurdensis, or of Labourd, until about the year 1150. when it began to be call'd Bayonnensis of Bayonne. Also the whole Territory lying between S. Sebastian and Fontarabia, was part of the Vicounty of Bayonne, and possessed by the Vicount, A. D. 1177. according to the Report of Reger Hovedon and Peter de Merca, who also with others, affirm, that the Country belong'd to the Diocess of Bayonne, till the time of Philip II. King of Spain, who first obtained for it a Vicar-General during the Civil Wars of France, notwithstanding the Remon-strance of its proper Diocesan the Bishop of Bayonne, The City of Bayome is one of the Keys of the Kingdom of France on the fide of Spain; and hath a very capacious sase and deep Harbour, (a great number of

Vessels passing even into the midst of the Town) and a ftrong Caffle with a good Garrison. The Cathedral bearing the names of the Virgin Mary and S. Leo, is surrounded with many other Churches, and divers Monasteries. Not far from this City stands a high Mountain, from the top whereof one may take a profpect of the three Kingdoms of France, Spain, and Navarre, &c.

S. Jean de Luz, or Loizuine, Fanum S. Joannis Lucii & Luisium, is seated on the mouth of the Rivulet Urdacuris, not 10 miles from the Frontiers of Spain, and Fontarabia to the East, and about 10 from Bayon to the South-west. Near this Town in an Island made by the River Bidaffon, which parts France and Spain, call'd The Isle of Conference, were celebrated the Matrimoni-, al Solemnities between the present French King Lewis XIV. and Maria Therefia of Austria, Infanta of Spain, A. D. 1660.

The Lower NAVARRE, Navarra Inferior, is join'd to the Country of Labourd on the West, and that of Bearne on the East, and the Pyrenees on the S. It is a Mountainous and barren Country, and except Fruit which is delicate here, and some Pasturage, pro-

duces but little. In it are these Towns,

S. Palais, S. Jean de Pied de Port, &c:

S. Palais, Fanum Sancti Palatii, situated in the Territory of Mixe on the little River of Ridouse, 30 miles South-east from Bayonne, 8 from the Confines of Bearn to the West, and about 20 from the Pyrenean Mountains to the North. In this Town were held the Sovereign Courts of Justice, and Chancery for the whole Country before it was united to the Parlia-

ment of Pau, A. D. 1620. S. Jean de Pied de Port, Fanum S. Joannis Pedeportuensis, olim Imum Pyren.eum, is a well fortified Town, built amidst the Mountains on the Banks of the River Nive at the distance scarcely of 3 miles from the Confines of the Upper Navarre and the Pyrenean Mountains, 20 from S. Palais to the South-west, and 30 from B. syonne to the South-east.

The Vicounty of SOULE is a small Territory extended along the fide of the River Gave de Suson, between Bearn to the East, and the Lower Navarre on the West. It comprehends 50 Parishes and only one considerable Town, viz. That of Mauleon de Soule, which gave Birth to that Learned Prelate Henricus Spondanus, or Henry Sponde Bishop of Pamier &c.

BEARN, Benarnia, lying on the West of Bafque, at the foot of the Pyrenean Mountains, is bounded on the East by the County of Bigorre, on the North by Gascogne, on the West by the Provostship of Acqs, the Lower Navarre and the Vicounty of Soule, and on the South by the Mountains of Arragon and Renfal. Its utmost extent from South to North consists of about 50 miles. This Province is dignified with the Title of a Principality, and was at first possessed by its own Princes. Afterward it became subject to the Dominion of the Kings of Navarre, and was at length annexed to the Demeans of the Crown under Henry IV. The chief are,

Pau, Oleron, Bish. L'Escar, Bish.

Pau, Palum, is seated on the River Gave de Pau, 30 miles from Aire to the South, as many from the Frontiers of Spain, 40 from S. Palais, and 60 from Basonne to the East. It is a large Town, and the Seat of one of the Patliaments of France, and hath a Castle for its defence, wherein on the 13th day of December, 1457. was born Henry IV. sirnamed the Great, King

of France and Navarre.

Oleron, Oloronensis Urbs, Elorona & Iluro, stands on the foot of the Pyreneun Mountains, 12 miles from P.m to the West, 20 from the Frontiers of Navarre, and about as many from those of Aragon to the North. This City is the See of a Bishop subject to the Metropolitan of Auch. It was formerly destroy'd by the Normans, and rebuilt by Count Centullus, A. D. 1080. The Gave, a River, separates it from the Suburbs of St. Mary, in which stands the Cathedral Church and some other sair Buildings. The Protestants made themselves Masters thereof in the Civil War time, and Gererd le Roux or Rouffel, was install'd Bishop, by Margaret Queen of Navarre.

Lesear or Lascar Lascuris, aut Lesear, derives its Name (fays Peter de Marca) from the Winding reaches of the Brooks (called in the Basque Language Lafcourres) with which it is water'd: It is diftant 4 or 5 miles from Pau to the East, and 12 from Oleron to the North, and is also an Episcopal See. This City was founded A. D. 1000, by the Duke of Gafcony on the Ruins of the ancient Benearmum, which had been utterly raz'd by the Normans in 845. In the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary were the Tombs of the Kings of Navarre, but they were demolified by the fury of the Civil Wars.

The County of BIGORRE, is bounded on the West by Bearn, on the East by Cominges and Conserans, on the North by Armaignac, and on the South by the Pyrenean Mountains. Its extent from South to North includes about 40 or 50 miles, and from West to East a-bout 20 or 25. This Province is divided into three bout 20 or 25. This Province is divided into three parts, viz. the Mountains, the Plain and the Territory of Rustan. The Mountains is said to have Mines of Copper, &c. but they are not open. Eneco Arifta possessed this Country A. C. 828 before the Kingdom of Navarre was founded, and after many Revolutions King Henry IV united it to the Crown of France. The Principal Towns, &c. of it are thefe, viz.

Tarbe, Bith.
Vie de Bigorte.

Scampen.
The Baths of Baretge.

Tarbe or Tarbes, Tarba, is feated on the Banks.of the River Adour in a fertil Country, at the distance of 30 miles from Aux to the South-west, and 25 from Pau to the East. It is a well-built City, but hath only one Streer, together with a Castle called Bigorne, whence (de Marca fays) the whole Province hath its name. The See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Auch, hath been long since establish'd here: as also, a Seneschal Court. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

COMMINGES, Convenensis Ager, lies between Languedoc on the East, Armagnac on the North, the County of Bigorre on the Welt, and Conferans, on the This Country was possessed by certain particular Counts, until it escheared to the Crown of France: It is reasonable fruitful in Wine, Fruits and Pasturage. And is divided into the Upper or Cominges, and the Lower or Lombes. Wherein are contained these Towns of chiefest note, viz.

S. Bertrand de Cominge, Bish. Lombes Bish.

St. Bertrande de Cominges, Convene aut Lugdunum Convenarum, & Lugdunum Aquitanica, is situated on a Hill near the Banks of the River Garonne and the Confines of Conferans, 16 miles from Aque Convenarum or Bugneres, according to the Itinerary of Antoninus, 50 miles from Touloufe, to the South-west, 40 From Auch to the South, and 30 from Tarbe to the South-east. The ancient City, of Conven.e was 722'd by the French, A.C. 584, and another built out of its Ruins in 1100 by S. Bertrand, from whom its modern Name is deriv'd. It is an Episcopal See subject to the Metropolitan of Auch, and its Royal Court of Justice depends on the Parliament of Touloufe. The Bishop hath a Seat in the Affembly of the States of Languedoc.

Lombes, Lombaria & Lambarium, is a small City on the Rivulet of Save, diftant 30 miles from S. Bertrand to the North; 20 from Auch to the South-east, 25 from Toulouse to the South-west. Its Episcopal See under the Metropoliran of Toulouse, was erected out of an ancient Abbey of Augustin Monks, A. D. 1317. by Pope John XXII. who nominated one Arnold Roger of Cominges to be the first Bishop of this

Diocels.

CONSERANS or COSERANS, is a Vicounty lying to the South of Cominges proper, between Languedoc and the Pyrenean Mountains. It was first possessed (as it is generally believed) by Arnold of Spain, under the Title of a County, then pass'd into the Family of the Counts of Carcessone, and from thence was

translated to the House of Navarre, &c.

S. Lizier of Conserans Conserani, aut Fanum S. Licerii, the Capital of Conserans, is a small City seated on the River Salur, which about 10 miles from hence falls into the Garonne, and is diftant 30 Miles from Tolonse to the South-W. 46 from Auch to the South-East, and 18 from S. Bertrand to the East. It is the See of a Bishop, and hath a Royal Court of Justice dependant on the Parliament of Tolonse. The City is divided into two Parts, viz. The City and the Town; the former, properly called Coferans, is adorned with a Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and in the other, named S. Lizier, stands another Cathedral.

The PYRENEAN Mountains which serve as a Boundary between the two Kingdoms of Spain and France, begin near the Town of S. Fean de Luz on the Ocean, and continue Eastward quite cross the Isthmus that joins Spain to the Continent of Europe, as far as Perpignan on the Mediterranean; the highest of them is that named Mont-Carrigo, between Roussillon and Catalonia, towards the County of Constent on which Snow lies unmelted the greatest part of the Year.

Guienne hath a Governor-General, a Commandant. two Lieutenant-Generals, a Seneschal, and 12 parti-cular Governors of Places. Saintonge and Angonmois have a Governor-General, a Lieutenant-General, two Seneschals, and three particular Governours of Places. Limosin hath a Governour-General, a Lieutenant-General, and a Seneschal. Perigord hath a Seneschal: And Quercy a Seneschal and Lieurenant-General.

CHAP. XI.

LANGUEDOC, Occivania, aut Volcarum Regio.

THE Province of LANGUEDOC, including the Countries of Cevennes and Rouffillon, is bounded on the East by the River Rhone, which divides it from Provence and Dauphine; on the North by Lyonnois, Auvergne, Rouergue and Quercy; on the West by Armagnae and Cominges; and on the South by the Mediterranean Sea and the Pyrenean Mountains. It is fituated between the 41 Deg. 50 Min. and the 44 Deg. 54 Min. of Latitude; and between the 18 Deg. 5 Min. and the 22 Deg. 40 Min. of Longitude. Its extent from South to North is about 120 miles, and from West to East, viz. from Rieux to Ville-Neuf-les-Avignon, 180 miles. In the Roman Division of Gaul, Languedoc went by the Name of the Gallia Narbonnensis, and in the declining of the Empire it was pos-fessed by the Goths, who here founded the Kingdom of the Vifigoths, which hath been extinct ever fince the time of Charles Martel.

This Province is efteem'd the most Pleasant and Fruitful of any in the whole Kingdom of France, the Air being very Temperare and Healthful, and the Soil bringing forth abundance of Corn and excellent Fruits; its chief Commodities are Wine, Oil, Hony, Wax, Saffron, Silk and Salt. The Upper Languedoc affords good Pafture to many Herds of Oxen and Some Mines of rich Metals and Minerals are found here, and Quarries of Marble and Alabaster. Moreover all forts of Fish are caught in the Rivers and on the Sea-coasts, and there are divers Springs of Mineral Waters very efficacious in curing Dileales.

But the Country of Cevennes hath not the same advantages, as being Mountanious, not to much culti-vated, and lefs delightful in many places. However it affords Millet, Chefuuts, and tome other Fruits. The principal Rivers are the Rhone, the Garonne, the Tarn, the Viftre, the Vidaule, the Barange, the Eraut, the Salazon, the Berre, the Pallas, the Agout, and the Aude, intermixing its Waters with those of the Frefquel, which is joined by a Canal with the leffer Lers, that runs into the Garonne. This is that famous Canal of Languedoc, which hath been larely cut with so vast Expence to make a Communication between the two Seas, viz. the Ocean and Mediterranean, and not yet altogether brought to Perfection. This Country, which hath been subject to a great number of Dukes, Vicounts, and divers other Lords, after many Revolutions, was united to the Crown by King John, A. D.

The States of Languedoc are very confiderable, and their Assemblies are held every three Years by the three Orders, viz. the Clergy, the Nobles, and the third Estate; the First of these is composed of the three Archbithops; the Second of twenty two Barons taken out of every Diocess; and the Third of twenty two Consuls of the Capital Cities of every Diocess, &c. The whole Province of Languedoc is usually divided into the Upper to the West, and the Lower to the East,

and those subdivided as in this Table.

The Upper Albigeois,—Alby, Archbith.

Lauragais—Castelnau-dary.

The County of Foix.—Foix. Roufillon, Perpignan, Bish.

The Quarter of Narbonne. Narbonne, Archbish. Besiers, Bish. Nimes, Bish. Mende, Bish. The Lower The Quarter of Besiers. in 4 Parts, The Quarter of Nimes. Ceven- Gevaudan. nes in 3. Vivarais. viz. Velay. Viviers. Puy, Bish.

TOULOUSAN, Tolosanus Ager, takes up the more Western part of the Upper Languedoc, along the Banks of the River Garonne, lying between Gascony on the West, Albigeois on the East, and the Country of Foix on the South. It comprehends these principal Cities and Towns, viz.

Toloufe, Archbish. Lavaur, Bish.

TOULOUSE, THOULOUSE, or TOLOSE Tolofa, is feated on the River Garonne, over which it hath a stately stone-Bridge, call'd Pont-neuf. It is distant 330 miles from Paris, 140 from Limoges, and 55 from Cabors to the South, 60 from the Pyrenees to the North, 150 from Bayon, and 40 from Auch to the East, 170 from the River Rbofne, and 100 from the Mediterra-nean to the West. It was heretofore the Seat of the ancient Tellofages, (who gain'd so many Conquests in in Afia and Greece) and then a Roman Colony: In process of time it became the Metropolis of the Visigoths, afterward of Aquitain, and at length one of the most considerable Provinces, or Governments of France. Its Episcopal See which before depended on the Jurisdiction of the Arch-bishop of Narbonne, was crected into a Metropolitan by Pope John XXII. A. D. 1317. Tolonse is famous for its Traffick, and since a Communication hath been made between the Western Ocean and the Mediterranean, may justly be stil'd the Mart of both Seas. The City is divided into Eight Parts, call'd Capitolares, to which a leffer Quarter nam'd the Burgh, on the other fide of the Garonne, was added in the Year 1346. The Magnificent Cathedral of St. Stephen, is built on a spacious Groundplat, adorn'd with a Fountain, over which is erected an Obelisk wrought with curious Workmanship. Another Church dedicated to St. Sernim or Saturnim, the first Bishop of Tolouse, is remarkable for its Treasury of Relicks, as also is that of the Jacobins for the Shrine of Thomas Aquinas. Here are also to be seen many Monuments of Antiquity, particularly a Capitol and an Amphitheatre, together with divers Aqueducts, old Temples, &c. The University of Toloufe, is reputed to be the Second of the Kingdom, and confifts of leveral Colleges, among which that of Foix is the most Illustrious; and indeed this place hath been long since the Sear of the Muses, on which account it is call'd Palladia, or the City of Pahas, by Martial,

Ausonius, and Sidonius Appollinaris. The Town-House is a stately Pile of Building, and hath acquir'd the name of the Croirol; neither pethaps will it be improper to mention the Mills of the Busase and Castle, every, one of which hath 16 or 17 Mill-stones for the grinding of Corn, and a great number of Engines for the currying of Leather. A Sovereign Court of Parliament was began here in the time of King Phip the Fair, and established by Charles VII. Here is also a Seneschaley and Generality. The City of Tolouse after divers Revolutions, remained long in the hands of its own Counts, till Philip the Hardy seiz'd on it, rogether with the whole County, A. D. 1271; and King John united it to the Crown in 1361.

About this City lye those spacious pleasant Fields, call'd by ancient Writers, Campi Catalauniei, in which that famous Battle was fought by Ætius the Roman General, affilted by the Franks, Burgundians and Goths, against Attilla King of the Hums, whom they utterly defeated and kill'd near 200 Thousand of the 500 Thousand ('tis faid) he brought into the Field. Others place the Campi Catalaunici about Chalons, in Champaigne, tho with less reason, this place agreeing best with the accounts given of them by the Anci-

ents.

Lavaur, L'Avour, or La Vaur, Vaurum, aut Vaurum, stands on the Banks of the River Agour in the Upper Languadse, and on the very Consines of Albigeois, at the distance of 15 miles from Tolouse to the East. Jarne Bishop of Tolouse, gave the Town of Lanaur, in the year 1098, to Florady Abbot of St. Part & Town eles, on condition that he should Found a Priory in it; where afterward in 1318, Pope 70 for XXII. established an Episcopal Sec.

John XXII. established an Episcopal Sec.

A L B I G E O I S. Albigiensis Trastus, lyes between the D. occis of Tolouse, Vaires, Luwaur and Rhodez, being the Country of the ancient Heluseri, mentioned by Cesar. It is divided into two almost equal Parts by the River Tim, and comprehends these chief

Cities and Towns, viz.

Alby, Arch. Bith. Castres, Bith. Realment.

ALBI, Albiga, is fituated on the River Turn, in a very fertil Country, about 35 miles from Tolouse to the North-east, and 30 from Ville Franche, in Rouergue to the South. It's Bishop's See was formerly Suffragan to the Metropolitan of Baurges, but Pope Innocent XI. erec'ted it into an Archbishoptick in the Yeat 1678. The Prelate of this City is also its Temporal Lord, and the King only maintains a Magistrate there, call'd the Viguier for holding the Royal Courts of Judicature. The Cathedral of St. Cicile hath one of the fairest Quires of France.

Castres, Custrum, aut Castrum Albiensium, is a fair City on the River Agout, distant 20 miles from Albitothe South, and 40 from Tolouse. Its Episcopal See was founded by Pope 3obn XXII. in 1317, under the Metropolitan of Bourges, but it hath depended on that of A by ever fince the year 1678.

The Inhabitants of this Country have been famous in Ecclesiastical History, by the name of Albigenses, for their early differtion from the errors of the Church of Rome. They were a Branch of the Waldenses, who proceeded from Peter Waldo a rich Merchant of Lyons, a very Pious and Charitable Man, who touched with the tudden death of a Friend at a Feast, fer himself serios fly to contemplate upon Errority, and study the Hoty Scripture, which led him to the discovery of the Errors of the Roman Church: And being exceeding Charitable in relieving the wants of

the Poor, and doing other good Offices that lay in his Power, obtain'd great Respect, and Attention when he argued against the Supremacy of the Pope, Adoration of Images, Invocation of Saints, &c. His Followers grew numerous, and were call'd in Derision by the Papists, The Poor men of Lyons, and afterwards Woldenses from this Waldo. The first mention of them in History is about the middle of the twelfth Century, when they began to be Perfecuted by the Papists, and were forced to fly into Piedmont, where they incorporated with the Vaudi, (who were ancient Christians that had never been subject to the Pope's Authority) and were afterwards indifferently call'd Vaudois and Waldenfes. Another part of them retiring into Languedoc, settled in this Province of Albigeois, and encreased exceedingly. At first the Popes endeavoured to convert them by Preaching; to which purpole the Dominican order of Monks was instituted about the beginning of the thirteenth Century: But these not prevailing, and the Albigenses being grown ftrong by the Patronage of the Counts of Thoulouse, whom they Converted, the Pope raised a Crusade against them, stirred up the Dukes of Austria against the Waldenses, and made our Simon Mountfort Earl of Leicester, Captain against the Albigenses, A.C. 1213, who with the Popes Legate, the Duke of Burgundy, and a great Army which was raised for (as they call'd ir) this Holy War, were roo ffrong for those poor People, took and plundered their Cities, and barbaroufly tormented and murdered their Persons, which caus'd them to fly into Provence and other Parts, and in time fettled themselves at Merindol, Chabriers, and thereabouts; where in the year 1545, they were most barbaroufly maffacred and cruelly tormented by the French Papifts. Those that escaped, sent to Zuinglius for Teachers, and incorporated with the Calvinifts, who altogether in time grew very numerous and powerful, as we have already thewn in the account of the Religion of France.

LAURAGAIS, Lauracus and Lauriacensis Ager, taking its Name from the Town of Laureace, is extended between the Banks of the River Ariege and Agent. It is divided into two parts, viz: The Uppet and Lower. The chief Cities whereof are,

Castlenaudary, S. Papoul, Bish.

Caftlenaudary, Castellum Arianorum, seu Castolavium Auriacum, and Castellum Novum Arri, stands on a Hill on the Upper Lauragais, 20 miles from Castres to the South, and 30 from Tilouse to the South-east: A Seneschaley Court and Presidial have been held in this Town ever since the Year 1553. The Mareshal de Schomberg gain'd a memorable Battle not far from hence, over the Duke of Orleans, in which the Count of Moret was Slain, and the Duke Montmorency Wounded and taken Prisoner, A. D. 1632. The new Canal passes through this Town, and by reason of a steep Hill which would cause too precipitate a flux of Water, here are five several Locks with great Sluces one above another, and large Basins between each, whereby the Water is retained and the Navigation continued. These Sluces are Stupendious Works for Art and Strength.

S. Papoul, Fanum S. Papuli aut Papulepolis, is a finall City on the foot of Mount Noire, near the Rivulets of Roture and Lampi, about a League diffant from Caftlenaudary, and 15 from Carcassonne, to the North-west. A certain Monastery was built here about the end of the VIIIth Century which Pope John XXII. changed into a Cathedral Church, allotting 43

Parishes for its Diocess, A. D. 1317.

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The County of FOIX lies on the South-west of Languedoc, and is bounded on the South by the Pyrenean Mountains and Roufillon, on the West by Gascony, on the North by Toulousan and Lauragais, and on the East by Narbonne. It contains 16 Castellanies or fmall Governments, and many confiderable Towns. It was subject to its own Counts, from whom de-feended Henry IV. King of France, and so it was ad-ded to the Crown, and made part of the Government of Languedoc. The chief Towns are,

Foix, Airepoix, Bish. Rieux, Bish.

Foix, Fuxium, a fmall Town or Hamlet, formerly well fortified, hath given its name to the whole County, and to an illustrious Family; it is situated on the Brook Ariage, and the Foot of the Pyrenean Mountains, from which it is diffant 15 miles to the North, and 40 from Toloufe to the South, and is chiefly remarkable for its Abby, Affembly of the States, Senefchalcy, Treasury-Office for the Receit of the King's Revenue, &c.

Mirepoix, Mirapineum seu Mirapisoe, is watered by the River Lers, and stands to miles from Foix to the East. This City once belonged to the Diocess of Tolonfe, but was erected into an Epifcopal See under that Metropolitan, by Pope John XXII.

Pamiez, or Pamiers, Pamie, aut Apamie, stands on the River Ariege, and is defended by the Castle of Fredelet, whence the City it felf was formerly call'd Fredelas, and is diffant 12 miles from Foix to the North, and 30 from Toloufe. Pope Boniface VIII. chang'd the Abby Church dedicated to S. Antonin, into a Cathedral, in the year 1296. And its Episcopal See hath been possessible by divers illustrious Prelates, particularly S. Lewis of Marseille, a Pope named Benedia XII. four Cardinals, the learned Henricus Spondanus, and others.

Rieux, Rivi, and Rivene, is a City of small extent, and stands on the River Garonne, near the Confines of Gafeony and Conferans, 25 miles from Tolouse to the South, and 30 from Foix to the North-west. Its Episcopal See suffragan to the Archbishop of Tolouse, was likewise stabilished by Pope Fobn XXII. and the Corthology Corthology. Cathedral Church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The Abbey of Feuillans is in this Diocess; where are also those of Lezat, Caletz, Salangues, &c.

The County of ROUSILLON, Ruscionensis Comitatus, and CONFLENT, lies on the other fide of the Pyrenean, bounded on the North by Languedoc, on the South by Catalonia, and on the East by the Mediterranean Sea; its extent from West East to is about 60 miles and 25 from South to North. This County was formerly part of Spain, but the French King Lewis XIII. took it, and it was granted to France by the Pyrenean Treaty, A. D. 1659. The most considerable Rivers are the Ter, the Tech, and the Egly; and the principal Towns are these, viz.

> Perpignan, Bish. 7 SVille Franche de Con-Elne, formerly Bish. \ flant.

PERPIGNAN, Perpinianum, and Papirianum, is fituated on the River Ter, and defended by a firong Castle, at the distance of 3 Leagues from the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea to the West, and 30 miles from Narlonne to the South. It was built in the year 1680. by Count Isnard, out of the Ruines of old Roufillon, as yet to be feen about half a League from thence, and

at first belong'd to the Kings of Spain, till the French made themselves Masters of it, in 1642. ever fince which time it hath remained in their possession. This City is adorned with an University founded by Peter King of Arragon, is dignified with the Title of an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Narbonne, and hath a very ftrong Cittadel for its defence

Elne, Helena, olim Illibaris, stands on a Hill near the Banks of the River Tech, at the distance only of one League from the Mediterranean, 10 miles from Perpignan to the South. It was an Episcopal See, but that was translated to Perpignan by Pope Clement VIII. A. D. 1604. The Town of Elne was subject to the King of Spain till 1640, at which time it fell into the hands of the French: A little below it are ftill to be feen the ruins of a Castle, wherein Constans the Son of the Emperor Constantine was slain, during the Commotions raised by the Tyrant Magnensius.

Ville-Franche de Conslent, Villa Franca Confluentum, the

chief Town of the Territory call'd Conflent, which lies among the Mountains, is feated at the Foot of the Pyrenean Mountains, about 25 miles from Perpignan to the S. W.

The Quarter of NARBONNE, Narbonnensis Tractus, lies between Louragais and the County of Foix, on the West, Rousillon on the South, the Sea and the Quarter of Besiers on the East, and Toulouson on the North. The principal Cities and Towns of this County, are these, viz.

Narbonne, Archb. \ \ Alet, Bish. Carcassonne, Bish. \ \ St. Pons de Tormiers, Bish.

Narbonne, Narbo, Narbon, and Deucamanorum Colonia, is commodiously seated in a low Country on an Arm of the River Aude, commonly called la Robine, which was cut by the Romans, and ferves to convey Barks laden with Merchandizes from the Mediterranean Sea, from which is is diftant but 2 Leagues. It is a large well fortified City, and one of the most ancient of the Kingdom, for the Romans ettablish'd their Colonies therein, as the Capital of one of their Divi-fions of Gaul, which from this City was called Gallia Narbonnensis; and it was the usual place of Residence of their Pro-confuls, who adorned it with a Capitol, and an Amphitheatre, together with divers Baths, Aqueducks, Municipal Schools, and granted great Priviledges to the City, infomuch that the Inhabitants in gratitude for these favours erected an Altar in honour of Augustus, as appears from an Inscription found here in the XVIth Century. The City of Narbonne hath been long fince the See of an Archbishop, ever fince the time of Constantine the Great, if we may give credit to some Writers, who also averr, that the Proconful Paulus Sergius, whom St. Paul had converted, was its first Apostle and Prelate. The Archbishop is President of the States of Languedoc. The Cathedral bears the name of S. Justus and S. Pastor, and is remarkable for its admirable Organs and curious Paintings, wherein are represented the raising of Lazarus from Dead, the last Judgment, &c. There are also 5 other Parochial Churches, the chief of which is the Collegiate Church of S. Paul, a Colledge of the Fathers of the Doctrine, and divers Monasteries for Religious Persons of both Sexes. This City belonged to its own Dukes and Lords, till Gaston de Foix exchang'd it with Lewis XIIth King of France, for other Lands in the year 1507. It is diftant 80 miles from Thoulouse to the East, 35 from Perpignan to the North, 100 from the River Rhosne to the West, and about 80 from Rodez to Rouvergne to the South.

Carcassonne, Carcasso, Carcasson and Carcassonne, is fituated on the Aude, in the midst between Perpignan and Thoulouse, 20 miles from Alet to the North, and 30 from Narbonne to the West. It is the Capital City of the Territory called from thence Carcasson, or the Country of Carcassonne, and is the See of a Bishop, Sustragan to the Archbishop of Narbonne. It is divided into three parts, the Upper Town, the Lower where the Burgh formerly stood, and the Cassle Precinct, and is especially noted for its woollen Manufactures, &c.

Alet, Aletta, aut Eletta, flands in like manner on the Banks of the River Aude, at the Foot of the Pyrenean Mountains, 20 miles from Carcaffonne to the South, 20 from Mirepoix to the Eaft, and 25 from Perpignan to the North-West. This City together with the adjacent Country, was at first included within the Diocess of Nurbanne, but was erected into an

Episcopal Sec by Pope Folin XXII.

S. Pens de Temiers, Fanum S. Pontii T. meriarum, Tomerie, and Pontiopolis, was at first only an Abby of the Benedistine Order, founded A. C. 936. by Reimond Count of Thoulouse, in honour of S. Pont, Bishop of Cimele, or Nice, and Martyr; afterward it grew up into a Town, and Pope Fohn XII. established an Episcopal See there, in 1318, but the Monks were not secularized until A. 1625. The Bishop is Lord of this small City, which stands amidst the Mountains, about 25 miles from Nirbonneto the North, as many from Castres to the East, and 25 from Alby to the South-west.

The Quarter of BESIERS, Bliterenfix Tradus, is extended between that of Narbonne on the West, Rowergue on the North, the Quarter of Nimes on the East, and the Sea on the South, comprehending these chief Cities and Towns, viz.

Besiers, Bish. \ \ Lodeve, Bish. \ Ayde, Bish. \ Pesenas.

Besiers or Begiers, Biteria, Bliteria, aut Biterrenfis Civitas, is a very ancient City feated upon a Hill, the Avenues whereof are of difficult accels, near the finall River Orb, which a little below falls into the Mediterranean. It was a confiderable place in the time of the Romans, who built there two Temples in honour of Julius and Augustus; it was in a very flouri'hing state in the fourth Century, when the Goths took and ruined it: And when afterwards it had recovered it self, the Saracens pillaged it about the year 736. And to prevent its being again a Seat for those Infidels, Charles Martel quite destroy'd it. However, in time it was again rebuilt, and became flourishing and populous as it is. It was formerly a Vicounty under the Dukes of Septimania, but at length united to the Crown of France. This City is the See of a Bishop, hath still the Title of a Vicounty, Bailiage and Prefidial, and is distant 2 Leagues from the Coast of the Medeterranean, 15 miles from Narbonne to the North-East, and 45 from Montpelier to the West.

Agde, Agatha, stands on the Bay of Lyons, a little above the Mouth of the River Eraut, distant one League from the little Island Bresen to the North, 15 miles from Narbonne, and 12 from Bessers to the East, and about 40 from Montpelier to the West. This City is remarkable for its Trade, the beauty of its Buildings, and is an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of

Narbonne.

Lodeva, Luteva & Lutava, aliis Glanum stands at the foot of the Mountains of Cevennes, on the Frontiers of Rourgue, near the Rivulet of Lergue, which falls into the

Eraut, and is distant about 30 miles from Agde and Beziers to the North. It was dignified with an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Narbonne by the favour of Pope 30ln XXII. And the Bill op is its Spiritual and Temporal Lord, having a right to determine all Causes, Criminal and Civil, except High Treason, and assume the Tirle of Count of Monthrun, which is an adjacent Castle: 800 Gentlemen formerly held Tenures in Fee of these Prelates, and the Bishoprick on that account was stilled the Noble. This City was exposed to great Calamitics during the Wars of the Golds and Albigeois; the French Protestants surprized it in the Year 1573, and it was re-taken by the Duke of Montmorency, A. D. 1583.

Pezenas, Piscone, is a fair near Town, seated on a Hill, on the River Peyne, near the Eraus, 12 or 14 Miles North from Ledove; in which the States of the Province commonly

assemble

The Quarter of NIMES, Nonsufers Tradus, lies between that of Besters on the West, the Mediterraneum Sea on the South, Provence on the East, and Cevennes on the North; and contains the chiung confiderable Cities and Towns, viz.

Nimes, Bish.
Montpelier, Bish.
Beaucaire,

Aigues-Mortes,
Lunel,
Sommieres, &c.

Nimes, Nemaufus, is most pleasantly feated, near the Spring-head of the River Viftre, as being furrounded on one fide with Hills, on which grows abundance of Vines, and all forts of Fruit-Trees, and on the other with a spacious fertile Plain. But it is more especially famous for its Antiquity, whereof as yet remain many illustrious Monuments: The chief of those is an Amphitheatre, built of Free-stone, of an extraordinary length and breadth, the out-fide being adorn'd with Columns and their Cornilles, on which are to be seen the Roman Eagles, and the Figures of Romulus and Remus sucking a Wolf, besides the Temple of Diana, without the Town; an admirable Spring, expatiating in form of a Pond, mentioned by Ausonius. And in this City was plac'd a Colony, which the Emperor Augustis brought out of Egypt, after the conquest of that Province, as appeareth from divers ancient Medals. Neither is its present Grandeur less considerable, for it is the Seat of a Bishoprick, subject to the Metropolitan of Narbonne, of a Seneschals Ju-risdiction, called of Beaucaire and Nimes; of a Presidial Court; and of a University lately established. It is also a place of very good Trade, which consists chiefly in Woollen Stuffs made here. The City of Nismes was possessed by the Goths, till the time of Charles Martel; and by the Protestants during the Civil Wars of France: It is distant not above 10 miles from the River Rhofne to the East, 30 from Montpelier to the North-East, and 30 from the Mediterranean to the North.

Monspellier, Mons-Pessalanus, Mont-Pussulus, & Mons Lucllarum, the Capital City of the Lower Languedee, the largest and most shourishing of all the Province except Tholouse, is pleasantly leated on the top of a Hill, near the Rivuler of Lez, at the distance scarcely of one League from the Pool of Maguelonne, 2 from the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea, and 60 miles from Narbonne to the East. The Episcopal See of Maguelonne, depending on the Metropolitan of Narbonne, was translated higher under the Popedom of Paul III. in the Year 1536. An University for the study of Phisick, one of the most famous throughout Europe, was

founded here (as they fay) by the Disciples of Averroes and Avicenna, A. D. 1196. and re-establish'd in 1220. Besides a Law Academy, a Colledge of Jesuits, a Court of Aides, a Chamber of Aides, a Chamher of Accounts, a Generality and a Chamber of the Treasures of France, a Seneschals Court, a Presidial, a Chamber of the lesser Seal, and a Royal Court of ordinary Justice. This City is also adorn'd with divers stately Edifices, viz. The Hall of Justice or Sessions-house, the Churches of S. Peter and the Virgin Mary; and a strong Citadel stanked with sour Royal Bastions: The King's Physick Garden, without the Town, and other Curiofities, that deserve well to be view'd by Travellers. The Inhabitants are employ'd riew'd by Travellers. The Inhabitants are employ'd in making of Treacle, Verdegreafe, white Wax, Silk, and other forts of Manufactures. James III. the Son of Sanchez, Kling of Manifactures, It is a Manufacture of the Manufacture of Protestants made themselves Masters of it in 1561. but Lewis XIII. took it from them after a vigorous Defence in 1622.

GEVAUDAN or GIVAUDAN, Gabalensis Ager, lyes on the North of Bezieres, and hath Vivarais and Velay for its Eastern bounds; the Diocels of Lodeve on the South, Rouergue on the West, and the upper Avergne on the North. This Country hath been some time possessed by certain particular Counts, and is very fruitful, though encompassed with Mountains. The chief City is,

Mende, Mimatum, seu Memate Gebalorum, is situated in a Valley, surrounded with the Mountains of Cevennes, near the Source of the River Lor, 70 miles North from Montpellier, 20 from the borders of Auvergne, and 50 from the River Roone. Some Authors make this the ancient Anderitum or Gabalum ; but the Village Favoux, 4 Leagues hence, feems rather to have been that, and that this grew out of its Ruins, having been at first only a Village or Hainlet. It is now a good City, the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Alby: The Bishop hath the Title of a Count, potsetseth the Lord sip of the Mannor together with the King, having also enjoy'd in time past a Privilege of Coining Money. This City is beautified with divers fair Churches, a stately Epileopal Palace, &c. VIVAR AIS, Vivariensis Provincia, was the Country

of the ancient Helvii, and is now part of Cevennes, lying between Languedoc proper on the South, Givandan on the West, Forets and Velay on the North, and the River Rhone on the East. It is extended from North to South, the space of about 60 miles, and from East to West about 40 miles, being divided into two Parts, viz. The Upper and the Lower, and comprehend-

ing these Principal Cities and Towns, viz.

In the Upper

Viviers, Bith. Tournon, Aubenas.

In the Lower

Uzes, Bish. Pont S. Esprit.

Viviers, Vivario sen Vivarium, is seated on a Hill and the Banks of the River Rione, over-against the Province of Dauphine, about 65 miles North from

Montpellier, and 70 miles South from Lyons. It was at first only a Village, and in process of time grew up into a large City, out of the Ruins of Abs or Abba.

Helviorum, which was destroy'd by Crocus King of the Germans; and that Episcopal See was remov'd thither about A.C. 430. The Bostop is styled Count of Viviers and Prince of Donfere, Charcau-Neuf, &c.

Uzes, Ucesia, is the Capital City of a Country, thence fo called, and dignified with the Title of a Dutchy, and an Episcopal See, depending on the Metropolitan of Norbonne. It is deftant 12 miles from Nimes to the North, 30 from Viviers to the South, and 20 from Avignon to the West. On the Road between this City and that of Nimes is to be seen the stately Bridge of Guard, built over the River Gardon between two Mountains, that are thereby join'd rogether; and indeed its Structure is admirable, as confifting in three Stories of Arches one above another, the last of which was an Aqueduct.

Pont S. Esprit, a small City with a good Castle, and a Stone-Bridge over the Rhone, is feared on the borders of the Vivarais, and at the confluence of the Ardesche with the Rhone, 20 miles from Vsez to the North,

and 15 from Viviers to the South.

VELAY, Velaunia, a fmall Country on the North-west of Vivarais, having Forets on the North, Auvergne on the West, and Givaudan on the South. It is divided into two parts by the Mountains of Mezeres, Pertuis and Meigal, all cover'd with Woods. The chief Town is

Puy, or Puy en Velay, Podium, olim Vellanorum Urbs & Anicium, stands on a Mountain, near the River Loire, at the distance of 2 Leagues from the ancient Town of Ruesium, now the Village of S. Paulhan, out of the Ruins whereof it took its rife, also 50 miles from Viviers to the North-west, 60 from Lyons to the South-weft, and not above 10 from the borders of Auvergne. It is a fair, large, well-built City, and an Episcopal See, which depends immediately on that of Rome, not being subject to the Jurisdiction of any Metropolitan. The Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is an ancient and Noble Pile of Building, but more especially famous for the concourse of Pilgrims and other devout Persons, frequently resorting thereto. Here are also divers Parochial Churches and a great number of Monasteries. The Bishop is Count of Velay, and formerly had a Privilege to Coin Money: He administers Justice together with the Kings Seneschal, who hath his Seathere.

Lauguedoc hath a Governour-General, and a Commander in chief for the King, who hath a Lieutenant General. Here are also 3 Lieutenant-Generals, 1 for the Upper Languedoc, who resides at Thoulouse. 2 for the Lower, refiding at Montpellier: And 3 for Vivarois at Pont S. Esprit. There are also the Senefchal of Nimes, the Seneschal and Governour of Thoulouse and Albigeois, the Seneschal of the Country of Foix, Carcassome, Besiers and Limoux. A Governour of the Country of Foix, 3 Bailiss of Velay, Givandan and Vivarais: and particular Governours in Montpellier, Nimes, Pont S. Esprit, Narbonne, Carcassome, Fort of Brescon, Egde, du Puy, &c. And in Rousillon a Go-vernour-General. There is also a Lieutenant-General and particular Governours in Perpignan, and fix other Places on the Frontiers.

CHAP. XII.

PROVENCE, Provincia.

THIS Province, which bears the Title of a County, is bounded on the East by Piedmont and the River Var; on the South by the Mediterra-nean Sea, on the West by the River Rhone, that sepa-rates it from Languedoc, and on the North by Dauphine, being extended between the 42d Degree 30 Minutes, and the 44th Degree 6 Minutes of Latitude, as also between the 22d Degree 30 Minutes, and the 25th Degree 40 Minutes of Longitude, comprehending 180 English Miles from South to North, and 130 from West ro East.

PROVENCE was the first part of Gaul that the Romans gor fooring in, and was therefore call'd the Province of the Romans. In the Division by Augustus, this was the Gallia Narbonnensis secunda. It was afterwards possers'd by the Goebs: And under the French it was part of the Kingdom of Arles or Burgundy. Afterwards cur off from that, and govern'd by its own Counts for about 400 Years, till the Year 1481, when Charles the last Earl of Provence bequeathed it to Lewis XI. King of France.

The Air is somewhat cold in the Upper Provence by reason of the Mountains, but the Country affords Corn, Wine, Almonds, and Fruit, as also very good Pasture for Cattle, &c. In the Lower Provence, along the Sea-coasts it is hot, and hath little Winter, except when the North Winds blow. The Soil there is very fertile, and produces abundance of Corn, Grapes, Olives, Figs, Oranges, Limons, Citrons, Pomegranats, Apricocks, Plums, Almonds, Apples, Pears, &c. Divers forts of excellent Fish are taken out of the Sea, especially Tunnies. The principal Rivers are the Rhone, the Durance, the Verdon, the Hubay, the Argens, the Var, the Arc, &c. It is a Maritime Province and hath these considerable Bays in the Mediterranean Sea, viz. Marfeille, Toulen, Hyeres, Grimaut and Le-

Provence is usually divided into the Upper, Middle and Lower; however, its several Parts may be better distinguish'd by the Diocesses, as they are placed in the ensuing Table.

Provence divided into 18 Parts or Diocesses, viz.

The Diocess of Aix, Aix, Archb. Cap. Ricz, Bifh. Riez, Senez, Senez, Bith. Digne, Bish.

Arles, Arhe-bish.

Murseille, Bish. Digne, Marfeille, Toulon, Toulon, Bith. Frejus, Bish. Grace, Bish. Vence, Bish. Frejus Grace, Vence, Glandeve, Glandeve, Bish. Sisteron, Bith. Sifteron,

County of Venaissin, Principality of Orange,

Apt,

Apt, Bish. Avignon, Archb. Cap. Orange.

The of Martegue, Islands of Stecades, in 4, of Lerins, viz. of Chateau-d'If

Martegue, Ribaudon, S. Margaret, Chatcau-d'If.

The Diocels of A I X, Aquensis Discessia, is extended along the Banks of the River Durance, and includes these chief Towns, &c. viz.

Aix, Archbish. Sprignole, S. Maximin, Sparjols.

A I X, Aqua-sextia, the Metropolis of Provence, is seated in a Plain at the foot of the Hill of S. Eutropius, and near the Rivulet of Arc, 20 miles from Marseille to the North, 50 from the Confines of Danphine to the South, 80 from Montpellier, and about 40 from Arles to the Eaft, and 50 from Nice to the West. It is a large, well-built and very ancient City, as deriving its Name from the Bagnio's that were erected by Caiss Sextus, who brought hither a Roman Colony. It was formerly the usual Place of Residence of the Counts of Provence, and at present the See of an Archbishop, being also honoured with a Parliament. a Chamber of Accounts, a Court of Aides, a Generalty, a Treasury-Chamber, the principal Seat of the Grand Seneschal of *Provence*, and that of the ordinary Judge, and another Magistrate appointed by the King, called the Viguier. This Ciry was heretofore sacked by the Lombards, and afterwards by the Suracens; but it hath been fince well repaired and much enlarged, so that it may be justly esteemed as one of the Noblest of the Kingdom. The Cathedral bears the Name of S. Saviour, and is adorn'd with a high Tower, a Hexagon form: The Baptiflery is an admirable Structure, being adorned with Pillars ftanding round about the Fonts, which support a Dome over them; and the Chappel of Nostre Dame de Grace is extreamly rich. Here are also two Parochial Churches, viz. of S. Mandalen and the Holy Ghost, several Monasteries, a College of Jesuits, &c.

The Diocels of RIEZ, Reiensis Egiscopatus, lies on the East of that of Aix, and hath these Towns,

Riez, Bith. Valenfoie, Orefon.

Riez, Reii, Reii Apollinari & Regium, is situated in a fruitsul Country on the Rivuler of Auvertre, about 35 miles from Aix to the N.E. 45 from Toulon to the North, and as many from the Frontier of Dauphine to the South. It is a small City, but well-built, and hath been very confiderable in the Time of the Romans, as appears from divers Inscriptions and other Monuments of Antiquity found here: The Bishop is also remporal Lord of the Mannor and Suffragan to the Archbittop of Aix.

The Diocess of SENE Z. Saniciensis Diecesis, lies

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along the Banks of the Verdun, on the North-East of Pliny, which is a large Country covered with Stones. Riez. Its chief Towns are,

Senez, Bish. Castelane, Colmars.

Senez, Sanitium aut Sanecium, is a City below the Mountains, of very fmall compass, not much inhabited, and now almost reduc'd to a Village nevertheless it retains the Title of an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Ambrun, although its Bi-shop generally resides at Castelane, a fair Town on the River Verdun, from whence it is diftant 10 miles to the North, 20 from Riez to the N. E. and about 40 from Ambrun to the S. The Cathedral Church bears the Name of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary; and the Chapter, which had been formerly of the Augustin Order, was secularized by Pope Innocent X.

Colmars, Colmartium, five Collis Martii, ftands on the Banks of the Verdun, near the Alps and the Confines of the County of Nice, and 20 miles N. E. from Senez. It is a well fortified Town, but suffain'd much damage by a great fire, which happen'd there,

A. D. 1672.

The Diocels of DIGNE lies on the North of Scnez.

Digne, Bish. Collobrieux.

Digne, Dinia, is seated at the Foot of the Mountains in the Upper Provence, on the River Bleone, which there receives a Brook of hot Waters, at the distance of 15 miles from Senez to the N. and 25 from the Frontiers of Dauphine to the S. It was heretofore the Capital City of the Sentii, and is at present the Seat of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Ambrun. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and the Chapter was sometime Regular of the Augustin Order.

The Diocess or Arch-bishoprick of ARLES, is the South-West corner of Provence, lying along the Seacoasts, and the Banks of the River Rhone, the chief Towns are,

Arles, Archb. Salon.

ARLES, Arelate & Arelatum, is fituated on the Eastern Bank of the River Rome, over which it hath a Bridge of Timber, 40 miles from Aix to the Weft, and as many from Montpellier, and in the mid-way between Avignon to the South and the Mediterranean The Romans established their fixth Colony in this City, and caused the General Assemblies of the fix neighbouring Provinces to be held annually here. Many Marks of its ancient Grandeur have been difcover'd, as the Remains of an Amphitheatre, feveral Statues and Tombs, but especially a Roman Obelisk of Oriental Granate Stone (a piece much admired by the Curious.) It is 52 Foot high, and 7 Foot Diameter at the Base, and yet but one Stone. It hath been erected not many years fince, and makes a very a-greeable them to Travellers. This was the Capital of the Kingdom of Burgundy, and is at pretent a very fair and large City, dignified with a Metropolitan See, and a Royal Academy for Languages lately effablithed. The Emperors at feveral times granted large Priviledges to it; which though it hath been deprived of by its Princes, yet still hath a Territory of 30 Miles extent, depending on it; which is the Islands made by the three Branches of the Rhone, call'd Camargue; and the Crau or Campi Lapidei of Strabo and

and reaches from the Rhone to the Mer de Martigne, a finall Bay between that and Marfeilles.

Salon or Salon de Crau, Salona aut Salum, is the chief Town of the Crau abovementioned, and is fituated 25 Miles from Arles to the East, about 20 from Aix to the West, and 5 or 6 from the Bay of Mar-tigues to the North. This Town is adorn'd with an old Castle, a Collegiate Church and divers Monasteries, and was the place of the Nativity of the Famous Michael Nestradamus, who also died there in the year 1566.

The Diocess of MARSEILLE, lies along the Sea-coasts, on the East of Arles, and hath these con-

fiderable Towns, viz.

Marfeille, Bish. Aubagne.

Marseille, Massilia, is seated on a little Hill, and hath a very capacious and fafe Harbour on the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea, at the distance of 20 miles from Aix to the South, and 40 from Arles to the South-East. This City was built (as 'tis supposed) by the Phenicians, and flourished in the time of Julius C.efar; when it was govern'd in form of a Republick, and had a famous Academy much frequented by the young Gentlemen of France, and even of Rome it felf. The Inhabitants acquir'd much Reputation in former times on the account of their Learning and Courteousness (according to the Testimony of Cicero) but now they excel chiefly in the Knowledge of Maritime Affairs; for the Capital Gallies of France are laid up here, and it is the ufual place of Rendezvous of their Levantine Ships. The Port, which is defended on one fide by a Fortress and the Abbey of S. Villor, is flanked on the other with a Wall above 1300 Paces long; its Mouth being shur up with a Chain lying at a certain distance on three Pillars of Stone, leaving a space open for the passage only of one large Vessel. The City it self at present enjoys great Priviledges, and is one of the largest, faireft, and most populous of the Kingdom, especially fince it hath been enlarg'd by the prefent King. So that its Cittadels, new streets, publick Places, stately Edifices, magnificent Churches, Monasteries, Colledges, Seminaries, Hospitals, Courts of Judicature, Haven, Arfenal, Gallies, &c. are well

worth a Strangers particular observation.

The Episcopal See of Marseille, formerly subject to the Metropolitan of Vienne, now depends on that of Arles. The Inhabitants heretofore often maintained Wars against the Gauls, Ligurians, Carthaginians, and divers other Nations, but their City was taken by Julius C.efar, afterward became a Prey to the Goths and other barbarous People, and was likewife turpriz'd by Alfonfus King of Arragon, in the year 1423. However having been afterwards well repaired, it refifted the Forces of Charles of Bourbon, in 1524. and those of the Emperor Charles V. in 1536. It was for some time subject to the Jurisdiction of certain particular Viicounts, as also to that of the Counts of Provence, Anno 1243, and at length was united to the Crown of France, together with the whole Coun-

try, in 1481.

Aubagne, Aubanca, is a fair Town, wherein the Affemblies of the States of the Province are often convened. It is diffant only 10 miles from Marfeille 10 the East, and 15 from Aix to the South.

The Diocess of TOULON, Telononsis Discessis,

is likewise along the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea. The chief Towns are,

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Toulon, Bish. Hyeres.

TOULON, Telo, aut Telo Martius, Tolonium & Tolomium, is fituated in a plain fruitful Country, and on a Bay which makes a very fafe, large and commodious Harbour on the Coafts of the Mediterranean Sea, at the diffance of 30 miles Eaft from Marfeille by Land, 75 miles from Nice to the West, 90 from the Borders of Dauphine to the South, and 400 miles from Parin. It is a very fair, strong and well built City, being adorn'd with many stately Churches, Monasteries, and other publick Edifices. King Henry IV. fortisted it with strong Walls, and built two large Moles, each whereof is 700 Paces long, enclosing almost the whole Port; near them is also erected an Arsenal furnished with all forts of Naval Stores, whence the largest Ships of the Royal Fleet of France are usually fitted out. And for their Security the Fortistications have been much encreased by the prefent King.

Hieres, Hierrum, Area & Olbia, is a small Town on the Coats, about 10 miles from Toulon to the East, and over against the Islands Szechades, to which it hath given their modern Name, on which account only this Town is mentioned, being not otherwise

confiderable.

The Diocess of FREFUS lies to the East of that of Toulon, and contains these chief Towns, &c. viz.

Frejus, Bish. S. Tropez, &c.

Frejus, Foro-Julium aut Forum Julii, is feated in a Valley amidft the Marshes near the Mouth of the River Argens, and distant only half a League from the Sea-coasts, 40 miles from Toulon to the North-East, and 60 from Aix to the East. This City was heretofore very considerable, and there yet remain divers Monuments of Antiquity. It bath also at present a capacious Harbour, and is dignified with an Episcopal Sea under the Metropolitan of Aix.

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S. Tropez, Famm S. Tropetis, is a small but strong
Town on the South side of the Gulph of Grimaut,
and hath in like manner a large Haven, 5 Leagues
from Frejus to the South, and 35 miles from Toulon

to the East.

The Diocess of GRASSE is situated on the Coasts to the North-East of Frejus, comprehending these Towns, &c. viz.

Graffe, Bish. Antibes, Lanes, &c.

Grasse or Grace, Grassa is a very populous and rich City seated on a Hill 2 Leagues from the Sea, 20 Miles from Frejus to the North, and 20 from Nice to the East. The Episcopal See of Antibes under the Metropolitan of Ambrum, was removed hither by Pope Impocent IV. by reason of the unwholsomness of the Air of that place, and the incursions of Pirates. Besides the Cathedral, there are diversother Churches, and a great number of Monasteries, &c.

Antibes, intipolis seu Antipolis Julia Angusta, was formerly the Seat of a Prelate, and is at present well fortified with a Castle, and hath a convenient Harbour, about 3 Leagues from Nice to the West, and

20 miles from Frejus to the North-East.

Vence, Bish. S. Paul, &c.

Vence, Vincium, Vintium, Vensiensis Urbs & Vencium, is situated on the maritime Alps at the diffance of 5 or 6 miles from the River Var, about 12 miles from Grasse to the North-Bast, and as many from Nice to the North-West. This City is very ancient, as having been a Roman Colony, but not large; and its Episcopal See depending on the Metropolitan of Ambrun, was formerly united to that of Grasse, but hath been separated from it. The Cathedral is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and St. Euslebius was its first Prelate. The Civil Jurisdiction of the City and Lordship of the Mannor, is divided between the Bishop and the Baron of Vence.

The Diocess of $GL \land ND E \lor E$ is extended along the Banks of the River Var, to the North-West of Vence. Considerable Towns in it are,

Glandeve, Bish. Entrevaux, &c.

Glandeve, Glandata, Glandate & Glanateve Capillatorum, stands near the Banks of the Var, and formerly bore the Title of a County, as also of an Episcopal Sea under the Metropolitan of Ambrun; but at present there remains only a Fortress erected on an Hill, the City it self being ruin'd: For about 800 years ago, the continual overflowing of the River obliged the Inhabitants to settle essewhere, especially at the Town of Entrevaux, where the Bishop now resides. This City hath imparted its name to the Family of the Glandeves, one of the most illustrious of Provence, which in the X Century re-established the Bishoprick, after it had been abolished by the Saracens.

Entrevaux, Intervallium & Intervalles, is feated on the River Var, at the Foot of the Mountains, on the very Limits of the Dutchy of Savey and County of Nice, at the distance only of one mile from the Ruins of the City of Glandeve, 16 from Vence to the N. W. and 30 from Digne to the E.

The Diocess of SISTERON, Segusterensis Divecessis, lies to the North, and beyond Digne to the West. The chief Towns are,

Sisteron, Bish. Forcalquier, County. Monosque.

Sisteron, Segustero, Segusterorum Urbs, & Sistarica, is watered by the River Durance, which there receives the Brook Buech; and stands near the Borders of Dauphine, 50 miles North from Aix, and 45 North-West from Glandeve. It was formerly dignified with a Title of a County, and is still a large well-built City, and the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Metropolitan of Aix. A Seneschal's Court hath been established here ever since the year 1635.

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Forcalquier, Forcalquerium, olim Forum Neronis, the chief Town of a County of the same Name stands on a Hill, and the side of the Rivulet Laye, in the midst between Sisteron to the North-East, and Apt to the South-West, about 2 Leagues from the River

Durance

Monesque, Manuasca, is a small but fair Town on the River Durance, subject to the Jurisdiction of the Knights of Malta, and distant 20 miles from Riez to

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the W. 25 from Aix to the N. and about 12 from Forcalquier to the S.

The Diocess of APT, Aptensis Diecesis, is fituated on the Frontiers of the County of Venaissin, the

chief City.

Apt, Apta, seu Apta Julia Vulgantium, is a small City situate on the River Coulon near the Mountains, at the distance of 25 miles from Aix to the North, as many from Avignen to the East, and 40 from Sisteron to the South-West. This City was anciently one of the largest and most illustrious of the Celta, and was the Capital of the Vulgentes in the time of the Romans. It was likewise enlarged by Julius Casar, who made it a Colony, and caused it to bear his own name. The most ancient Prelate of this Diocess was S. Auspicius Marto, and the Bishop at present is the first Suffragan to the Metropolitan of Aix, and stiled Prince of Apt, and his Predecessors have had a Priviledge to coin Money. In the Cathedral of S. Anne, and the Church of the Cordeliers, are preserved a great number of Relicks. Westward from hence lies

The County of VENAISSIN, Vindascinus aut Vindauscensis Comitatus, which is bounded on the East by Provence, on the North by Dauphine, on the South by the River Durance, and on the West by the River Rhone, which divides it from Languedoc, being extended from South to North about 35 miles, and 30 from West to East. This Country took its Name (as 'tis believed) from Venesque, formerly its Capital City, and was granted by Joanna Queen of Naples and Counters of Provence, to Pope Clement VI. in 1348. fince which time it hath been possessed by his Successors, together with the City of Avignon, comprehending an Archbishoprick, 3 Bishopricks, 4 Baronies, and 78 Towns and Villages; the chief whereof are these, viz.

Avignon, Arch. \ Carpentras, Bish. \ Vaison, Bish.

AVIGNON, Avenio, is fituated on the River Rhone, over which stands a stone Bridge, now half ruin'd' at the distance of 25 miles from S. Esprit to the South, 20 from Arles to the North, and 45 from Aix to the North-West. It is a large and flourithing City, a Place of good Trade, which confifts chiefly in Silks manufactur'd here: Erected into a Metropolitan See under the Pontificate of Sixtus V. in the year 1475. having been before subject to that of Arles. It is also adorned with an University, and a Mint-house for the coining of Money with the Arms of the Popes, of whom seven successively resided for the space of 70 years; that is to say, from A. D. 1307, to 1377. viz. Clement V. John XXII. Clement VI. who purchased Avignon of Q. Joanna, Innocent VI. Urban V. and Gregory XI. who through the Persuasion of S. Catherine of Sienna, brought back the Papal See to Rome. Here are divers stately Palaces, and magnificent publick Buildings. The Walls are ftrong, the Churches stately, and the Avenues of the City very pleasant. The Canons of the Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, wear Scarlet Robes, and the Chaplains others of Violet Colour. As for the Civil Government, it is administred by Consuls, and their Affilters, who is as it were chief Justice of the City. The Viguier, an Officer like the Pro-vost of the Merchants of Paris, judges Causes that do not exceed the Value of sour Ducats of Gold without Appeal. In greater Causes Appeals lie to the Vice-Legate, who commits the Affair to the Court of the Rota, where there are five Auditors; and from

thence an Appeal lies to Rome.

Carpentras, Carpentorafte, is watered by the River Russe, and seated in a very sertile Country about 12 miles from Avignon to the North-East, as many from Vaison to the South, and somewhat more from Orange. It is an Episcopal See subject to Avignon. It grew up out of the Ruins of Vindausca or Venasgue, and is now the capital City of the County of Venaissin in its Room. It is enclosed with strong Walls, and stands on the Foot of Mount Ventoux, which rifeth up from thence 4 Leagues in height. In this City is established a Court of Justice, a Treasury-Office, &c.

Cavaillon, Cabellio aut Caballio, is a City of a fm a compass now seated in a Plain near the River Durance, although it formerly flood on an adjacent Hill, where its Ruins are as yet to be feen. The Prelate of Gavaillon is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Avignon, from whence it is diftant 15 miles to the S. E. and 30 from Aix to the N. W.

Vaison, Vasio, Vasion & Vassionensis Urbs, is built on the fide of a Hill on the Banks of the River Louvese, at the distance of 12 miles from Carpentras to the North, as many from Orange to the East, and 24 from Avignon to the North-East. This City was heretofore more confiderable than at prefent, having been ruin'd by the Goths, Vandals and Saracens. The Church of the Virgin Mary, reported to have been formerly the Cathedral, flands without the City on the Plain, and the other within the Walls, hath a Chapter of Canons, among whom are four Dignitaries. The Episcopal See of Vaison is fubject to the Metropolitan of Avignon.

The Principality of ORANGE, Arauficanus Principatus, is enclosed within the Country of Venaissin on the East, and the River Rhone to the West. being extended for the space of 20 miles in length. This fmall Territory of right appertains to the il-lustrious House of Nassaw, but was usurped by the present French King Levis XIV. on the Pretensions of the Family of Langueville, till by the late Treaty at Ryswick, it was restored to his Majesty King William. It comprehends the Capital City of Orange, together with about 15 other Towns and Villages, the chief of which are these, viz.

> Orange, Bish. \ Jonquieres, S Bigondas. Couriezon,

OR ANGE, Aurasio, is situated near the Rivulet of Egues, diffant 3 or 4 miles from the River, Rhone to the East, 12 from S. E/prit to the South, and 15 from Avignon to the North. It is called Colonia Secundanonum by Pliny, in regard that the Triumviri, caused the second Roman Legion to be brought hither. This City hath been much larger in time past than at present, as having suffer'd great damage by the Inroads of divers barbarous Nations: Of which former Grandeur, there are evident markes in the Remains of a Cirque, very artificially built, an Amphitheatre and a Triumphant Arch almost entire, which Caius Marius and Luctatius Catulus had erected after the Victory obtained over the Cimbrians and Teutones, besides part of a large Tower, which some suppose to have been a Temple of Diana, and divers other remarkable Monuments of Antiquity. The Fortress which Maurice of Nas-Sum

faw Prince of Orange made so regular in the year 1622. stood on a Hill, and render'd this place one of the strongest Holds of Europe; but it was raiz'd together with the other Fortiscations in 1660. The City of Orange is the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Arles, and is also adorned with a University, which Raymond V. sounded, A. D. 1365. and a Parliament established by William of Aralon, 1470. but the French King suppress'd the latter in 1687. and changed it into a Viguirie, under the Jurisdiction of the Parliament of Aix.

The Principality of Orange was convey'd by Marriage to John de Chalons of the Illustrious Family of Burgundy, who in the year 1475. became ablolute Prince of Orange, and was succeeded in it by William, John, and Philibert his Descendants, the last of whom lest an only Sister, married to Henry Earl of Nassaw, A. 1515. and had Issue Rene of Nassaw, who was Adopted by Philibert, and succeeded him in this Estate, from whom is descended his present Majesty of

Great Britain.

The Island of MARTEGUES, or Martigues, Maritima Colonia, lies a little to the West of Marfeille, and is dignified with the Titles of a Principality, and called by some the Venice of France. It is divided into three Parts, viz. Jonquiers, L'Isle, and Forrieres, having a capacious and safe Harbour at the Mouth of the Gulph, named the Bay of Martigues, the Town being situate on the Lake of Berre, from whence divers deep Channels have been cut to make a Communication with the Sea at the distance of a large quarter of a League. Barks of the largest size pass through these Dirches, to the great advantage of Merchants; and the Towns are joined together by Bridges. The Inhabitants are very expert in sailing on the Mediterranean, and admirable Fishermen, for they take vast quantities of all forts of Fish in certain Huts made for that purpose of Reeds, or Scattles, and termed Bourdigous. This Town hath been possessed by different Lords, especially the Viscounts of Marseille, and Counts of Provence; but at length Frances of Lorrain Dutchels of Merceux, Estampes, and Ponthieore, as also Princess of Martigues, brought it to the House of Vendome, the Natural Son of King Henry IV. Se.

The Islands of STOCHAES, or of HYERES, are so called as lying over against the Town of this name, between the Gulph of Grimeur to the E. and Thoulon to the W. Among these there are three principal, viz. The Island of Levant, or of Titan, in Latin Hypaa, toward the East; that of Porteros in the midst;

and that of Portquerolles to the West: Near to the former are also studied two other small Islands, viz. Ribaudon and Ribaudon, by the Ancients called Stirium and Phenice on the Coasts between the Promonterty or Cape of Hyeres to the North, and the ssle of Porters to the South, besides those of Tele de Can, Langeu-flier, &c. In the time of Cassianus, these Islands were inhabited only by Monks; and there were some of the Cisterian Order under the Popedom of Innocent III.

The Islands of LERINS, Infulse Lerinenses, are two in number, and lye over against Cannes near Antibes. The former called in Latin Lerg, and commonly S. Margaret, from a Chappel dedicated to this Saint, is three quarters of a League long, and one broad, being desended with five Forts and a Citradel, lately fortified. The other of S. Honoratus Lorina, ant Planatia, is distant about two Leagues from Antibes to the South, and five from Frejus to the Fast, taking its name from that Saint, who founded a famous Monastery therein, A. C. 375, and was afterward ordained Archbishop of Arles. This Solitary Place hath been for many Ages the Seminary of the Prelates of Provence, and the reighbouring Churches, having brought forth 12 Archbishops, as many bishops, 10 Abbots, four Monks reckon'd among the Confessors, and 105 Martyrs, together with a great number of other Illustrious Personages. The Spaniars surprized these Islands in the Month of September, A. D. 1635, and cut down the Forest of Pine-Trees that afforded a delightful shade during the excessive heat of the Sun, and stood in rows, at the end whereof were certain Oratories in honour of Abbots and Monks, who had been canonized for Saints. But those Spanish Forces were entirely expell'd in the Month of My. 1637.

CHATEAU-D'IF, Castrum Iphium, is a small Island or rather Rock, encompassed on all sides with the Sea, and defended by a strong Fortress, distant about a quarter of a League from Marseilles, where the very large Vessels ride at Anchor, that cannot fail into the Port for want of a sufficient depth of Water at its entrance. There are also some other Islands at the mouth of the River Rhome, but nothing very considerable is to be found in them,

The Governor-General of Provence hath under him one Lieutenant-General, three Grand Seneschals, of Aix, Marseille, and of Arles; and particular Governours in Thoulon, Marseilles, in the Island of Chateau-dif. In the Islands of St. Margaree and Honoratus;

in Antibe, &c.

CHAP. XIII.

DAUPHINE, Delphinatus.

THIS Province is bounded on the North by Breffe and Savoy, on the East by Piemont and the Alps, on the South by Provence, and on the West by the Rhone, which separates it from Lyonnois. It is situated between the 44 deg. and the 45 deg. 30 min. of Latitude; as also between the 22 deg. 40 min. and the 26 deg. of Longitude, comprehending from South to North in the broadest part, about 100 miles, but in other parts, not above half so much, and 103 from

West to East.

Dauphine, was conquer'd by the Romans, under whom it was at first part of Narbonnensis, and afterwards upon the Division of Gaul by Constantine, it composed the Viennensis. In the declension of the Roman Empire the *Burgundians* got possession of it, who were again beaten out by the French, and by them it was made part of the Kingdom of *Arles*; and at length became subject to the Emperors of Germany; but during the Differences between the Pope and the Emperor Henry IV. it was usurped by Guigne the Fat, Earl of Grisinauden, A. 1100. whose Successor gave it the name of Dauphine, either as some say, from the name of his Wife, or as others, from the Dol-phin born in his Arms. In this Family the Sovereignty of this Province continued till the time of Imbert, or Humbers II, Count Dauphin of Viennois, who having loft one Son in the Battle of Creey, and unfortunately let fall his youngest out of a Window, whereof he died; perceiving also that Amedeo, Count of Savoy, his irreconcileable Enemy, infulted over his Calamity, fold his Country to Philip of Valois, King of France, for the Sum of 100000 Florins of Gold, on condition that the eldeft Son of the French Monarchs should bear the Name of the Dauphine, and that his Arms thould be quarter'd with those of Dauphine; which Contract was ratified at Bois de Vincennes, near Paris, on the 23d day of April, 1343. and Charles V. the Grandson of the faid Philip was first styled the Dauphine, in 1350; and the same Custom hath been ever since observed, and Dauphine continued part of the Kingdom of

Tho' this Province be full of Mountains and Hills, it is nevertheless very fruitful in Wheat, Ryc, Oats, and Barley, affording also good Pastures for the feeding of all forts of Cartle, and the Forests yield good store of Game, as Stags, Fallow-Deer, Roe-Bucks, wild Boars, wild Goats, and Hares, together with Partiridges, Pheasants, Heathcocks, Plovers, &c. Sone Mines of Iron, Lead, and other Metals are found here. In this Province are to be seen three notable Abbies, being the chief of so many different Orders, namely that of S. Antony, that of S. Ruf, and the great Charter-house, as also four Wonders, viz. The inaccessible Mountain, the Tower without Poison, the Pit of Sassenge, which foreshews the Plenty or Dearth of the Year, by a quantity of Water found therein at certain times; and the Fountain or Quick-Spring near Grenoble, that appears covered with Flames and boyling up in great Bub-

bles, yet never hot: There is also a certain Hole or Cavern near Nions, from whence rifeth up a Wind, which can scarcely be felt by those Persons that come near it, and yet blows violently when one stands at the distance of 20 or 30 paces. The Principal Rivers of Dauphine, are the Isere, which receives the Drac below Grenoble; the Durance thattakes its rife and runs into Provence; the Drore, the Stream whereof is extreamly rapid and dangerous; the Buelch, the Romance, the Dia, &c. The whole Province is usually divided into the Upper to the East, and the Lower to the West, which are again subdivided according to the following Table.

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GRAISIVA OD AN, Grationopolitanus Ager, is a Valley which was heretofore inhabited by the Tricollores, and lies between the Rivers Ifere and Drac, bounded on the North by Savoy, properly fo called, on the East by the Valley of Maurienne and Brianconnois, on the South by Gapencoss, and on the West by Diois and Vennois. The places of Note, are these, viz.

Grenoble, Bish. La Grande Chartreuse.

Grenoble, Gratianopolis, olim Accusio and Cular, is situated on the Confluence of Isere and Drace, and on the foot of the Mountains, being distant 55 miles from Lyons to the South-east, about 80 from Geneva to the South, 110 from Aix, and 60 from the Frontiers of Languedoc to the North, and 40 from the River Rhosne to the East. Maximian who was sent into France by Dioclesian, sortified this Place; and being afterward enlarged by the Emperor Gratian, it took the name of Gratianopolis, which in time melted into that of Grenoble. It is a large well-built City, and adorn'd with divers sair, Churches. The Epitcopal See depends on the Metropolitan of Vienne, and its most ancient Bishop was 8. Deminus, who affisted in the Council of Aquitain, A.C. 381. His Successors at present assume the Title of Princes of Grenoble, by reason of the Donations which the Lords of the Country have made to them at several times. King Lewis XI. erecked the Dolphinal Council of this Province into a Parliament, in the year 1453; Moreover a University was formerly established here, but Valence now enjoys that Honour at present: Besides the Parliament above-mentioned.

mentioned, here is a Chamber of Accompts, a Treasury-Office, a Court of Generality, and a Bailiage. The Grand Charter-house, chief of the Carthylian Order, stands three Leagues from this City on one fide; and the boyling Spring is at the like distance on the other.

DIOIS, lies on the South of Grafivaudan between Valentinois on the West, Provence on the South, and Gapencois on the East. The chief Ci-

DIE, Dia, Dea Vocontiorum, aut Dea Augusta of the Ancients, is feated on the foot of the Mountains and the Banks of the Rivulet Drome, at the distance of 30 miles from Grenoble to the South, 26 from Valence to the East, and 40 from Gap to the West. It was formerly a considerable City with the Title of an Earldom, and had five the Wars of the Lombards formerly, and the Civil Wars lately, they have been alunoft destroyed; however it is still the See of a Bishop.

The BARONIES or Baronia, lie on the Frontiers of Provence; whereof the chief Towns are,

Le Buys, Nions.

Buys or Buyz, Buxium, is a small Town standing upon the River Louveze, on the Frontiers of Pro-

vence, 30 miles from Dye to the South.

Nions, Neomagus, stands on the Frontiers of Pro-vence and the side of the River Eygues, about 28 miles from Dye to the South, five or fix from the Frontiers of *Provence*, and 20 from the River *Rhone* to the East. It had a Castle, but it is destroy'd, and the Town is not very considerable.

GAPENCOIS, is extended toward the River Isre, between Gressvaudan on the North, Diois on the West, and Ambrunois on the East, comprehending the chief Town

Gap, Vapineum, Vapingum, & Vapinguum, is a large City and well fortified with a strong Citadel, besides the Fort of Puymore, very near it on a rising Ground, scarcely two Leagues from the River Isere, 35 miles from Dye, and 65 from the Rhone to the East, not above to from the Frontiers of Prevence, and 45 from Grenoble to the South-east. Its Episcopal See depends on the Metropolitan of Aix. The Cathedral Church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The Bishop assumes the Title of a Count, and bears in his Court of Arms a Sword and Cross in Pail. The City of Gap hath been often Taken and Recovered by the Popish and Protestant Parties during the Civil Wars of France.

AMBRUNOIS, is bounded on the North by Brianconnois, on the West by Gapencois, on the East by Piemone, and on the South by part of Pie-

A M B R U N or E M B R U N, Ebrodinum, & Eborudunum, is seated on a steep Rock in the Confines of Province, near the River Durance and the Mountains, 15 miles from Gap to the East, 20 from Briancon, and 30 from the Frontiers of Savoy to the West, 55 from Grenoble, and 110 from Lyons to the South-east. It is a City of small compass, nevertheless well fortisted and honour'd with the Title of a Metropolitan See and a Bailiage, the Arcbbishop sharing its Jurisdiction with the King. The Judges

of the Bailiage are alternative. This City was henour'd with great Priviledges by the Romans; for forme time subject to the Counts of Forcalquier, and hath fince sustained many Revolutions. The Protestants rook it in 1583, and found vast wealth there. In the late War, viz. A. 1692, the Duke of Savoy befieged, and in 10 days took it: But quitted it foon after.

BRIANCONNOIS, lyes near the Springhead of the River Durance, between Piedmont on the East, the Valley of Mauricane in Savor on the North, Graifivaudan on the West, and Ambrunois on

The chief Towns are Striancon, Peronfe, Chateau-Dauphine.

Briancon, Brigantium, is remarkable for its fituation on the highest Ground (as it is supposed) of Europe, being the fide of a fteep Rock, on which stands a Castle near the Alps, almost in the midst between Sufa, a Town of Piedmont and Ambrun, at the di-ftance of eight leagues from the former, and seven from the other. It gives name to this Country, and is the Seat of a Bailiage. A little below this City two Brooks intermix, one of which fprings out of Mount Geneure, and is called Dure, the other comes from the Valley of Menetrier and Chantemerle, and is named Ance. These two Rivulets are the Sources of the River Durance, and form its Name. About two Leagues from this Town there is a Passage cut through the middle of a Rock, which as it was a stupenduous Labour, gives occasion to many Con-

impure it to Julius, others to Hannibal, &c.

Perouse, Perusa, stands on the River Cluss, and defended by a Fortress, near the Frontiers of Piemone. This Town bath imposed its Name on the adjacent Valley, and formerly belonged to the Duke of Savoy, but was granted to the French by Treaty

A. 1631.

Chateau-Dauphin, Caftrum Delphini, is a Town built at the foot of the Alps, on the very Confines of Picamont, 30 miles from Ambrun to the West. It formerly bore the name of Eusebio, Fanum S. Eusebii, and constituted a part of the Marquilate of Saluces, but was granted to the French Kings, in 1375. Which finithes our Account of the Upper or Eaftern part of Dauphine; what remains are the three small Provinces that lye in the West on the River Rhone.

VIENNOIS, Viennensis Tradus, is the Northwest part of Dauphine, and lying between the Rivers Rhone and Isere, was anciently call'd the Island of the Allobroges; it is bounded on the East by Gresivandan, on the South by Valentinois, on the West by the Rhosne, which divides it from Bugey. This Country ty was sometime govern'd by its own Princes, under the name of Dauphins of Viennois, but came to the Crown of France with the rest of Dauphine. The chief City

VIENNE, Vienna aut Vienna Allobrogum, is situated at the Foot of a Mountain, on the River Rhone, which there receives the Gere, at the distance of 40 miles from Grenoble to the West, 20 from Lyon to the South, and 35 from Valence to the North. It hath been a very large and famous City, but at pre-fent is not above the fourth Part of its former extent, and both its ancient Fortreffes, nam'd Piper and Baflees, are now deftroy'd. It was founded (as it is generally believ'd) by the Albbroges, and afterward became a Colony of the Pomans, who adorn'd it with a Palace, and Amphitheatre, and divers other magnificent Works, the Ruins whereof are ftill to be feen. After the Decay of their Empire, this City was fometime the Capital of the Kingdom of Burgundy, and the Place of Relidence of those Princes; and since hath been subject to many Masters, and suffer'd much by the Wars. However it is the See of an Archbishop, who hath the Title of the Grand Primate of the Primates of France and (as they say) S. Crescens, the Disciple of S. Paul, was its first Prelate. The Cathedral of S. Manrice is a stately Pile of Building, as also are some other Churches and publick Edifices. The Inhabitants are very expert in making divers forts of Manufactures, particularly Plates of Iron and Steel, Paper, Se. by means of certain Mills and Engines upon the River Gere.

VALENTINOIS, lies between Viennois on the North, the River Rhone on the West, Tricastin on the South, and Diois on the East. This Country at present bears the Title of a Dutchy, and was granted, together with Diois, to Charles VII. then only Dauphin of France by Lewis of Poisou, its last Count or Earl, on the 22d of June, 1419. The Principal Towns are,

Valence, Bish. Montelimar.

Vilence, Valentia, is feated on the River Rhone, a little below its confluence with the Ifere, over-against the Province of Viviarais, about 30 miles from Vienne to the South, 60 from Avignon to the North, 25 from Die to the West, and 40 from Grenoble to the Southwest. It is a Place of great antiquity, having been some time a Roman Colony; and is at present a fair reasonable large and well-built City, divided into the City and Town, desended by a strong Citadel, and dignified with the Title of an Episcopal Sce

under the Metropolitan of Vienne, the Bishop bearing the Title of a Count. The Cathedral Church of S. Apollinarius, one of its Prelates was at first dedicated to St. Stephen. There is also another Collegiate Church, and the Abbey of S. Rus the chief of that Order, rogether with a great number of other Monasteries and Convents; besides a famous University, in which are sour Prosessor of the Civil and Canon Law: It was sirst sounded by King Lewis XI. A. D. 1452. and afterward that of Grenoble was incorporated into it under the Reign of Charles IX. Here is also a Presidial Court.

Montelimar, Æmarorum Mons, Mons Ademari, seu Montilium Adomari, a Town formerly well fortified, and sustained divers Sieges during the Civil War; stands on a Hill at the distance of half a League from

the River Rhone, 25 miles from Valence.

TRICASTIN, Tricastinus Ager, is extended between Valentinois on the North, and the County of Avignon on the South. The chief City whereof is

S. Paul-Trois-Chateaux, Augusta Tricastinorum & Fanum S. Pauli Tricastinorum, olim Senomagus, aut Noomagus, the Capital City of the small Territory of its Prelates, and is situated on a rising Ground in the Consines of Provence, scarcely one League from the River Rhone, 12 miles from Montelimar to the South, and as many from Orange to the North. Its Epsicopal See was formerly subject to the Metropolitan of Vienne, but now depends on that of Arles, and the Bishop is also styled a Count, sharing the Civil Jurisdiction with the King; so that the respective Judges keep their Courts alternately in the Bailiages. The Protestant Party made themselves Masters of this City during the Civil Wars, and retain'd it in their Power near 50 years.

Dauphine hath a Governour-General, a Lieutenant-General, a Senefichal, and a Commandant in the Province, three Bailiffs and particular Governours in Grenoble, Vienne, Ambrun, Valence, Montelimar, the Caftle of Briancon, Pignerol, &c.

CHAP. XIV.

LORRAINE, Lotheringia.

Besides the 12 Principal Provinces or Governments of France, already described, there are other Provinces and Towns lying on the Frontiers of Italy, Germany and Flanders, made subject to, and reckon'd part of this Kingdom; an account whereof is given in the Description of every particular Country where they are situated, excepting Lorraine, which although it be votcomprized within the aforesaid 12 large Governments, ents, nevertheless constituted a Portion of that Country which is commonly called France, till by the late Treaty of Ryswick it was restored to the present Duke.

The Dutchy of LORRAINE and BAR is bounded on the North by Luxemburg and the Palatinate, on the East by Alfaria, on the South by the Country of Burgundy, and on the Wett by Champagne, being extanded from the 48th Degree to the 49th Degree 50

Minutes of Latitude, and from the 23d Degree to the 25th Degree 50 Minutes of Longitude; extending from North to South 100 miles, and about the fame from East to West. The whole Country is divided into three principal Parts, viz.

The Dutchy of The Bailiage of Nancy, Chief Town, Idem.

Lorraine, properly fo called, in 3 Bailiage of Vauge, Mirccour. Idem, Idem,

The Bailiage of Vauge, Mirccour. Idem,

The Bailiage of Vauge, Mirccour. Idem,

Three Bishopricks not Bishoprick of Mets, properly within Bishoprick of Teul, Bishoprick of Verdun.

The Bailiage of NANCY, lies in the middt of the Province of Lorraine, and comprehends these and 30 from Mirecourt, and 50 from Nancy to the South-east.

Nancy, S. Nicolas, Marfel.

NANCY, Nanceium, the Capital City of Lorrame, is fituated in the midst of the Province, near the River Meurte, 155 miles directly East from Pari, and 20 from the River Meuse, 45 from the Borders of Alface, and 60 from Straiburgh to the West, 30 from Merz to the South, and 50 from the Confines of Franche Centre to the North. It is divided into the Upper or Old Town, wherein stands the Duke's Palace and Magazine, and the Lower and New Town, which is of larger extent, and contains many very fine Buildings, taken into the City in 1587, having been before only a Suburbs. It is also adorned with divers Churches and Monasteries, a College of Jesuits and 3 Gates. A Chamber of Accounts and a Seneschal's Court. This Town, or rather this City, hath been often taken, and fustained many Sieges, for Charles the last Duke of Burgundy, took it in 1473, from Rene Duke of Charles being enraged, immediately befieged it, but loft both his Life and the Battle on the 5th day of January following. Nancy was extreamly well fortified in 1587. during the Civil Wars: Nevertheless Lewis XIII. made himself Master of it in 1633. and its Fortifications were destroyed by the present French King in 1661: But they have been fince repaired with great advantage, and now by the Treaty are to be demolished.

S. Nicolas, Fanum S. Nicolai, is a Burrough very

pleasantly seared on the River Meurte, two Leagues pleatantly leafed on the Kiver Meinte, two Leagues above Nancy to the South, and famous for the Concourse of People resorting thither to pay their Devotions at the Shrine of S. Nicolas, iometime Bishop of Myra in Lycia, who vigorously opposed the Errors of Arim, and affisted in the General Council of Nice, A. C. 325.

Vaudemont, Vadanus Mons & Valdenone ium, stands on

a Hill between the Meufe and Mofelle, 25 miles from Nancy to the South. It is a small Town, nevertheless dignified with the Title of a Principality, and fenced with a strong Castle, &c.

Marfal, Marfalium, is a small but well fortified

Town, built on the Banks of the Brook Selle, amidst the Marshes, at the distance of about 20 miles from Nancy to the East.

The Bailiage of VAUGE, is extended on the South fide of the Province of Lorraine, and comprehends these Principal Towns, viz.

Mirecourt, Cap. Remirement, Fontenay.

Mirecourt, Mirecureium, a small Town, but the chief of the Bailiage; is situated near Mount Vauge, from whence the Bailiage hath its Name, on the Rivulet of Maiden, which falls into the Moselle at Chaligny: It is distant 25 miles from Nancy to the South, about as many from Toul, and 15 from the Confines of Champagne to the

Remirement, Romaricus Mons, Romarici Mons, & Romaricum Castrum, oliun Avendi Castrum, is situated on the River Moselle, at the Foot of Mount Vauge, and remarkable on the account of a famous Abby of Nuns there. It is diffant chily one

Fontenay or Vontenay, Fontenaum, a small Village, feated on the Frontiers of the Franche-Comte, aabout 25 miles South from Mirecourt; famous on account of a fierce Battle fought near it, with a very great Slaughter on all fides, between the Err-peror Lotharius, Lewis King of Germany, and Charles the Bald, King of France, all three Brothers,

The Bailiage of VAUDREVANGE, Belliviatus Valderfing.e, takes up the North-east part of Lorraine, and contains these Places of chief note,

Sare-Louis, Vaudrevange, Sarabe, Sirk, Putlange, &c.

Sare-Louis, Saravum Ludovici, is a very firong Fortres, lately built on the River Sare, about 2 or 3 miles above Vandrewange, and so called in ho-nour of the present French King Lewis XIV. who built it, and established therein a Presidial Court of a large Jurisdiction. It is diffant 12 Leagues from Triers, 4 from Sarbruck, and 7 from Hembing, &c.

Vaudrevange, Veldersinga, the Chief Town of the Bailiage of the same Name, is likewise seated on the Sare, 30 miles from Mets to the North-east, as many from Thionville, and somewhat more from Deux-Ponts. It was almost ruin'd during the last German War, but hath been since well repai-

Sirk or Sireques, Sirea & Serieum, is watered with the Streams of the River Mofelle, and defended by a strong Forr, built near it on a Hill, and the very borders of the Dutchy of Luxemburg, about 20 miles from Mees to the North, 15 from Triers, and as many from Luxemburg to the East. This Town hath been in the Possession of the French King ever fince the year 1643.

The Dutchy of BAR or BARRAIS, Barentis Ducatus, is extended on both fides of the River Meuse, from the Country of Burgundy to the Dutchy of Luxemburg, between Lorraine and Champaign. This Country is divided into 6 Bailiages, viz.

The Bailiage of Bar-le-duc,
The Bailiage of Grand-The Bailiage of Pont-d Reccurs, Mouffen. Reccurs,
The Bailiage of Basfigne or de-la-Mothe,

The Bailiage of Argonne,
or Clermons, &c.

Bar-le-Duc, Barroducum, stands on a rising Ground, near the Banks of the River Ornain, and hath a the Banks of the River Ornam, and hath a ftrong Castle for its Desence, at the distance of about 40 miles from Nancy to the West, and 5 or 6 from the Borders of Champagne: This Town being the Capital of the Dutchy of Bar, is fair and well-built, and is subject to the Duke of Lorraine.

S. Michel, Fanum S. Michaelis, is fituated on the East side of the River Meuse, almost in the midst between Toul to the South, and Verdun to the North, and 20 miles from Bar-le-duc to the East. It hath been for some time a very confiderable Town, and is at prefent the Seat of a Parliament of Bar-rois. It was taken by Lewis XIII. in the month of June, A. D. 1632, and afterward rafigned to the Duke of Lyraine by the Treaty of Lywedin, nevertheless the same French King made himself Master of it a second time in 1633, when the Inhabitants revolted against his Garrison, but were at length constrained to surrender on discretion, but now with the rest of the Durchy restored to the Duke.

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Pont-a-Mousson, Mussipontum, is seated on both sides of the River Moselle, near the Ruins of the Castle of Mousson, from whence it took its Name, at the distance of 17 or 18 miles from Nancy to the North, toward Meets, and almost as many from S. Michael to the East. It is a very fair Town, but destitute of Walls, dignified with the Title of a Marquisate, and adorn'd with two Abbies, divers stately Churches; and a University sounded in the year 1573, by Charles Cardinal of Lorraine, who gave it to the Jesuits for the Teaching of Divinity, Philosophy, and the Learned Languages: Afterward the Duke of Lorraine established certain Professors of Law and Physick, and Pope Gregory XIII. added a Seminary for the Scotch Nation.

The THREE BISHOPRICKS, Tres Epifcop.ttus, form, as it were, an equilateral Triangle in the Northern and Western part of Lorraine: The

chief Cities

METS, Metce & Metensis Urbs, olim Divodurum & Mediomatrices, is seated on the confluence of the Rivers Seille and Moselle, in a very fruitful Country at the distance of 30 miles from Namey to the North, 20 from Thionville to the South, 30 from Verdun to the East, and 150 East from Paris. It was heretofore the Metropolis of the ancient People named Mediomatrices, as also afterward of the Kingdom of Austrasia, under the first Race of the French Monarchs; and is at present the Capital City of the Country of Messin, dignified with an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Trier. The Bishop is styled Prince of the Empire, and the Cathedral dedicated to S. Stephen, is an ancient and noble Pile of Building, wherein are to be seen many Curiosties, particularly a Font, made of one entire piece of Porphyry, 10 foot long.

The whole Diocess is divided into 4 Archdeaconries, comprehending 623 Paristes, whereof 16 are included within the Walls of Mets. There are also 7 Abbies for Nuns, divers other Religious Houses, a College of Jesuics, &c. This City had been for a long time Imperial and Free, until it was taken in 1552 by the Constable of Montmorency, General under the French King Henry II. who caused it to be fortified with a Citadel and other Bulwarks; by which it was made so strong, that the Emperor Charles V. having invested it in the same year, was compelled to raise the Siege. This City was the Seat of a Bailiage, and of a Court of Parliament, cstabilisted by Lewis XIII.

TOUL, Tullum, aut Tullum Leucorum, is feated on the River Moselle, in a fertil Soil, as are all the Towns of this Province, at the distance of 30 miles from Mets to the South, 12 from Nancy to the West, and 27 from Bar-le-due to the East. It was constituted an Imperial and Free City by the Emperor Henry I. but fell into the Possessian of the French Kings in 1552. It is the Capital of the Country of the same Name, the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Triers, and the Seat of a Bailiwick: Its Diocess is very large, and contains a great number of Abbies, &c.

VERDUN, Verodunum & Virodunum, is a very ancient City, and one of the largest of Lorraine, is seated upon the River Meuse, which there dividing its Stream, forms divers small Islands, which do not a little contribute to its Advantage: It is fortified with a Citadel and other Regular Works, and honour'd with an Episcopal See, depending on the Metropolitan of Triers. The Cathedral Church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, hath a considerable Chapter, from whence have proceeded divers illustrious Prelates, who are usually stilled Counts of Verdun, and Princes of the Sacred Empire. This City hath been also formerly Imperial and Free, but was taken by the French, together with some others, under Henry Is. A. D. 1552, and is at present the Capital of a Bailiage.

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Low Countries: Or, Netherlands.

Of the NETHERLANDS in general.



HE ancient Name of these Countries was Belgium, whether from the old Dutch word Balgen to Fight, or from the City Belgium, which some say was Bavay in Hainaule, others Beau-

vais in Picardy, is left undecided; feveral Writers pleading hard for both. It was also reckon'd part of Germany, and call'd Inferior, for the same reason as now Low Countries and Netherlands, viz. from their low S.

fituation: And indeed so very low are the Maritime Provinces, that the Grounds are in many places even lower than the Surface of the Neighbouring Sea, which the Inhabitants confine and secure their Lands from, by strong Banks, made with great Labour and Ingenuity and maintained at as great Expence. It was also called Flanders, because that Province sortierly was the Great Mart of Europe, and reforted to by all Nations for Traffick; and therefore because all these Provinces were subject to the same Lord, the particular name of this chief One, was, by Strangers, made to intimate the Whole; and for the same reason, fince the Erection of the Republick of the Confederate Provinces, Holland, being the principal of them, its name serves to denote, in general, the Countries of the Confederate States,

Its ancient Bounds were very large, for not only all the present Netherlands, but the parts of France next them, as Picardy, Champaign &c. and (according to some Authors) Lorrain, Berg, Juliers, Cleeve, tegether with the Bishopricks of Mentz, Cologne, and Triers, were all included in the general name of Belgium. The present Limits are the British Ocean on the North, the same Ocean and Picardy on the West, the rest of Picardy with Champaign and Lorrain on the South, and the Bishoprick of Triers, the Dutchies of Juliers and Cleeve, the Bishoprick of Monster and the County of Emden or East Frizeland on the East: The whole Country, according to Guicciardine, is one Thousand Italian miles in Circumference.

It is fituated between the 49 Deg. 20, Min. and the 53 Deg. 30 Min. of Latitude, and between the 20 Deg. and 24 Deg. 30 Min. of Longitude.

The chief RIVERS are thefe, t. The Rhine, which riles in the Country of the Grisons, and after it hath passed through Germany, entereth into these Countrics at Schenkenschans on the Borders of Gelderland; at which place it is divided into two Chanels, whereof e at which retains its name runs by Arnheim and Wageninge in Guelderland, and Rheenen in Utrecht to Duester de Wyck, where it meets and mixes with the Leck, a small Chanel only that runs toward Verecht, bearing the name of the Rhine, which passing on from Utrecht runs by Worden and Leyden, not far from which last place it is lost in the Sandhils, which choak up the mouth whereby it formerly run into the Sea. 2. The Leck, which receives the Waters of the Rhine at Duester de Wyck, runs by Culenborch, Viannen. Schoonhoven, and at the Village Crimpen falls into the Meruwe, which falls into the Maes not far above Rotterdam. 3. The Waal, which is the other Branch of the Rhine, beginning at Schenkenschans, flows by Nimeguen, Tiel, and Bommel, to Worcum, where it is joyn'd with the Maes, and passing by Gorcum receives the Lingre, and takes the name of Meruwe, otherwise called the new Maes, which passing by Dort receives the Leck above mentioned, and the imaller Isfel, and flows in a broad Stream to Rotterdam, where st loses all other names and is called the Maes. 4. The Maes, called also Mose and Meuse, rises in Me unt Vogefus in Burgundy, and paffing by Verdun and Charleville, flows to Namur, where it receives the Sambre; thence passes by Liege, Maestricht, Ven'o, and Grave, to Worcum, mixes with the Waal as abovefaid and both together run to Dore, where the Stream is divided and makes an Island; but are again united a little below Vlaerdigen, and falls into the Ocean at the Briel. 5. The Schelde, called in French l'Escaus, hath its lource in Picardy and runs by Cambras, I'a-

lenciennes and Oudenarde, to Ghent, w herre unto Eastward it passes by Ondenarde, and at Rupelmonde receives the Demer, besides many other imaller Rivers in its pissage, and then flows Northward to Antwerp, where it makes a very capacious Harbour; and a few leagues below divides it felf into two large Branches, one whereof call dathe Wester Schold or the Hont, parfes betwixt Flanders and Zealard, and falls into the Sea at Flushing; the other is called Ooster Scheld, and runs out of the main Stream at Soutuliet, patting by Bergen op Zoom, and between Tolen and South Beveland, and thence by the Shoar of the Island Schouwen falls into the Sea with a violent Current. 6. The Isea. from whence the Province lying beyond it is called Overiffel, springs in Wistphaia, and running through Zuphen passes to Doesburgh, where it is exceedingly augmented by a Chanel cut from the Rbine, by the order of Drusus Nero, and thence in a great Stream flows by Deventer to Campen, parting the Provinces of Gelderland and Overiffel, and falls into the Zurd , Sea.

There is another small River nam'd the Isfel, which comes out of the Leck near Vianen, and running towards Rotterdam salls into the Maes. Many other Rivers water these Countries, as the Sambre, Lys Aa, Demer, Scarp, Nethe, Dele, Sinne, Dendre, Reer, Sec. the course whereof the Reader will discover in the

following description of the Country.

There can be very little faid of the MOUNTAINS of these Countries; for except some few rising Grounds in those parts lying towards Germany, there is no Hill to be seen: On the contrary, all those Provinces towards the Sea lie so very low, that large parts of them have been many times overflow'd by the Eruptions of the Sea, notwithstanding the strong Banks that the Inhabitants maintain almost all along the Coasts of Groningken, Friesland, North Holland, Zealand, &c.

These Countries were formerly very desolate, and for want of Cultivating, the Grounds were either turn'd to Marshes or over-run with FOREST; of which last that of Ardenne is mentioned by Casar as the largest in Belgium, and was indeed of valt Extent; for, according to Cluverius, it reached from Coblentz in the Bishoprick of Trier, as far as the farthest Borders of Artois, which is 220 miles; and in breadth, to the Sea-shore and the River Waal, near 150 miles. There are still large Remains of it on the Borders of Luxemburgh, and in the Bishoprick of Liege, as also about Mentz, Triers, Wormes, &c. Many other large Forests are found here, as the Forests and Woods of Soigny and Meerdale in Brabant ; Niep in Flanders ; Podsberg, Faigne, Mormant, and S. Anand in Haynault; with many others which are mentioned by Guicciardine to be very large, but have been retrench'd fince his time by the confumption of the Wood for Fuel, and the Industry of the Inhabitants in Cultivating the Land.

The AIR is reckon'd wholfome enough, but is subject to very thick Fogs in Winter, through the moistness of the Country, which would be very Noxions if it were not for the dry Easterly Winds which blowing off a long Continent for two or three Months every Year, clear the Air, and cause very sharp Frosts during the Months of January, February, and March, by which means the Ports, Rivers, and Canals, are almost always that up with Ice during those Months.

The SOIL is generally Fertile; but because different in the several parts, the Reader is referr'd to the particular Accounts of the Productions of

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of each Province, in the following Description of

The COMMODITIES of these Countries are their Manufactures; for their Productions are very few: Of these, from the Spanish Netherlands comes Linnen-Cloth, Tapestries, Worsted-Stuffs, Chamlets, Wrought-Silks, Lace, &c. and from Holland (belides most of the same Manufactures) they export all forts of East-India Goods, Fish, and the Commodities of Germany, as Renish Wines, &c.

Concerning the INHABITANTS, Cafar,

in the beginning of his Comenatries, says, — Horum ominum fortissimi sunt Belge, &c. "That they were " the most Valiant of all the Gauls, partly because " they were far distant and unacquainted with the " Civility of the Roman Provinces, and very little vi-" fited by Merchants, who import such things as serve " to effeminate the minds of Men; but chiefly, be-" cause by their Neighbourhood to the Germans, they
were at continual Wars with them. Many other
Authors speak of the Martial Temper of these People, which their long and obstinate War with the Spaniards in the last Age, is a sufficient proof of. But their Industry is more conspicuous by the vast Traffick they have for many Ages past maintain'd with all Nations of Europe, and more remote parts of the World: Their Ingenuity hath also appear'd in the Invention of many uleful Arts; such as the making of Tapestry, call'd Arras, from that City where it was invented; the making of Cloth and Worsted-Stuffs, which we learn'd of the Flemings; and the Perfection, if not Invention, of the Mariner's Compass, is by many Authors attributed to them: Many other ingenious and curious Arts acknowledge the Netherlands for their Inventers; to omit that of Printing, which Haerlem puts in a good Claim to, but is opposed in it by Mentz in Germany. But notwithfranding these Inventions and the Ingenuity of many particular Men among them, it must be allow'd in general, That they are Industrious rather than Ingenious. They will persevere and plod on in a Road through many Difficulties, but their Apprehensions are dull, and they are not easily perswaded to leave their old way, the a new one be apparently more convenient. They are much addicted to Drunkenness, but are not very delicate in their Food. Their Habits and Houses are exceeding Neat and Cleanly, especially the later, to Superstition. The Dutch TONGUE is a Dialect of the

German, but with many French and Latin words intermix'd: It is a harsh, clownish and unpleasant Speech; and hath nothing that can recommend it to Strangers. In the French Flanders, Hainault and Luxemburg, the French Language is generally understood, and that call'd Walloon, which is a corruption of French with Dutch, is usually spoken there. of the best Rank all over the Netherlands, underfland and speak French, as do also many of the

common People.

The RELIGION of these Countries in general was that of the Roman Church, before the Reformation, which prevailing here, the King of Spain, about the year 1566. fer up the Inquisition, and gave Orders for the punishing, even to Death, all those whom the Church of Rome declar'd Hereticks, which gave great discontent to the People, and was the first occasion of the Disturbance and bloody War, which ended in the total alienation of seven of the Provinces. At prefent the Romish Religion only is profes'd in the Spanish Provinces; and in Holland that of Calvin is predominant, but with Toleration of all others.

The convenient fituation of Flanders in the midway between France, Spain and Portugal on one side, and Denmark, Sweeden and the Hanje Towns on the other, together with Germany behind and England before it, may be estem'd the chief reason of the vast TRADE that was some Ages since establish'd there; which was fo great, that this Province might be accounted the grand Market-place of Europe: For in its City of Bruges the Merchants of all Nations had their Factories, and great Magazines to lodge the native products of their respective Countries, which they here fold and exchanged for those of other places. Of these Houses or Colleges there were no less then 17 belonging to these several Nations, viz. England, Scotland, France, Castile, Portugal, Navarre, Aragon, Catalonia, Biscay, the Hanse Towns, the Cities of Venice, Florence, Genoa, Lucca, Milan. &c. In which State the Trade continued at Bruges for many years, till about 1480. it began to decline and remove to Antwerp, partly because the Port of Slurs and the River from thence, was narrow and inconvenient; and partly because of a War that disturb'd the Country hereabouts; whereas on the contrary the River Schelde, which leads to Antwerp, was large and commodious, and many Gentlemen upon occa-fion of the Wars between the King of France and the Emperor Charles V. having quitted the Villages and smaller Towns, retir'd with their Effects to Antwerp, built fine Houses there, and by their conftant Residence, very much improv'd that City; but chiefly, because at Antwerp in 1503, the Portuguese fixed their Staple for the Spices and other Commodities of the East-Indies, which they brought from their new Conquest of Calicut; These and other Causes. drew the Merchants thirber, and made it a Place of the greatest Trade of Europe, of which the Reader will find a more particular Account in our description of that City. But it lasted not there above 50 years; for the Civil War causing great Disorders, Antwerp was twice Plunder'd, and almost quite burnt down; and the Dutch Common-wealth, being Mafters of Zeeland, were able to ftop the Passage of the Schelde, and impose what Duties they pleased upon the Ships passing to Antwerp, by which they made them put into their Ports; and besides the English and Dutch having found the way to the East-Indies, supplanted the Portuguese, and furnished Europe with the Commodities of those Countries: By all which means the Current of Trade was quite alrer'd, and translated to London and Amsterdam, which are, at present, the two great Empories of Europe. And the Traffick of Flanders is now not confiderable, except for their own Manufactures, which we have already mention'd.

Of the ancient State of the Netherlands is General.

THE greatest part of Belginm was Conquered by the Romans, and that part of it that lyes toward Gaul, continu'd under their Subjection till the declination of that Empire; after which the Franks were Masters of it, and in the French Monarchy it was part of their Kingdom of Metz or Austrasia. The Division of it into so many States, is deriv'd from the Earls of Ardenne, the Origine of whoth was from the Sons of Clodion King of France, who being kept out of the Succession to that Kingdom, by Meroveus (as we have already shewn in our Account of the Kings of France) were forc'd, for their Safety ro betake betake themselves to the most defensible places of the Forest of Ardenne, and the Countries on the Banks of the Mosselle, where they founded the two great Earldoms from thence denominated. That of Moffelle belongs to Germany, and therefore shall not be treated on here: This of Ardenne comprehended part of Flanders and Brabant, all Hainault, Namur, Limburg and Luxemburg, together with the Dukedom of Bouillon, (formetly a very large Country, containing the Bishoprick of Liege, &c.) These large Estates continu'd peaceably under the Earls of Ardenne for fome time, till being grown powerful and great, they became the Envy of their Neighbours, and were therefore fer upon by Dagobert King of Metz, and Son to Clotair II. King of France, who in Battel overcame and flew Brunulph Earl of Ardenne, and feized his Country, giving only Hainault to Albert his Son: Daga-bert succeeding his Father in the Kingdom of France, A. 628. gave away part of this Country; but the grols of it fill bore the Title, and remain'd for a long time a very confiderable Estate.

About 940. Luxemburg and Limburg were parted off, and given to two of the younger Sons of Ricuine Earl of Ardenne, and about 980 Namur was erected into an Earldom. The reft was afterwards carried into the House of Lorrain by a Marriage, and remained there for a long time. Thus we have shown the Origine of the Earldoms of Hainault and Namur, and

the Dutchies of Luxemburg and Limburg.

Part of Brabant, as we have faid, was included in the Earldom of Ardenne; the other part, being that roward the Sea, was very much infested, and even almost depopulated by the Depredations of the Danes and Normans; wherefore, to guard the Coast and protect the Inhabitants, a certain Officer was appointed, call'd Lord Warden of the Marches; which I tile they continu'd till *Utila*, Nephew of *Aldiagerius*, King of the *Boiarians*, having shewn great Courage against those Pirates was honuor'd with the Title of Lord Marquis of Antwerp, whose Descendant Ansegistus, was Mayor of the Palace in France, and made Duke of Brabant, and his great Grandson Pepin obtaining the Crown of France, this Dutchy was made a Province of that Kingdom, and afterwards a Member of the Kingdom of Lorrain. About 980, the Cities and Territories of Bruffels, Lovain, Antwerp and Nivelle, were taken out of it and made a new Estate, with the Title of The Marquifate of the Holy Empire, by the Emperor Otlo II. and bestowed upon his Aunt, whose Granddaughter Gerbing succeeding her, convey'd it by Marriage to Lambert Son of Remer Earl of Hainault, who had the Title of Earl of Lovain, and was succeeded in it by his Family, of whom Godfrer VII. Earl of Lovain Conquer'd the rest of the Country, and was created Duke of Brabant.

Flanders was a wild, waste Country, the Sea-coasts infested by the Danish Pirates, and the other parts but meanly Cultivated, till it was Conquer'd by the

French Kings, who, foon after the Establishment of the Monarchy, appointed a certain Officer with the Title of Forester of Flanders, to suppress the Robbers that infelted the woody Parts and Sea-Coasts, and by Government and Protection civilize the People and encourage them to Indultry. This Office continued for feveral Descents, and was at length changed into the Title of a Count or Earl, about the year 864. by Charles the Bald, Emperor, and King of France, in favour of Baldwin the seventh Forester, who had Married his Sifter.

Artois was included in the Earldom of Flanders till 1234. when Robert the Grandson of Philip Augustus, King of France, and Husband to Isabel Daughter to Baldwin VIII. Earl of Flanders, was made Earl of

Guelderland was part of the French Kingdom of Austrasia, and with that became part of the Empire of Germany; and, as fuch, was govern'd by certain Guardians or Protectors, (first instituted in the Reign of Charles the Bald) of whom Otho of Nassaw was the sirst free Prince, and created Earl by the Emperor. Hemy V. A. D. 1079. whose Descendant Rainold II. was in 1339. made Duke of Guelderland

Zutphen was a separate Earldom for many years, till united to Guelderland by the Marriage of Sophia, Daughter of Wickman the last Earl, to Otho of Naf-

saw above-mention'd.

Holland and Zealand, a rude unpeopl'd Country, being much disturb'd by the Norman Pyracies, was first made an Earldom by the Emperor Lewis II. about the year 863. and given to Thierry, in whose Line the Succession continu'd till the Death of John, about the year 1300. who leaving no Issue, was succeeded by John of Avefnes Earl of Hainault, Son of Alcide, the Daughter of Florence IV. Earl of Hol-

Frizeland is but part of the Country of the ancient Frisii, some part of Utrecth and Overissel, as well as East-Frizeland in Germany, being Inhabited by those People, who were Govern'd by their own Kings, till the Emperor Charlemaign Conquer'd them; and this part, now one of the Provinces, became part of the Dutchy of Guelderland, and afterwards a diftinct

Barony.

Overyssel and Groninghen, was part of the Episcopal See of Utrecht, first Founded by Dagobert King of France, in favour of Willibald an English-man, the Converter of these parts to Christianity, whose Successors were Temporal as well as Spiritual Lords, for 900 years, and were very powerful Princes, but of-ten artack'd by the Earls of Holland and Dukes of Guelderland; which last got from them the Lordship of Groninghen, and in the end to diffressed Henry Bishop of Utrecht, that by reason of that and civil Diffentions, he chose to surrender his Temporalities to the Emperor Charles V. A. D. 1527. who divided it into the two Provinces of Utrecht and Over, fel.

How these Provinces became United in the House of Burgundy, will be seen by this Table.

A R T O I S, Robert II. Earl, left Issue one Daughter named Maud, who was Married to

F L A N D E R S, Lewis de Malaine Earl, Married HAINAULT, John de Avesnes, Earl, Married Aleid:, Heiress of the Earl of Holland.

HOLLAND, Jaqueline, Daughter and Heiress of William VI. Earl of Hamault, Holland and Zeeland, furrendred her Estates to Philip the Good LIM-

The Family of Burgundy. Ortheline Earl of Burgundy, who in that Right succeeded in the Earldom, A. 1302.

Margaret the Heisels of Burgundy and Artois, 1361. Margaret Daughter of Lewis de la Malaine, Earl of Flanders, Artois and Burgundy, Married to

Philip the Hardy, Son of John King of France, made also Duke of Burgundy, A. 1363. John without Fear, his Son, A. 1404.

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LIMBURG, Adolph Heir to Henry last Duke, fold it to Henry Duke of Brabant, A. 1293.

BRABANT, the Marquisate of the Empire or Territory of Antwerp and Lordship of Machlin, rogether with the Dutchy of Limburg, being fallen in to this House, upon the Death of Philip II. withour Issue, descended to Philip the Good, 1430.

LUXEMBURG, Elizabeth the Niece of Sigismund the last Duke, having no Issue, fold this Dutchy to Philip the Good.

NAMUR, John VI. fold it to Philip the Good, who was also next Heir to Theodorick, Successor to John, who died without Issue, about 1430.

GUELDERLAND, with ZUTPHEN and GRONINGEN, Arnold the Duke, being in humanly treated by his Son, fold his Estates to Charles the Warlike; notwithstanding which, his Son Adolph got possession of them after the death of Charles the Warlike, A. 1473, and left them to his Son Charles, who maintain'd long War with the Duke of Burgundy to defend his Right, but was at length forced to furrender it to Charles V. to be enjoy'd by him after his decease, which happen'd 1538. and Charles accordingly succeeded ...

UTRECHT with OVERYSEL, Henry of Bavaria being diffressed through War with the Duke of Guelderland and Rebellion of his own Subjects, surrendred his Temporalities to Charles V. A. 1527. which was confirm'd by the Pope and the Estates of the Country.

Anthony the Proud, his Son, A. 1404. also made Duke of Brabant by his Mother.

Philip the Good, their Brother, succeeded John in 1419. and Anthony 1430. and was, in his time, Duke and Earl of Burgundy, Duke of Brabant, Limburg and Luxemburg, Marquis of the Holy Empire, and Earl of Flanders, Haynault, Holland, Zeeland, Artois and Namur.

Charles the Warlike, his Son, succeeded Anno 1467. and added the Dutchy of Guelderland and Zutphen. He was killed in War against the Smitzers, 1475.

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Mary Heir to Charles, married Maximilian of Austria. Son of the Emperor Frederick III. and afterwards Emperor himfelf, succeeded Anno 1482. by

Philip their Son, who married Jean the Daughter and Heir of Ferdinand and Isabel King and Queen,

and first Monarchs of all Spain.

Charles, the Son of Philip and Joan, succeeded in the Estates of Burgundy in the Right of his Father, A. 1506. to which he added Overyfel and Utrecht; and in the Kingdom of Spain in the Right of his Mother, A. 1516. and was also elected Emperor.

being the 5th of that Name, A. D. 1519.
Charles V. made these Countries a Circle of the Fmpire, and retign'd them, with the Kingdom

of Spain, A. 1558. to his Son Philip, IV of Burgundy and II of Spain, in whose time happen'd the defection of the leven Provinces, whereof an Account shall be given when we come to speak of those Estates.

1599. Philip III. sutrendered these Countries to his

Daughter

Isabella Clara Eugenia, married to Albert Arch-duke of Austria, after whose death, A. 1621. succeeded Philip IV. King of Spain; whose Successors will be feen in our Description of Spain.

The present State of the Spanish Netherlands:

The Supream Lord, as hath been faid, is the King of Spain, who governs them by a Substitute with the Title of Governour General of the Netherlands, at prefent enjoy'd by the Elector of Bavaria, which, by reason of his Relation to that Crown, his Son being then presumptive Heir to it, (but since dead) was in the year 1692. made Hereditary to him.

The Governour General is affisted by three Coun-

The Council of State; wherein the most weighty
Affairs, as Peace and War, Leagues and Alliances, treating with Foreign Ambassadors, Sc. are transacted.

The Privy Council; which judges Matters of Right brought before it by Appeal from the other Courts of Judicature; makes Laws and Edicts, determines the Bounds of Provinces, the Right of Lord-

ship, &c. And
The Council of Finances; which hath the Care and Management of the Royal Revenues and all Taxes, and supervising the Accounts of the Receivers, To this Council also belongs the Care of the Fortifications, the adjusting and proportioning the Charge of a War, &c.

But the levying Mony and enacting of new Laws belong to the Convention of the Estates, which is composed of the Nobility, principal Clergy and Deputies of the Chief Cities; who, being called by the Governour General, atsemble at Bruffels, not in one Pody, but by Provinces, (the several Provinces retaining still most of the Particular Privileges they anciently enjoy'd) where the Prince's defires are propos'd to them, in an obliging and endearing manner; (the Spa-niard having by fatal Experience found his Error in treating thele People with Severity) and if they appear unwilling to Grant what he Demands, the most winning Arguments, with all the power of Rhetorick, are used in his Behalf; which is the more necessary because every City hath a negative Voice, and the diffenting but of one of them spoils the Law.

The fettl'd Revenue of the Crown confifts in Customs and Imposts, which, by reason of the great Loss of Trade, and the Encroachments of the King of France upon the Country, do not, by much, answer the Charge of the Government; but the King is oblig'd to fend continual Supplies from Spain

For maintaining the Peace and taking care of the Armies, &c. there is a Governour in every Province appointed by the King, subordinate to the Gover-

nour General.

And for administring of Justice, each Province hath a Provost or Bailiff; and over all there is a Grand Provost, who hath great Power in Criminal Matters.

The Bishopricks of the Netherlands, besides those already mention'd under the Archbishoprick of Cambray in the Account of France, are only these, viz. The Archbishoprick of Machlin, with the

Bishopricks of Antwerp, Gaunt, Bruges, Tpres, Ruremond and Bois le Duc.

And

And formerly, the Bishoprick of Utrecht, with the Bishopricks of Haerlem, Deventer, Groningen, Lewarden and Middleburg; which being subject to the States-General, have been suppress'd.

The Universities of the Spanish Netherlands. Louvain.

> In the United Netherlands. Leyden, Groeningen, Utrecht, Harderwick. Francker,

The Accounts in Flanders are kept in Pounds, Schellings, and Groots; 12 Groots make a Schelling, 22 Schellings a Pound Flemille.

20 Schellings a Pound Flemish.

The common Coins are, the Negenmanneck, which is the eighth part of a Stuyver. An Oortke, the fourth part of a Stuyver.

The Stuyver; the Schelling 6 Stuyvers; the Guil-

der 20 Stuyvers.

The Paraccon is two Guilders, and the half Paraccon one Guilder.

The Silver-Crown 2 Guilders and 10 Stuyvers, the Rix-Dollar fomething more.

The Ducatoon 3 Guilders or fomething more.

The Ten Spanish Provinces are, The Dutchy of BRABANT, Bruxels, Cap. The Dutchy of LUXEMBURG, Luxemburg. The County of ARTOIS, Arras, Bish. The County of FLANDERS, The County of HAINAULT, Gaunt, Bish. Mons. The Country of CAMBRESIS, Cambray, Arch. Antwerp, Bish. The Marquisate of the S. Empire, The Lordship of MALINES, Malines, Arch. The County of NAMUR, The Dutchy of LIMBURG; Namur, Bish. Limburg. To which may be added, The Country of LIEGE.

The King of France bath at feveral times conquered a great part of these Provinces, which by several Treaties of Peace have been granted to him, whereof we have already given an account in speaking of the Dominions of that King, in the general Account of France.

CHAP. I.

The County or Province of ARTOIS, Artesia, Arthesia, or Adartesia.

THE Province of Artois is bounded on the North by that of Flanders, on the South by Picardy, on the East by the Territories of Cambrefis, and on the West by those of Boulen, extending it self from North-west to South east about 60 miles, and 23 from North to South. This is the Country of those ancient People call'd Atrebates by Cafar, and is at present entirely subject to the French. Within its Limits are 850 Towns and 9 Castellanies, together with a great number of rich Abbeys and Monasteries. It bringeth forth much Corn, abounds in Pastures, and is water'd with divers Rivers; the cheif whereof are, the Lys, the Scarp, and the As. Arton was at first fubdued by the Romans, and then by the French; under the fecond Race of whose Monarchs it obtained certain particular Governours or Earls, who in process of time render'd themselves proprietary Lords thereof; until, at length, after divers Revolutions, the French made an absolute Conquest of this Province, to whom it was granted by the 35th Article of the Pyrenean Treaty of Peace, A. D. 1659.

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ARRAS, Atrebatum aut Nemetocerna, & Nemetacum, is feated on the River Scarp, at the distance of 30 miles from Amiens to the N. and 30 from Tournay to the S. W. 47 from Dunkirk to the S. and 18 from Cambray to the W. It is a very ancient and large City, defended by a strong Castle, and very good Bulwarks, Trenches, and other Fortifications. It is divided into two parts, call'd the City and the Town, separated formerly by a Wall. The former is the smaller, but best built; in it stands the Cathedral sa beautiful Building, dedicated to the Virgin Mary) wherein are kept some famous Relicks, particularly

a Candle pretended to be dropt down from Heaven, and some Manna showr'd down on S. Gerome. The Town hath sair broad Streets, a spacious Market-place and stately Churches; and is inhabited by wealthy Traders and Artisicers, who make Sayes and Tapestry Hangings, especially the latter, which Art was invented here, and therefore take their Name from this City, Artas is the See of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Metropolitan of Cambray, who is accounted Lord of the City, as the Secular Prince is of the Town. It was taken by the French Troops under the Command of the Marshals de Chaune, Chatillon and la Melleraye, on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1640. and hath ever since remained in their Pessession. The Spaniards, to regain so important a Place, laid Siege to it, but were repulsed with great Loss, on the 25th of August, 1654.

S. Omer, Fanum S. Audomari, aut Audomaropolis. stands on the River Aa, in the Country of the ancient Morini, and is also an Episcopal See; the Bishop whereof hath been a Suffragan to the Archbishop of Cambray ever fince the year 1559, when it fucceeded the demolish'd City of Terouanne in this Dignity; from the Ruines of which it is diftant 3 Leagues to the North, 20 miles from Boulen to the East, 20 from Dunkirk to the South, and 32 from Arras to the North-west. S Omer, Bishop of Teronanne, tounded a Monaftery here, A. C. 660. whether People reforting, Buildings round it were erected, which in time increased to a good Town: And A. 880. Tongues, Abbot of S. Bertin, began to enclose it with Walls, which were afterward finished by Baldwin II. surnam'd the Bald, Earl of Flanders, in 902. Not far from hence is to be seen a large Lake, in which there are divers floating Islands, which are removed by Poles and Cords, and inhabited by certain Families thatnever depart out of these Islands, and refuse to contract Alliance with any but those of their own Tribe; In one of these Islands stands a Monastery of the Order of S'Bernard, and a Church. S. Omers is large and the People rich, by means of their Trade. An English Seminary of Jefuits is establish here; from whence our Nation hathbeen inserted with Disturbers of the publick Peace. This City is fortified both by Nature and Art; as being environd on one Side with the River and Marthes and on the other with an Hill or rising Ground, defended by a strong Castle, divers Battions and very deep Trenches: However, the Duke of Orleans made bunfels Master thereof, after having Defeated the Spanish Forces at the Battel of Cassis, on the 23d of April, 1677. And it was yielded up to the Frinch King by the Peace concluded at Nimeguenia the Year ensuing,

d'Aire or Arien, Aira, is fituate on the River Lys, so miles from S. Omer to the South-East, and about 24 from Aira to the North-West, and is a very strong well fortissed. Towns, having, besides the Walls, Bastions, Half-Moons, Horn Works, Redoubts, Counterscapes and Dirches; a Morals which environs it on three sides, and on the side that is accessible, a Fortress call'd Foir S. James, which hath 5 Bastions, 2 Half-Moons, and a deep Trench. But notwithstanding its Strength, this Town was taken by the French in 1641, and quickly after retaken by the Spaniards: And in the year 1676, the French again took it, and have ever since possession.

took it, and have ever fince possessed it.

In the midway between S. Omer and Aire, are the Ruins of the once considerable City of Terouanne, which was famous on account of the Siege thereof by our King Henry VIII. in Person, in the year, 1513, at which the Emperor Maximilian affisted, and wore the English Badge (S. George's Cross) as a Soldier under King Henry. At this Siege, the French attempt-

ing to put Provisions into the Town, were beaten by the English with great Staughter, and by reason of the haste wherewith the French sted away 'twas call'd the Battel of Spurs; intimating, That those were the chief Weapons they used. Quickly after the City was taken, but distincted and quitted? Which the French afterwards repairing, it was again taken by the Emperor Charles V. and utterly demolish'd, in the year 1553. and is at present a small Village only,

Bethine Bethinia, a fortified Town, and the Capital of a County, stands on the River Briette, 12 miles from Aire to the East: An excellent fort of Cheele is made here, and told into all the Nighbouring Countries. It is a Place of Trade, and hath two

annual Fairs.

Bapaume, Bapaima, another small fortified Town, stands near the Consines of Picardy and Cambra, about 15 miles from Arras to the South-east.

Heldin, on the River Canche, being incommodiously feated for Defence, was demolished by the Emperor Charles, and Heldin-Fort built a little above upon the fame River Canche, where the Ternois falls into it; which was well fortified, and made one of the strongest Towns in these Countries: But was, however, taken by the French in 1639. It is fituated near the Confines of Picardy, 20 miles South from Aire, and about 10 West from S. Paul.

S. Paul, Poliniacenfis Pagus, a small Town, the Capital of a County, formerly subject to its own Lords, is seated near the Head of the small River Ternois, about 10 miles from Hefdin-Fore to the East, 15 from Arras to the West, and as many from Aire

to the South.

CHAP.II.

The County or Earldom of FLANDERS, called Vlaenderen in Flemish; Comitatus Flandriæ.

THIS is the first and most considerable County or Earldom of the Low-Countries, and takes its Name from Flandrina the Wife of Liderick II. Prince of Buc, and Grand Forester of Flanders, who go-vern'd it according to the Orders of the Emperors Charlemaign and Lewis the Debonnaire. Others derive it from that of Flambert, the Nephew of Clodion King of France, who, having married Belifinda, the Daughter of Goldwern King of the Ruthenians, expelled the Romans out of Gallia Belgica. This Province is bounded on the North by the German Ocean, and the Mouth of the River Scheld, call'd the Hont, by which it is separted from Zeeland; on the Southby Artois and Hainau't, on the East by part of Hainauls and Brahant, and on the West by the Ocean and part of Artois. It is extended from North to South for the space of about 60 miles, and 75 from East to West, which must be understood of its largest Dimensions. It is a very fruitful Country, especially that part towards the Sea, which is excellent Patturage for the grear number of Horse bought up in the neighbouring Countries and fed here. The rest of the Country affords store of Corn and Fruit. Within its Bounds are comprehended 28 or 30 walled Towns: many other Towns very remarkable, and 1154 Villages, besides 48 Abbics and a vast number of Priories,

Colleges and Monasteries; insomuch that the Spanish Noblemen, who accompanied Philip II. when he took a Progress into these Countries, declar'd, That Flanders was only one continued City. Here are in-cluded 5 Vicounties, which are Gaunt, Tyres, Furner, Winoxberg and Haerlebeck; 3 Principalities, namely those of Steenheusen, Gaure and Espiner; 5 Ports. formerly very confiderable, viz. Graveling, Dunkirk. Newport. Oftend and Sluce; and 32 Castellanies. The whole Province is commonly divided into 3 Parts:

1. Flanders Flemish, where the Vulgar Language of the Country is spoken, and is streethed forth from the Northern Sea to the River Lys: 2. Gallican, where the French Tongue is chiefly predominant, lying to the South of the Flemisto, and to the North of Cambrefis, having the Sebeld to the East and the Lys to the West: 3. Imperial Flanders, situated between the Scheld to the Dender, comprehending the County of Aloft, together with a few Offices or Districts, which were heretofore possessed by the Emperor. There is also another Division of the same Territories. viz. into Flanders Tenonick, Wallcon, Imperial and Durch: The first of these is extended between the Sez and the River Lys: The fecond betwien the Lys and the Scheld: The third between the two others: And the fourth to the North of the two former. But at

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present the County of Flanders is divided, with respect only to the Sovereign Princes who are possessors thereof; to that it is usually distinguish'd into the French, Spanish and Dutch Quarters, according to the entuing Table.

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FRENCH FLANDERS.

L'ISLE or RYSSEL, Infula & Lila, so call'd by reation of its fituation amidit divers Marshes, which have been drained by the Industry of the Inhabitants, is leated on the River Deulle, at the distance of 25 miles from Arras to the North, 30 from Newpers to the South-west, 12 from Tournay to the West, 16 from Douay to the North, and 12 from the Confines of Artois. Baldwin IV. call'd the Bearded, Earl of Flanders, founded this City, A. D. 1007. and his Successor, Baldwin V. furnam'd of Lisle, caused it to be encompass'd with Walls. It hath been often taken and fack'd during the Wars of the Low Countries, but is at present extreamly well Fortified according to the modern Method, and hath a Citadel flanked with 5 Royal Baiftions, besides many Half-moons and other Our works, raifed for its Defence; the Ditches are also double and fill'd with the Waters of the Deulle. It is a large City and very confiderable on account of its Trade, which conlifts chiefly in Silk Manufactures; and for the conveniency of transporting their Goods, a Canal is cut to the River Lys; and it is the usual place of Residence of the Governor of French Flanders. It was taken by the Army of the present French King, Lewis XIV. in the Year 1667. and hath ever fince remain'd in his Possession, having been resign'd to him by the Peace of Aix la Chappelle, A. D. 1668.

Tournay or Dornick, Tornacum, the Capital City of a small Country in Gallican Flanders, call'd Tournaisis, is seated in the midst of pleasant and fruitful Meadows, on the Banks of the Scheld, at the distance of 30 miles from Cambray to the North, 30 from Gaunt to the South, and 11 from Lifle to the East, lying almost in the midst between Donay and Oudenarde, as also between Valenciennes and Courtray. It

is a very confiderable City, being large, well-built, a place of good Trade, and very populous. It is divided into 10 Parithes, the Churches whereof are stately, and the Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin very handiom; and here are reckon'd 72 Companies of Traders. It is an Episcopal See under the Me-Walls, Dirches and regular Out-works, besides the Caftle, which was built by our King Henry VIII. by whom this City was taken, but restored to the French upon Conditions, A. D. 1518. Afterwards the Emperor Charles V. disposses'd them in 1521. But the present French King regain'd it from the Spaniards in 1667, and it was granted to him by

the Treaty of Aix la Chappelle. Ipres, Tpres, Ipra, hath its name from the small River Tperiee, on wich it stands, at the distance of 23 miles from Liste to the North-west, and is a rich well-traded City, the Capital of a Territory of large extent, call'd the Castellany of Ipres, which is a very sertil Country. The Trade consists in Says, wrought Siks, &c. Several Fairs are held here, especially cially one in Lent, which is very profitable to the Inhabitants. The Buildings are fair and good, but the Fronts of the Houles are of Timber. The publick Buildings are the Cathedral dedicated to S. Martin, feveral other Churches, many Convents, a large Hall or Repository for the Wool, and the Market-place very spacious and handlom. This City is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Malines, is honour'd with the Title of a Viscounty, and is reckon'd the third of the four that constitute the third Estate of Flanders. It was taken by the French in 1678. and yielded to them at the Treaty of Nimeguen.

Menene is a small Town upon the Lys about 5 or 6 miles above Courtray, with a Ditch and other

Fortifications to refift a fudden Surprize.

Armentiers stands also upon the Lys, 12 miles a-abve Meneane, and 8 from Liste to the West: It is a Town of good Trade and confiderable Strength; notwithstanding which, it hath been often taken and re-taken, and is at prefent in the hands of the French, having been granted to them at the Treaty of Aix la Chapfelle.

Warmyck, Warneson, and Commene, the Birth-place of the famous Philip de Comines are all three seated upon the Lys, between Menene and Armentiers, and all

subject to the French.

Orchies, an ancient tho' small Town, is situated 12 miles South-east from Lisle, 10 from Tournay to the South-west, and as many from Douay to the Northeast, and water'd with a small Rivulet, which 5 miles below falls into the Scarpe.

S. Amand, formerly a place of good Strength, but now ditmantl'd by the French, is leated on the River Scarpe, 7 or 8 miles from Orchies to the East, and to from Townay to the South. It is noted for a famous Abby in it, dedicated to the Saint that gives name to the Town, and formerly for a fine Forest adjoining, of the same name also, which was cut down.

in 1676. by order of the French King.

Douay, Duacum, is seated also on the Scarpe, on the Frontiers of Artois, 16 miles from S. Amand to the West, and as many from Liste to the South. It is a very confiderable Town, on account of its large Extent. Trade and Stregnth. Its chief Trade is in making and vending Worsted Camlets, which are brought by all the neighbouring People, especially at the Annual Fair in September. Here is a famous Seminary for

English Roman Catholicks, first Founded in 1569. by Philip II. Afterwards removed to Rheims in France, but stayed there only 20 years, in which time they Publish d an English Version of the Bible. The French Took this Town in 1667: and have ever fince pof-fels'd it. It is well Fortified, and hath, a Fort upon the Scarpe a Canon shot below the Town which is figuated among Marshes, and by Sluces can drown the Country all round.

These are all the places of any Note in the East part of French Flanders. The most considerable of the West part are, Winoxberg, Cassel, Furnes, Graveling, Mardyke and Dunkirk.

Winoxbergen, or Berg Saint Winox, Berga, or Mons Sancti Winoci, is leated about 18 miles West from Tpres, and 14 East from Graveling, as also Eight or Nine from Dunkirk to the South; it is the Capital of a Castellany, or large Ter-ritory, which is very Fruitful and feeds great Herds of Cattle. The Town hath its name from a Monastery erected on a Hill, in Honour of S. Winox an English man. Woollen Cloth is made here; but its Trade was formerly much more confi-

derable than at present.

Cassel, or Mont Cassel, Castellum, and Castellum Morinorum, stands upon the top of a high Hill, at the distance of 10 or 1: miles South from Winoxlurg, and 15 West from Tpres: It is an ancient Town, and hath a confiderable Jurisdiction, subordinate to that of Tpres. It was formerly a place of good Strength but having been several times Taken and almost Ruin'd, it is now not considerable. The French took it in 1677. and have ever fince held it. Near this place, in the year 1677, was fought a very bloody Battle, between the Dutch Army, commanded by the Prince of Orange, and the French, commanded by the Duke of Orleans, wherein the latter obtained the Victory.

Furnes, or Vuerne, Vurna, is a near pleasant Town, feated within two Leagues of the Sea, at the distance of about 10 miles from Dunkirk to the East, and 5 from Newport to the West, 20 from Cassel to the North, and about 10 from Winoxberg to the Northeast. This Town hath a Territory call'd an Ambacht belonging to it, which is exceeding Fertile. It is dignified with the Title of a Vicounty, and is a place of Trade, which confifts in Linen Manufactures, &c. It was taken by the French in 1667. and granted to them by the Peace of Aix la Chapelle, and since better Fortified. In the year 1692 our English Forces took it, but the next Winter the French

Graveling, or Graveline, Gravelinga and Gravelina, is one of the Sea-ports of Flanders, and feated at the mouth of the River Aa, which parts France from Flanders, in the mid way between Calais and Dun-kirk, 16 miles North-west from Cassel, and 12 West from Winoxberg. This being a Frontier of Flanders from France, was Fortified by Charles V. in 1528. and is at prefent very throng, as well by reason of its fituation among low Grounds and Dikes, as by the firong and regular Out-works built all round it. is but a small Town, ill Built, and thinly Inhabited, and at prelent subject to the French, being taken by them in 1658. and yielded up at the Pyreneau Trea-

Between Graveling and Dunkirk, about 4 miles from the latter, stands what is left of the Fort of Mardycke, formerly a very strong place, but in the year

1643 dismantled, and in 1652 quite destroyed; fo that there remains now only a small wooden Fort. with some few Gurs on it.

Dunkirk Dunquerca, is tituated on the Shoar of the German Ocean, at the distance only of 20 miles from Calais, and 12 from Graveling to the East, 15 from New pure, and 28 from Oftend to the West, 35 from Tournay to the Welt, 34 from Bruges to the South-welt. It takes its name from the Sandh Is, call'd in Flemish Dunnen, that are ranged along the Sea-coasts and on which a large Church, term'd Kirk by those People, is erected; the high Tower thereof appearing very far off to the Mariners as they fatl on the Downs. It is a good large Town well built, with neat large Streets, and very Populous: It is one of the five Ports of Flanders, and was therefore a place of good Trade in the flourishing time of this Country: Afterwards in the War-time it became a Retreat of Pirates and Robbers, who in fested the Seas, and very much disturbed Trades The Emperor Charles V. first Fortified it; which the French Demolith'd when they Took and Sack'd the Town in 1558. The Spaniards Re-took it 1581. and here a great part of the Fleet, defign'd to Invade England in 1588. was Equipp'd by the Prince of Parma, but by the Vigilance of the Dutch Fleet, which lay before the Harbour, where kept in and could not join the rest of their Fleet; which much facilitated their Overthrow. It was afterwards taken and re-taken by the French and Spaniard, before 1658, when it was finally taken by the joint Forces of England and France, and put into the hands of the English, in whose Possession it remain'd till 1662. when it was deliver'd to the French by (Charles II. upon certain Conditions to us unknown) who have ever fince held it, and have very much improved it, by enlarging the Town, and building exceeding strong Fortifications, &c. wherein they have bestowed prodigious Expence; having besides the building strong Walls and Ravelins, Half-moons and Counterscarps, and a Citadel regularly Fortified: I say, be-fides these, the French King hath dug a large Basin within the Town, capable of receiving 150 Ships of Burden, and cut a Canal through the Splinter-sands out into the Sea, which is secur'd by a Mole or Gallery on each fide, that are carried out into the Sea a mile in length, on which are Forts with Cannon planted on them, and on one fide a strong Fort, call'd the Rice-bank, well secur'd with an hundred Pieces of Cannon that command the Port; a Work of vast Labour, Art and Expence, by which he intended to make it a Port for his Ships of War, but was disappointed of his design; for the Sands do so choak up the Harbour, notwithstanding the Mole, that with all the advantage of the higest Tides, they cannot bring in a Ship of 70 Guns, without Unlading her.

Spanish FLANDERS:

G AUNTor GHENT Gande, Gandavum, is water'd with divers Rivers and Channels, which divide the Town and the adjacent Country into many Islands, being seated almost at an equal distance of 30 miles
North from Tournay, East from Oftend, South from
Middleburg, and West from Malines, as also 26 from
Answerp and 28 from Bruffels. It is the Capital City
of the Province of Fland rs, and one of the largest Cities of Europe, being 9 or to miles in compile; but then Corn-fields and Meadows are included within the Walls. It was built (as it is reported) by

Julius Caelar, in a place extreamly adventagious for Traffick, on the account of its fituation at the confluence of four large Rivers, viz. of the Scheld, which flows hither from the Province of Hainault, the Lys, which runs from that of Artois, the Lien, which proceeds from the Port of Schuys, and the Moerc, which took its rife near the four Offices, call'd Ambactes. Within the precincts of Gauns are included 26 small Isles, form'd by the Waters of the Canals and Rivers, and as many large Bridges, under which pats Barks of good Burden, and a great number of imaller Bridges. The Churches, which are leven in number, are fair and well built; the Cathedral especially is very stately, and has a Tower of 400 Steps high. The Caltle or Prince's Palace, is faid to contain 300 Chambers, in one of which the Emperor Charles V. was Born. The other publick Buildings are, the Town-house, a high Tower call'd Be fort, (in which hangs a great Bell, call'd Roland, that weighs 11000 pound weight, many Monatteries, and feveral Hospitals. The private Houses are fair and well-built, and the Streets clean and neat. This City hath a good Trade in Cloths, Stuffs and wrought Silks, made here in great quantites. It is much reforted to from the neighbouring Places on account of the Provincial Council of Flanders, which was establish'd by John Dake of Burgundy, A. D. 1409. and still held in this City. It is also an Episcopal See subject to the Metropolitan of Mecklin, and is fortified with a Citadel built in 1540. by the Emperor Charles V. a Counterscarp, deep Ditches, Ramparts, and many other Out works. However, the French King, Lewis XIV. took it after a Siege of 9 days, on the 9th of March, 1678. but was oblig'd to restore it to the Spaniards at the Peace of Nimeguen.

At the distance of 4 leagues from hence to the North stands a strong Fortreis, call'd by the Inhabitants, 'tzas van Ghende. It was erected by the Spaniards, and taken by the Hollanders, A. D. 1644. by whom it hath been strongly fortified; and made almost impregnable. Between Gaunt and Bruges there is a Canal which was cut at great Expence by the Marquis Spinola, when he was Governour of the Netherlands, for conveying Goods and Passengers to and from each City; and is call'd by the Inhabitants De niewen Vaert, and by Strangers The Canal of

Bruges.

BRUGES, Bruge, so call'd from the multitude of its Bridges, is feated on the Canal of Reye, which is here divided into many navigable Rivulets, running through divers quarters of the Town, and afterward re-uniting in the same Canal that passeth as far as Sluys. But because that Port is in the Hands of the Hollanders, about 40 years ago the Inhabitants made another, which flows to Oftend, and is so deep that Ships of two or three hundred Tuus are brought up to Bruges, which thereby maintains a very good Traffick, but small in comparison of what it hath been: For before the Wars in Flanders, it was the greatest Mart in Europe; Merchants from all Parts relided here, and had Magazines for the Goods of every Country, which were here Barter'd and Sold: of these Merchants there where no less than 17 Companies, all which remov'd to Antwerp about the year 1500. by reason of the Wars and Disturbances hereabouts, except the English, who, upon the loss of Calis, remov'd the Staple for Wool hither in 1558. where it remain'd for a long time, to the great Advantage of the Town. Bruges is esteem'd the second City of Flanders; it is large, well-built, and reasonably populous; The Form of it is round, and the Cir-

cumference about 4 miles; there are fix principal. Streets, which begin at the fix chief Gates, and center at the Market place. The publick Buildings are fumptuous, the Honfes near, and the Streets strait and large. Their Trade coulists in Spanish Wool, and the Manufacters of the Town, Fustians and other Stuffs, Cluth, Tapistry, &c. This City is an Episcopal Seer, under the Archbishop of Maliner: The Cathedral is dedicated to S. Donat, besides which there are seven Parish, and two Collegiate Churches, three principal Abbies, and a great number of Religious Houses. The other publick Buildings are, the Castle, the Town-house, and the Water-house of very ingenious Structure. Bruges stands in the North part of Flan lers. at the distance of 10 miles from the Sea, somewhat more from Oslend to the East, and as many from Sluys to the South-west, as also 20 from Gaung to the North-east.

Oostende is a small Town, and one of the five Ports of Flanders; it is fituate about 10 miles West from Bruges, 9 from Newport to the North, and at the mouth of the small River Guele, in the midst of a moorish Ground, and divers Channels and Dikes. It was at first only a small Village, but by reason of its convenient situation, it was wall'd round and fortified; by the Strength whereof and the advantagious Situation, the Hollanders, with the affistance of an English Garrison, sustain'd a Siege three Years and three Months, viz. from the 5th of July, 1601. to the 22d of September, 1504. when it was taken by Ambrofio Spinola, and furrender'd to Albert Arch-Duke of Austria. The Spaniards lost 78124 Soldiers of their Army, and in counting the Officers, together with those that were flain in the Town, the number flain in this Siege is suppos'd to amount to 15000 Men. Since when, it hath been possess'd by the Spaniards, and is at present exactly and regularly fortified, and one of the strongest Places in the Netherlands. The Houses are well built, handsom and uniform, and the Streets clean and neat. The Haven is lafe, large,

well defended by Forts, and deep enough to receive Ships of great Burden.

Newport, Novus Portus, heretofore call'd Sandhoft, that is to fay, the Head of the Sands, hath in like manner a safe Harbour, altho' scarcely capable, even at the high Tides, of receiving Vessels of any great Burden. It is seated near the Mouth of the River Tperlee, which falling into the Sea, makes a long and secure Haven, at the distance of 15 miles from Dunkirk to the N. E. 9 from Ooftend to the S. W. 18 from Tpres to the North, and 38 from Gaunt to the West. It is a place of good Strength, being well fortified with Walls and feveral Forts. The Buildings are neat, but low and of Timber: The Inhabitants are maintained by Fishing. From hence the English Pacquet Boat goes weekly to Dover. This Town being invested by the Hollanders in the year, 1600. under the Command of Maurice Prince of Orange, affilted by fom English Troops commanded by Sir Francis Vere, the Arch-duke Albert of Austria, then Governor of the Netherlands, came to its Relief with a great Army; whence ensued a notable Battle, fought on the adjoining Sand-hills, wherein Prince Maurice obtained a very fignal Victory, and the Archduke was oblig'd to escape by Flight: In which Action the English bore the greatest part.

Oudenard, Aldenarda, is feated on the River Scheld, which divides it into two parts: It is a place of good Wealth by means of the Trade especially in its own Manusactures, Tapestry and Fine Linen. It is Capital of a Castellany, which contains 33 Villa

and a place of good Strength, being fortified with a Castle call'd Pamele, join'd to the Town by a Bridge over the River, strong Walls and regular Outworks: but is commanded by a high Hill on the fide towards Aloft, which takes away from its otherwise advantagious situation. In 1484, this Town was taken by Stratagem by Philip of Cleeves Lord of Ravessein; surpriz'd by Blomart in 1567. besieg'd and taken by the Prince of Parma in 1582, and by the French in 1658. but being reftored to the Spaniards by the Pyrenean Treaty, they again took it in 1667. and had it yielded to them at the Peace of Aix la Chappelle: But they were oblig'd to restore it by the Treaty of Nimeguen, and it hathever fince been in the Hands of the Spaniard. It stands 13 miles from Ghent to the South. 17 from Tournay to the North, and 14 from Courtray to the East.

Courtray, or Cortryck, Corteriacum, Cortracum, is a very good well-traded Town, feated on the River Lys, 14 miles North from Liste, and as many East from Tpres. The Inhabitants are excellent Artifts in Diapering of Linnen: It was feveral times taken by the French and Spaniards before 1667, when the French finally took it, and had it granted to them at the Treaty of Aix la Chappelle. It hath a ftrong Citadel and other Fortifications, which have been much improv'd by the French, and is at prefent a

place of great Importance.

Aloft or Aelft is feated on the River Dender, near the Confines of Hainalt, 13 miles from Ghent to the South-east, as many from Oudenard to the East, and makes almost an exact Triangle with those 2 places. It is reckon'd the Capital of Imperial Flanders, and of a County formerly subject to its own Lords. It was taken by the Spaniards in 1576, and by the Duke of Anjou in 1582, after which, it came into the Hands of the English, who fold it to the Duke of Parma. In 1667, the French took it, and destroy'd its Fortifications before they restor'd it.

The Territories of this Town are large, being befides the County of Aloft, the County of Waes and the four Offices of Hulfe, Axtel, Bouchout and Aftemede, which comprehend above 150 Villages and four

Cities.

Dendermond, feated on the River Dender, where it falls into the Schelde (whence the Town hath its name) 6 or' 7 miles North from Aloft, and 12 East from Ghent, is a good Town, and considerable for its Manufacture of Fustians and other Stuffs. It is fortified, and was strong enough to relist the Assaults of the French in 1667.

Ninove is seated in the Territory of Alost, at the

distance of about 8 miles from it to the South, and 12 from Oudenard to the East. It is a small Town, and not confiderable.

Deynse is seated on the Lys, 8 miles from Ghent to the South-west, and 12 from Oudenard to the North West; it is but a small Town, however the Capital of a Territory in the Castellany of Courtray, and lubject to the Spaniards: As is also

Harlebec near Ceurtray, a finall Town, and the Capital of another finall Territory.

Dixmude or Dixmuyde, is seated on the River Therlee, 20 miles North-west from Courtray; and 10 South-east from Newport; it is a place of some Trade, and hath an Annual Fair in July. It is but small and not very well fortified. Our English Forces took possession of it in 1692, but the French took it foon after, and have since quitted it.

DUTCH FLANDERS.

SLUYS or SLUCE, Sluys, Claufula, another of the Ports of Flanders, is feated in the North part of this Province, about 9 or 10 miles beyond Bruges, 16 from Middleburg in Zeeland to the South, 18 from Oftend to the North east, and 20 from Ghene to the N. W: It belongs to the States of Holland, and is one of their strongest Frontiers. It hath the largest Haven of all the five, being capable of receiving 500 Ships of Burthen at a time, and was once a place of great Trade and Wealth. This Town having been first, as Bruges and Antwerp were afterwards, the chief Mart of these Countries; at present it is but poor, and thinly inhabited, but extreamly well fortified, and hath a good Garrison.

Ooftburg and Yfendrick, Small Towns near Sluys,

are both guarded by small Forts.

Philippine is a pretty strong Fort, seated about 15 miles East from Sluys, and 5 or 6 North from the Sas van Gaunt.

Axel, the Capital of one of the four Offices, is feated about 6 miles East from Philippine, and 12 North from Ghent. It was furprized by Prince Maurice, affifted by our Sir Philip Sydeny, in 1586. and is a place of good Strength.

Hulft, the Capital of another of the Offices, stands

about 6 miles East from Axel, and in the midst of the Country of Waes. It is a place of good Trade, and

tolerably well fortified.

These Towns, together with the Hont or Wester Schelde, which is an Arm of the Sea, make a fecure Frontier toward Zeeland:

CHAP. III.

The Dutchy of BRABANT, Brabantia.

THIS Country lies in form of an Island encompailed round about with Rivers, having the Maes to the East and North, the Demer to the South, and the Scheld to the West, together with the Sea on the side of Breda and Bergen op Zoom; that is to say, it is bounded on the North by Holland, and part of the Dutchy of Guelderland; on the East by part of the fame Dutchy, and the Bishoprick of Liege; on the South by Hainalt and the County of Namur; and on the West by Flanders and part of

Zeeland. Its extent from South to North confifts of about 70 miles; from West to East, in its broadest part, near as many. The Air is exceeding temperate, and the Soil no less fruitful; besides the Rivers Scheld, Maes, Dile, Demer, Aa, Ischer, Domel, the greater and leffer Nephre, and the Mert, wherewith it is water'd, many Lakes, Marshes and Pools are found in its Territories: 26 walled and fortified Towns are also comprehended therein, not to mention a great number of others of leffer confequence.

In Brabane are comprized the Marquifate of the Holy Empire, the Capital City whereof is Antwerp, the Lordhip of Malines, the Dutchy of Arfebet, the Marquifate of Bergues, the Earldom of Orstreten, the State of Maestricht, formerly of Liege, and 19 Baronies. In fine, the whole Province may be thus divided into four parts, viz.

Bruxells, Cap. 7 Arendonck. Scerpenhewel. Moll. Louvain. Arschot. Nivelle. Walheim. Tillemont. Waure. 1. Spanisto Bra-Gemblours. Genap. bant, properly Lire. Vuernen. so call'd, in Affche. Dieft. Vilvorde. which are in-Cantecroy. cluded thefe Herentals. Permys. principal Ci-Fudoigne. Sombreff. ties and Sichem. Tilly. Towns; Leuwe. Revez. Heverlee. Landen. Hannuye. Gnesbeck. Santvliet. Lew. Gesta Viromt. Hochftraet. Turnbout. Lummen.

2. The Marquifate of the Anewerp. Holy Empire,

Horne,

3. The Lordthip of Malines, Archbish. in which are, Heist.

Lillo. Bois-le Duc. Meghem. Breda. Steenbergen. Bergen-op-zoom. Sevenbergen. 4. Dutch Bra- Grave. Cuyck. bant, in which ? Ravenstein. Oirschot. Maestricht. Oosterwick. Helmont. Eerfel. S. Utier. Oudenbos. Eydenhoven. Rosendal. The County of & Horne.

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BRUSSELS or BRUXELS, is the Capital City not only of Brabant but of all the Spanish Natherlands; the place of Residence of the Dukes of Burgundy anciently, and now of the Governor of the Spanish Netherlands. It is the richest and most populous City of these Countries, and tho not so large as Gaunt and Louvain, is however much more considerable. It is situated in a most pleasant Country on the Banks of the small River Sinne, which is join'd not be Scheld by a Channel six leagues in length, cut with great Labour and the Expence of 500 thousand Growns by Charles V. and his Son Philip, and sinish'd in 1560, by which the Commerce of the Inhabitants with several places, especially Antwerp, was much advanced.

This City in general is very well built, the Streets large, handsom and convenient, and secured by double Walls of Brick, and a Ditch quite round the Town. The publick Buildings are, the Palace, which is seated upon a Hill in the upper Town, and is a magnificent and stately Structure, and so large that

several Crown'd Heads were at one time Lodged and Entertain'd in it, viz Charles V. and his Son Philip King of Spain, Maximilian King of Bohemia and his Queen, the Queens of France and Hungary, and an African King. Adjoining to this Palace is a pleafant Park, well ftor'd with Deer, also fine Gardens. Water-works, Grotto's and pleasant Walks. The Senate-house, a noble Building with a high Tower, whereon stands a large Statue, of S. Michael in Brals, and the Church of S. Guduld, which hath 2 Towers of five hundred Steps high. Several other of the Buildings of Bruffels deferve particular Descriptions, especially the Gallery which repeats an Eccho 15 times, the magnificent Palaces of divers Noble Men, the Royal Stable which holds 120 Horses, together with the Hospitals and Religious Houses; but for these the Reader must consult Blaeu, Guicciardin, &c. being too long to be inserted here. The private Citizens Houses are very fine, and are particularly pleasant by means of the Gardens they are almost all furnished with, which they are extravagantly curious in Cultivating, Flowers being exceffively valued here. The whole City is divided into the Upper and Lower, whereof the latter is the more plealant, and adorn'd with artificial Fountains and Canals, with many fair Bridges. The Residence of the Court, and the pleasantness of the place, makes almost all the Gentry of these Countries dwell here, which very much encreases the Trade of the Town. Here also is kept the Court of Chancery for Brabans, the Assembly of the States of these Provinces, and the Treasury for War. Bruffels is distant 64 miles from Newport and 28 from Ghent to the East, 55 from the River Maes to the West, 25 miles from Antwerp to the South, and as many from the River Sambre to the North. A little way from Bruffels to the S. begins the pleasant Wood of Soignies, which extends very

Nivelle, about 12 or 14 miles South from Bruffels, is a good wall'd Town, formerly well fortified, and enjoys great Privileges: Great quantities of very fine Linnen Cloth is made here; the Church of Gertrude is a fair Building, and the Convent of 42 Nuns, all of noble Extraction, is confiderable.

Vilvorden, seated upon the River Sinne about 6 miles North from Brussels, is a wall'd Town, and by its situation reasonably strong: Here is an old Castle, wherein formerly Prisoners of Quality were kept, and also the Records of greatest concern belonging to the Datchy of Brabant.

Senef, a small Village, 2 miles South of Nivelle, and near the Borders of Hainault, not at all considerable, but for a memorable Battle sought there in the month of Angust, 1694, between the Consederate Forces commanded by the Prince of Orange, his present Majestly of Great Britain, and the French commanded by the Prince of Conde.

LOUVAIN or LOEVEN, Louvanium, is a City of a very large Extent, its: Walls being 6 miles in compass, but include many Meadows, Corn-fields, Vine-yards and Gardens, besides the Houses of the Inhabitants. It is seated in a pleasant Country, upon the Banks of the River Dyle, at the distance of 15 miles from Brussels to the East, and 15 from Meeblim, forming a Triangel with those two Ciries; as also 26 miles South from Antwerp, and 24 North from Namur. The private Buildings here ere but ordinary. The publick ones are, The Stadt-house or Guild-hall, which is a very handsom stagely lile, and The Castle, which is seated on a high Hill, in the midst of Vineyards and Gardens, and in a very wholsom Air,

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which, together with the noble Prospect it affords, make it amost pleasant Seat, and therefore hererofore frequently made the place of Residence of the Dukes and their Children, and particularly the Emperor Charles V. was brought up here. These, as also the Churches, Religious Houses and Hospitals, are worth a Stranger's View. But that which Louvain is chiefly noted for, is the University, which was founded, as some say, in the year, 926. but not confirm'd till 1425, when John IV. Duke of Brabant, endowed it. At present it is in a very flourishing State, and Golnitz fays, exceeds Cologne for number of Students and nearness of Building: It hath 45 Colleges and a vast number of Students, over whom the Rector is chief Governor, and hath great Honour and Respect paid him, even by the highest Magistrate of the Town. In this City are 11 Market-houses, 4 publick Fountains, 12 principal Streets, and above 100 small ones. The Walls are strongly built, and upon 'em are several Towers, whereof one is very fine, and was built by the Citizens in 1364. who defign'd fix more, but by reason of the great Expence were deterr'd; wherefore this hath got the name of Verloren Kost, or Lost Expence. The Weaving Trade was formerly very great in this City, infomuch, that about the year, 1530. there are said to have been 4000 Weaver's Shops, and in each 30 or 40 Men at Work. And of the exceeding populousness of this place, Lipsus gives us a notable Instance, viz, 'That when the Bell rung at 112 Clock at Noon for the the Workmen to leave off, the Women in great hafte fnach'd their Children out of the Street, lest they should be bore down by the great Crowd. But at present the Trade is not very confiderable, some Manufactures of Linnens and Stuffs is the chief of it; which, together with the Entertainment of the Students, afford the Inhabitants a good Support.

Arfebot, seated on the River Demer, 10 miles North from Louvain, is a good large wall'd Town, dignified with the Title of a Dukedom by the Emperor Charles V. and hath a small Territory depend-

ing on it.

Sichem stands about 4 miles from Arschot to the East: It is a small wall'd Town, but not very strong; however, made a notable Resistance when attack'd by the Prince of Parma in the time of the Low-

Country War

Diest or Diestheim, is a large near Town, and of good Trade for several Manufactures, especially of Cloth stands on the River Demer, 3 miles from Sichem to the East. It gives the Tittle of a Barrony to the Prince of Orange, and hath a large Territory its dependant. It is also wall'd and reasonably strong. As is also

Halem, seated on the River Velpe, hardly 3 miles East from Diest, which tho' a small Town enjoy's large Privileges granted to it at several times.

Leue, stands about 6 miles South from Halem upon the River Geet; is a small Town, but being near the Borders of Liege it is well fortified: It enjoys large Privileges, and the Inhabitants make great profit by a fort of Beer they brew, which is esteem'd and much bought by the neighbouring Towns. Here is a great Priory of the Order of S, Austin, whose Prior is one of the Noblemen of the Province.

Tienen or Tilmont, is feated on the River Geet, 6 miles West from Leue, and 8 East from Louvain, and was formerly a very large and well-traded City enjoying great Digntry and Privileges; but having fuffer'd by the Wars, was much decay'd before the

French destroy'd it in 1675. so that at present it is not considerable.

Landen, though small, is reckoned among the ancientest Towns of the Province; it is distant about 3 miles from Tienen to the East, and as many from Leue to the South. Near this Town a Battle was fought on the 29th of July, 1693, between the Confederate Forces under the Command of his Majesty of Great Britain, and the French commanded by the Mareshal de Luxemburgh.

Hannuye, a finall wall'd Town, the Capital of a Mayorie or small Jurisdiction, is seated in a pleasant and rich Country, 5 miles South from Landen.

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upon the River Geet, in a very pleasant Country, 7
miles West from Hannye, and about 14 South-east
from Louvain, and hath an old Castle, wherein some
of the Brabantine Princes have been nurs'd.

Gemblours or Giblu, is a good wali'd Town, the Capital of a County, and feated on a fteep H.II, environ'd with Precipices, near the finall River Lorn, which 6 miles below falls into the Sambre, and is diftant 20 miles from Hannuye to the Eaft, and 15 from Nivelle to the West. Here is a famous Monastery of Benedictines, whole Abbor is Lord of the Town. Near this place was fought a notable Battle, in the year 1573. between the King of Spain's Army and that of the States General, wherein the former

obtain'd a very advantageous Victory.

ANTWERP, Antwerpia, Andoverpum, in Flemish Antwerpen, in High-Dutch Ansort, in French Anvers, is advantagiously ficuated on the Banks of the Schelde, at the distance of about 60 miles from the Ocean, 26 from Bruxels to the North, 26 from Gaunt to the Eaft, and about 30 from Flackeren, one of the Islands of Zeeland, to the South. Its Name (to omit the Fabulous Stories of some Authors) is derived from Werve a Bank or Wharf, as feated aen bet Werve, on the Bank of the River. It is the Capital of the Marquisate of the Holy Empire, the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Archbilkop of Mechlin, and a very large, rich and well fortified City, enclosing within its compass 200 Streets, 22 publick Places, a great number of fair Houses, and many stately Churches. Among these the Cathedral, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is more especially remarkable: It is in length above 500 foot, and 246 in breadth; within this noble Fabrick are contain'd 66 Chappels, enrich'd with Marble Columns and Statues, all different and adorn'd with most curious Paintings, as is also the Body of the Church, into which the Entry is through three large Doors of Marble gilt. The Steeple is made very beautiful by its curious Carvings: In it hang 6 or 8 very large Bells, the biggett whereof hath the name of Charles, from the Empetor; these, rogether with near 30 more, make the most melodious Chimes in the World: the Tower is reckon'd 425 foot high, besides the Cross at rop, of 16 more. Jeluits Church is extreamly magnificient, being paved with Marble, and the Roofs, (which are curroufly painted) supported with 56 Pillars of the same, and the Walls all lined with rich Stone, to that nothing is to be seen in the in-side but Marble, Jasper, Porphery and Gold, or excellent Paintings drawn by the accurate Hand of the famous Rubens. In this City are also remarkable, the Stadthuyle or Senate-house, which having been destroy'd by Fire, was magnificently rebuilt about the year 1576. and hath 4 leveral rows of Apartments: The House of the Oofterlings, or Merchants of the Baltick Sea : The Exchange, which is a noble Building, 180 foot long and 140 broad, with covered Walks all round, the Roof whereof is supported by 43 Marble-pillars: And the Citadel or Caltle, which is a very strong and regular Fortification, built by the Duke d'Alva, 10, 1567. It is a Pentagon, or hath sive Bastions, together with Ravelines and other Out-works, and is reckon'd among the best Fortifications of Europe.

The River Schelde being found a convenient Haven, was much reforted to by Merchant thips from all Nations; and therefore upon the Dilturbances and Wars in Flanders, the Trade of Bruges and other places thereabouts removed to Antwerp, which increaied to that degree, that in its most flourishing State (about the years 1556. to 68) there were often feen to Iye in the River 2500 Ships together, and 3 or 400 Veffels have frequently come up in one Tide; also 200 Waggons came in every day, laden with Paffengers from the neighbouring Countries, and near 1000 every Week with Germans, French and other Foreigners; and 10000 Country Carts were continually employed in carrying Goods to and from the City. By this means the number of the Houses and Inhabitants grew exceeding great. Guiccardin tells us, That Answerp contain'd 13500 Houses, and the number of the People was reckon'd no less than 200000. But this Grandeur quickly declin'd, and is now extreamly diminish'd; for the Wars reaching this place also, Autwerp was Sack'd, and 700 of its Inhabitants kill'd by the mutinous Spaniards in the year 1576. and atterwards taken by the Prince of Parnia, after a remarkable Siege of no less than 12 Months durance. Thele Calamities, together with the growing power of the United Netherlands, who, by the polleision of Zeeland, were able to stop the Passage of the Schelde, and oblige the Ships to come into their Ports, did quite break the Trade of Antwerp; which removing to London and Amsterdam, hath left this City empty of Inhabitants; and though it be ftill as populous and rich as many others in the Netherlands, it is by no means comparable to what is has been. The Houses are all of Brick and uniform, and the Streets large and neat, many particular Houses very stately, and the publick Buildings magnificent. The City is built in form of a Bow on the East side of the Schelde, which is near 400 yards broad, and 22 foot deep at the lowest Tide, so that Vessels of the greatest Bur-den can come up and unlade upon the Keyes, which lye all a long before 8 of the 13 Gates. From the River there are 8 Canals that run through the Town, which are deep enough for Veffels of good Burden to come up; and over these Canals there are 74 Bridges. In fine, Antwerp is to beautiful a place, that being compar'd to Florence, it hath had the Preference by these that have seen both.

About 10 miles from Antwerp to the North, and as many from Bergen op Zoom, stands the strong Fortress of Soutvliet.

MECHLIN, or Malines, Mechlinia seated on the River Dile, is the Metropolis of the Lordship of the same name, reckon'd one of the XVII Provinces, though of but sinall extent, being not above 3 Leagues from West to East, and one and an half from South to North. It is the Seat of an Archbishop, whom Pope Paul IV. establish'd there, A. D. 1559, and dignified with the Title of Primate of the Low Compries. The Grand Royal Council instituted by Charles Duke of Burgunds in 1473: is held here, as is also the Sovereign Court of all the Spanish Netherlands, established in the year 1503. The City stands in the midst of the Province of Brabant, between Antwerp,

Bruxels and Lovain, almost at the equal distance of 13 giles from each of them. It wasformerly subject to the Dominion of its proper Lords, until the year 1336. when it became Free. Afterward it fell into the possession of the House of Burgundy, and at length cicheated to that of Austria, in 1477. The Inhabitants were freed from paying Taxes, for the fignal Services they performed to Charles the Hardy, Earl of Flanders, at the Siege of Nuis on the Rhine. It is a large City and very well built, and is even fo neat as to have obtained the Epithete of Fair. It is also a strong Place, having, besides the Fortifications, a natural Security by the flatness of the Country round about, which by that means is eafily laid un-der Water. The Trade of this Town is pretty considerable, consisting in Linnen, Lace, Tanning, Ca-iting great Guns, &c. The Tide flows up beyond the Town, by which means Boats come up from Antwerp, and the Commodities of this City are Exported. Weavers were formerly very numerous here, but upon a Riot by them committed, were deprived of their Privileges, by which the Trade decayed. The Cathedral Church of S. Rumbald is a beautiful Building, and hath a very high Tower; besides which, here are 7 other Churches belonging to the 7 Parishes that the City is divided into. The Monastery of the Franciscans is a curious and stately Building; and the Nunnery of S. Clara is very fine. A Magazine is kept here that was formerly exceeding well furnish'd. Some particular Companies of the Traders of this City enjoy great Privileges, especially the Tanners, who are very numerous. Other things, of Mechlin may deferve a Traveller's Obfervation; whercof we cannot spare room for a particular Description.

Lire, or Liere, is a neat and pleafant Town, seated on the River Nethe, 7 or 8 miles from Mechinto the North, and 20 from Antwerp to the South-east; it is a good large place, and strongly fortified. The Collegiate Church of S. Gummanus, is a magnificent Building, and the Market-place is remarkable for its largeness, and the curious Buildings that surround the Religious Houses, especially that of the Carthusans, are very sine. This Town is Inhabited by People of Quality, and rich Merchants retired from Business.

Herentals stands 10 miles East from Lire on the River Nethe also; it is a wall'd Town, and the Capital of a Mayorie.

DUTCH BRABANT.

BOIS-LE-DUC, or BOLDUC, Biscum Ducis, aut Sylva Ducis, call'd by the Inhabitants, S. Hertegenosch, and by abbreviation, the Bosch, is the Capital City of the Dutch Brahant, and the Seat of its supream Court of Justice, standing on the Banks of the River Dromele, which having there received into its Chanel the Waters of the Aade, and then those of the Diese, falls into the Maes about 2 Leagues from thence, at the Place where the Mand of Bomel is form'd. It is distant only 5 miles from the River Maes, or Mose, as also from the Confines of Hiland and Guelderland, near 30 miles from Antwerp to the North-east, 54 miles from Maessiriebt to the North, about 40 from the River Rhine, and 20 from the Grave to the W. The Name thereof was taken from a certin Wood, where the Dukes of Brahant were wont heretosore to divert themselves by Hunting; which being cut down by Duke Henry to

facilitate the March of his Army against the Guelder-landers, in the year 1172. this City was built in its place by Duke Geffry, and wall'd round by Henry his Son, in 1196. Pope Paul IV. erected an Episcopal See, and Franciscus Sonnius was the first Bishop; but when Bois-le-duc was taken by the Hollanders in 1629, these Prelates were oblig'd to remove their Station to Goldorp. It is a good large Town and well Forti-fied, having strong Walls, wherein are 7 large Bastions, a deep Ditch, with Ravelins, Counterscarp and other excellent Fortifications, and is feated upon a Hill amidst Marshes, which are easily laid under Water, and thereby the Town made Inaccessible, but by artificial Cauleys; which too are all commanded by Forts, so that 'tis in a manner Impregnable. This being an important Fronteir, the Hollanders take care always to keep a good Garison in it. It is a place of pretty good Trade for its Manufacters of Woollen, and Linen Cloth, Knives, and other Steel-ware, &c. The Church of S. John which was the Cathedral, is a sumptuous Building. The Market-place, seated at the meeting of 10 Streets, the chief of the Town, is surrounded with very good Buildings: several Canals run through the Town, which bring in Vessels of good Burthen; over these are 51 Stone Bridges, besides others of Wood. In the desection of the Netherlands, the Bosch took part with the Confederates, and in 1579. embrac'd the Union of Virecht, but was afterwards Taken by the Prince of Parma, and remained under the Spaniard till 1629. When the Prince of Orange Re-took it, after a very difficult -Siege. In 1672 it was invested by the French, but they marched off the next Month without Taking it.

BREDA, Breda, stands in a marshy Ground (which is often overflow'd) on the banks of the River Merch, in Dutch Brabant, at the distance of 30 miles from Antworp to the N. 8 South from Gertruydenhung. 24 from Bois-le-due to the Weft, and 22 from Berger-op-zoom to the East. It is considerably large, populous and well-built, and is one of the strongest Places of the Low Countries. It is dignified with the Title of a Barony, comprehending 17 Villages under its Jurif-diction, which in the year 1212 belonged to Geffin Lord of Berguer, but descended to the House of Naslaw, in 1404. by the Marriage of Marr, the Daughtet and Heir of Philip Lord of Leck and Baron, of Breda, with Egbert Earl of Nassaw, in whose Defcendants it hath ever fince continued, except in the time that the Spaniards were Masters of it, viz. from 1581. when it was Surpriz'd by the help of the Roman Catholicks in the Town, to the year 1590, when it was regain'd by a notable Stratagem; for a Boat feemingly laden with Turf for Fuel, but indeed with Armed Men, passed into the Castle undiscover'd, and forced the Garison to surrender. And again, from 1625. when the Marquels Spinola took it, after a long Siege and Blockade, till 1637. when Frederick Prince of Orange recover'd it. The Soil of the adjacent Country is very fertile in Corn, Pesture and Copses. An Academy for Education of Youth is held here under 4 Profesiors, establish'd by Prince Frederick abovemention'd. The Prince of Orange hath a Palace and Castle in the Town, where a Treaty was held, and a Peace concluded between King Charles II. and the States General, A. D. 1667.

Bergen-op zoom, Berga ad Zomam, aut Bercizoma; by Guiceiardin faid to have its name from the little River running by it, which he names Zoom, but Blaeu contradicts, and fays, the River hath no such name, except from the Town; and that the Town is call'd Bergen from the Hill on which it stands, and opzoom, on the Seam, because seated on the edge of

the Province. It is conveniently situated between Brabant, Flanders, Holland and Zealand, within half a League of a Branch of the Oofter Schelde, 18 miles from Antwerp to the North; 20 from Breda to the West, and as many from Middleburg to the East. It had the Title of a Marquilate given by the Emperor Charles V. and was formerly a Place of good Trade, 'till eclips'd by Antwerp: For convenience of its Trade a Canal was cut through to the Host, or Wester Schelde, The Country about it is very low and marshy, by which the Town is much secured, as well as by very strong and well contriv'd Fortifications, which the Duch have built round it, with Forts upon the Channel, and other convenient places. The Buildings are fair, the Church of S. Lambers and the Marquels's Palace especially. Here are 3 spacious Market-places, and a large Hospital for the Sick, which was formerly a Nunnery. This Town was subject. to its own Lords, from 1212. till 1567. when it was delivered into the hands of the Hollanders; from whom the Prince of Parma endeavour'd to recover it in 1588. But they defended themselves so couragiously, that he was forced to raife the Siege. Again, in 1622. Spinola Belieg'd it, but had no better Fortune; for after 70 nor 80 days furiously attacking it, he was glad to leave it, upon the approach of the Dutch Forces under Prince Maurice.

Grave, Gravia, termed Graeff by the Inhabitants, is fituated on the South-fide of the Maies, the Waters whereof fill the large Trenches that environ the Bulworks, in a Plain on the Frontiers of Guelderland, at the distance of 18 miles from Bois-le-duc to the East, 7 from Nimguen to the South, and about 50 from Maefiriche to the North. It is a finall Town, but very near and pleafant, and esteem'd the strongest and easiest to be defended of any in the Netherlands. It is the Capital of the small Earldom of Curck, which belongs to the Prince of Orange, as doth the Town it self. The Country about it is Meadow, and affords Pasture to a good Body of Horse that are always kept here: The Town is exceeding well fortified with Ravelins, Counterfearp, Palifado, and a very frong Horn work, and besides, secured by the River on one side, and a Morass on another. It was taken in 1586 by the Prince of Parma, and recover'd in 1602 by Prince Maurice. In 1672 the French took it, and upon their being forced to quit Holland, had made this their grand Magazine, and therefore defended it for a long time when it was befieg'd by the Prince of Orange his present Majesty, to whom, however, they were obliged to Surrender it, with all the Artillery and

Ammunition, on the 28th of September, 1674.

These four Towns make a very strong Frontier on this side to the Dominions of the States General.

Ravenstein, a neat but not large Town, is seated on the River Mies, about 5 or 6 miles below the Grave, and 16 North-east from the Bosch; it is defended by a strong Castle, and hath a Jurisdiction of 4 miles broad, and extended about 12 miles South from the Mies, towards

Helmons, the Capital of the Country call'd Peel-land: It is a good walled Town, seated on the little River An, that falls into the Maes a little beyond the Bosch, and is distant 17 miles from the Grave to the South.

Eindhoven, a good wall'd Town also, and the Capital of the Country call'd Kempen Lend, stands upon the River Dommel, 10 miles West from Eleimone, and t4 South from the Bosch.

Maestricht, the seated in the middle almost of the Bishoprick of Liege, is reckon'd part of this Province of Brabant, because formerly that Duke had one

part, as the Bishop of Liege had the other part of the Jurisdiction of it; but fince 1633, it hath belonged to the States General. It stands on the River Maes, at a Place where was always a Ferry or Passage, which the word Treeht in Dutch fignifies; it is call'd in Latin, Trajectum ad Mosam & Trajectus inferior, to diftinguish it from Utrecht. It stands on the Westfide of the River, but hath a fair Suburb nam'd the Wick, on the other fide, which is join'd to the City by a beautiful Stone-bridge of 9 Arches. The old Buildings are but ordinary; but those built since the Hollanders have had the Town are of Brick and very fair, particularly the Stadt-house: The Streets are large, and Houses cover'd with Slate. Here are 3 Dutch Churches, and one for the English and French; that of S. Servatius was formerly a Collegiate, and had the honour to have the Duke of Brabant always one of its Canons: It was also a Cathedral, built in honour of that Saint, who planted the Christian Faith here, was the first Bishop, and died A. C. 395. from whom a Succession of 20 Bishops ruled in this City; but upon the Martyrdom of S. Lambert, the See was translated to Liege in the year 713. The City is large, being reckon'd 4 English miles in circuit, but not very populous. It is very strongly fortissed, having, besides a good Wall and Trench, many Ont-works of modern Form, well contriv'd to oppose the Advantages Besiegers may have by the nature of the Earth, convenient for Mines and Trenches, and by a Hill a little diftant, that would command the Town if the Bastion to the South-east were not built very high. At the top of that Hill stands an old Castle, and in the Bowels of it is a Quarry of Stone, of which vast quantities are transported to other Countries. This City descended with Brabant to the King of Spain, but in the War-time taking

part with the States, it was Befieged by the Prince of Parma in 1579, and though they made a very vigorous defence, were forced to submit, and continued under the Spaniard till 1633. when the Prince of Orange besieged and took it; and in the succeeding Peace of Munster, it was yielded to the Hollanders. In 1672, the French belieged and took it: They fat down before it on the 11th of June, the King of France himself, with the Dukes of Orleans and Monmouth, commanding the large Army that attacked it with great Fury, till the end of that Month; at which time the Burghers mutinying, and the Garison being much weakned, the Governor was forced to Capitulate; and on the 2d of July the Town was furrendred, and continued under the French till by the Peace of Nimeguen it was restored to the States General, who still possess it.

On the South east of Dutch Brabant lyes the County of Horn, which is a Territory of about 20 miles extent, bounded on the East by the River Maes, on the North-west by Peel-land in Brabant, and on the South-west by the Bishoprick of Liege: It was formerly subject to its own Earls of the Family of Mone-morency, of whom Philip and Florent were eminent for their Zeal in oppoling the Tyrranny of the Duke d' Alva, and affifting the Prince of Orange in afferting the Liberty of their Country; but had both the misfortune to lose their Lives, by the practices of

Horn, that gives Name to the County, is a small Town with a Castle, seated near the Maes, 24 miles South-east from Helmont, 25 North from Maestricht, and 4 or 5 West from Ruremond.

Weere, the Chief Town, stands 12 miles West from Horn, 16 South from Helmont, and 25 North from

Maestricht.

CHAP. IV.

The County or Earldom of HAINAULT, Hannonia.

THIS Province derives its name from the River. Haine, which passeth through the midst of it called also Haingow and Henegow by the Germans, and is bounded on the North by Brabane, and part of Flanders, on the South by Cambresis, Picardy and Champagne, on the East by part of Brabant and the County of Namur, and on the West by the River Schelde, that separates it from Artois and part of Flanders. It is extended from North to South about 50 miles, and about the same from East to West. The Air is exceeding temperate and healthful, and the Soil fertile and water'd with the Scheld, Sambre, Haine, Dender, and divers other Rivers. Here are also found many Lakes and Ponds, Woods, some Mines of Iron and Lead, and Quaries of Marble and Touchstone.

Within this Povince are comprised 24 Wall'd Towns, 950 Burroughs or Villages, and feveral Caftles; also 3 Principalities, 10 Earldoms, 12 Peerages, 22 Barronies, and 26 Abbies, not to mention divers hereditary Offices appertaining to that Prince's Court, viz. Those of a Marshal, Seneschal, grand Hunter, Chamberlain, &c. The French at present possess the greater part of Hainault, and the rest remains under the Dominion of the Spaniards, as it is shewn in the enfuing Table.

Aper-Valenciennes, le Quefnoy, taining Bouchain, Avefnes, to the Conde, Landrecy French. Bavay, Philipville, L Maubenge. Marienburg. Mons, Capit. Halle, To the Aeth, Leffines, Spani-Brain le Comte, Roeles, ards. S. Ghillain, Soigny, Enguien, Beaumont, &c. L Binche,

Valentinnes, Valencianæ, aut Valencenæ, is fituated on the Confines of the Country of Ostrevant, on the River Scheld, which there receives the Rouel that divides it into two parts, and by several Channels passes through most of its Streets; distant 15 miles from Tournay to the South, and lying also in the middle between Mons to the West, and Cambras to the North-east. It was founded (as is generally believ'd) by the Roman Emperor Valantinian, and is at present a very large, fair and rich Town

strongly Fortified. The Church of our Lady is an ancient bur stately Building, having Pillars of Marble and Porphyry to support its Arches of Stone. The Church of S. Peter is very curiously Carved, as is also the Front of the Town-house adjoining. The Hospital for the maintaining and educating of poor Orphans, is well endow'd. Over the Scheld are built 10 Bridges, on which stand many fair and large The Trade of the Town confifts in Linnen-Cloth, Mohairs and Tabbies, to which is now added the Staple for French Wines. It was Besieged by the French King in the year, 1677, and taken by Storm; but upon the Inhabitants agreeing to pay 400 thousand Crowns for the building of a Citadel, it escaped being Sacked. It was granted to the French at the Treaty of Nimeguen, and hath been ever fince possessed by them.

Bouchain, a small but strong Town, seated on the River Scheld, 10 miles above Valenciennes, and near as many from Cambras to the North; is of service for the Communication of those two Places in time of War, and therefore Besieg'd by the French in 1676, to whom it was surrender'd after one Assault, tho

an Army was marching to its Relief.

Quefnoy, tho' a small Town, hath a good Trade for its Manufacture of Linnens and Stuffs, and is reafonably well fortified. It stands about 15 miles from Bouchain to the East.

Landrecy is a very strong Town, seated on the Sambre, near the Borders of Cambray, and not above 6 miles from the Frontiers of Picardy, about 10 from Quesnoy, and 20 from Valenciennes to the South-East. It was formerly subject to the Duke of Arefebot, under whom it held out against a long and furious Siege by the Emperor Charles V. in 1543. and the year following was furrender'd to him, together with Avefness, a small Town 8 or 9 miles East from Landrecy. All these 3 were taken by the French and granted to them by the Pyrenean Peace in 1659.

Maubeuge stands upon the Sambre, in the mid-way between Avelnes and Mons, about 12 m. from each and is a Place of good Trade for Wollen Cloth.

Bavay, call'd Bavay Wallon, to distinguish it from Bavais in Picardy, stands 8 miles West from Mabeuge, and 6 North-east from Quesnoy. It is thought by some to have been formerly a great City, nam'd Belgium, from whence the Country had its Name, but is at present but a small Place. These were both granted to the French by the Nimeguen Treaty.

Conde, or Conder, a small Town with a Castle, stands upon the Schelde, about 15 miles North-west

from Bavay.

Marienburg, founded by Mary of Austria, Queen of Hungary, and Governess of the Low Countries, in 1542. and fortified with a very strong Wall and good Out-works, stands on the Borders of the Bishoprick of Leige, about 6 miles from the River Maes to the West, 10 from the Frotiers of Picardy to the North, and 30 from Landrecies to the East.

Philipville stands about 4 miles North from Marienburg, and is reckon'd part of the Province of Hainault. It was built soon after Marienburg, and nam'd from Philip II. King of Spain, who fortified it with five Royal Bastions, and other strong Works, these two making a Frontier against France on that fide; but they have been both taken by that King, and granted to him by the Pyrenean Treaty.

Spanish HAINAULT.

MONS, Montel, and Montes Hanonia, the Capital City of Hainault, call'd Berghen in Flemish, is seated

on an Hill of easie Ascent, near the Banks of the River Trull, which a little below falls into the Haine, almost in the midst between Namur to the East, and Doway to the West, at the distance of 35 miles from both, as also 16 from Valenciennes to the North-east, 26 from Bruxels to the South-west, and 20 from Tournay to the South-east. It is a large City and well fortified, with a Stone-Wall, firm Ramparts, 3 large Trenches and an old Castle. The Buildings are beautiful, the Streets large, and the Market-place spacious: The publick Edifices are also very magnificent, and among others the Palace wherein is convened the general Council of the Province; the Religious Houses, of which the College of Canonesses, Founded by S. Gualtride Princess of Lorrain, is more especially remarkable; the whole Society consists only of Ladies of great Quality and high Birth, who are obliged to affift at Mass in the Mornning, cloathed in the Habit of Nuns, but have liberty to wear fumptuous Apparel in the Afternoon, and even to spend the rest of the day in Dancing, and Singing; and other Exercises of a free Convertation; and are also permitted to abandon the Abby, or to marry, whenfoever they pleafe. The Earls of Hainault had formerly the Title of Earls of Mens, and with the possession of the County receiv'd the Investiture of the Dignity of an Abbot, and other Perquifites holden in Fee of the Church, from the hands of the Lady Abbess of the said College. Mons is a Place of good Trade for divers Commodities, especially Wollen Stuffs, whereof they make great quantities. It was furpriz'd in 1572. by Count Lewis of Nassaw by a Stratagem; for 12 Soldiers in Habit of Merchants. obtaining leave to have the Gates opened for them earlier than ordinary, kill'd the Porter, and let in the Count with the Soldiers he brought for that purpole, who took possession of the Town without Opposition: But the same year the Duke d' Alva Besieg'd and recover'd it; from which time it quietly remained under the Spaniard, till 1678. that the French invested and had much diffressed it; when the Prince of Orange, his present Majesty, came to its Relief, and gain'd a fignal Victory over the Duke of Luxemburg, upon which the Peace was immediately concluded. In the late War, viz. the 8th of April 1691. the French took this Town, but it was restored at the Peace.

Aeth, a small Town seated on the River Dender, 14 miles North from Mons, as many South from Oudenard, and about 20 South-west from Brussels, is a Place of good Trade for Linnen, and by reason of its fituation near the Borders of these three Provinces of Hainault, Flanders and Brabant, hath been at several times well fortified, especially by the French, after they had taken it in 1667; for being granted to them by the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, Vauban was fer to work, and great Cost was bestow'd in strength ning this most advanc'd Frontier; but they were oblig'd to restore it at the Peace of Nimeguen, it was again taken by the French in 1697. but restor'd

at the Peace the same Year.

Lessen, or Lessines, is a small Wall'd Town, seated also on the Dendre, about 4 miles North from Aeth. Englien, or Anguien, stands about 8 miles West from Aeth, and hath had the Title of a Dutchy.

Halle is seated on the very Borders of this Pro-vince, within 8 miles South of Brussels, and near 20 from Mons to the North. It stands in a very pleafant Country, and is water'd by the River Sienne. It is not large nor very well built, and is chiefly noted for the famous Chappel of the Virgin Mary, whose Statue in it is cover'd with Gold, and is much reforted to by multitudes of Votaries, who annually

make rich Offerings to it. It is Wall'd, but not being strong enough to endure a Siege, was quitted to the French in April, 1690. but since they less it hath been made stronger, and well Garison'd for the security of Brussels.

Braine le Comte, on the Frontiers of Brabant, about

8 miles South from Halle;

Soigny, about 3 or 4 miles South-west from it; and Roeles, or Reux, 4 miles from Soigny to the South,

are all 3 Wall'd Towns.

On the Borders of Hainault, and Frontiers of Brabant, about 3 miles North-east from Soigny, as many South-west from Halle, and about the like distance from Enghion to the East, stands the Village of Steen-kirk upon the Rivulet Sennegue; a small place and not at all considerable, but for a Battle fought near it on the 24th of July, 1692, between the Confederates and the French.

Binche, stands upon a little Branch of the Haine,

7 or 8 miles South-east from Mons; it was formerly a populous Place, and made a Seat of Pleasure by Mary Queen of Hungary, when she was Governess of rhese Countries, who had a sine Palace here; but it hath suffer'd much by the Wars, particularly in 1544, it was burnt by the French: And since that the French took it; but finding they must part with it, demolss did the Fortistications before they surrender'd it, according to the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, in 1668.

S. Ghislain stands about 8 miles West from Mons, it is also a wall'd Town, but not remarkably strong.

As is also

Beaumont, which stands 12 miles South from Binche, and 10 East from Mabenge. It is a pleasant Town seated upon a Hill, as its name implies, and was anciently an Earldom belonging to the second Son of the Earl of Hainault. It was taken by the French, and granted to them by the Truce in 1684. as was also Chimay, 14 miles South from it.

CHAP. V.

The County of CAMBRESIS, Cameracensis Ager.

THIS fmall Country is bounded on the North and East by the Province of Hainault, on the West by that of Artois, and on the South by Picardy, including about 18 miles from North to South, and 25 from East to West, and is extreamly fertile. Here was concluded a Treaty of Peace at Chateau-Cambressis, in the year 1559, between Philip II. King of Spain, and Henry II. King of France, which was very disdayantagious to the later, 198 considerable places being resign'd up for S. Quentin, Ham and Chatelet; however the present French King Lewis XIV. hath found means to get Possession of the whole Country, as well as of Cambras, its Capital City; which were granted to him by the Treaty of Nimeguen.

The chief Towns Cambray, Arch-bish. and Cap. Chateau Cambresis. Crevecour,

C A M B R A Y, Cameracum, is feated on the River Scheld, on the Confines of Artos, at the distance of 15 miles from Downy to the South, 20 from Artos to the East, as many from Perone to the North, 16 from Valenciennes, and 60 from Brussels to the South. It was heretofore an Episcopal See subject to the Archbishop of Rheims, but at length erected into a Metropolitan by Pope Paul IV. A. D. 1559. It was also some time an Imperial and Free City under the protection of the Count of Alost; but being afterward seized by the Emperor Charles V. and fortified with two Citadels, it fell into the hands of the Spaniard, and was united to the Earldom of Hainault. At length it was storm'd by the Forces of the present French King, on the 18th day of April, 1667, and surrender'd to him by the Articles of the Treaty of Nimeguen, in the year ensuing.

CHAP. VI.

The Dutchy of LUXEMBURG, Luxemburgensis Ducatus.

THIS Province is seated in the Lower Germany, and is bounded on the North by part of the Bishoprick of Liege and the Dutchy of Limburg, on the South by Lorrain, on the East by the River Moselle and the Archbishoprick of Triers, and on the West by the River Maese, that parts it from Champaign and Namur. Its utmost extent from South to North consists of about 70 miles, and from East to West, 60 miles. It is by Geographers divided into two Parts, whereof that to the North call'd Famenne is a fertile Soil, yielding store of Corn and some Wine; the other towards France and the Maes, call'd Arduenne, is Wooddy and less Fruitful, but abounds with Vemson and Game of all sorts. Here are also some Mountains, in which are sound Mines of Iron. The chief Rivers are the Moselle, Else, Semay, and the Ourts. In the extent of this Dutchy are contain'd 20 large Wall'd Towns, and about 1200 Vil-

lages. The ancient Earls and Dukes of Luxemburg were Princes of great Honour and Interest; of these Henry II. obtained the Imperial Dignity; in 1308, 30hn his Son enjoy'd the Crown of Bobemia; Charles the Son of John and Wencessus the Son of Charles, were successively Emperors: And finally Sigismond was Emperor, King of Hungary and Bobemia, as well as Duke of Luxemburg, about the year 1400. Elizabeth the Niece and Successor of Sigismund, having no sliue, sold this Dutchy to Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy, and so it came to the King of Spain, from whom all the Southern part of it has been wrested by the King of France, and Retained till the Peace of Ryspick, by which he was oblig'd to surrender the wholly Dutchy, and the County of Chiny. This Province is observed to have more Gentry and Nobility than any of the rest of these Countries. The chief Citics and Towns in it are,

Luxemburg,

best in a country

Luxemburg, Cap. Theonville. Montmedy. Damvillers.

Tvoix. La Ferte. Aftenay. Morville.

Rode Macheren. Konings Macheren. Sirick. Masieres.

Durby. La Roche en Ardenne. S. Vit.

Viande. Eichternach. Bastoigne.

Neufchatel. Virton.

LUXEMBURG, Luciburgum, aut Luxemburgum, is seated partly on a Rocky Hill, which is almost furrounded by the little River Alsitz, or Else, and partly on a Plain at the Bottom of the Hill, at the distance of 45 miles from the River Maes to the Feast, 12 from the Moselle to the West, 70 South east from Namur, 62 South from Liege, 22 West from Triers, and about 16 or 17 from the Frontiers of Lorrain. It is the old Town that stands in the Plain, which being commanded by the Hill, caused the building the new Town there, in which the Buildings are reasonably fair, and many of the Houses of Stone. It is a very ftrong Place; for on one fide the Hill it's very steep and surrounded by the River, which is a good Defence; and on the other it is Fortified with frong Baftions, Counter-guards, Half-moons, Ravelins and Ditches, befides two coverd Ways and feveral Redoubts. Notwithftanding which, the French took it the 4th of June, 1684. after a Siege of 26 days, and had it granted to them, together with its Dependences, in the succeeding Truce concluded the same Year, but was restored to the King of Spain in 1698. in pursuance of the Treaty

of Ryswick. Theonville or Diedenhoven, Theonvilla, aut Theonifvilla, stands on the Western Bank of the River Moselle, 15 miles South from Luxemburg; it is a good Town, and of old well fortified by the Emperor Charles the Great; but the French having taken it in 1558. when it was restored to the Spaniards, they added to its Fortifications fix Bulwarks,

four large Horn-works and other Strengths: However, the French found means to take it again, and had it granted to them by the Pyrenean Treaty; as was also.

Montmedy, a good strong fortified Town, seared on a Hill near the River Cher, 34 miles from Theor-ville to the West, and about 10 from the River Mies

Damvillers, which stands 12 miles South from Montmedy, and though a Town of good Strength, was several times Taken by the French, viz. in 1542. 1552. and 1637. and granted to them by the Pyrenean Treaty; but afterwards, by that of Aix la Chapelle, it was dismantled.

Arlon, is feated on the River Semy, 13 miles from Luxemburg to the West. It was a neat and handlome Town, but hath fuffer'd much in the

Neufchatel, or the New Castle, standing about 14 miles from Arlon to the West, was formerly a Place of great Strength and Beauty, but now not fo confiderable.

Bastoigne, stands 20 miles North from Arlon, and was heretofore a vast Market for Corn and Cattel.

Echternach stands near the Frontiers of Treves, and 25 miles East from Arlon. It is a small Town and not very confiderable.

Vianden is seated upon the small River Ourt, 14 miles from Echternach to the N. W. It is an ancient Earldom, belonging to the Illustrious Family of Orange.

S. Vit, 18 miles North from Vianden, is a neat handsome Town, giving Title to an Earldom, and enjoying a Jurisdiction over several Villages.

Roche en Ardenne, is seated on the River Ourt, 26 miles from S. Vit to the West, and 12 from Bastoigne to the North. It is a pretty little Town with the Title of an Earldom also, and hath a Territory of several miles extent.

Durby is another small Town, seated on the same River Ourt, 10 miles North from Roche, and likewife hath the Title of an Earldom.

CHAP. VII.

The Earldom of NAMUR, Namurensis Comitatus.

THIS County is bounded on the N. by Brabant, on the West by Hainault, on the S. by part of Hainanti and of Luxemburg, and on the E. by part of Luxemburg and the Bishoprick of Liege. It is extended from W. to E. for the space of about 30 miles, and from N. to S. about 24 miles. There are found in it divers Mines of Iron and Lead, also many Quarries of Marble, and a fort of Stone call'd Houle, that serves for Fuel. In this Province are reckoned up 6 or 7 confiderable Towns, together with 180 Burghs or Villages, and some fair Abbies, viz.

Namur, Bish. Cap. Charlemont.

Bouvines. Walcourt.

Florennes. Charleroy ..

Tille-chateau.

Bonef, Ab. Mal-Roy.

NAMUR, Namurcum, the Capital City of the Province, is feated at the confluence of the Sambre and the Maes, between 2 small Hills, at the distance of 24 miles from Luvain to the South, 30 from. Bruxels to the South-east, 30 above Liege to the West, 18 from Huy, and 35 from Mons to the East. Pope Paul IV. establish'd therein an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Cambray, and the Church of S. Albin, was errected into a Cathedral in the year 1569. The Town is beautified with many other stately Churches, Monasteries and publick Edifices built of Stone. The greatest part of the City lies on the North-side the Sambre, and therein stands the Town-house, the Market-place and several Churches, but the chief Parochial Church stands on the other fide, as doth the Castle: A fair Stone Bridge over the Sambre joins these 2 parts, and from the latter is a Bridge also of Stone over the Mies. The Fortifications are very strong, having, besides the Wall and Ditches, Ravelins and Counterfearps well built and contriv'd according to the modern manner; notwithstanding which, the French took it on the 3d of July, 1692. But the Confederates regained it after a long and vigorous Siege, under the Conduct of His Majesty King William in the year 1695.

Bouvines

Buvines or Bovignes, Bovine, Boviniacum aut Boviniani, is fituated on the West-side of the Maes below Dinant, and 10 miles beyond Namur to the South. I his little Town was encompas'd with Walls in the yer 1173. by the Order of Henry, sinnam'd the Blind, Earl of Namur, being a Pass between Luxemburg and Namur; it suffer'd much by the Wars at several times, and was sinally taken by the French in 1676. without making the least Resistance.

Charemont. Carolomontium, stands on the top of an high Hill, the foot whereof is water'd by the River Maes being distant 18 miles from Namur to the South. It is a strong place, and was fortified with divers regular Works, A. D. 1555, by the Emperor Charles V. to whom it was granted by a certain Bishop of Liege,

and united to the Earldom of Namur:

Walcourt or Valencourt standing 20 miles South-west from Namur, is a small Town, and not considerable, except for the Battel sought near it in the year, 1689. between the French and Consederate Armies.

Charleror, Carolo Regium, a strong Fortress, is seated on an Hill near the Sambre on the Frontiers of Haingult, almost in the widst between Namur and Mons, at the distance of 14 miles from the first, and 20 from the latter; as also 24 from Bruxels to the South. The Town was built A. D. 1666. near a small Village named Charnoy, by the Marquits of Castel-Rodrigo. on purpose to hinder the Inrodes of the French Garrisons betwixt the Samtre and the Maes, and was call'd Charleroy in honour of Charles II. the present King of Spain: However, it was taken by them in the Year ensuing, and resign'd to their King Lewis XIV. by the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, on the 2d day of May, 1668. after which they employ'd great Diligence and Cost in repairing the Fortifications and adding new ones, whereby they made it exceeding ftrong, but were however oblig'd to restore it to the King of Spain at the Conclusion of the Peace of Nimeguen; but again in the late War they befieg'd it with a very numerous Army, and after 27 days Refistance the Garrison was fain to surrender on the 1st of October; 1693. But it is now restored to the King of Spain in pursuance of the Treaty at Ryswick

CHAP. VIII.

The Dutchy of LIMBURG, Limburgensis Ducatus.

THIS Dutchy hath that of Juliers for its Bounds on the North and Eaft, the Bithoprick of Liege on the West, and a small part of Luxemburg on the South. It is extended from South to North for the space of 30 miles, and about 25 from West to East. The Country brings forth good store of Wheat and Barly, and other Corn, also very good Pasture and several Medicinal Herbs. Here are also many Mines of Iron and Lead, and Pits of Coal.

The chief Schem, belonging to the Hollanders. Rolding. Rolding to Valkenberg.

LIMBURG, Limburgum, is advantagiously situated on the Frontiers of the Bishoprick of Liege, near the Banks of the River Woldo, being distant 20 miles from Liege to the East, 20 from Macsfricht, about 45 from the River Rhine to the West, and as many from the Mosselle to the North. It is but a small Town, having only one Street, and that but ordinarily built; but is considerable on account of its situation on the edge of a high Rock, which, together withthe Wall, Trench, and other Fortisications, made it exceeding strong. It was taken by the Hollanders in the year 1633, but the Spaniards recovered it within a little while after; and in 1675, was befreged by the French, whom the Garrison very couragiously resisted, but were forced however to surrengiously resisted,

der, and by them it was difmantled before they re-

Rored it at the Treaty of Nimequen.

Dalem, Dalemum, is a small Town with a Castle, water'd by a Rivulet that dischargeth it self into the Maes, and is distant to miles from Liege to the South east, and 15 from Limburg to the North-west. It, formerly enjoy'd the Title of an Earldom under its proper Counts or Earls, and had very large Territories within its Jurisdiction. But Henry II. Duke of Brahant surprized this Town, and united it to his Dominions. Asterward it depended on the Dutchy of Limburg, and at present is possess'd by the Hollanders, altho' the French took it from them in the year 1672. and ruin'd the Castle, rogether with the other Fortifications, before they could be made to abandon the place.

Rölduc or 's Hertogen raidt, is seated on the Borders of the Dutchy of Juliers, about 12 miles East from Valkenberg, and 24 from Maestricht. It is a neat little Town, and hath an old Castle for its defence.

Valkenberg, call'd by the French Fauguement, is a large and neat Town belonging to the Dutch, feated on the River Gense at the distance of 10 miles from Dalem to the North, as many from Macsfricht to the East; it was well fortified, and had a strong Castle before the French took it in 1672. who added to its Works and made it much stronger; however, the Dutch retook it soon after, and have since demolished the Fortifications.

CHAP. IX.

The Bishoprick of LIEGE, Leodiensis Ditio.

THO the Diocese of Liege be part of the Empire, and of the Circle of Westphalia; yet because of its situation in the midst of some of those Provinces,

that are always reckon'd part of the Netberlands, fome Geographers have plac'd its Description here, whose Example we shall follow.

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This Country is bounded on the North by Brabant, on the West by part of Brabant and the County of Namur, on the South by the Dutchy of Luxeinburg, and on the East by those of Limburg and Juliers. Its Extent from South to North consists of about 70 miles, from West to East 25 miles; but in some parts it stretches out in a narrrow Tract near 60 miles. The Air is remperate and healthful, and the Soil fertile, bringing forth abundance of Grains, Fuits, Cattle and Venison. It also affords divers Mines of Iron and Lead, together with Quarries of Marble; but more especially great quantities of Brimstone and Vi-triol. The Bishop is Lord of all these Territories, and a Prince of the Empire, bearing also the Title of Duke of Bouillon, Marquiss of Franchimont, and Earl of Loots and Hasbain, which are particular Lordthips in this Country. In the Bishoprick of Liege are compriz'd 53 Baronies, a great number of Abbies, 24 walled Towns, and above 1500 Villages. The most confiderable whereof are.

Liege, Bish, Cap.
Dinant.
Bouillon.
Spa.
Franchimon.

Bonkloem.
S. Truden.
Bilfen.
Haffelt.
Maefyck, &c.

LIEGE, Leodium, aut Leodicum, call'd Luyck by the Inhabitants, and Luttyck by the Germans, is feated on the West fide of the Maes in a pleasant Valley water'd with the Rivers Vefe, Ute and Ambluar, that discharge themselves into the Maes a little before it enters into the Town, at the distance of 50 miles East from Brussels, 65 from Cologne to the West, and 12 from Maestricht to the South. It is an Imperial and Free City under the Protection of its proper Bishop, whose See was first establish'd at Tongres, then translated to Maestricht, and at last remov'd hither about the year 713. by St. Hubert the Successor of S. Lambert Martyr, before which it was a small Village only, but afterwards encreased daily, and in 1007. Bishop Notger caused it to be Wall'd, and at present it is a large and beautiful City; the Streets are spacious and well built; the River Maes runs through the Town in two Arms, and many smaller Streams, which, together with the Legie and the three Rivulets of Ute, Vefe and Ambluar (that take their Rise in the Forest of Ardeme and fall into the Mass here) Water almost every Street, and have many stately Bridges over them. The publick Buildings are very magnificent, the chief whereof are the Bi-shop's Palace and 8. Collegiate Churches, together with a great number of Abbies and other Religious Houses, besides the Cathedral Church dedicated to S. Lambert which is famous for its Chapter, as being one of the most renowned in Christendom, confisting of Princes, Cardinals and Persons of the highest Quality; neither is any one admitted therein, unless he be descended of a noble Family, or hath merited this favour on the Account of his profound Learning. In S. William's Convent without the Gate, lies buried the famous English Traveller Sir John Mandevil. Here is an University, formerly exceeding famous, for the Persons of great Quality Students in it. Many King's Sons, besides Dukes and Lords, were frequently found here; nay, in 1131. there were no less than 23 Kings Sons resident in this University at one time, as Meibomius relates. The City is fortified with a Citadel, Bulwarks and feveral Outworks, and is judged to be about four miles in compass. Befies the Churches above-mention'd, there are many others, even to the number of an hundred in all: which, as also the Convents, are all so stately and well built, that this City is judg'd to outvie any in Germany. Among the Religious Houses there is a College of English Jesuits. In the year 1648. Charles Duke of Burgundy took and sack'd this City, and put the Inhabitants to the Sword, of whom, 'tis said, no less than 100 thousand were destroy'd by him. The French surprized it in 1675. and demolish'd the Citadel, which hath been since repair'd, and new Fortiscations added, especially in the year, 1693. upon Apprehensions of the French Designs against them.

Tongres, Tungri, aut Aduatica Tungorum, a very ancient Town, built on the Banks of the little River Jecker, 10 miles from Liege to the North west; and as many from Maestricht to the West. It was anciently, even so early as the time of the Romain, a very considerable City, of whole Temples and other Buildings there still remain some Monuments. S. Maternus, who is said to have been S. Peter's Disciple, planted Christianity here, and errecked an Episcopal See. After which it grew so large, that when Artila the Hun sack'd it, he destroy'd an hundred Chutches. Of later days it hath not been so very Eminent; for its See was translated to Maestricht, and thence to Liege, as hath been already said, whereby it declin'd, and is at present a good Town only. The French took possession of it in 1762, but quitted it when

they had taken Maestricht.

Huy or Hoey, Huum, Huyum aut Huyonium, was heretofore a famous and potent City call'd Benefactum, but being afterward often ruin'd by the Incursions of the Barbarians, it lost both its Lordship and Name. It stands in the District of Condrotz, at the distance of 15 miles from Liege to the South-west towards Namur on the East-side of the Maes, where the Brook Huy, from whence the Town takes its Name, runs into this River, that divides the Town into two parts, and over which is erected a fair Stone-bridge now half demolish'd. It is defended with a very ftrong Castle, which was founded on a high Hill by Eberard Cardinal of March and Bishop of Liege. Country adjoining was, for some time, govern'd by certain particular Earls, until they refign'd their Right to the Bishop of Liege. There are many Iron Mines in the Neighbourhood, whence the Inhabitants of Huy have their chief Imployment. The Town was taken by the French Forces, A. D. 1675. and its Fortifications were destroyed in the ensuing Year; but it being afterward reftor'd to the Bishop of Liege, he caus'd the Works to be repair'd with much diligence, and render'd it a Place of tolerable Strength. However, the French took it in 1693, but the Confederates recover'd it the next year.

Dinant, Dinantium, Dinandium aut Dionantum, is feated on the East-side of the Maes in the Confines of the County of Namer; from the Capital City where of it is distant 12 miles to the South, as also 7 from Charlemont to the North, half a League from Bourines, and 36 miles from Liege to the South-west. This Town is fortified with a strong Castle built on a rock, cut almost on all sides, but hath been often taken and regain'd during the Wars. The French made themselves Masters of it in 1675, and raz'd the Cittadel, but afterwards rebuilt it, and maintained a Garrison in the place, till by the Treaty of Residuals they were olig d to restore it to the Prince of Liege

Buillon or Bulloigne, is scated on the River Semos, 30 miles South from Dinane, not above 8 or 10 from the Borders of Champaign, about 16 East from the River Macs, and 40 West from Luxemburg. It is well guarded with a strong Castle, and with its small Territory adjoining gives the Title of Duke to the Bishop of Liege, which was also claimed and

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assumed by the Barons of Sedan. Of this place was that famous Godfrey Duke, who was so celebrated through all Nations for his Courage and Bravery in the Conquest of Jerusalem, whereof he was the first

Christian King.

Franchimont, formerly a confiderable City, before Charles Duke of Burgundy destroy'd it; at present it is a good large Village only, and stands on the River Theu 16 miles from Liege and 8 South-west from Limburg. This Town, with the adjacent Territory, gives the Title of a Marquiss to the Bishop of Liege.

About 5 or 6 miles South from Franchimont, in a Valley encompass'd with Hills and high Mountains,

stands the little Wall'd Town named

Spa or Spaw, much reforted to for the famous Medicinal Waters that spring in and near the Town. Of these there are four several Springs; the stronges is that called Geronster, which rises in a Wood on the South-side of the Town: Two other call'd Sauvenir and Tomeles, rise on the other side the Town; but the chiefest of all is that nam'd Pohumt, which springs in the Town, and is beautisted with a hand-som Stone-work over it, built by the Bishop of Liege, who is Lord of the Town. From this last Fountain

vast quantities of the Water is yearly sent out to all parts of Europe, besides what is drunk here. These Springs have procur'd the Town a general Protection, so that in the hottest Wars it has always escaped unrouch'd.

Borch-leen or Loots, the chief Town of the Land of Loon, formerly govern'd by its own Lords, who had the Title of Counts of Dioflein, is feated 12 miles from Liege to the North-weft; in it stands a famous Collegiate Church dedicated to S. Adulphus.

S. Truyen, nam'd from a Monastery of Benedictines, dedicated to S. Trudo, call'd also by corruption S. Tron and Centron, is a good wall'd Town, diftant 5 miles from Borch-leen to the West, and about 3 from Landen and Leewe in Brabant.

Bilsen, a small Town, near which stands a Nunnery of Ladies of Quality, who do not vow perpetual Chastity, but are allow'd to leave their Cells and many; it is 6 miles distant from Maestricht to

the West.

Hassel, a well built and populous Town, is seated on the River Demer 8 miles from Bilsen, wherein the Bishop of Liege hath a noble Palace:

Maeseyeck, stands on the Maes, 18 miles North

from Maestricht.

United

Of the United Netherlands.

CHAP. X.



F the Situation, Soil, Rivers, ancient State and History of these Provinces to the Time of their Subjection to the King of Spain, an Account hath been already given, in speaking of the

Netherlands in general: What remains, is to give the Reader some Idea of the Rise and Establishment of this Republick, known by the Name of The States General of the United Netherlands, before we proceed

to the Description of the Country. In order to which it is necessary to begin with the first occasions of their Desection from *Spain*, which were as follow,

The People of these Countries enjoyed large Privileges under the ancient Princes, who were content always to maintain 'em to them, because the smallness of their respective Dominions, made their greatest Strength consist in the Affections of their Subjects: But when, afterwards, all these Provinces became subject to one Prince, who had also large Dominions elsewhere, the People were treated with less Indulgence. Charles V. was the first of these, who, as he was King of Spain, and Emperor of Germany, as well as Duke of Burgundy, had different Interests from his Predecessors, and being engaged in a War with France, brought Foreign Forces from his other Dominions into the Netherlands, notwithstanding the Laws to the contrary; but being a Native of this Country, of a gentle and generous Nature, refiding long in it, and using the Native Nobility in the Government, he was generally belov'd, and his Actions gave no difgust.

But his Son Philip, being born in Spain, was of the Humour of that Nation, very Aultere, and had also so much Affection for his Country-men, that he conserr'd upon them all the Offices of Honour and Authority in these Countries, to the great displeasure of the Flemish Nobility; and himself also resided in Spain, governing these States by a Deputy; continu'd the Foreign Forces on soot, though the War were at an end; and which most of all disquieted the People, declar'd himself very zeasous for the Romith Religion; and therefore the Edicts against Luther, that had been made in his Father's time; but by the Indulgence of Charles, had not been executed here, Philip revives, and commands to be strictly executed; which was very grievous, because the number of the Protestant Party was large.

In the year 1550, the Dutchess of Parma, the King's Sister, was made Governess of the Netherland; she was a Person of great Wisdom and Goodness; but the chief Minister Cardinal Grandvill, whom the King appointed to assist her, was of an intolerable proud and cruel Nature, and though of an obscure mean Birth, so insolent to the Nobility, that what with that, and his cruel Prosecution by the Inquisition, which was now set on foot for the suppression of Protestancy, he became universally odious, and the Nobility refus'd to affist at the Councils while he sat at the Head of them: Wherefore the good Dutchess prevail'd upon the King to remove him, and moderate the Edicts about Religion.

But the Inquisition was soon after reviv'd, and notwithstanding the Dutches's good Offices, the King commands all Hereticks to be put to Death, and many were Executed accordingly; which created Horror and Rage in the Minds of the People, and caused them to break out in open Mutinies, to oppose the Executions, and release the Prisoners that were condemned for Religion. Also several of the Nobility consequence together against the Inquisition; and a great number, headed by the Lord of Brederode, boldly Petition'd the Governess for abolishing it: To which she gave a calm Answer, and representing the Matter kindly to the King, prevail'd apon him to grant their Request; but the Favour being long delay'd, the People were disstantied, and at length broke out into open Rebellion, and committed

many outragious Actions; but were foon pacified by the Dutchels, and the publick Peace once more restor'd. But the King was still resolv'd to suppress this Herefie, (as he call'd it) and punish these mutinous Subjects; and therefore fent his Favourite the Duke of Alva, in the year 1567. into the Netherlands, with an Army of 10000 Spanish and Italian Soldiers, to affift the Dutchess in the execution of his Commands: Upon whose arrival, the People were in general fo discontented, that great numbers of the Richer fort retir'd out of the Provinces; and the Dutchess foreseeing the Evils that were approaching, desir'd leave of the King to refign the Government: which was foon granted, and that Charge, with greater power than usual, conferr'd on the Duke of Alva: Who immediately fet himself to work to quell the Disorders, but by a different method than what had been used by the prudent Dutchess; for whereas the by mildness had pacified the People and brought them to Reason, he resolv'd by Rigor to force them to submit: And first of all, without regard to the Laws of the Land, he erected a new Court of Judicature, for Trying those that had been concerned in the late Infurrections; and many were condemned and executed thereupon. The Inquisition was set to work anew, and executed with greater Rigor than before; and many other things transacted that were contrary to the Liberties of the People, the Privile leges of the Towns, and the known Laws of the Country: Which though the Nobility and Peope were exceedingly incenfed at, the Governor was not at all concern'd, but refolv'd to purfue his own Methods, and break the Strength of the discontent ed Party; which he thought he could not effectually do, without cutting off their Heads; the chief whereof were the Prince of Orange, Count Egmont, and Count Horn.

The Prince of Orange was a Person of great Interest, by the large Possessions he was Master of; and by reason of his great Wisdom and Goodness, was belov'd by all, as he had particularly been by the Emperor Charles V. who made him Governor of Folland.

Count Egmont was a great Soldier, and had enjoyed the highest Places of Honour and Trust in Flanders, and was also exceedingly belov'd by the People; as was likewise Count Horn, who had a

large Estate in Brabant.

These three the Duke of Alva was resolv'd to take off; and accordingly the two latter were scized and imprisoned, and after some Months time Tried and Executed for being accessary to the late Insurrection. though they had been highly instrumental in suppressing it; but the Prince of Orange, having in time retir'd into Germany, fav'd his Life, though with the loss of his Estate, for that was seized as forfeited to the King. These Arbitrary and cruel Proceedings of Alva enraged the People to the highest degree, and made them refolve Revenge; and in order to it, great numbers flock to the Prince of Orange as their Head, who with them, and fuch other Forces as he could raise, invaded the Provinces. But the Spanish Army was too powerful, so that the Prince was forced to return without effecting any thing. And Alva, glorying in his good Fortune, infolently caused his own Statue to be erected, with two Figures, representing the Estates of the Low Countries, under his Feet; and demanded of the States larger Supplies for the Army than they could grant: Who petition the King thereupon, but without Redress; and perfifting in their Refusal, d'Alva publishes an

Edict without their Confent, for Levying the Money he demanded; and upon the People's refusing to pay it, caused the Soldiers to take it by force, and commanded those to be hanged upon the Sign-posts that had refused to pay; but was interrupted in his career by the arrival of News from Holland, That the Briel was feized by the Guefes: These were the Protestants, to whom the Papists had given that Name in Contempt, and who, to avoid the Rigor of the Inquisition, and d'Alva's Government, had fled, some into the Woods and Fastnesses, and others to Sea, where they lived upon Spoil, &c. These being grown strong by the additions of some of the remains of the Prince of Orange's Army, landed in Holland, and feized the Brief; which was follow'd by the Revolt of most of the Towns of Holland and Zealand; and the Prince of Orange coming foon after out of Germany with new Forces, became to formidable, that the King found it abfolutely necessary to remove the Duke of Alva, whose violent Proceedings had raifed such a Spirit of Hatred, not only of him, but of the whole Spanish Interest, that without very prudent and cautious management, there was little hopes of ever bringing these Provinces to Obedience. After d'Alva's departure, Requisenes had the Government for a little time; but he dying, the Administration fell of course to the Council, till a new Governor came. Don John of Austria was appointed to succeed; but before he could arrive, the People grew mutinous, and obliged the Council to affemble the States: Who being met at Ghent in the year 1576. agreed upon the Act, call'd The Pacification of Ghent; the substance whereof was, That all Foreign Soldiers be expell'd, the ancient Forms of Government restor'd, and matters of Religion referr'd to the States of each Province: But the Foreigners refus'd to depart, and were therefore declared Rebels; in revenge whereof they plunder'd feveral Towns, particularly Antwerp. And when Don John arrived, the Estates refused to admit him till be had confirmed the Pacification of Ghent; but he shortly after renounced it, and seizing the Castle of Namur, gave new occasions for a Breach: And immediately both Parties prepared for War. The Provinces call the Prince of Orange to Bruffels, and make him Protector of Brabant; and the Spaniards draw their Armies together in Namur and Luxemburg; but Don John dying suddenly, and a new Parry being risen among the Confederates, little was done till the Union of Verecht.

The UNION of UTRECHT, from which the Original of this Common-wealth must be dated, was a firm Alliance agreed upon in the year 1579. by the Seven Northern Provinces of the Netherlands, and Signed at the City of Verecht: By which they united themselves, so as never to be divided, referving however to each Province, all its former Rights, Laws and Customs. All the Provinces bound themfelves to affift one another against all Enemies whatfoever, to carry on all Wars, and maintain all Frontier Towns at their united Expence; and by a joint Council of the Representatives of all the Provinces, transact all Affairs relating to the Union.

But this new-ereched State found it self too weak to refift the valiant Duke of Parma, the Successor of Don John; who, tho' when he came to the Govern-ment, had only the Provinces of Namur and Luxemburg, free from the Confederacy, yet by his own Conduct and Valour, and the Strength of the Army he got together, was powerful enough in a little

time to reduce the Confederates to such extream diffress, that in the Term of Poor and Distressed States, they implored the Affistance of our Queen Elizabeth, offering her the Sovereignty of their State, if the would afford them Protection. The Queen refused the Dominion, but lent them Money and Soldiers, in the year 1585, upon the Security of the Briel, Flushing and Rammekins, which they put into her Hands: And in 1587, fent over more Forces under the Earl of Leicester, whom the States swore Obedience to, and admitted as their Governor: But his Government lasted not long, for some differences arifing between him and the States, the Queen recall'd him, but continu'd her former Affiltance to the Dutch; who after Leicester's departure, chose Prince Maurice, Son to the late Prince William of Orange (who was Assassinated at De'fe by a Spaniard) for their Governor, who proved one of the greatest Captains of the Age, in wife Conduct, admiral Difcipline, and excellent manner of Fortifying; which with the Diversion that Queen Elizabeth gave the Spaniards in her famous War with them, did so re-Itore the Affairs of this State, that the valiant Duke of Parma dying, King Philip found it necessary to think of Peace; which the States were very little follicitous of: For not only were their Forces under Prince Maurice successful enough, but their Subjects had found the way to the East-Indies, and began to supplant the Portugues, and make Holland the European Staple for the Commodities of those Countries; and were powerful enough at Sca to threaten the Spanish Plate Fleets and West-Indian Dominions; so that while the Spaniard, by the management of the Arch-Duke Albert, now Governor of the Natherlands, carried on the War at great Expence, in hopes of making the States ask a Peace, he found that the underhand Overtures he made them were but coldly receiv'd, and that they refus'd to grant a Ceffation of Arms, or to be treated with upon any other Terms than as a FREE STATE, which he was

at last forced to comply with: And, In the year 1609, a Truce was concluded for 12 Years; by which the Provinces were declared Free, both Parties allowed the full enjoyment of all that they then poffeffed, and free Commerce established

betwixt them,

And thus this War of 48 years continuance ended with the total Alienation of 7 Provinces from the Spanish Dominions, and the Erection of a State, which though it rose from such poor beginning, and ftruggl'd with the most Potent Prince of Europe, has grown to be one of the most Powerful, Rich, Well-Planted and Populous of Europe.

Of the Government of the United Netherlands in general, and of Holland in particular.

THE Supream Authority is the Assembly of the Representatives of the Seven Provinces, call'd, The Affembly of the States General; which consists of seven Voices, one for each Province, to whom belongs the power of making War or Peace, receiving and difpatching of Ambassadors, taking care of Frontier Towns, and affigning the Snms to be Levied for the Defence and Service of the Union. Affiltant to thele, there are the Council of State, and the Council of the Admiralty. The first is composed of 12 Persons; (whereof Guelderland sends 2, Holland 3, Zealand 2, Utrecht 2, Friegland 1, Overiffel i, and Geeninghen i) who previously deliberate, the Matters to be brought

before the States General, form the state of Expence for the succeeding year, and propose the ways of Levying it, &c. Assistant to this Council is the Chamber of Accounts, composed of two Deputies from each Province, who audit the publick Accounts, and dispose the Finances. The Council of the Admiralty, when the States order the sitting out a Fleet, have the care of it, and the ordering of all Marine Assists, Sub-ordinate to which are the sive Colleges in Holland, Zealand, and Friezland, who execute the Orders they receive from the Council.

The Resolutions of the States General, when they concern Peace or War, Foreign Alliances, or raifing Money, are never made but by the Agreement of every Province; nor mult the Provinces conclude without the Agreement of every City; fo that when fuch a matter comes before the States, they separate, each Member returning to his respective Province, where in the Affembly of every Provincial State the Matter is propos'd, with which the Deputies return to their Principals the Cities, for their confent; which makes the Rejolutions very tedious and liable to interruption, by the Interest an opposite Party may make in any one of the Cities; which hath sometimes happen'd, particularly in the case of the Relief of Luxemburg, when the City of Amsterdam Differenting, hinder'd the raifing the 16000 Men propos'd to fave that Place, which was, for want of this Relief, taken by the French in 1684.

By which, the Reader will fee, That though the States General represent the Sovereignty, the Power is diffus'd, and rests indeed in the several Cities that send Deputies to the States of the Province; for every Province is a distinct State, as are also all the Cities, in matters that concern themselves only. As a Specimen of the whole, we shall instance the City of Amsterdam, and the Province of Holland.

The Sovereignty of Amsterdam is lodged in the Council or Senate, which is compos'd of 36 Perfons, who serve for Life, and upon the death of one, the rest chuse another of the Burghers to supply his Place. This Council chuses the Magistrates and Officers, and the Deputy which represents the City in the Provincial State; (so that the People have no share in Elections) and also make Laws for the Government of the City, and Levy the Taxes for the publick Service of the City in particular, and its Quota for the Union in General: By its Magistrates (which are Burgomasters equal to our Lord Mayor, Schepens, or Judges, and Schout, or Sheriff) the City executes an independent Government, judges all Caufes Civil and Criminal, and inflicts Punishments, even to Death, without the Cognizance of any other Power whatfoever. The like Authority is found in all the Cities, but with fome little variation, not needful here to be mention'd.

The Provincial State of Holland is compos'd of the Deputies of the Nobility, and the Cities, which make Nineteen Voices, whereof the Nobles have One, and these Cities, viz. Dort, Harlem, Delft, Leyden, Amsterdam, Goude, Rotterdam, Goreum, Scheidam, Schonehoven, Briel, Alemaer, Horn, Enchwssen, Edam, Monickdam, Medenblick and Purmeren, One a piece, which make the other Eighteen Voices; which, as we have already said, must all concur in the making of any new Alliance, declaring War and making of any new Alliance, declaring War and making of the States General and the Council of State.

The States of the other Provinces are much the fame, only that the Nobility in some of them being

more numerous, have a greater share; and in Utrechithe Deputies of the Clergy have Session; and in Friexland and Groninghen, besides the Towns, the Lands divided into Bailiages, send Deputies to the States.

The Prince of Orange is the Person that represents the Dignity of this State, by his splendid Court, publick Guards, &c. He is Captain General and Lord High Admiral, and thereby disposes of all Milirary and Marine Commands. He is Stadtholder of five of the seven Provinces; (for Prince Cassimer of Nassaw, is Stadtholder of Friezland and Groninghen) and bath the Nomination of Magistrates of the Cities out of a double number pretented to him: He pardons the Penalties of Crimes, and hath Seffion in the Council of State; and though he doth not fit in the Assembly of States General, yet do they not resolve any important Matter without his Advice. He hath also great influence in several of the Provincial States, by the large portion of Lands he is Owner of, whereby he hath many Voices in Electing the Deputies of the Nobles. He is exceeding Rich, as well by the valt Patrimonial Estate descended to him from his Ancestors, among which are many Sovereign Principalities and Lordships, as by the large Revenues belonging to his feveral Charges and Commands. All which are at present posses'd by his most Excellent Majesty William King of Great Britain, &c. Whose Ancestors that have enjoyed the fame Dignity in this State, are thefe, viz.

I. William of Nassaw, Prince of Orange, who was Governor of Holland and Zealand, under Charles V. and Philip II. and by his excellent Wisdom, Goodness and Courage, acquir'd the greatest Esteem and Authority imaginable among the People; and was therefore the Person to whom they applied themselves for Relief from the Oppressions of the Duke of Alva, &c. As we have already shewn. He was Assaminated at Delsi in Holland by a Spanish Soldier, in the year 1584.

II. Maurice of Nassaw, Prince of Orange, and Son of William, by whose wise Conduct the Confederacy, (which he sound Poor and Dittressed) was raised to a very powerful State, and acknowledged Free by the King of Spain. He died A. D. 1625, and was Succeeded by his half-Brother.

III. Henry Frederick, a Prince of great Valour, Prudence and Fortune: He died in the year 1647.

IV. William his Son Succeeded, who Married the

IV. William his Son Succeeded, who Married the Princes Mary, eldeft Daughter to King Charles I. of England, and died A. 1650. without Issue born, leaving his Princels then with Child of His present Majesty; which gave the Louvestein Faction an opportunity to endeavour to suppress the Authority and Office of Stadtbolder, and which they did keep vacant till 1674. when the People having suffer'd a thousand Miseries by the hands of the barbarous French, forced the Magistrates to retract that Instrumentshey had Sworn to, and fondly call'd a Perpetual Edick, whereby the Office of Stadtbolder was to be for ever suppress'd: I say, the People impatient of the Evils they indur'd for want of a Valiant Captain to Head their Armies, oblig'd the Magistrates to restore the Prince to the Dignity of his Ancestors.

Prince to the Dignity of his Ancestors.

V. William Henry of Nassaw, Prince of Orange,
Son to William and Mary abovemention'd, was Born
November 6.1650. eight days after his Father's
Death; liv'd privately till the year 1674, when he

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was restored to the Stadtholdership of Holland, Zealand, Guelderland and Zutphen, Utretcht and Oversyssel, which by the States of each of those Provinces was confirmed to him and his Heirs for ever. In 1677.

he Married Mary our Late Queen of Blessed Memory; and in 1688. Succeded in the Throne of England, and is at present King of Great Britain, France and Ireland.

The Seven United Provinces are,

GUELDERLAND, with ZUTPHEN.

HOLLAND.
ZEALAND.
UTRECTH.
FRIEZLAND.
OVERYSSEL.
GRONINGEN.

Chief Cities.

Arnheim.

Zurphen.

Amsterdam,

Middleburgh

Utrechs.

Francher.

Derenter.

Groninghen.

CHAP. XI.

The Province of HOLLAND and West FRIZELAND, Hollandia & Westfrisia.

HE first Inhabitants of this Province of Holland, were the Batavi, a Branch of the Nation of the Catti, a People of Germany; but how far their Territory extended, is Disputed. It is faid in genetal in ancient Authors, that Batavia was included between the Maes and the Rhine; but whether it be to be understood of the old Channel of the Rhine which passes by Utrecht and Leyden, or the Chan-nel of Drusus, which turn'd a great part of that River into the Isel, is the question in Dispute. If the latter, not only this Province, but those of Utrecht and Gelderland, must have belonged to them. But however it be, all Parties grant, that at least all the South part of Holland, as far as Leyden, together with the Betuwe, (now part of Geldre) Nimeguen the chief City thereof being by fome faid to have been their Metropolis, was the Seat of the ancient and famous Nation of the Batavians, so often mention'd by Tacitus and other ancient Writers. As for the Northern part, there is good reason to believe that it was formerly contiguous with Frizeland, or at least Inhabited by that Nation.

The modern name of Holland was undoubtedly given it by the Danes; who very much infefting these Coasts with their Pyracies in the IXth. Century, had this Province, with the Islands lying South of it, given them by Lotharius the third, Son of Lewis the Godly, (to whose share this part of the Empire of his Grandfather Charlemaigne was allotted) and by them named Zealand and Holland, from the two parts of, their own Country so denominated. 'Tis true, some Etymologists will have it, that the name of Holland was given it q. d. Hollow-land, from the lowness of the Country: But since the Story of the Danes planting themselves here is undisputed, the former

account is much the more rational.

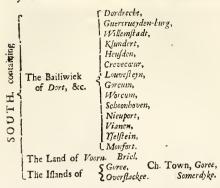
The Original of its Earldom is already mention'd in the general account before the description of the Spanish Netherlands, together with its falling into the Family of Burgundy, and by Succession to the King of Spain; and of its Revolt from him we have been just speaking; as also of its present State.

The prefent Bounds of this Province (including West Frizeland, or North Holland, which in all publick Acts is mention'd apart) are the Gernan Ocean on the West, the Zuyderzee on the North, the same on the East, and Brabant and Zealand on the South. It is seated between the 51st. deg. 40 min. and 53 d.

deg. of Latitude, and 23. deg. 10. min. 24th. deg. 20 min. Long. containing in its utmost extent, from North to South, 80 English miles, and from East to West about 25. but in some places above 40. The Soil is low and marshy; but by the Industry of the Inhabitants in draining out the Water by their artificial Channels, it is made to yield very good Pasture, and some Corn; but chiefly the former, for Food to their vast Herds of Kine, from which they receive the almost sole product of the Country, Butter and Cheese. The Air is thick and moift, by the Fogs arising out of the vast number of Channels and Lakes all over the Country, which make the Inhabitants in many parts of it very subject to Agues, which would be yet much worse if it were not purg'd by the Easterly Winds, which coming over the long dry Continent of Germany, purifie the Air, and cause sharp Frosts during the Months of January and February, by which the Earth is dried, and the Vermine, which the moistness of the Land produces in great quantities, destroyed. The whole Province is divided into two great Parts, North and South; which are

of are, (Medenblick. North Hol-The Islands Texel, Vlie, and Schellings. S Eadam, land Strictly taken, divi-Waterland. Munickdam, ded Into. (Purmerent. \ Alemar, Harlem, Kenemetland. Beveragek. Amstelland. Amsterdam, Capital, (Narden, Goyland. Muyden, Wefep. Ħ S Leyden, Rynland. Woerden, Oudewater. 0 Delft, The Hague, Honflaerdyck, Maesland Sluys, Delfland. Vlardingen, Delfs Haven. Rotterdam, Schieland.

SOUTH



AMSTERDAM, Amstelodamum, the chief City not only of Holland, but of all the United Netherlands, is seated on a small River named Amstel, that runs through the Town and falls into an Arm of the Sea, call'd the Y, (and by abbreviation of the Dutch Article Het, 't Y) which makes a large Haven, wherein continually lye vait numbers of Merchants Ships. The City is diftant about 30 miles from Rotterdam to the North, 20 from Horn, and 30 from Medenblick to the South, 12 from Harlem, and 15 from the Sea-shoar to the East, and about 25 from Virecht to the Northwest. It is but of modern Structutre, being not mention'd in History before the year, 1299. nor then, but as a small Fisher-town only. De Wit hath publish'd Maps of its several Conditions, whereof the first shews it in the Year 1342, a small Town on the East fide only of Amstel, with one Street in the middle, and 5 or 6 cross ones; which before 1400 was encreas'd to as much more on the other fide the River; by 1482.it was again encreas'd on both fides and furrounded with ftrong Walls; in 1585. being grown populous, and beginning to be the chief Seat of Trade of this new erected State, it was much enlarged, as it was again in 1612. And again a fifth time in the year 1656. a very large space of Ground (great part whereof is not yet built) was taken in and the Walls built anew of Brick and the Gates of Stone, with a large Ditch all round; which new Addition hath made it a large Semi-circle, deriv'd from the River 'r. It is an exceding populous, rich and well-traded City, very well built and very neatly kept; the Streets are very large with Canals of Water in them, over which are a very great number of Stone-bridges. The Houses are all built of Brick or Stone, in good repair, and very beautiful, especially those in the newest part of the Town, where the Streets called the Heer, Konings and Kersers Grachten, or Lords, Kings and Emperors Channels, are fill'd with magnificent Houies, many of them of Free-stone, adorn'd with Colums and Chapters according to the Corinthian Architecture. The principal publick Buildings are the Old, the New, the Western and the Southern Churches, the Stadthuyse, the Exchange, the Hospitals, the Magazine of the Navy, that of the East-India Company's Shipping, and the Sluces: All which we cannot omit giving as particuliar a description of as our room will admir. 1. The old Church is a Majeflick Building of Stone according to the Gothick Order, with a fair Steeple of great heighth; the Church was begun to be Built in 1360. but the Steeple not finithed till 1566. 2. The New Church, fo call'd in diffinction from the former, was founded about the year 1414. but being burnt in 1645, was repaired,

and is at present a handsom Structure; a Tower was defigned to it of exceeding Heigth, and a Foundation laid accordingly upon 6334 Piles driven into the Ground for that purpole, which was not however found strong enough, for the Building is not carried up above 30 or 40 foot: In the Painted Windows of this Church is represented the Liberality of this City to the Emperor Maximilian, in presenting him with a large fum of Money when he needed it, and his Generosity in bestowing an Imperial Crown for a Crest to its Arms. Also in this Church is to be feen the sumptuous Monument of Admiral de Ruyter, who was killed at Meffina; a Schreen before the Chancel of cast Brass, which being kept bright, looks very beautifully; and an Organ (supported by rich Marble Pillars) of extraordinary Workmanthip for its number of Pipes and Melodious imitation of Humane Voices. 3. The Western Church is a handsom Pile, and hath a beautiful Tower with a large Imperial Crown of Copper on the top of it, which is reckon'd 260 foot from the Ground. 4. The South Church bath also a handsom Steeple of 237 foot high. The other Churches are less remarkable. 5. The Stadtbuyse, or Guild-Hall, is a very magnificent Structure, all of Free-stone, adorn'd with Pillasters, Chapters, Cornishes and Carvings, according to the Corinthian Architecture; it is a square Building of 282 foot broad, 235 foot deep, and 116 foot high; of which height, the Ground-rooms) which are the Offices belonging to the Bank, and the Prisons, with some fmaller Offices) take up about 20 foot, and the first and fecond Stories about 30 foot each; and over the middle of the Front, (which is somewhat more advanced than the rest of the Work) above the Cornish, rifes a Bevel, the Face whereof is of Marble with a Basso Relievo of curious Carving, and on the top and each fide of it stands three very large Statues of Brass, and just behind a handlom Tower, (being a Pavillion supported by Pillars) wherein hang a great number of Bells that compose very musical Chimes: The back Face hath also another Bevel with Baffo Relievo, on the Top whereof stands a very large brazen Statue of Atlas, with a Globe of Copper on his Back. Within the House, the Gallery and Doorcases of the Offices are adorn'd with ingenious Carvings in Marble, and the Chambers with Marble Floors and curious Paintings on the Ceilings and Chimney-peices: In this House the Senate of the City hold their Assemblies, the Burgomasters meet, Causes as well Criminal as Civil are Try'd, the great Bank is kept, and in general all publick Businesses transacted. This Building was begun in the year 1648. but not finished in many years; indeed not yet en-tierly, for the Cielings of the Gallery are defign'd to be painted, and the Walls faced with Marble. 6. The Exchange is a handsom Structure of Brick, with Pillars of Stone all along the Walks, built after the model of our old Royal Exchange before the Fire, and is at least as Large. 7. The Hospitals here are many and large; above 3000 poor Children are constantly maintain'd with Lodging, Diet, and Cloaths, taught, to Read and Write at the publick Charge, in the Almoefniers-buys, Weeys-buys, and Diacoms-buys, three large Hospitals, so call'd; besides which, there is a large House, wherein above 300. decrepid old Women are lodg'd and fed; these are all of modern Foundation, and maintained partly by the voluntary Charities collected by the Deacons, and partly by certain little Taxes, such as a Penny upon every Person that passes through the Gate after Candle-light, half the Mony received at the Play-house, &c. and the rest supplied

out of the publick Revenue; But another Hospital, call'd the old Man's House, wherein 150 old Men and Women are maintained, was formerly a Monastery, the Rents whereof are affign'd for its support: In this House a poor Traveller may have Lodging and Diet for three days gratis. Here is also an Hospital for the Sick, another for Madmen, another for Fools, and a Pest-house.

The Magazine is a handfom large Building of Brick, ftanding on the Water-fide, in the North-east part of the Town; it is three Angles of a Square, in the middle whereof is a Yard for building Ships of War, the Front is 220.and the Wings 200 foot long. In the several Chambers of it are laid up the Rigging of the Men of War belonging to this Ciry, with Stores of Cordage, Arms, &c. all kept in very good order: This Magazine was built in 1655. Not far Eastward from hence is another stately Magazine belonging to the East-India Company; it is one Range of Brick Building, behind which is a large Yard with Docks for building, Ships, and Shops of Anchor-Smiths, and all other Artists belonging to Ship-building, particularly a very long Rope-yard: This House serves to lay up their Stores of Shipping, and also for Ware-bouses for those Goods that they have not room for in their other Ware-bouses; which with their House

stands in the middle of the City.

The Sluces are Works of prodigious Expence and Art, and worth a Traveller's notice. Formely the City was frequently damaged by the overflowing of the Water, which, upon the blowing of a North east Wind, was driven out of the Zuyder Zee and 't' with that violence into the Canals in the Streets, that the Water overflowing, not only run into their Cellars, but even role to the first Floor of those Houses that stood in the lower parts of the Town; to prevent which, the Magistrates, not many yeares since caused these Sluces to be made at the mouth of every one of the four Channels that open to the '17: These are strong solid Brick-works of 10 or 12 foot thick, rais'd from the bottom of the River to the Surface of the Ground, and built cross the Channels, leaving only convenient places for the passage of Ships, which are again thut up with very Strong Flood-gates, able at all times to relift the force of the Water, and secure the Inhabitants from its injuring them. Here are other publick Buildings worth a Strange'rs View, such as the Rasp-house, where Rogues are Imprison'd and kept to hard Labour, as rasping Brazil-wood, &c. for 3, 4, 7, to years, or their whole Lives, according to the heinousness of the Crime; the Spin-house, where Whores are kept in like manner to Spinning &c. the East and West-India Company's Houses; the Jews Synagogue, a noble Building indeed; the beautiful Stone bridge cross the Amstel, where it enters the Town; and the Walls all round the Town, which are exceeding neat, and well built with Brick, and fecure the City from a Surprize, as the marshiness of the Soil all round does from a formal Siege: The Gates, which are 5 in number, are all built of Stone, and in the Bridge from each of them over the Ditch are 2 Draw-bridges and a Watch-house, wherein, as well as in the Gates, continual Watch is kept by Soldiers maintain'd for that purpose, besides every night a company of the Train Bands of the City. And for their security from the Water-side, there are two rows of Pails all along before the Town, with narrow Gaps only at convenient places, for the passage of Ships, which are every night shut up by a Boom laid cross and lock'd. The Wealth and Trade of this City is exceeding great, the number of Shipping lying before the Pails in the Winter-time, when

their East-land and other Fleets are in, is not to be computed, their Masts seeming like a great Forest, so thick they stand. The Ground here is Sand, which the Water soaks through, and not only hinders from making the Cellars deep, but also obliges the Builders to drive a great number of Piles into the Ground, before they can lay the Foundations of the Houses. Here is no fresh Water, but what they save in Cisterns when it Rains; for though the Amstell be good Water, the '17' is a branch of the Sea, and mixing with it makes it brackish for several miles above the Town.

The Supream Authority in the City is lodg'd in the Senate, which confifts of 36 Persons chosen originally by the People, but at present by themselves, and continue for Life. These chuse the four Burgomasters, who are the chief Magistrates; and the nine Schepens, who are the Judges of Civil and Criminal Causes; and the Scout or Sheriff, who hath the care of bringing Criminals to Justice, and executing the Law. But it is necessary to note, That the Senate have not the absolute choice of the Schepens, for they return a double number to the Stadtholder, who chules those of them he pleases. The Burgomasters keep the Keys of the Treasury of the City, and of the great Bank lodged here and kept in the Cellars under the Stadthuys, which without doubt is a vast Mass of Treasure, but whether fo great as it's Credit, is not to be known, fince none are permitted to see it; nor hath there ever been but once an occasion to try its Strength, viz: in 1673, when the French having overrun their Country, tome People distrusted the safety of their Money and call'd it out of the Bank, which the Treasurers readily paying, gave fatisfaction to the rest, and it hath still remain'd there, tho transfer'd every day from one to another by Bills and Accounts, without ever telling the Money or any own defiring to fee it. The compass of Amsterdam within the Walls, is reckon'd about 6 miles, but a large part of it is yet unbuilt; the number of Houses is about 25, or as some affirm 28000. The number of Inhabitants may be guess'd at by the Burials, which in the year 1685, were 6245, according to the publick Account fet up in the Stadthuyse. Amsterdam is seated in the Latitude of 52 deg. 28 min. Longit. 24. 2.

HARLEM, Harlemum, stands about 10 miles West from Amsterdam, not above 4 East from the Sea, about 20 North from Leyden, and as many South from Alemar; it is a large, populous and pleasant City; the Buildings are all of Brick, near, convenient, and in good repair, the Streets large and even, and in some of them are Canals as at Amsterdam. It is a place of good Trade, which confifts in Thread and Tape, Linnen-Cloath and wrought Silks; alto Bleaching of Linnen, for which the Water is to fit, that most of the Inhabitants of Amsterdam and other neighbouring places, bring their Linnen here to be Wash'd, being curious in its whiteness. This City was made a Bishop's See in 1559. but that Dignity was foon after suppress'd. The Cathedral was Dedicated to S. Bavo, but is now only call'd the great Church; it is a strong, spacious and beautiful Building. The Stadthnys is a handsom old Structure, as is the Shambles or Flesh-market. The Walls are ftrong and the Ditch broad, but the Town is commanded by the Neighbouring Sand-hills. The Art of PRINTING is faid to have been invented here by one Lawrence Cofter, who walking in the neighbouring Wood for his diversion, fell to whitling little Sticks, and at length form'd a Letter upon one of 'em, which preffing upon his Hand first,

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and afterwards with Ink upon Paper, found it made a legible Impression; which accidental hint, being an ingenious Man, he improv'd and had brought the Art to some perfection, when a Roguish Servant that he imploy'd in it, stole his Implements and run away to Mentz, where he fer up for the Inventor. They of Mentz deny this, and affirm, That a Citizen of theirs, John Faust by name, was the sole Inventor. The Harlemers have many great and learned Men on their side in this Dispute; however, the first printed Books extant having been publish'd at Mentz, carries over many to the other Party: But whereloever it was Invented, this ingenious Art appeared first in the World about the year 1430. or 1440. The Harlemers brag also of great Exploits done by their Townsmen who went to the Holy War with Godfrey of Bolloigne, particularly the cutting of the Chains that thur up the Haven of the City Damiata in Egypt, which (according to the Tradition among them) was perform'd by great Saws fasten'd to the Keels of their Ships; in memory whereof the Boys yearly earry little Ships about the Streets; to which purpose they fay also are the three Ships that hang up in the great Church. The Siege of this City by the Spaniards in the year 1573. was very remarkable, for it continued 7 Months; during which time the Affaults were as violent, and the Resistance as obstinate as has been known, and the Defendants were reduc'd to such a Necessity, that they ear Grass, Leather, and such vile things for their Sublistence. They still shew a mark in the great Church where a Cannon Bullet lodg'd.

Just whithour the Walls there is a pleasant Wood, wherein the Civizens divert themselves; and a little to the Southward, a great Lake call'd the Harlemer Meer, which begins near Amsterdam, and reaches almost as far as Leyden. From the small River Sparen which runs through the Town, a Channel was cut in the year 1657. to Leyden, whereby the Passage between

these Cities hath been much facilitated.

LEYDEN, Lugdunum Batavorum, also Leyda, is esteem'd the pleasantest City in Holland; the Buildings being beautiful, the Streets large, the Channels commodious, but chiefly the rows of fine tall Trees in every Street, render them exceedingly agreable; but then, for want of a good Current of Water, the Canals are apt to stink in Summer. This is an ancient City, and tho formely but small, hath by several Enlargements been made to exceed any in Holland, except Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The in Holland, except Amsterdam and Rotterdam. principal publick Buildings, are, the Church of S. Peter, a handsom Pile, and had formerly a very high Tower, but it fell down in the year 1512. The Churches of S. Panoratius and S. Mary; and the new Church, of circular Form and very beautiful; the Hospitals of S. Katherine and S. Elizabeth, as also those of S. James and S. Barbara, for the Entertainment of decrepid aged and fick People, which are well endow'd and carefully kept. Here is also a large Hospital for the maintenance of poor Orphans, whereof there are reckon'd to be no less than 700 in it. The Town-house is a noble large Structure. The Burg, a noble piece of Antiquity, faid to have been built by the Romans, for the Defence of the Town, but stands now in the middle of it, and an Ornament only; it is a ftrong Fortification built of Stone in a round form, very high, the Ascent to it being of 50 Steps, and the Wall about it 21 foot high. In the year 1575, the Prince and States founded an University here, which is become the most famous of these Countries. The Schools is an ancient Building, handsom enough, but not exceeding beautiful;

adjoining to it is the Phylick-Garden, which is well Ror'd with sare Plants; near the Garden stands a Gallery in which are kept many Curiofities of Nature ; also in the Theatre of Anatomy are to be feen many fuch Rarites, befides Skeletons and Diffeoti-ons. The Profesfors have annual Stipends, and make a good profit by their Pupils; but the Students have no Endowments, except some Privileges. They are very numerous, and are a great advantage to the Town; Here is also a large Trade maintained by the making of Woollen-Cloaths. The small branch of the Rhine, which retains its name, passes through this City, and is the chief Channel in it. Leyden was Besieg'd by the Spaniards in 1574. and very well defended by the Citizens for five Months, at the end of which it was reliev'd. It is fortified with good Walls befides Ramparts, Bulwarks and large Ditches, and stands at the distance of 20 miles from Harlem to the South, 22 from Amsterdam to the South-west, 15 from Rotterdam to the North, and 27 from Verecht to the West.

The HAGUE, call'd in Dutch, 'sGravenhague, (that is, The Grove of the Earl) in Latin Hage Comisis, is seated about 8 or 9 miles from Leyden to the South-west, about 6 from Delft to the North-east, 14 from Rotterdam to the North-west, and not above 2 miles from the little Sea-Town Schievling. It glories in being the principal Village of Europe, for it is not wall'd, the otherwise in all respects a City. being govern'd by its own Magistrates, and enjoying all the other Privileges, except fending Deputies to the States, as any City in Holland does. It is the Seat of the Princes, and the affemblies of the States General, of the Provincial States of Holland, and of the Council of State; as also of the supreme Courts of Judicature; and is in general the place where all the publick Affairs of the Common-wealth are transacted; where all the Foreign Ministers receive their Audience, and commonly refide: All which causes a continual Concourse of People from all Parts, and very much enriches the Town, which is a near built place: The Streets are large and adorn'd with Trees; the Houses are all of Brick and very handfom; those that stand near the Court, and in that part of the Town toward the Wood, are very stately, and Inhabited by Persons of Quality. Palace, containing the Prince's Lodgings, the Cham-bers of the States General and Provincial, Council of State, &c. is a handsom Building, making two Angles of a Square, in the middle whereof ftands a fair large Hall, not unlike that of Westminster in form, and in respect to the Shops in it all round, as also for the Standards taken from the Enemies, hanging up in it, but far short of it in largeness, being not so big as the Guild-hall of London. Adjoining to the Court stands a very noble House of Stone, built by Prince Maurice of Nassam, and bears his Name: The whole Court is Moted round, and Guards continually kept at every Gate: On the North-side is a large square Pond call'd the Viver, and on the West the Court opens to a large Plain, that is surrounded with fine Houses. The Town is large and very populous. The great Church is a stately old Building. That of a round Figure, without any Pillars, is a neat beautiful Structure, and not of many years standing: The Town-house is built of Stone, but old and not very remarkable.

The Situation of this Town is very pleasast; for on one side lye lovely Meadows; and on the other a large and pleasant Wood, in the middle wereof stands a House of Pleasure of the Princes,

having behind ir very beautiful Gardens, and in it, besides the stately Lodgings, a very large dancing Room with a high Roof, riling into a Cupola, and at the top of it a Lanthorn, in which is a Gallery for Musick: The Walls and Cielings all round adorned with Paintings of the best Masters, representing the Actions of Henry Fredick (the Father of his prefent Majesty) by whose Widow this House was built. On the North-fide of the Town lies a Walk, paved all the way with Bricks, and shaded by Lime-Trees, planted on each fide for 2 miles in length, which leads to the little Village Schievling; from whence his late Majest King Charles took Shipping to his Glorious and Happy Restauration.

About 12 or 14 miles South from the Hague stands Hounslaerdyke, where is a stately Palace of the Prince's, adorn'd with very fine Gardens; to which he often retired, when the Affairs of the State did not require his presence at the Hague. And in the midway between the Hague and Delft stands the Village of Ryswick, and near it the Palace of His Majesty which has been render'd Famous, by being the Place of Treaty of the late Happy and Glorious Peace. It was some time call'd Newburgh house, because a Duke of Newburgh laid the Foundation; but his Highness Fredrick-Henry, Prince of Orange, built it. It is a handsom Structure, and adorn'd with good

Gardens.

DELFT, Delphi or Delfium, is pleafantly feated among Meadows, at the distance of 5 or 6 miles from the Hague to the South-east, and about 8 from Rosterdam to the North-west, and is a very neat and well-built City, the streets large and even, with Canals and Trees, as have most of the Cities of Holland: It is a filent Town, and inhabited by wealthy Mer-chants that have retired from Business. The Trade of the Place is chiefly for a fort of Earthen Ware, in imitation of China: They had formerly a great Trade in Brewing, as also in Weaving Cloth; but that is remov'd. This City being one of the Chambers of the East-India Company, the fine Goods of those Countries, especially Porcellane or China Earthen Ware, is a main Trade of the Inhabitants. The Old and the New Churches are large and fair Buildings; in the latter is to be feen a noble Monument, erected to the Memory of William I. Prince of Orange, who was barbarously affaffinated in this City. Stadthouse is a handsom Building. Here is kept the Arsenal of the State, which undoubtedly is well stor'd with all War-like Necessaries: The Magazine of Powder belonging to it accidently blew up in 1654, and destroy'd a great part of the Town; befides which, it had been almost totally confumed by Fire in 1536. fo that the present Buildings are but of late Structure: It is a good large City, wall'd and moted, and well inhabited.

ROTTERDAM, Roterodamum, may be reck-on'd the fecond City of Holland for Trade, tho' it be but the seventh in the Convention of the States: It is feated on the North-fide of the River Maes (which is there very broad, and makes a good Haven) at the distance of about .7 Leagues from the Sea, and s from the Bril to the East, 8 miles from Delft to the South-east, about 30 from Amsterdam to the South, near as many from Utrecht to the South-west, and about 15 from Dore to the West. It is a large, exceeding Populous and well-traded City: The convenience of the Haven is very extraordinary, for by the Canals that run through the Streets, Ships of great Burden can come in and unlade at the Merchants Doors; which, with certain Privileges they

enjoy here, hath made it very much encrease, even within 20 or 30 years past. The number of English Ships that use this City is much greater than those that come to Amslerdam, this Port being exceedingly more convenient for them than that: An Exchange is held here, where every day the Merchants meet; the Structure of it is but ordinary, and doth not deferve a Description; but the great Church, dedicated to S. Lawrence, is a stately Building, and hath a high Tower, wherein hang very melodious Chimes; the Stadthouse is a tair Structure of Stone, and the great Stone bridge in the Marketplace is very spacious and near; on it stands a stately Statue of Brais, of the Fameus Defid. Erasmus, a Native of that City, and near the great Church is still to be seen the House wherein he was born, with his Picture, and an Inteription in Latin, Spanish and Dutch, over the Door, intimating fo much. The Houses here are of Brick, but feem older than those of the other Towns we have named; the Streets are also broad and well paved, but by reason of the multiplicity of Business (for every Canal is full of Ships) cannot be fo neatly kept as at Amsterdam. (where the Ships Iye without the Town) and other places, where less Business is transacted.

The Brill is a neat City, well built, reasonably populous, and of some Trade; it is seated on an Island, nam'd The Land of Voorn, and hath a conve-·nient Haven at the Mouth of the Maes, about 5 leagues below Rotterdam, and 30 leagues from Harwich in England, whence the Pacquet boat uses to come weekly hither; but the Port of Helvoet being found more convenient, they come not bither now. The Buildings here likewise are of Brick, and tho' old are very near, and the Streets large handsom, especially the great one: The great Church is of Stone, and hath a large Tower which is a good Landmark to Sailers. The Walls are strong, and made very pleasant by Rows of Trees planted on them. This was one of the Cautionary Towns pawn'd to Queen Elizabeth, for the Affistance she gave the Dutch against Spain, and was kept by an English Garrison till

King James I. restor'd it, 30 years after.

Helvoet Sluce, is a small Sea-Town, with a very convenient Haven, seated on the South-fide of the fame Island, and not above 3 miles diftant from the Brill. The Town is not at all confiderable, except for the weekly Arrival of the English Packquet boat, and that His prelent Majesty set Sail from hence, to his happy Expedition into England, in the year 1688.

Not above a League Southward of the Land of Voorn, lies the small Island Goree, so nam'd from goed and Reed, which fignifie a good Haven for flips; its chief Town, of the same Name, was formerly a place of great Trade; but is now not at all confiderable.

Eastward from Goree lies the Island of Overflakee, or Overlackee, which is of much larger extent than that of Goree, being about 15 miles long and 5 miles broad; and hath on it many Villages and good Towns,

the chief of which is named Somersdyck.

DORT, or Dordretcht, Dordretchta, is a vety ancient City, and the first in Dignity of those that compose the States of Holland; also the Capital of a small Country round it, call'd the Bailinick of Dore, and by some South Holland, is seated upon the River Meruma (which, as we have faid, falls into the Maes) at the distance of 15 or 16 miles from Rotterdam to the Southeast, about 20 from Breda to the North, and 40 from Amsterdam to the South. It is strongly situated, being

an Island between the Meruwe and Maes on the North, and a large Lake call'd the Bies Bos on the South and East. The City is large and populous, the Houses of Brick and very high, and the Streets broad and very neat: The chief Church hath a high Steeple, from whence that of Breda may be feen, Our Englith Merchants enjoy great Privi-leges here, as being our Staple for Cloth: This Ciry is also the Staple for Rhenish Wines, whereof the Merchants have very great Stocks; as also of Corn, Wood and other Commodities, brought down the Rhine and the Maes. Does boaits of being a Maiden Town, and never taken by any Enemy, tho' often belieg'd, particularly by the Duke of Brahant, in 1304, whom they repulled and forced to return home. It hath long enjoyed the Privilege of coining Mony. The City is also noted for the famous Synod held in it, in the year 1619. for Reconciling the Points of Religion then in Debate between the Arminians and Calvinists: The Room wherein it was held is still shewn, with the Seats in it, as they then stood.

This Bailiwick of Dere was made an Island in the Year, 1421, at what time a Tempelt drove the Waters up the Mates and the Menuwe, with that Violence that it overflow'd the Banks, and Iwallowed a great Tract of Land that lay between Dore and Brabant, with seventy two Villages and one hundred

thousand Perions.

Geertruydenberg, so named from a certain Saint Gertrude, who died in 664, is a very strong forti-fied Town, on the Frontiers of Holland towards Brabant, efficiented of that Confequence formerly, that the Earls of Holland uted to be bound by Oath to keep it, as the Dukes of Brabant were to recover it, fince the Year 1213. that the former took it. The supream Jurisdiction of it was conferr'd upon Prince Maurice, by the States, in 1611. fince when it hath been part of the Patrimony of the II-Instrious House of Orange. It is seated on the South Side of the Lake call'd Bies Bos, where the River Ding falls into it; which, the narrow above, is here so increased, that it will receive Ships of good Burden; and is distant 12 miles from Dort to the South-east, 10 from Breda to the North, and here 20 from the Bosch to the West. This Town is very strongly fortified, and hath also the Advantagious fituation common in this Country, viz. very low and marshy Grounds round it; notwithstanding which, it was taken by the States, in 1573. and by the Spaniards in 1588. and in 1595. retaken by Prince Maurice, and ever fince been potfelfed by the States General. About 15 miles Westward from hence stands

Klundert or Cinndert, a ftrong Fortification belonging to the Prince of Orange fince 1583. It was formerly call'd the Nieurwaert, and the Branch of the Roo Vaert was a good Road for Ships. Five miles

from hence stands

Willemstadt, a strong but small Town, built in 1583. by Order of William Prince of Orange, from whom it had its Name, and on whom the Lordship of it was conferr'd by the States. It is seated upon the Water nam'd the Roo Vaert, that parts the Itland, call'd in general the Land van Voorn, from the Continent, and serves to secure the Trade between Holland and Zealand: It is desended by a Wall with seven Bastions and a double Ditch, besides other Fortifications.

Heusden is another well fortified Frontier of Hol-

tand; it stands on a Stream, that running out of the Mass forms a little Island call'dthe Hemerder Waers, at the distance of 12 miles from Geertruydenberg to, the East, and about 7 or 8 from the Bosch to the Northwest. It is an ancient Town, and was subject to its own Lords for 500 years, by whom fold to the Duke of Brabans, who gave it to the Earl of Island; but being afterwards claim'd by others, gave occasion to grievous Wars. A lamentable accident happen'd here in the Year 1680. for the Magazine of Powder blew up in the Night-time, suppos'd to have been sir'd by Lightning, and destroyed great part of the Cassle and the neighbouring Street, thatter'd the whole Town, and kill'd near two hundred People.

Crevecoeur, a little Town fittingly fortified, stands upon the Maes, 5 miles from Heusden to the East, and not above 3 from the Bosch, and at the most ex-

tream East-part of Holland.

The Bosch or Boldue, Breda, and Bergen op Zoom, belongs to the States, but being all seated in Brabane are already described in our Account of that Pro-

vince.

Lowesseine Castle is seated on the most Western part of the Bomeier Waert, at the consluence of the Wael and the Maes, and distance of 8 or 9 miles from Henssen to the N. W. It is a strong place, but chiefly remarkable on the account of the Faction against the Prince of Orange (his present Majesty of Great-Britain) who about 30 or 40 years ago using to assemble in it, gave occasion to the whole Party's being commonly call'd by its Name.

Worcum, an ancient and strong fortified Town, is seated on the South-side of the Wael, just over against Lowesseine, being parted from it by the Maes, which sails into the Wael betwixt them: It was sometime subject to the Duke of Cleeve, afterwards to the Earl of Hoorne, and in the year 1600. sold to the States by the Widow of the last Count; who was beheaded

at Bruffels by the Duke d' Alva.

Green is seated at the mouth of the Ling, and on the North-side of the Wael, not above 3 miles from Woreum, and about 15 East from Dore. It is a neat well-built Town and very strong, as well by reason of its situation as strong Fortifications; and is also a Place of Wealth, having a good Trade by Corn, Cheese, Butter, &c. brought down the Ling to its Market, and by the Inhabitants carried to other places: The Church hath a high Tower, from whence may be seen 22 wall'd Towns, besides a great number of Villages. The Town is reasonably large, and hath a Senate and Majestracy of its own.

Vianen is a wall'd Town, formerly subject to its own Lords, seated on the South-side of the River Leck, near the Borders of the Province of Virecht, about 8 miles North from Gorcum, and as many South from Virecht: It is pleasantly seated and a very near Town, and hath a Castle and a stately

high Tower.

Schoonhoven, so call'd for its fine Gardens, Schoon in Dutch signifying Fair or Clean, and Hof a Garden-House, stands on the North-side of the Leck, about 12 miles West from Vianen, and 15 East from Rotterdam; it Was so strong, that it was able to repell the French, who endeavoured to take it in 1672. Since when it hath been also better fortissed. It is a very pleasant Town, and hath an old Castle, built in 1312.

Just over against it stands Newport, formerly a rich and populous Town, but now not considerable.

Goude

Goude, corruptly call'd Ter-Gou, is a fair large City, the fixth in Dignity of those that compose the States of Holland, and seated on the small River Gouwe and the Islel, which about 10 miles below falls into the Maes, at the distance of about 12 miles from Schoonhoven to the North-West, as many from Rosterdam to the North-East, and 24 from Amsterdam to the South. It was founded in 1272, but suffer'd much by Fire about a hundred years after, and by Wars in 1420, and again totally confumed by Fire in 1438. but being rebuilt, is now an exceeding neat Place, and more than ordinary clean, by means of the Flux of the Tide up the Isel into the Channels in the Streets, which carry away all their Ordure. The Houses are of Brick, and thô old are very neat; the Market-place is very spacious, on it stands the Stadtbuys, and near it the great Church; which being burnt by Lightning in 1552. hath been at vast Expence repaired, and is now a very stately Building; it is especially remarkable for its painted Glass-Windows, which are thought to exceed any others in being. This City enjoys a healthful Air, thô it be feated upon a moorish Ground, and the Country about is so low, that it may be easily overflow'd by opening their Sluces: Besides which, it is secur'd by Walls and a broad Ditch, and therefore reckon'd a very ftrong Post and a Security to that side of the Coun-

Naerden, a small City, but very strongly fortified, is feated near the Zuyder-zee, 22 miles from Goude to the North-East, 15 from Verecht to the North, and about 12 from Amsterdam to the East. It stands in low marshy Grounds, and hath of long time been a confiderable Post; in 1481. it was taken by the People of Vtrecht: But in the same year, the Nardeners not only regain'd their City, but obtain'd fo fignal a Victory over their Enemies, that with the Booty they gain'd, a Tower was erected to comme-morate it. In 1572. Frederick of Toledo, the Spanish General, in revenge for their having submitted to the Prince of Orange, fummoned all the Inhabitants into the Market-place, and caused his Soldiers to cut them in pieces, and burnt down the Town: Which barbarous Action encreased the Hatred of the Hollanders to the Spaniards, and made them hold out their Towns the more vigorously afterwards. It was taken by the French in 1672, and regain'd in 1673. And it being a place of great Confequence, as ferving to fecure Amfterdam, the States have lately bestowed great Cost in Fortifying it, the old Walls being pulled down, and new ones built of Brick, together with Ravelins, Half-Moons, Counterfcarps, double Ditches. Go. so that it is now a regular Fortification, and as strong as any. This Town stood formerly more Northward, but was swallowed up by the Encroachment of the Zuyder zee, whereof some Remains are still to be seen at Low-water.

Muyden, a small wall'd Town, seated upon the Vecht, where it falls into the Zuyderzee, in the Midway between Naerden and Amsterdam, was made a strong Post in the late War, when the French were at Utrecht; as was also

Wefep, another small Town on the Vecht, about 2 or 3 miles distant from Muyden to the South.

And now having Travell'd round, and brought the Reader back to Amfterdam, we must proceed to North-Holland or Waterland, which is divided from Amstelland by the 'rs, Te or Ta, call'd a River, but may be more properly esteem'd a Branch of the Zuyder-zee or South-Sea, from which it begins at the

Pampus, about 3 miles West from Muyden, in a Channel of about half a mile broad; which breadth it continues to Amsterdam, but grows from after twice fo broad, and receives the Saen, out of North-Halland and the Sporen from Haerlem, and then passes Northward to Beverwick, &c.

North-Holland in general is commonly understood by the Name of West-Friezland, though but one part of it, viz. that to the North East (wherein stand Horn, Enchussen and M.denblick) be the ancient Frizia Occidentalis. In this Country stand 7 of the 18 Cities that have Voices in the Provincial State, viz. Those three new mention'd, and Munickdum, Edam, Purmerent and Alckmaer.

Munickendam, so named from the small River Monick that passes through it, is seated on a small Bay of the Zuyder zee, about 8 miles North from Amsterdam, and 3 South from Edam. It is a small Town of some Antiquity, and defended but by a

Rampart, and in some places by a Wall.

Sciencedam, or Sardam, feated on the T at the Mouth of the small River Saen, about 7 miles North-West from Amsterdam, thô but a Village, deserves mentioning rather than some of their Cities, being so remarkable for Ship-building, that 'tis commonly said of this Town, the Shipwrights in it will undertake to build so many Ships of War in a year as there are days in it. By this Trade the place is much enrich'd and encreas'd. The old Town stands below the Dam of the River, whence it hath its Name: To which hath been since added a long row of Buildings on both sides the River beyond the Dam, which is call'd the New-Town, out of which Ships are haul'd over the Dam upon Rowlers.

Edam or Tedam, is feated at a little distance from the Zinder-zee, to which it has a Channel or Haven, 3 miles from Munickendam to the North, and 10 from Hoom to the South, It is a small Town, but is noted for Building of Ships, and making excellent

Cheefe.

Purmerent, a good neat Town, fortified with a Rampart and Ditch, is feated about 5 miles from Edam to the West, and 12 from Amsterdam to the North, formerly belonging to the Lords of Egmbnd, who sold it to the States in the year 1590.

The Land between Edam and Purmerent was formerly a great Lake, but by the Industry and Skill of the Inhabitants it was Drain'd, and is at present a fruitful and pleasant Country, bearing still the name of Purmer: And Southward from Parmerens lies the Beemster, a great Lake also before the year 1612. when after four years Labour and vast Expence (the Banks by which the Water that was thrown out by their Mills having been broken, the Water returned, after the Work was half done) it was made dry Land, and is now fo planted with Gardens, Orchards, Rows of Trees and fertile Enclofures, that Sir William Temple fays, it is the pleafantest Summer Landschip he ever saw. Its extent contains 7090 Acres, besides the Highways, and the Dikes that furround and cross it in several Places. Of the like nature are the Wormer, which lies South of it, the Schermer and the Heer Huygen Waert, to the West of the Beemster, as is also the Type in the most North part of this Province; which last is defended from the Sea by a vast Mole, built of great Beams of Timber driven into the Ground, and the Distances sill'd with Stones.

Alemaer, is feated a little beyond the Schermer, at the distance of 13 miles from Purmerent to the North-Y 2 West. Weft, and about 20 from Haerlem to the North. The Buildings are beautiful, and the Streets even and neat, the Houses generally furnished with Gardens, and the Town furrounded with Meadows; and at the end of the Town stands a very pleasant Grove, or Wood of Trees, planted in regular order; all which make this Place esteemed one of the pleasantes in these Countries. The Inhabitants are enriched by the great quantity of Butter and Cheese they receive from the valt Herds of Kine sed in the Neighbouring Pastures. It is wall'd round, and was strong enough to resist the Spaniards, who endeavour'd to take it in the Neighbland War.

Howne, is a good large, pleasant and rich City, with a convenient Port on the Zuyder zee, at the diftance of 15 miles from Alemar to the East, 20 from Amsterdam, and 10 from Edam to the North; it is furrounded with broad Dykes for its Security, large Pasture Grounds for its Profit, and fine Gardens and Walks for its Pleasure. The Trade of this Place consists chiefly in Butter and Cheese, whereof they export great quantities into Spain. Portugal, and other parts, especially at their annual Fair in the Mouth of

May.

Enchuysen, is seated also on the Zuyder-zee, in the molt Eattern part of the Penisse of West-Friezland, at the distance of 10 miles from Hoorne to the North-East, and as many from Medenblick to the South East, as also 30 miles from A.cmaer to the East. It is a fair, neat and large City, with a capacious Port, from whence great Fleets yearly fail to the Baltick and other paris, by which, as also by their Herring-Fishing, building of Ships, and refining of Salt from Brittany in France, the Inhabitants are much Enriched. The Buildings are moltly of Brick, for being formerly of Wood they luffered much by Fire, whereof of late years no Wooden Houses have been erected. The Steeple of the great Church is remarkably high, confidering the Moorishness of the Soil whereon the City stands, which is thereby secur'd, as well as by the Ramparts and other strong Fortifications about it.

Medenblick or Medenblick, is one of the most antient Cities of North-Holland, and formerly the Metropolis of it, but Encluysen hath out-stript it in Grandeur, for this is but a small City. It is seated on the Zuyder zee, in the North-West part of West-Friezland, 10 miles from Encluysen to the North-West, as many from Hoorne to the North, and about 25 from Alemaer to the East. It hath a very large and commodious

Haven, and a Castle of very ancient Structure. The Banks are here more strong and large than any in this Country, for there being nothing to break the Sea quite from der Schelling and Flieland Islands to this Shoar, the Waters beat violently upon it when the Northerly Winds blow. The Country about affords good Pasturage. Medenblick h. d formerly a Territory depending on it, govern'd by an Officer call'd Dyck-grave.

Crois the Mouth of the Zwyder zee lye a row of Islands, the first of which named the Texel or Tessel, is disjoined from the North Cape of North-Holland, but by a very narrow Channel; nor are the Distances between the rest much larger, The three named, Texel, Flieland, and der Schelling, are reckoned part

of North-Holland.

Texel, is a small Island of not above 4 or 5 miles extent, but very fruitful, affording especially good Patturage 5 it is defended from the fury of the Ocean partly by the Sand-hills, and partly by ftrong Banks. Here is a large fair Town, besides many Villages; and a strong Fort to command the Passage into the Zuyder-zee.

Fiteland or Vileland, lies North-West from the Texel; it is about 10 miles long, but very narrow: It hath only two Villages, and is not considerable,

but for abundance of Muicles taken there.

Schelling, lies next to Flieland, and is longer and broader than that. Here are five Villages, the chief whereof containing near 1000 Houses was burnt, together with above 100 Sail of Merchant Ships, by our English Fleet under the Command of Sir Robert Holmes, on the 7th of August, 1666.

These Islands, together with some Banks of Sand, break the Assaults of the Ocean, and make two good

Harbours denominated from the two first.

Southward from the Texel, and in the midway between that and Medenblick, lies another small Island call'd the Wierings, which hath several good Villages, and a rich and sertile Soil.

Sir William Temple is of opinion, That the Zuyderzee hath been made by some great Inundation, there being no mention made of it in ancient Authors; and the great Shoals of flat Sands that are spread almost all over it, and the Row of Mands that lie like the broken Remains of a continued Coast, together with the name of West-Friezland, do give good reason to believe, that the outward part, at least, was anciently a continued Country from North-Holland to Friezland.

CHAP. XII. ZEALAND, Zealandia.

Sea, or as others fay, so nam'd by the Danes, (who formerly used to intest these Coasts) in memory of their principal Island of the same Name, is seated between Holland on the North, Flanders on the South, Braban on the East, and the German Sea on the West. It is composed of several Islands, which are usually divided into two Districts, called the Beofter, so the Eastern Schelde, and the Bewoster [or Western] Schelde, and the Bewoster [or Western] Schelde, from the two different Channels by which that River falls into the Sea. Which Division is Political and made for the more easte Government of them, each District having one grand Magistrate in the nature of a Justiciary, with large Power to punish Vagabonds and Criminals out of the Jurisdicti-

ons of the Ciries; but this Jurisdiction hath been much restrain'd, and therefore this Division less reguarded: And Geographers now only mention the Islands as they are situate beyond the Ooster-Schelde, or between that and the Western.

Those beyond, or North of the Goster-Schelde, are Schouwen, Duyveland, Tolen and Oresand. Goree, and Overstackee (already mention'd in Holland) were for-

merly reckoned part of Zealand.

Those between the Ooster and the Wester Schelde are Walcheren, North-Beveland, South-Beveland, and Wol-

ferdyke.

These Islands were formerly subject to the same Earls with Holland, (but with the enjoyment of their own proper Laws and Customs) and with that sell to

the House of Burgundy, and afterwards associcated with the other Provincies in the Union of Utrecht (as we have already shewn) and have ever since been a confiderable part of the Territories of the States General; for by reason of the situation of Zealand, the Inhabitants are much enriched by Fishery and Navigation; They Trade into all Foreign Parts, especially the West-Indies and France. They have few or no Manufacturies, but have an excellent way of boiling and purifying the Salt they fetch from France.

The Land here lies extream low, so that they are forced to be at great expence in maintaining the Banks to keep out the Sea. But then the Soil is fertile and produces very good Wheat and excellent Pasture; also Madder for Dying; and Colewort, the Seed whereof yields them good Profit. The Air is not so wholsom as in the neighbouring Countries, for by reason of the noisom Fogs and Vapours arifing from many Pools of standing Waters and the neighbouring Sea, it dispoles to Agues and Fevers,

and other fuch Dileases.

The extent of Zealand is not easie to be computed, because of the intervening Waters, but reckoning Water and all, from the most Northern Banks of Schowen to the Southern Shore of Zuyd Beveland, is about 20 miles, and from the most Eastern part of Walcheren to the Town of Tolen, near 30 miles. In this Province are 8 Wall'd Tow s and 102 Vielages; the chief whereof are thefe, viz.

In Walcheren the chief Island of Zealand, fituate the most South-West: For Trade, Wealth, number of Inhabitants, and splender of its Cities and Vil-Middleburg, Cap. Arnmuyden. Ter Vere.

lages, much furpaffing all the In Schouwen, fituate North-East

Zirczee. Browers-haven. Bommene.

In Duyveland, fituate on the Westpart of the lame Continent with Ooftduyveland. Schouwen, and divided from that by a fmall River only. In Tolen, fituate South from Dur- & Tolen.

veland, and North-East from South-Beveland.

North

from Walcheren,

In North-Beveland, fituate South from Schouwen, and East from Cats. Walcheren. In South-Beveland, situate between Walcheren to the South-East, Flanders to the North, Brabant Tergoes. Romerfwall. to the West, and Tolen, North-

Beveland and Wolfordyck to the

In Wilferschek a small Island, situ- & Osterlant, and 2 or ate between the 2 Bevelands. S 3 other Villages.

MIDDLEBURG, the Capital City of Zealand, is situate in the Island of Walcheren, at the distance of 40 miles from Rotterdam to the South-West, 42 from Breda to the West, and 25 from Bruges to the North East, in the Latitude of 51 deg. 35 min. and Long. of 22 deg. 50 min. and is a large wellbuilt and populous City, the Streets large and neat, and the publick Buildings stately especially the Stadebuyse, which is adorn'd with curious Statutes. Churches, whereof here, are about twenty, are very fine; the highest Tower is exceeding costly and beautiful. Its Haven hath been made very convenient by a great Channel cut from a little Arm of the Sea, that running out at Armuyden makes a little

Island, and falls in again at Ramm:kins, from the middle of which Branch this Channel is derived and made to bring up Ships into the Streets of the Town. by which means the City hath been exceedingly inrich'd by Trade, especially by the Staple of French, Spanish and Portugal Wines settl'd here. In the new Erection of Bishopricks which King Philip II: attempted, this City was made one, and the Abbey of St. Nicholas the Seat, but it was foon alter'd and made the Place of Assembly of the States of this Province, the College of its Admiralty, its Mint, and other publick Offices, Middleburg is ftrongly fortified with a good Wall, large and deep Ditches, and a Counterfearp.

Arnmuyden, so call'd from the small River Arne than runs from hence to Middleburg, is at present but a finall Wall'd Town, feated about 3 miles from Middleburg to the East, at the Mouth of that little Arm of the Sea above-mention'd, which afforded it formerly an extraordinary good Haven, and the Town was exceedingly enrich'd by the many Merchant-Ships that frequented it: But the Sands have so choaked it up, that for many years palt Ships cannot enter, and therefore the Trade is now quite decayed, and the present subfiftance of the Inhabitants, is by the Boiling and Purifying Salt. It was formerly a Lordship, but in the last Century, purchased by the City of Middleburg, and is now a Dependent on that.

Rannekins, call'd in Dutch Zeburg, is a strong Foit, seated at the Mouth of the Harbour of Middleburg, at the distance of about 3 miles from that City to the South-East, and as many from Flushing to the East. The Creek whereon it stands is a secure Retreat for Shipping; and to the Land fide it is furrounded with pleasant Meadows and many Villages. This Fort was one of the Cantionary Towns deliver'd

to Queen Elizabeth.

Flushing, call'd by the Dutch Vlissingen, is seated in the most Southern part of the Island, at the distance of about 3 miles from Middleburg; and tho formerly but a small Place at which a Ferry was established to carry Passangers to Flanders, (which is just over against it, at about half a League's distance) is at present a confiderable City, well-built, and a Place of good Trade by means of its excellent Port. The Buildings are not quite fo good as those of Middleburg, nor the Streets to broad, but the Stadthuyfe is a very stately modern Building. It was first Wall'd about 140 years ago, but upon the Erection of this Republick it was very strongly fortified, as being a Place of great confequence. It was formerly subject to its own Lords of the Family of the Borfals, of whom it was purchas'd by the Prince of Orange about the year 1581. who hath still the Nomination of their Magistrates. This was also one of the Cautionary Towns deliver'd to Queen Elizabeth in 1585. and restor'd by King Fames in 1616.

Ter Vere is a strong fortified Town with two good Harbours, feated on the North-fide of the Island, at the distance of three Miles from Middleburg, and hardly so much from Arnmuyden to the North. It hath been a place of good Trade, especially for the Scotch Trade, the Staple of which was fix'd here, but is not now to confiderable. It is govern'd by its own Magistrates, and is (as I have said) well fortified, having three strong Bulwarks and a broad Ditch. The Sea hath often alfaulted and threatn'd the Ruin of this Town, as it actually did its Tower that stood on the North-side of the Port, in the year 1630. This Town is also subject to the Prince of

Orange,

Zirczee, or Ziriczee, the chief City of the Island of Schowen, is feated on the Channel which divides Schowen from Duyveland, at the distance of about 15 miles from Middleburg to the North-east, and as many from the Briel to the South. It is eftern'd the ancientest City of Zealand, and is a place of Trade, having a good Haven by means of a Channel from the Sea, by which they receive Salt from France, and export Madder in great quanties; though the Harbour, by being somewhat choak'd with Sand, be less convenient than formely. It is a large place and hath feveral good Buildings, especially the great Church called de Munster, which is a very beautiful Structure: The Walls are old, but by reason of the low Grounds about, which are eafily laid under Water, the place is strong enough, and did actually sustain a Siege of the Spaniards in 1575. for 8 Months, and at last obtain'd good Terms.

Browerspacen, so call'd from the great quantities of Beer brought hither from Delfi and other places, and distributed to all the Towns in this Province, is seated on the North-side of the Island over against Goree, at the distance of 5 miles from Zirczee; and was formerly a place of good Trade, and therefore Wall'd, encreas'd in Buildings, and govern'd by its Magistrates; but it is now much declin'd, and sublists

chiefly by Fishing and Agriculture,

Bonnenee stands near the Sea, about a mile East, ward of Broves fraven, over against Goree and the West part of Overstackee, and is a very strong Fortress, being encompass'd with a Wall and a deep Ditch, fill'd by the Sea, besides other Fortissations.

Ooftdurveland, q. d. in the East of Durveland (so nam'd from the great numbers of Doves and Pigeons found in this Country) is a Village only; as are also Oudekerke. Niewekirk, Vianen, Capelle, Swaneburg, &c.

fituate also in Duyveland.

Tolen or Ter Tolen, the chief City of the Island of the same Name, is seated on the Channel call'd Hee Slaeck, which makes Tolen an Island and divides it from Brabant, and is distant about 10 or 12 miles from Zirezee to the South-east, and 3 or 4 from Bergen-op-zoom to the North-west. It was formerly the Seat of one of the Custom-houses of the Earls of Zealand, whence it had its name, and is at present a well-fortisied and strong Place, capable of resisting a powerful Enemy.

This Island is but small, and hath no other consi-

derable Town in it.

Cats and Colyns Plact, are the chief Towns of North-Beveland; the first seated on the Eastern Shoar, and the second on the Southern, but neither of them are considerable enough to deserve a particular Description. This Island was formerly exceeding plealant, but by an Inundation in 1532. the greatest part of it

was overwhelm'd, and therein the City Cortgeen (at that time a place of note) with many Villages deltroy'd. The Inhabitants have recover'd a great deal of the Land in the North and East part, whereon stand the Towns above-mention'd, but cannot regain their ancient State, the place being at present not at all confiderable.

Orefand or Maersand, reckon'd one of the Islands of Zeeland, is a very small Country lying North-west from North-Beveland, and divided from that but by a narrow Channel, hath no Town in it worth de-

fcribing.

Wolferschek, another small Island of about 5 miles long, but not above one mile broad, is situate between North and South Beveland, and contains only 3 or 4 villages, nam'd Westerland, Oosterland, Hongerschek &c.

South Beveland may be reckon'd the largeft of all the Islands of Zealand, tho' it be at present of less extent than formerly, the Sea having encroach'd upon it several times, especially in 1532. When the Town and most of the Lordship of Borsales was swallowed up. The length of this Island is about 24 or 25 miles; but all the Eastern part being overflow'd, it cannot be reckon'd above 15 miles, and its breadth 8 or 9. The Soil of it is in some places Woody, but the rest produces very good Corn and Fruit. The chief Town here is

Ter Goes, seated on the South-side of the Island, 12 miles East from Middleburg, and 15 West from Bergen-op-Zoom. It is a reasonable large City, neatly built and well inhabited; the chief Church was burnt down in 1618. but was quickly rebuilt, and is now a stately Structure. Here are three Market-places, a Grammar-school and three Hospitals, all fair and well built. This Town was endow'd with large Privileges in 1530. wall'd round about in the year 1340. and afterwards strongly sortified by the States in 1585, It hath a Channel to the Sea, by which Vessels of smaller Burden come up to the Town.

There are many large and populous Villages, as alfo feveral fine Mansion-houses of Gentlemen in South-Beveland; but those containing nothing very remarkable, we must omit them to speak a little of

Remerfwael, formerly one of the three chief Towns of this Island, and enjoy'd large Privileges; but by the Misfortunes of fix Inundations and one Conflagration which all happen'd in ten years time; about the middle of the last Century was fo reduc'd, that though many Attempts were made for its Restoration, the Remains of the whole Town were fold in the year, 1631. for no more than 90 Pounds Flemish or 60 Pounds Sterling. It stands on the Banks of the Ooster-Scheld 10 miles from Ter Goes to the East,

CHAP. XIII.

UTRECHT, Vltraje&lina Ditio.

THE Province of *Utrecht* is bounded on the North by *Holland* and the *Zuyder-zee*, on the South by part of *Holland* and part of *Guelderland*, on the East by *Guelderland*, and on the West by *Holland*, containing in extent about 20 miles both in length and breadth. The Land here is higher and therefore fitter, for Agriculture, and the Country much plea-

fanter than those we have been speaking of: It produces plenty of good Corn, and is replenished with sine Gardens and Orchards. An account hath already been given of its having been subject to its Bishops for several Ages, and of its Engagement with the other Provinces in the Union made in its Metropolis; since when it hath been always part of these

States, but with the same Form of Government, the Bishops excepted, as formerly; and tho' the Episcopacy be banish'd, the Canonries and Prebendaries having been disposed of to Gentlemen of the Country, retain the same share in the Government that their Predecessors the Clergy had, and send Eight Delegates to the Provincial States, who, in the name of the Clergy, have Session therein: The rest of the Members of the States being the Deputies of the Nobles and of the chief Towns, as in the other Provinces

This Province was wholly subjected to the French in the years 1672 and 1673. their King keeping his Court in the Metropolis some part of the year 1672, and it remain'd their Head Quarters till the end of 1673:

The Chief Towns of this Province, are

Virecht, Cap.

Amerifort.

Duesterde Wyck.

Reenen.

UTRECHT, Ultrajectum, Trajectum Inferius, & Trajectum ad Rhenum, so nam'd from an ancient Ferry or Passage over the Rhine, is a fair, large and populous City, seated upon the old Channel of the Rhine, at the distance of 24 miles from Amsterdam to the South-calt, 27 from Leyden, and about as many from Rotterdam to the East, 17 from the Zuyder-zee to the South, and 34 from Breda to the North. Buildings are of Brick, near and beautiful, with convenient deep Cellars, not to be found in Holland. The Streets are large, but not fo well adorn'd with Trees, nor the whole City in general quite so cleanly and buriful as fome in Holland are. The Church of S. Martin, call'd the Dome, formerly the Cathedral, was a magnificent Building before a great part of it was deftroy'd by Tempest in 1674. but the large square Tower, of 460 Steps to the top, is still standing. The Churches of our Saviour, S. Mary. S. Peter, and S. John, were formerly Collegiate, the Chapter whereof (tho' now compos'd of Laymen, to whom the Revenues have been given) make the States of the Clergy. The other publick Buildings are flately enough, but being ancient are not particularly re-markable. The chief Excellence of this City is its pleafant Situation (in a ferene and whollom Air, among rich Meadows and Corn-fields, and within a days Journy of at least fifty Wall'd Towns) and its famous University, at first a publick School only, founded by David of Burgundy Bishop of Ctrecht in 1459, but erected into a University by the Magistrates, and confirm'd by the Provincial States in the year 1636, which is at present in a very flourishing State. Besides the Rhine, two artificial Channels call'd de Vaert and de Nieuwe Gracht, run through the Streets, and have 35 arch'd Bridges of Brick over them. Wall of this City is very high and hath a broad Bank within-fide to fustain it (which is planted with Trees and makes a pleasant Walk) but is old and decay'd; and here being pretty large Suburbs, and no Outworks, the place cannot be esteemed fit to resist a powerful Enemy; which was the Reason the Inhabitants gave for their sending the French King the Keys of the City in 1672. But the Hollanders accuse them of Treachery and Cowardice, and say, They had beforehand made a Bargain, and therefore refus'd 10 permit new Fortifications to be rais'd, or to admit the Prince of Orange with the Army into the City, when the French were at Arnbeim. But the' these couragious Citizens sent above 20 miles to seek the Enemy, and present them the Keys, they fared little better than the other Conquests of that King, having been forced to pay no less than One hundred and fixty thousand Pounds Sterling to their new Guests while they tarried with them, (which was from the 23 soff 3me, 1672, to the end of November, 1673.) besides above Forty thousand Pounds at their departure.

Amersfort, Amisfortia, and Amisfortium, stands upon the little River Eems, 14 miles from Urrecht 16 the North-east, and 7 from the Zuyder zee to the South. It is a good large Wall'd Town, well Inhabited, and pleasantly seated between large Cornfields to the East and South, and Pasture-Grounds to the North, which afford the Inhabitants a plentiful Subsistence, the chief Trade of the Town being Agriculture and Grazing. The Buildings are neat and handsom; among the publick ones are two Churches, several Hospitals, and a publick School. The Town & Govern'd by its own Magistrates, and is a place of great Antiquity, but hath been much enlarged; for tho it were formerly a small Place, the compass of its Walls at present is near an hours Walk. The Strength of it is not considerable. It is the usual Winter Quarters of several Troops of Horse.

At a little diffance from Amerifort to the South-west lies a large Tract of Hills, Woods, and barren Heaths, of near 10 miles long and 4 or 5 miles broad, cail'd Ameriforder Bergh. Just upon the edge of which stands

SOESTDICK, a pleasant Palace of His Majeft'ys adorn'd with fine Gardens and curious Fountains, delightful Walks shaded with tall Trees, pleafant Parks fill'd with Deer, a large Volary and exceeding fine Stables.

Duesterde Wyck, or Wyck to Duesterde, Derostatum, and Durostadium olim Batavorum, is seated just in the place where the middle Channel of the Rhine joins with the Leck, and is distant 15 miles from Amerifort to the South, and as many from Verecht to the South-east. It is a pretty neat wall'd Town, pleasantly situated and indifferently rich. It is a place of Antiquity, being mention'd by Tacitus, and afterwards tuin'd by the Normans.

Rhenen, another Wall'd Town of great Antiquity, is feated on the Rhine 7 miles from Duesterdewyck to the East, and 15 from Amersfort to the South.

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Montfort is a good neat Town, tolerably well Fortified, and seated about 7 or 8 miles from Utreels to the West, near the Frontiers of Holand. It is water'd by the small River Issel, and is the Capital of a Small Teritory adjoying.

CHAP. XIV.

GELDERLAND and ZUTPHEN, Geldria & Zutphanids

GElderland, with Zutphen, which is reckon'd part of it, (both together composing one Province of the

United Netherlands) is bounded on the North by the Zuyder-zee and Oversffil, on the South by Brahans,

and the Dutchy of Cleeve, on the East by the Bishoprick of Munster, and on the West by the Provinces of Utrecht and Holland, containing in extent about 50 miles from North to South, and about 45 from East to West, without reckoning the Spanish Gelderland, which is disjoined from the relt by part of the Dutchy of Cleeve. The Air of Gelderland is Clear and Healthy, the Country lying high and Inland, and consequently freed from those Fogs that infest the Maritime Provinces. The Soil of it is Fruitful, producing good Corn and Pasture, except in the Veluwe, part of which is Heathy and Barren. Zutphen is somewhat more Level and Moorish, and therefore yields not much Corn, but affords very good Grass.

This Province hath in it 25 Cities and Wall'd Towns, befides the Royal Seats of His prefent Majelty, Deeren and Loo; many Noblemen and Gentlemens Mansion Houses, and a great number of tine Villages, and is usualy divided into these four

Parts, viz.

The Velume, being the Northern (Arnhem. part, and seated between the Wageninge. Zuyder-zee, the Issel, and the Harderwyke. Rvine, contains these chief Elburg. Towns, Hattem.

Nimeguen. The Betuwe, lying between the Rhine and the Leck to the South, and the Maes and Merwe to the North, Bonnel. hath these considerable Towns, Buren. Culenburg.

Zutphen, bounded on the North by Overissel, on the South by Cleeve, on the Zurphen. West by Munster, and on the East by Doesburg. rhe Isel, which parts it from the Groll.
Veluwe; wherein these Towns are Brevoort,&c. inoft remarkable,

The Quarter of Geldre, subject to the? King of Spain, lies at some distance from the rest of the Province, the Western part of the Dutchy of Cleeve intervening. Geldre. Its extent is about 25 miles from Venloo. East to West, and 15 from North Stralen. to South; to which the Quarter of | Watchtend nk. Ruremond is joined on the South, and is extended along the Banks of the Maes for about 15 miles Ruremond. more; in both which these are the Montfort, Towns of chiefest note, viz.

ARNHEM, Arnhemum, is seated on the Southern Banks of the Rhine, at the diftance of 60 miles from Utrecht, and 26 from Rhenen to the East, 24 from Amersfort to the South east, 28 from the Zuyder zee to the South, 10 from Doesberg to the West, and 23 from the Grave to the North. It is a very large, neat and ftrong City, formely the Seat of the Dukes of Geldre, and at present of the Supream Council of the Province. It is very pleasantly situated, having the River on one side, and beyond it the Meadows of the Betuwe; and on the other fide Heaths, Woods and Hills of the Veluwe, which afford abundance of all forts of Game, and an exceeding wholfom Air, and is therefore Inhabited by many Gen-tlemen and Persons of Quality. The Buildings are neat and beautiful: The Church of S. Eucfebius is a noble Sructure, and adorn'd with a stately Tower: The three Hospitals, especially that called the Island of God, for the maintenance of decay'd Citizens, are well Endowed. Large Privileges were conferr'd on this City by Otho Earl of Geldre, in the year 1233. when it was first Wall'd about; and in 1443 it was incorporated into the Body of the Hanse Towns of Germany It is Fortified with a Wall of Brick and strong Ramparts, but is commanded by a Hill on the North-fide: However it is esteem'd a place of good Strength, and capable of making a good Defence, although the Inhabitants furrender'd it to the French in 1672, the first day they attack'd it; who remaining there all that, and the following Year, added some new Fortifications, and made it a great Magazine, to which they brought the Canon from Virecht and other places when they quited them; till at last, being forced also to quit this, they Exacted 170000 Guilders of the Inhabitants, as a Ransom for their City. In the Walls are five Gates, which are very ftrong; that of S. John's was in 1537 fortified with large Out-works. Near the Gate which opens to the Rhine is a Bridge of Boats over that River to the Betuwe; and on the the other fide is an exceding fine large flat bottom'd, Ditch lin'd with Freestone, which almosts furrounds the Town, and is fill'd with Water by a Spring arrifing in the neighbouring Hill.

Wageningen is a very ancient Town feated near the Rhine, about 10 miles West from Arnehem; It is Wall'd round, and stands in a Moorish Soil, which

makes it a place of fome Strength.

About 10 miles from Arnhem to the North-east. ftands DILREN, where His Majesty hath a statly Palace, adornd with beautiful Gardens and

exceeding pleafant Walks.

And about 17 or 18 miles from Arnhem to the North, and 20 from Amersfort to the East, stands LOO, another of His Majesty's Houses, which is seated near the middle of the Veluwe, in a very fweet Air, and a Country abounding with all forts of Game, and therefore was the Place he used commonly to reside at all the Summer. The Palace is a noble Building, and the Gardens exceeding Pleasant, being adorn'd with courious Knots of Flowers, fine shady, Walks and Grotto's and admirable Fountains, especially the Bason of Venus, and the two great Gascades or Water-falls, which are incomparably beautiful; the Water in the Cascades falling to easily out of one Bason into another, that it makes a broad Mirror from top to bottom.

Harderwyck, Hardervicum, stands on the Banks of the Zuyder-zee, 28 miles from Arnhem to the North, and 22 from Deventer to the West. It is a fair wellbuilt City, anorn'd with an University, which was anciently a publick School only, but rais'd to this Dignity, and Sallaries fettled upon the Professors, by the States of this Province in the year 1648. The Houses in general are well built and very high. The Cathedral Church of S. Mary is a stately Building, adorn'd with curious Workmanship on the Roof and Arches within-fide, and an exceeding high Tower. A Scaple of Fish hath of long time been estabish'd here, by which the In-habitants are Enriched; and the Town is defended by an old Castle, a Wall round, a Rampart on the South-side, and some other Fortifications; but was however taken by the French in 1672, as were indeed all the Towns of this Province, as well as Utrecht, &c.

Elburg is scared near the Zuyder-zee, at the distance of 12 miles from Harderwyck to the North-cast. It is a small City of an oblong square Form; a small River runs through, it and falls into a Creek of the Zuyder-zee, which makes its Port; over this River are built five Stone Bridges. It was furrounded with Walls about A. 1400. and was sometime one of the Hanse-Towns, as was also Harderwyck.

Hattem stands about 10 miles from Eiburg to the

East, and hardly one from the Iffel to the West: It had formerly a very good Castle and other strong Fortifications, but is at present not very considerable.

Nimeguen, or Nieumegen, Noviomagus, famous sor

the Treaty held in it in the years 1678. and 1679. and at last a Peace concluded between the King of France and the feveral Princes then at War with him, is feated on the River Wual, at the distance of 10 miles from Arnheim to the South, and 8 from the Grave to the North, 30 from Gorcum to the East, and 12 from Schenck sconce to the West. It is a large City, of a femicircular form, and exceeding pleatant, being built upon five small Hills between the River on one fide, and an exceeding pleasant Country, confisting of woody Hills (out of which iffue many Springs) Corn-fields and Gardens, on the other. The Houses are of Brick, cover'd with Slate, and very neat, and the Streets spacious and handsom. Among its ten Churches, all well built and adorn'd with Towers, that of S. Stephen is chiefly commendable for its stately Tower and costly Structure. The Stadtbuyse is a magnificent Fabrick, adorn'd with the Statues of divers Emperors; as is the publick School with those of the Apolities and Doctors of the Church. Here are two Hospitals for the maintenance of poor Orphans, one for old People, and another for the Cure of the Sick. The Walls of the City are of Brick, exceeding high, and guarded by very strong Towers: The Gates are 12 in number, whereof 7 are toward the Water. This Ciry enjoys great Privileges, and was Imperial and Free before the year 1248, at which time it was given to the Earl of Geldre; and with that Province became subject to the States General.

Schencksconce or Schencken-schanse, so named from a famous Captain Schenk, by whose direction it was built by the States in 1588. is feated upon the point of the Betuwe, where the Rbine divides into two great Arms, one whereof retains its Name, and runs to Duesterde-wick, and the other is call'd the Waal, by which situation it commands both those Rivers, and the Commerce between Germany and the Netberlands. It is an exceeding strong Place, having, besides the Rivers on two fides, very strong Walls, with good Bastions, a large Ditch, Half-moons and other Fortifications; however, it was taken by the Spaniards in 1635 by Surprize, but the same year recover'd by the Prince of Orange; and by the French in 1672 by the Treachery of the Governour. In 1674 the French surrender'd it to the Duke of Brandenburg, who claim'd it as a dependent on Cleve; and in 1679 fold it to the Dutch. It stands about 10 miles East from Nimeguen, and 12 South from Doesburg. About 2 or 3 miles below Schencksconce, on the Westfide of the Rhine, stands a small Fort call'd the Tolkuys, which was also taken by the French in 1672.

Tiel stands upon the South side of the Waal, about 12 miles West from Nimeguen, and 8 miles South from Rhenen, in a marshy Ground, which, together with the narrowness of the Streets, makes the Town somwhat unhealthy. It is well Fortified, and by reafon of the Soil, not attackable but on the Northwest side: However it was taken by the French in 1672. The Country lying to the Westward between the Waal and the Ling, depends on it, and is call'd

Buren is feated about 7 or 8 m. West from Tiel, on a small Stream that falls into the Ling; it is a wall'd Town, and the Capital of a finall Lordship, which with the Town belong to the Prince of Orange, as do also the Town and Lordship of

Culenburg, feated on the Leck, about 5 or 6 miles from Buren to the North-west, and about 12

from Utrecht to the South-east.

Bommel is seated on the South fide of the Iffael, about 12 miles from Tiel to the West, and as many from Gorcum to the East. It is a pleasant, near and well built City, govern'd by its own Magistrates, and fends Deputies to the Provincial State. It is furrounded with very good Fortihearions, and feated in a low and marshy Country, which renders the place exceeding strong. It was sirst wall'd and endow'd with Privileges by the Earl of Geldre, in 1229. and in the Low Country War very strongly fortified by the States. When the French took it, in 1672. it was furrounded with a double Ditch and Ramparts, be fides the Walls and Bastions; all which they destroyed before they quitted it, in 1673. But it being a Place of great consequence, the States speedily repair'd the Fortifications, and put it into a state of Defence. Bommel stands on an Island made by the two Rivers Maes and Wael, which is called the Bommeller Waert; on the West point whereof stands the Castle of Louvestein, already mention'd in the account of Hilland, and on the East stand two strong Holds, call'd Fort S. Andrew and Fort Voorn, which command the Passage of these two Rivers.

The Earldom of ZUTPHEN, reckon'd formerly one of the Provinces, but now, as we have faid, only a part of Gelderland, lyes on the East fide of the Iffel, between Cleve to the South, and Overiffel to the North; and is extended about 30 miles from North to South, and near as many from East to West. The Capital City from which the whole Pro-vince hath its Name, is,

ZUTPHEN, Zutphania, seated upon the Issel, over which it hath a Bridge, at the distance of 25 miles from Nimeguen, 18 from Arnheim to the North-east, 42 from Utrecht to the East, and 22 from Hattem to the South. The River Berkel, which rifes in the Bishoprick of Munster, after it had crossed the Province, runs through the middle of this City, and falls into the Islet, dividing the Town into two parts, call'd the Old and the New: The chief Church, dedicated to S. Peter, is a neat, sumptuous and ancient Structure, the Tower whereof being fired by Lightning, was rebuilt in 1635. in most curious maner: The Brazen Font in this Church is particularly remarkable for its curious Workmanship; and the publick Library at the East end is a reasonable good one. Here is a publick School, and several Hospitals, which, together with the high Brick Tower, call'd Drogenap's Toorn, are worth a Stranger's View. In this City dwell many Nobles and Gentleman of Quality, and it is generally reckon'd a Place of much Civiliry. The Buildings are fair and neat, and the Fortifications very strong, at least were so before the French took it in 1672. for then we read, that it had nine Bastions, four Half-moons, a double Ditch, and treble Ramparts: Notwithstanding which, it was surrendred to them after a very thort Siege, on the 26 of June 1672, and kept by them till April 1674. In the Spanish War it was taken and

tack'd by d' Alva's Army, and regain'd by the States by this Stratagem: A good number of Soldiers coming in the Habit of Market-women, loiter'd about the Gate till they found an opportunity to seize it, and let in the rest that lay ready to assist them. But this was after a long Siege, wherein that Ornament of our Nation, Sir Philip Sidney, was unfortunately flain. This City enjoys great Privileges, and was one of the Hanfeatick Society; as also had the Royalty of Coinage: But this last they parted with to the States in 1604. for an annual Sum of Money to be paid them in lieu.

Doesburg is feated on the Old Isel, 9 or 10 miles from Zutphen 10 the South: It is strongly situated between the River on one Side and a great Marsh on the other, and had good Fortifications when the French attack'd it in 1672. fo that it might have been expected to have made a very good Defence, but was however quickly furrendered, the French losing only 3 Men in obtaining it, and held it till the April following; when, being oblig'd to quit it, they demolist'd the Fortification.

At this place the Channel mention'd by the Ancients to be cut by Drufus, and therefore call'd Fossa Drusiana, is let into the Issel, being derived from the Rhine a little above Arnhiem; by which the Isfel is very much enlarged, and may not improperly be

reckon'd another Branch of the Rhine.

Groll stands on the small River Slink, which falls into the Berkel, and is distant 18 miles from Zutplien to the East. It was esteemed a very important Pals from Germany, and therefore fortified by the Emperor Charles V. which was afterward improv'd by the Spaniards. The Works described by Grotius, in his account of the remarkable Siege of this Place by the States in 1627, being exceeding Strong and Regular, confifted of five Bastions, joined by strong Curtains, a lower Wall or Rampart under the Bastions, in lieu of the modern Ravelins, a broad Dirch fill'd by the River Slinck, and a Rampart or Counrerscarp beyond it; yet did this Town make but very little Refistance before it surrendered to the Bishop of Munster, in 1672.

Breevoort is a good strong Town, having, besides pretty good Fortifications, a marshy Soil all round; by which it is rendered almost inaccessible: And therefore not taken without great difficulty by Prince Maurice in 1597. It stands 12 miles South from

Groll, and 17 East from Doesburg.

Spanish Gelderland, or the Quarter of Geldre. contains these chief Towns, &c.

GELDRE, Geldria, altho' it hath the Honour to

give Name to the whole Province, is but a small City, and not very confiderable: It hath an old Castle, and is strongly fortified by the Marshes that surround it. which together with its distance from the rest of the Province, has hindred its falling into the Hands of the States. It is distant 36 miles from Doesburg to the South, and 20 from the Frontiers of Brabant to the East, 32 from Nimeguen to the South-east, and 25 from Duseldorp to the North-west.

Venloo, a City of good note, is seated in a flat fenny Country, on the East side of the Maes, about 8 miles from Geldre to the South-west. It is a Place of great Trade for Corn, Brais, Marble, Free stone, Coal, Se. brought from the Country of Liege and other parts of Germany, down the River to this City, whither the Hollanders and Brabanders repair to buy 'em. It was endow'd with the Privileges of a City in 1343, and was strong enough in the last Century to oppole Margaret of Austria when the befieged it ; and even to keep out Charles V. till he had granted them good Conditions. The States took it in 1532. but lost it again to the Spaniards in 1536.

Watchtendonk, a very strong Town, is seated on the small River Niers, 5 miles from Geldre to the South, and 7 from Venloo to the East: It is lurrounded by low moorish Grounds, which hinder any access to it, and makes it one of the strongest Towns in the Province. In 1388, it held out three Months against Count Mansfeild: In 1600 it was surpriz'd by Lodowick of Nassaw upon the Ice; but in 1605 was finally regain'd by the Spaniards.

Stralen stands about 2 miles from Wachtendonk, and almost in the mid-way between Venloo and Geldre; it is a Place of some Dignity, having a small Territory depending on it, but otherwise not very confiderable.

Reermond stands upon the Maes, where the small River Roer falls into it, and is distant 12 miles from Venloo to the South; it is a rich and populous City, and remarkable for the Neatnels of its Buildings and Strength of its Walls. A Monaltery of Carthylans here is much spoken of for its Grandeur and Wealth. The City was taken in 1632. by the States, but was restor'd at the Peace of Munster, and is still subject to the Spaniard.

CHAP. XV.

The Province of OVERISSEL, Transiffalana.

VERISSEL, so nam'd from its situation beyond the River Isfel, is bounded on the North by Groeningen and Frizeland, on the South by Zutpben and Gelderland, on the East by the Bishoprick of Munster, and on the West by the Zuyder-zee. Its Extent from North to South is about 60 miles, from East to West about 40 miles; but the Soil is not very Fertile, a great part of it being either Barren Heaths or Quaggy Marshes; which, together, with its Inland situation, unsit for Trade, and its lying exposed to Inroads from Germany, makes this Province less inhabited than any of the others. It is divided into three Parts, viz.

I. Iseland, Isaland, and by corru- Deventer, Cap. ption Salland and Zalland, lies (Swoll. next the Issel, and contains these Campen.
Chief Towns;

Hasselt, &c.

II. Twente, lies East of Salland, and to the Frontiers of Munster. Otmarsen. In it are these Towns, with many others of smaller moment; Enscheden.

III. Drent is the North part of Overiffel, and contains these Coeverden.

Meppel, &c. Towns of chiefest note;

The small Territory of Vollenhoven, on the Banks of the Zuyder-zee, is by some Geographers made a separate part, and not included in the Dress; In it stand

DEVENTER or Daventer, Daventria, is feated on the Issel, 8 miles from Zutphen to the North, and 18 from Swoll to the South, 30 from Amersfort to the East, and 22 from Arnbeim to the North. is a large and populous City, exceeding neatly built and well fortifyed: By means of the River it enjoys a good Trade, and was formerly one of the Hanse Towns. It still enjoys great Privileges, particularly the Royalty of Coinage. It is leated in a very fruitful and pleasant Country, and inhabited by many Noblemen and Petsons of Quality. The Cathedral Church of St. Lebvin is a spacious ancient Structure, and the Stadthuys is a handsom old Building; here is a publick School, and feveral Hospitals, which with the remarkable round Tower, 15 foot thick, near the Novemberg-Gate, are worth a Stranger's notice. The City is fortified with a double Wall and Ditch, besides several Outworks; notwithstanding which it was surrendred to the Bishop of Munster, after only 5 days Resistance, on the 21st of July 1672.

Swoll or Zwoll is seated in a fruitful Country, between the two Rivers, Iffel and Vecht, at about 2 miles distance from the first, and 4 from the last, and 18 miles from Deventer to the North; having also another imall River, which rifing near Deventer, passes through it, and a little beyond falls into the Veche, and with it runs into the Zuyder-zee. The Buildings are fair and the Streets near, which makes the City exceeding pleafant. It enjoys a reasonable good Trade, by means of the aforesaid River, through which the Tide slows up to the Town: The Church of St. Michael is a stately Structure, and remarkable for its fine Organ, Pulper, harmonious Chimes and exceeding high Steeple. The puklick School is considerable both for its great number of Schollars, and its College for the Study of the Sciences. Here are also divers Hospitals, a publick Granary and an Arlenal. The City enjoys great Privileges, particularly the ultimate Determination of all Causes, the Royalty of a Mint, and the Turisdiction over 18 large and populous Villages, that fland in its Prefecture. It is surrounded with Walls, on which are 24 Towers, and a Trnnch; and hath three very strong Gates, which open to so many Subutbs. In 1672, it was surrendred to the Bishop of Munster, as soon as they hard of the taking of Deventer.

Campen is seated among pleasant Fields (whence it has its name) on the South side of the Islel, near the Zuyder-zee, and 8 miles West from Swoll. It is a large, neat and well-built City, and hath a strong wooden Bridge over the Islel, which is secured by a Fortification at the End of it. The Churches here are very capacious and of a curious Structure, as is also the Stadthus; but the Custom-house is an exceeding sine Building and much admired. This was formerly a place of great Trade, but of late years the Mouth of the Islel hath been so chooked up with

Sand, that Ships of Burthen cannot enter. The Wall is high and thick, and provided with many Towers, after the old manner, but not able to refift the modern way of Attacking. This City also Capitulated upon the Surrender of Deventer, and was yielded to the Bishop of Munster; who delivering it to the French, they kept it to the end of the next year, and then being forced to quit it, exacted 80000 Gilders of the Inhabitants to save it from Fire.

At the Month of the Vecht, and on a Bay of the Zuzder-zee, called the Zwollobe-diep, 7 miles from Zwoll to the North, flands the small City Genemuyden, which had formerly a good Caftle.

Vollenboven stands upon the Zuyder see, 12 miles from Swoll and 7 from Genemuyden to the North; it is a neat and handsom Town, conveniently seated for Trade, and is a great Market for Corn brought

from the Baltick Sea and other places.

Steenwick stands near the Frontiers of Friezland, 10 miles North from Vollenboven, and 17 from Swell: It is a small but very strong Town, having been very well fortifyed by Prince Maurice after he took it, in 1592. It was taken by the Bishop of Minsser in the last War, and obliged to pay toooo Gilders as a Ransom, when he quitted it in 1673.

Blockzil thands on the Zuder zee, 3 or 4 miles from Vollenboven to the North, and 6 from Steemrick to the South-east. It is a strong Town and besides, considerable for Navigation and Com-

Swartfluys, a Fortress standing upon the Vecht, 2 miles East from Genemyyden, and 7 North from Swoll; being taken from the Munsterians in 1672. was by them made very strong, and able to resist three several Attempts of the Dutch to regain it.

Coeverden, the chief Place of the Drente, is seated near the Frontiers of the County of Benthem, and about 12 miles from the Consines of Munster, 30 miles from Swoll, 35 from Campen to the East, and near 46 from Deventer to the North-east. It is a Fortess of very great Strength, having, besides the strong Walls and Outworks, Marshes and impassable Grounds almost all round it. It commands the Passes out of Munster into Friezland and Groningen, and being therefore a Place of great Importance, hath been often besieged. It was taken by Prince Maurice in 1592, and withstood a Siege of 7 Months by the Spaniards the next year: Yet in July 1672, it surrendred in 4 days to the Bishop of Munster, but was recovered by surprise by the Dutch in December following: Again, in 1673, the Munsterians blockaded it, but could not take it.

Ostmersum or Otmarsen, a Town of great Autiquity, and said to be sounded by Odomarss King of the Franks, is seated in the Twente, near the Borders of Benthem, and 20 miles South from Coeverden; it was formerly secured by a Rampart and a Ditch round it: But is at present not very considerable.

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Oldenzyl or Oldensael, stands 8 miles South from Otmarsen, and as many West from Benthem: It is a wall'd Town, but not remarkable for Strength or Grandeur; it was often taken and retaken in the Spanish War, and being taken by the Bishop of Minifer in the last War, was regain'd by the Dutch in 1674.

CHAP. XVI.

The Province of FRIEZLAND, Frisia.

Oncerning the Country possess'd by the ancient Frizons, there is great dilpute among the Learn'd, forme affirming, that they spread over all Holland, Ctrecht, part of Gelderland, Zutphen, Overissel and Groeningen, as well as this Friezland, and the other call'd East-Friezland, beyond the Ems: Others fay, that of Holland, they had the North part only, which is thence call'd West Friezland, whilst others make the old Channel of the Rhine the Southern, and the River Ems the Eastern Bounds of their Country. The prefent Bounds of this Province is the Zuyder-zee to the West, North and South, Groningen and Overissel to the East and South, containing in extent from North to South about 35 miles, and from East to West about 30 miles. The Land is low and marshy, and frequently overflow'd, however affords good Pasture, and in some parts store of Corn. The Province is divided into three parts, viz.

Westergoe, or the West Part, containing these Towns,

**Towns of the West Part, containing these Towns, Staveren, &c.

Onftergee, or the East Part, hath Leuwarden, these,

Seven-Wolden is the South-east part, which being a barren Soil, is but meanly Inhabited, and besides 77 Villages, bath only one Town of Note, namely,

FRANEKER, Franequera, & Franekera, is feated on the Channel cut from Leuwarden to the Zuyder-zee, and is diftant 40 miles from Campen to the North, 37 from Groeningen to the West, not above 7 from the Shoar of the German Ocean, and in the midway between Leuwarden to the East, and Harlingen to the West. It is a fair, neat, well built City, enjoying a reasonable good Trade by means of its Canals, and Inhabited by many Persons of Quality: Being also the Seat of an University, which was ercted by the States in the year 1585, and good Revenues allotted to the Professors out of the Abbey-Lands, confiscated upon the Revolution. The Rector hath the Power of judging Civil Causes, and the Students enjoy many Immunities. The whole Town hath but one Church, which is a spacious Building, with a tall handsom Steeple: Here is an Haspital for Orphans, and a very good Grammar-School. The Town is furrounded with a good Rampart, and a deep Ditch, and hath a strong Castle built of Brick.

LEUWARDEN, Leovardia, is distant 6 miles from Francker to the East, 30 from Groeningen to the West, and 12 from Dockum to the South; and is the largest, richest, best-built, and most populous City of Friezeland, being also the Seat of the Sovereign Council, and the Residence of the Stadtholder of the Province. It enjoys a good Trade by means of its Channels, whereof that from Doccum brings up large Boats

with Goods, from Hamburg, Bremen, &c. This Place is commended for the neatness of its Streets and Bridges, the Pleasantness of its Gardens, and the Splendour of its Buildings; among which the Stadtholder's Palace, the Provincial Court, and several Houses of Noble-men, together with the two Hospitals and the Churches, are especially remarkable. It is well fortified, being surrounded with a thick and high Rampart, a broad Ditch and 5 Bulwarks.

Harlingen stands on the Banks of the Zuyder zee, in which it hath a good Haven, being distant about 5 miles from Francker to the West. It was at sirst a small Village only, but by several Enlargements since of good Trade, which consists in Corn and the Commodities of Norway and the Sound; its Harbour being well frequented by Merchant Ships from those Parts. It is well fortised, which, with the stantes of the Country round it (by that means easily Overslowd) makes it a place of good Strength and Security.

Doccum is a neat and well-fortified Town, feated at the head of the Channel leading to Leuwarden, and upon a River, which makes a good Haven of 2 Leagues in length, from a Bay of the German Ocean, call'd Doccumer diep, and is diftant 12 miles from Leuwarden to the North-eaft, and about 5 from the Ocean to the South. The Streets and Buildings are remarkably neat; the Tower of its Church is high and flately, and the Stadthuys is a handsom Structure. The chief Bridge is of Stone, and very large; besides which there are two others over the River, which runs through the Town, and communicates with the Channel of Leuwarden. The Harbour is secured by Piles of large Timber driven into the bottom of the River, and shut up a-nights with a strong Boom: And the Town is fortisted with a Rampart, large Ditch, and Bulwarks, built by the States in 1582.

Belfwaert stands about 7 miles from Francker to the South, and to from Lenwarden to the South-west. It is a good wall'd Town, formerly one of the Hanfeatick, and maintaining a pretty good Commerce, by theans of the Channels leading from it to Francker, Lenwarden, Worcum, and other Places.

Worcam stands upon the Zuyder-zee, 7 miles South from Bolfwaert. It hath a small Haven, but by the Tempests from the North and West is almost choak'd up with Sand; but by the many Channels the Inhabitants Trade in small Vessels, and supply the Country with store of Fish.

Sneeck is an ancient populous, neat and well fortified Town, 6 miles diffant from Bolfmaert to the South-eaft, and as many Eaft from Worcum, seated in a low senny Country, near a Lake of the same name; which being well stor'd with Fish, afford the Inhabitants a good Support, by surnishing the Neighbouring Parts with that Commodity. Here is a Publick School, which for the number of its Scholars and Sallaries is very considerable.

Sloot or Sloten, ftands upon a navigable Channel, which comes from a neighbouring Lake, and falls into the Zuyder-zee about a League below the Town, which is diftant 8 or 9 miles from Sneeck to the South, and by means of this Channel maintains a

Commerce

Commerce with Holland and other Parts. The Buildings are but ordinary; nor are the Fortifications very ftrong. It hath one Church a handfom Stadthuys, and one of the Gates is very large and stately.

Staveren stands on the Zuyder-zee, at the extream South-west Point of Friezland, over against Medenblick in North Holland, from which it is distant four Leagues to the North-east, as also twelve Miles from Sloten to the West. It had formerly a capacious Harbour, and was a famous Empory; and the Inhabitants still enjoy particular Privileges in the Sound,

which fnew the great Trade ther formuly led hither, and was also the third in the least of the Hanse Towns: But this Trade is long since decay'd, and the Haven choak'd up with Sind, so that at prefent the Town is not considerable, and can only brag of what it hath been; wherein they have much to say, for this was anciently the Metropolis of the Frifont, and the Seat of their Kings. It is recorded also, That about 500 years ago, there was a Passage by Land almost quite cross from hence to Enclaysen, in North Holland.

CHAP. XVII.

The Province of GROENINGEN, Groeningia, with the Omlands.

THIS Province is the most North-east Part of the Dominions of the States General, and is seated between the German Ocean to the North, Overissel to the South, Friegland to the East, and the Bay called den Dollert, which parts it from the Country of Emden or East Friegland, to the West. Its Extent from North to South is about 20 miles, and from East to West about 35. The Soil of it is but poor, except the Parts lying towards the Sea, which afford very good Pasture. The Air is sharp, but whosform enough, and the Inhabitants long livid. It is divided into

The Lordship of Gorecht, a narrow Tract in the middle of this Province; in which stands

Groeningen, Capit.

The Old Ampt, lying East from Gorecht, and extending to the Bank of the Dollert, the chief Town whereof is Winschoten.

The Westerwold, which lies South of the Old Ampt, and runs out, in form of a Wedge, between the Drente of Overissel and the North Part of Manster. It hath several Villages, but no Town of considerable note.

The West Quarter, or the West Part, lying between the River Lavica, which parts it from Friegland, and the River or Channel leading to Groeningen. In it are about 25 Villages, but no confiderable Town,

Hunfingo, which takes up all the North part of the Province: But hath likewise no Town of

Five-lingo, which lies between Hunsingo to the North, the Old Ampt to the South, Gorecht to the West, and the Mouth of the River Emto the East: In which District stand several

Villages, and the Town of Dam. GROENING. Screeningen, Groeningen, Galed the Aba and the Hunefus, with several artificial Channels, which lead to all parts of the Province; and is distant 30 miles from Leuwarden to the East, 32 from Coeverden to the North, 13 from the Sea to the South, and 14 from the Mouth of the Ems to the West. It is a large and populous City, surrounded with strong Walls, in which are 17 large Bastions, and other Fortifications; and is the Seat of an University, which was sounded in the year 1614, and well endowed with the old Abbey-Lands. Besides several other Channels, leading from this City, there is one, which running Westward, falls into a Bay of the German Ocean; and another Eastward, that leads

to Dam, and thence to the Ems; by these the Inhabitants receive Goods from Foreign Parts, and by the other Rivers and Channels convey them to the other Places of the Province, and so maintain a pretty good Trade. The principal Church is that of S. Martin, and next is that of S. Walburgh, which hath a Tower exceeding high; there are also two other Churches, viz. S. Mary's and the New Church. The Stadthuys is an old Building, and not remarkable; but the broad Market, on which it stands, is very large; as is also the Fish Market: Upon these Markets 17 Streets meet, 6 whereof lead to fo many Gares of the City. The City hath been twice enlarged fince the year 1600. and may at present be reckon'd 3000 Paces in compass. Most of the Houses are furnish'd with Gardens, wherein grow many Frnit-Trees, and make the Place exceeding pleafant. It enjoys great Privileges, and was some Ages ago one of the Hanse Towns. In the Low-Country War it fided with the Confederates in 1579. but returning to the Spaniard, was taken by Prince Maurice in 1594. In 1672 it was befieg'd by the Bishop of Munster, but so bravely defended, that after a Month's furious battering it with great Shot and Bombs, he was forc'd to raife his Siege. For which Valour, the Groeningers were rewarded with a double Voice in the Council of State.

Dam is feated upon the Channel call'd the Damsterdiep, about 3 miles from the Mouth of the Ems to the West, and 12 from Groeningen to the East. It has a rich Soil about it, and is beautised with good Buildings. but hath no Walls or Bulwarks.

Winschoten is a strong Fortress, which commands the Pals out of East Friezland into this Province, being seated between the Dollart Bay on one side, and a great Morass on the other, 17 miles from Groeningen to the East, and 13 from Dam to the South. It was fortissed by the States in the latter end of the last Century, in whose hands it continued; but was taken by

the Bishop of Munster in 1674.
For the better Security of this Pass, there is another strong Fort about six miles South-east from Winsteboten, call'd Billingworder score, which, though it be very well fortified, was taken by the Bishop

of Munster in the year 1672, but soon recovered by the Dutch.

The Bourtanger Fort, seated in the middle of a Marsh, on the very Borders of the Westerwold, towards Munster, and 12 miles South from the Dollars, is another very strong place, and a good Desence to

the Country.

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The Omlands, being

Groeningen, containing

GERMANY.

CHAP. I.



HE Bounds of Germany, as fet out by Ptolemy and other ancient Writers, were much different from what they are at present; for, according to their Account, it extended Northward as far as the Ocean, whereby Denmark, Normay, and Sweden, were included; and Southward it was bounded by the Danube, so that Austria, Bavaria, Stiria, Carinthia, Carinola, &c. now reckon'd part of it,

were

were then excluded; as were also Alface, part of the Palatinate, and the Spiritual Electorates, the Rhine being by them reckon'd the Western Bounds; but these last, together with Lorrain and the neighbouring Countries, were afterwards possetsed by Germans; and being Conquer'd by the Romans, were by them nam'd Germania prima & secunda.

Germany, as it is at present bounded by the Low Countries on the West; Poland and Hungary on the East; Denmark and the Baltick Sea on the North; and Swifferland, with the Dominions of the State of Venice, on the South; is fituated between the 45 D. 12 M. and 54 D. 50 M. of Latitude, and 25 D. and 39 D. of Longitude, in form almost square; extending from North to to South (that is to fay, from Straelfund in Pomerania, to the Frontiers of Carniola and Istria) 150 German leagues, which is 600 English miles; and in breadth from the Town of Spa in the West, to the Confines of Poland in the East, about

Joo English miles.

The SOIL is exceeding fruitful, especially on the Banks of the Rhine and the Danube, where also the AIR is very Temperate; but in the Northern part it is cold, and the Ground less fruitful. Besides great plenty of Corn, vast quanties of rich Wine is produc'd here and exported to Foreign Nations. The Earth also affords Mines of divers forts of Mettals and Minerals, as Iron, Copper, Tin, Lead, and even Silver in some parts; Alom, Quick-silver,

Salt. &c.

The chief RIVERS, are, 1. The Danube, call'd by the Natives Thonaw, which rifes in Schwaben, near a Village call'd Tone Eschingen, whence tending Eastward, it receives two small Rivulets, and soon after divides and encircles the City Ulm, where it begins to be Navigable, and having receiv'd the Iler Guntz, Minael and Wernitz, palies on through Bavaria, re-ceiving the Lech at Lechmund, the Altmul at Kelhaim, the Nab, Regen, Iffer and Inn, watering by the way the Cities Newburg, Ingolftadt, Ratisbon, and Stranbingen; thence passes through Austria, where, having water'd Linez, it is encreas'd by the Rivers Fraun, Ens, and others of smaller note, and then runs by the Walls of Vienna, receving the small River Wien, (whence that City hath its name) and afterwards the Moraw, pursuing its course still Eastward into Hungary, where it passes by Presburg and Gran; then, tending Southward, it passes by Buda and Belgrade, being exceedingly encreased by the Drave, which it receives at Effeck, and the Save at Belgrade; after which it loses its name and is call'd Ister, and running Eastward between Servia and Walachia, as also between Moldavia and Bulgaria, falls at last into the Black or Euxine Sea in fix Mouths, which part Bulgaria from Befferabia, after having run above eleven hundred miles an end. It is very broad, runs with a very rapid Current, and hath three great Carracts, which are 1. The Saw-Ruffel, or Swine's Snout, near Lintz, locall'd from a pointed Rock hanging over, which hath under it a dangerous Whirlpool 2. Der Strudel near Greinon in Austria, where the falling of the Water makes a horrid noise. And, 3. Der Warbel, another very dangerous Whirl-pool. The Rhine rifes in two Springs in the Alps, which falling into Swifferland, unite near the City Cur or Coir, and soon after dilates it telf into a large Lake, calld the Boden Sea, or Lake of Constance; whence passing West-ward to Basil, it turns up to the North, and runs between Schwaben and Alface into the Palatinate, receiving the Nekar at Manheim, and the Maine at Mentz; then runs to Coblentz, where

it recieves the Mifelle; afterwards waters Colegne, and palfes on through the Dutchy of Cleeve, receiving the Roer and the Lippe, and other smaller Rivers by the way, and palles into the Netherlands at Schenck-enschans. Of its Course afterwards we have already given an account. It is very broad, even two English miles (as some say, at Schenckenschans, and its course very swift, but the Navigation of it is interrupted by nine Catracts; the most remarkable wherof are two in Swifferland, one near Schaflingfen (where the whole River falls 75 foot) and the other near Lauffenburg. 3. The Ebe rifesout of the Mountains near Hircusburg in Silesia, upon the Confines of Bohemia, in eleven feveral Springs, which being united, pass Northward between Misnia and Lusatia into Saxony, receving by the way the Warlitz, Orlitz, Moldan and Agra, passes by Magdeburg, Lawenburg and Hamburg, and a little below Gluck stadt divides into two Branches which falls into the German Ocean; it is very large and deep at Hamburg, which is above 70 miles from the Sea; Ships of 4 or 500 Tun ride at Anchor in it. The Oder springs in Moravia, and after a Current of 300 English miles, through Brandenburg and Pomerania, falls into the Baltick Sea. 4. The Wester rises in the Mountains of Thuringen, runs through Hessen and Westphalia, and emties it self into the Ocean below Bremen.

Other Rivers of smaller note the Reader will discover the Course of, in the following Description of the Country; as also an account of the Mineral Waters, Baths, Mines, Mountains, Forelts, Lakes, &c. found in several Parts of this great Nation.

Of the Inhabitants of Germany.

Whether Germany was Peopled after the Flood by Ascenas the Grandchild of Japhet, or whether Inisco, who some say was the Son of that Ascenas, and others the Son of Noah, was the Conductor of the first Colony hither, is uncertain. Cluverius affirms the former, affigning the very year when this Plantation was made, viz. The 136th after the Flood; and Verstegan pleads hard for the latter. However that be, it is certain that Germany was Peopl'd very Early. The ancient Germans had two Deities call'd Tento or Tuisco, and Mannus his Son, under which Names, by their Songs and Festivals, they honour'd God the Maker of the World, and Adam the Propagator of humane Kind. And from the names of the former of these two Deities, had the appellation of the Teutsche Nation, which by the muration of T for D is now made Duytsche; and the Cuntry Duytschland.

Much Dispute hath risen among the Etymologists concerning the derivation of German and Alman, two other Names of this Nation: The most agree'd on is, That Gar fignifying all, they where call'd Gar Man; q. d all Man, denoting their great Manliness and Valour. All signifies the same, and therefore Alman is but a fynonnimous Term, fignifying the fame thing with German; though others assign the reafon of that denomination to be the many Nations of them, and that it was first given 'em in the year 358. when they muster'd up a great Army from all parts against the Romans; which being a mixture of many forts of Men, it was call'd an Army of Almanner: Which word afterwards was us'd by the Italians, Spaniards and French, to fignifie, the whole Nation of Germans. Again, others say, That the name Almain, belong'd to the People of Schwaben;

which they took from Mannus the Son of Tuifeo; and that it became not universal, till those Dukes, having obtaind the Imperial Dignity and kept it many years, made the name of the Inhabitants of that Region be extended to the whole Country.

By what we have laid, the Reader will judge, That the TEMPER of the Inhabitants was Martial; which indeed they were, so far as to oppose the Remans for 210 years, but cannot however be esteem'd to deserve the Character their Name implies; For though they are generally of large Bodies, with big Bones, much Flesh and strong Sinews; they want Spirit to actuate their large Bulk, and Heat to concoct the Phlegmatick Humonr wherewith their Bodies are fill'd, and therefore are better at guarding a Post than gaining Ground, 'Tis true, in our days they have notably oppos'd the Turks, fought many Battels, and acquir'd great Honous by the glorious Victories they have obtained over free from Malice and Subulty, much addicted to both Drunkenness and Gluttony, but not over-much to Venery. The poorer fort are laborious, fincere and honest. The Nobility are Men of great Honour, and commonly Scholars. All the Sons of a Noble Man inherit their Father's Title, which exceedingly increases the number of the Nobility, and the more, because the German Women are generally good Breeders; and by that means the Estates of the Princes are so often divided for the fake of younger Children, that the Principalities and Sovereign Lordships have increased to a vast number. All the Nobility Icorn Marriage with a Commoner; wherefore the younger Brothers are often oblig'd to take up Arms, or enter into Orders, whereby they are enabled to keep up the Grandeur of the Family, especially by the latter, because the Ecclesiastical Preferments here are both Numerous and Rich, The Women are of good Complexions, Corpulent, and very Fruitful, as we have laid, and more obsequious to their Husbands than our Women, many not fitting at Table with them, and none having the upper Place there.

The GENIUS of the Germans hath appear'd in the Invention and Improvement of many Mechanical Arts, whereof Clock-work especially is owing to them. In this Art they have exceeded all the World in the contrivance of variety of Motions, to thew not only the Course of the Hours and Minutes, but even of the Sun, Moon and Stars; whereof the Clocks at Strasburg, Prague, and many other places all over Germany, are sufficient Instances. The Emperor Charles. V. had a Watch in the Jewel of his Ring; and in the Elector of Saxony's Stable, is to be seen a Clock in the Pommel of a Saddle. The Story of Regio Montanus's wooden Eagle, that flew an English mile to meet the Emperor Maximilian, and return'd with him to Norimberg; as also of the Iron Fly (made by the same Person) that slew round the Room, and return'd to his Hand, are ferioufly related by Keckerman and Peter Ramus. The Germans claim the Invention of the Art of PRINTING, whercof fomething bath been already faid in our description of Haer'em; but because that Art is so very curious, and hath been so serviceable to the World, we shall a little enlarge in the Hiftory of it. We have faid already, That Lawrence Cofter of Haerlem found out the Art by accident, and had brought it to some persection, but was robb'd of his Materials by a Servant who fled with 'em to Germany: This the Dutch men fay; but the Germans alledge, That John Gut-

temburg, an Alderman of Strasburg, first Invented it in the year 1440. and remov'd with it to Mentz, printed teveral Books, in which he made use of Cair Letters of Mettal in the fame manner as now uled. The Hollanders in answer affirm, that it was Cofter's Servant that taught Guttemburg, and that the Servant's name was John Faust; which name is set in all the first Printed Books, as the Printer of them. Tully's Offices, Printed in 1465. is to be feen in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, and in many other places, with this Inscription at the end: Prasens M. Tullii clarissimum opus, Johannes Faust, Moguntinus Cives. non attramento, plumali, canna neg; area. Sed arte quadam perpulera Petri manu pueri mei feliciter effici finito Anno MCCCCLXV. Angelus Rocca in his Account of the Vatican Library (printed at Rome in 1501.) lays, that he had seen Donatus's Grammar, Printed upon Vellum with this Infcription at the beginning; Johannes Faustus, Cives Moguntinus, Avus Maternus Johannis Schaffer, primus excegitavit imprimendi artem Typis æreis: Quos deinde plumbeas invenit: multaque ad policadam artem addidit ejus filius Petrus Scheffer: Impressus est autem hic Donatus primum omnium, A.D. MCCCCL. Admonitus certe fuit ex donato Hollandia prius impresso in tabula incifa. In an old Chronicle of Colen, Printed in 1496. 'tis faid, That the hint of this Art was given from Holland, where an Impression of this Denatus had been made before that of Mentz. So that upon the whole, the Invention may be granted to Holland, but improved and propagated in Germany; whence it was carried again to Holland, and from thence brought to England very early, by Caxton and Tourner, whom King Henry VI. fent at his own expence to learn it: These prevail'd upon one of the Printer's Men at Haerlem to steal away and come with them to England; where being arrived, they fet to Work ar Oxford and having taught other Men, Printing houses were set up at Westminster, S. Albans, Worcester, and other places. There is now to be feen at Oxford, S. Ferom upon the Creed with this at the end; Explicit exposition Sancli Jeronimi in simbolo Apostolorum ad Papam Laurentium. Impressa Oxonia & sinita Anno Domini, MCCCCLXVIII. xvii die Decembris.

But to return to the Germans,

The Invention of Guns is undifputedly theirs, which was also produc'd by an Accident, in this manner. One Barthold Schwartz, a Friar, in making Chimical Experiments, had one day mixed some Saltpetre and Brimstone with other Ingredients, and set them upon the Fire in a Crucible; but a Spark getting in, the Por tuddenly broke with great violence and wonderful noise; which unexpected effect furpriz'd him at first, but thinking farther on the Matter, he repeated the experiment, and finding the effect constant, set himself at work to improve it: To which purpose he caused an Iron pipe to be made with a small hole at the lower end to fire it at, and putting in some of his new Ingredient together with some small stones, fer fire to it, and found it answer'd his expectation in penetrating all before it. This happen'd about the year 1330. and was soon improv'd to the making of great Ordnance, &c.

To these Inventions of the Germans, we may add their improvement of the Art of Chimistry; which being brought hither by Albertus Magnus, was very much studied by the Monks, and much time lost by them in the search of the Philosopher's Stone, and the

Study of the Reservician Phliosophy,

The RELIGION of the ancient Germans was Paganifm, which was driven out of feveral parts of it by the Preaching of S. Clemens, S. Crefcens, S. Mark, S. Maternus, S. Eutherius, and other the immediate Succeffors of the Apolities: So that in the middle of the fecoud Century, Christianity was in a flourithing State in Germans, as is teffified by S. Ireneus. But the remote Northern parts remain'd long in their blind Superstition; the Saxons not being Converted till the time of Charles the Great, as we shall show more particularly when we come to speak of that Nation.

The Corruptions that crept into the Romifo Church in the middle Ages, dispers'd themselves hither, and were generally believ'd, before John Huss and Jerom of Prague, about the year 1407. opposed those Errors, and Preach'd up the Doctrine of Wielif; for which they were both burnt at the Council of Conflance: But their Followers in Bohemia being numerous, obtain'd a Tolleration of the Emperor, and continued administring the Sacraments in both kinds, and in several things acting contrary to the Church of Rome: In which State the Reformation stood when Luther appear'd for it, upon the following occasion:

In the year 1517. Pope Leo X. in pursuance of the pretended Power of the Popes in pardoning Sins, fent abroad his Letters and Bulls, promiting Pardons to all that would purchase them with Money: And the Friars were employ'd to Preach up the Doctrine, and Offices established in several parts of Germany, to receive the Money that the ignorant People gave for the Indulgences the Collectors were impower'd to give them. These Preachers continually buzzing in the People's Ears the Efficacy of the Pope's Pardons, and the mercenary manner of proftituting of them, raised Indignation in many; and therefore Martin Luther was foon favour'd in opposing it. He was a Doctor of Divinity, and an Augustine Friar, living at Wittemberg in Saxony: At which place, in the same year, 1517. he began to preach against the Pope's Power of pardoning Sins; and publish'd Theses concerning Purgatory, Penance, &c. which were answer'd by Teszelius, Eckius, Prierias and others, on the Pope's fide. To which Luther reply'd; and being now favour'd by Frederick the Elector of Saxony, proceeded in time from one Point to another, till he shook the very Foundation of the Roman Church; a publick Disputation being held at Liepsick in 1519. between him and Eckius, wherein the Authority and Primacy of the Pope was the Subject of the Argument. And in a few years, not only the Elector of Saxony, but the Dukes of Brunfwick, Mecklenburg, and Lunenburg, the Marquess of Brandenburg, the Landgrave of Hesse, together with several other Princes and many Imperial Cities, embrac'd his Doctrine. In 1529, a Decree was made against it by the Diet at Spire; against which, the Elector of Saxony, the Marquess of Brandenburg, the Dukes of Lunenburg, the Landgrave, together with the Deputies of Strasburg, Norimberg, Ulm, Constance, and ten other Imperial Cities, entred a publick Protestation; which gave Occasion to the name of PROTESTANT, the Lutherans from that time being so call'd. In the next year, the Princes above-mentioned presented the Confession of their Faith to the Emperor, in the Diet at Augsburg; which being rejected, and a Decree made against their Opinions, the Protestant Princes and Cities met at Smaleald, and entred into a Defen-five League about the end of the same year, 1530. and not long after a War broke out; between them

and the Emperor, which lasted many years, till in the end the Emperor comply'd; and, by the Pacification of Passaw in 1552. agreed, That Matters concerning Religion should be referred to the Diet; which being affembled at Augsburg in the year 1555. decreed, That neither the Emperor, nor any other Prince or State, should in any manner whotloever hurt or injure any Man for the Confession of the Augustan (or Protestant) Religion, nor force any of the Princes to forfake their Religion, Ceremonies or Laws, which they had already instituted in their Dominions, or which those of the Augustan Consession should thereaster Institute, or that the Emperors nor Princes should contemn the same, but suffer them freely to Profess this Religion, and quietly enjoy their Goods and Estates; together with much more to that Purpose, as may be feen, at large, in Sleidan's Hift. of the Reform. in Germany, lately Translated into English. So that at present the Lutheran Religion is prosess'd in the Do minions of all those Princes and Cities abovementioned, and many others; as the Roman Catholick is in Austria, Bavaria, the Spiritual Electorates,

The Germans value themselves extreamly upon speaking a Primitive LANGUAGE, and have obstinately refused to borrow Words of their Neighbours, tho' they are forc'd to make very uncouth Compounds, to be able to express themselves intelligibly. The Radical Words themselves are very harsh, and abound with Consonants; and many of these being put together, fill the Mouth, tis true, and make a thundering Sound, which is called Manly; but to a Stranger it feems as untuneable as the Welch, and as difficult to learn. Compounds, its granted, is an Elegancy, but excess in every thing is ill; and no Language is copious enough of it self to furnish all Words; which themselves begin to be sensible of and do therefore now admit some few French words, for the better and more intelligible expressing themselves. In short, the High Dutch hath the Reputation of a manly noble Language, but withal, not tuneable or docible, and is fitter for a General than a Courtier. It extends very far, for not only in Germany, but in Denmark and Sweden, the High Dutch is spoken, with some variation of Dialect, as also in Swiserland; not to mention Holland and Flanders, the Language whereof is of the same Original, but varied to much that the Germans dislown it, and have given it the Name of Low Dutch for diftin-

Concerning the ANCIENT STATE of Germany we can only fay, That from the beginning of Hiftory it was divided into many Nations, who, tho' they all spoke the same Language, preferv'd their separate Governments; and though by Invasion of Neighbours, and Wars among themselves, several Revolutions have happen'd in almost all the Parts, yet to this day it is divided into a great number of Principalities, every one of which hath had a different Fate; as the Reader will find in the following Description of them.

The greatest Monarchy that hath been in Germany was that of Charles the Great, otherwise call'd Charlemaigne, King of France; for he was not only Lord of the Parts upon the lower Rhine and the Main, but by his Arms subdued Saxony and Bavaria; and acquiring the Honour of Emperor of the Romans, resided with it here; and Germany hath ever since been called, The Sacred Roman Empire

pire.

But to be inform'd how Charles attain'd this titular Honour, it is necessary to look back into the latter State of Italy, and fee by what degrees the Roman Monarchy declin'd, and at laft expir'd in the Person the Great: The beginning whereof must be dated from Constantine the Great; for tho' he was a very wife and excellent Prince, yet by removing the Seat of the Empire to Byzantium (now call'd Confiantinople) he left these Weitern parts naked, and expoled to the Ravages of those swarms of Northern People that soon after invaded them. At his Death Constantine dividing the Empire between his Sons, first erected the Eastern and Western Empires, the Seat of one being Constantinople, and the other Rome: But the latter became again united under the Eastern Emperour, and continued so till the Death of Theodosius, who again divided it for the lake of his two Sons Arcadius and Honorius; these were succeeded for about 80 years by feveral Eastern and Weltern Emperours, but both the one and the other very fenfibly declin'd; especially the Western Empire, by the Invasion of the Goths and other barbarous Northern Nations (who feized its Provinces, invaded Italy, and fack'd even Rome it felf) was brought very low, and none of the latter Emperours made any confiderable figure in the World: The last of them was Augustulus, against whom Odoacer King of the Heruli waged War, subdued a great part of Italy, took Augustulus Prisoner, and made him relign the Empire, and finally determine that Dignity: This happen'd about the year 476. The Heruli reign'd but a little while, being conquer'd by the Oftrozorks, and those at last driven out by Justinian, and Italy again made a part of the Eastern Empire; till (the Power of those Emperours being much declin'd) the Popes found means to obtain the Temporal as well as Spiritual Jurisdi-Ction over a great part of it; and the Lombards conquer'd another large part, and erected a confiderable Monarchy; which at last, the Popes grew uneasy at, and therefore stirred up the French Kings against them; and Pope Adrian I. being belieged in Rome by Desiderius King of Lombardy, sent to Charlemain for affiftance; who accordingly invaded Lombardy, overcame Defiderius, and was himfelf crowned King: By which he became Lord of a great part of *Italy*, as he was before of *Germany* and *France*. Upon this occasion it was that the Pope, in gratitude for the Service he had done him, and to fecure to himfelf fo powerfull a Protector, by confent of the People of Rome, declared Charles Emperor, and crected anew the Western Empire. But inasmuch as the Pope was Lord of the Territory about Rome, and Charles in his turn must shew his Gratitude, he lest that City to the Pope, and fixed the Seat of the Empire in Germany; which was also more convenient to him, because more in the middle of his Dominions. Thus Germany became the Seat of the Western Empire; which Dignity (tho' but a shadow of the ancient Roman) it has ever fince born, under the Government of these following Princes.

A Chronological Table of the Emperors of Germany.

·	I	Reg. y.
Charles the Great began to reign	800	14
Lewis the Godly, his Son	814	26
Lotharius, Son to Lewis	840	15
Lewis II. Son to Lotharius	855	19
Charles the Bald Son of Lewis I.	875	2
Lewis the Bald Son of Charles	873	I

Charles the Gross his Son	879	9
He was deposed, and Arnolf Son of Caroloman, Duke of Ca-		
rinthia and King of Bavaria, elected		
Emperor	888	12
Lewis IV. Son of Arnolf, elected	900	12,
Conrad Duke of Franconia, elected Henry the Fowler, D. of Saxony, elected	912	7
Otho the Son of Henry	919 936	26
Otho II. succeeded his Father	973	37
Otho III. Son of Otho II. in whole time?	,,,	
the manner of choosing the Emp. by	984	18
the 7 Electors' ris faid was instituted		
Henry Duke of Bavaria, chosen by the Princes	1002	22
Conrad, elected	1024	15
Henry the Son of Conrad	1039	17
Henry IV, his Son	1056	50
Henry V. his Son	1106	19
Letharius Duke of Saxony	1125	13
Conrad Duke of Schawben Frederick Barbaroffa Duke of Schawben	1138	31
Have his Son	1190	8
Philip Brother to Henry, elected, but ?		T 0
excommunicated by the Tope	1198	10
Otho Duke of Brurfwick, also chosen Em		
Otho Son of Henrythe Lyon, D. of Saxony Frederick II. King of Sicily, Grandson 7	1208	-4
of Frederick Barbaroffa	1212	38
Conrad IV. Son of Frederick, against	whom	fix
other Princes were elected by the feve		
ons now rifen in Germany, on acco	unt of	the
Popes assuming Power over the Among these seven, Richard Earl	empe of Corr	ror.
Brother to our Henry III. was one. Al	fter a l	ong
Interrognum		
Rodulph Earl of Hapshurg was unani-	1273	19
mounty circled		
Adulf Earl of Nassaw Albert Duke of Austria set up against?	1292	6
Adolph, whom he flew, and was	1298	10
crowned		
Henry Duke of Luxemburg	1308	
Poyfoned by a Monk in admini- firing him the Sacrament, after		
he had reigned	4 Y.	9 M.
An Interregnum.		
Lewis Duk of Bavaria, elected	1318	28
Charles IV. Son of John K. of Bohemia	1346	32
Wenceslaus Son to Charles Rupert Elector Palatine	1400	10
Fedecus Barbatus Marquess of Moravia	1410	5M.
Sigisfimund Earl of Luxemburg, Brother ?		
of Winceslaus King of Bohemia and	1411	27
Hangary Albert II. D. of Austria Son of Sigismund	1422	I
Frederick III. Duke of Austria	1440	53
Maximilian Son of Frederick, crowned		
King of the Romans in his Father's	1493	25
time, and fucceeded him		
Charles V. Son of Philip King of Spain, 3 and Grandson of Maximilian	1519	38
Ferdinand Brother to Charles	1558	6
Maximilian II. Son of Ferdinand	1564	12
Redolph Maximilian's Son	1576	36
Matthias Brother to Rodolph	1612	7
Ferdinand of Gratz, Grands. of Ferdinand I Ferdinand III. succeded his Father	1637	17
LEOPOLD Son of Ferdinand III.7		
elected July 8th	1658	
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The present EMPEROR was born Jun. 9. 1640. nominated King of Hungary, June 27. 1655. King of Bohemia, Aug. 2. 1656. elected King of the Romans, June 18. 1658. and crowned Emperor, July 22. He married Margaret of Austria, Daughter to Philip IV. King of Spain, and Sister to the late King of France, on the 12th of April, 1663. She died Mar. 20. 1673. leaving Issue one Daughter, who was married to the present Elector of Bavaria. The Emperor married again Octob. 15. 1673. Claudia Daughter to Ferdinand Arch-Duke of Inspruels, who died Apr. 8. 1676. leaving no issue. He married a third time on the 6th of Jan. 1677. Mary eldest Daughter of Philip Duke of Newburg now Elector Palatine, by whom he has Iffue

FOSEPHUS-Jacobus-Ignatius-Joannes-Antonius-Eustachius, born July 16. 1678. He was Crowned King of Hungary in 1688. and chosen King of the

Romans, 7an. 24. 1690.

CAROL US-Franciscus-Josephus, &c. born Oft. 1.

And feveral Daughters.

Of the Power of the Emperor.

Having shewn how the King of Germany obtain'd the pompous Title of Romanorum Imperator, and how many Princes have succeeded in that Dignity, it remains that we speak something of the Territories subject to his Dominions, and of his Power. It is plain, by what we have already faid, That Charles the Great got nothing but a bare Title by the Pope's faluting him Emperor: Germany and France were already in his possession, Lombardy he had just Conquer'd, Spain had been long possess'd by the Goths, and the Popes had a good part of Italy; so that the Citizens of Rome had nothing to bestow upon him but the Honour, when he declared him their Emperor. However, That Title his Successors have been careful in preserving, and always write themselves Casar in memory of Julius, and Augustus from Octavius, in imitation of the Roman Emperors: They also call Germany the Sacred RomanEmpire, and endeavour in all things to keep up the Grandeur of those ancient Princes. minions of Charlemaign were foon divided; his Son Lewis the Godly erecting out of 'em many Kingdoms, as we have already shewn in our account of the Kings of France: Germany with the Imperial Honour he gave to his eldest Son Lotharius; but his Posterity proving mean degenerate Persons, they soon lost it, and several Princes were afterwards elected to that Dignity; Germany in time being divided among many Princes, whose Powers were exceedingly encreas'd by the Offices and Dignities that the Emperors conferr'd on them, and at several times made Hereditary to their Families. These Offices were Hertogen or Dukes, to whom were committed the Government of the larger parts of Germany; Graffen or Earls, who had the care of smaller parts; Pfaltzgraven, Counts Palatine or Prafects of the Court-Royal, who administred Justice in the Verge of the Court; Landgraves, who were Presidents set over Provinces; Marggraves or Marquisses, who were Pre-sidents of the Marches or Borders for repelling the Incursions of Enemies and administring Justice to the Inhabitants; also Burggraves, who were Governors of the Royal Castles or Forts. These Offices being made Hereditary, the Possessor of them in time obtain'd Sovereign Authority in their respective Governments; which the Emperors, either through their own

Liberality, or being prevail'd on by Monzy er Service, or oblig'd by fome exigency of Affairs, have at feveral times confirm'd to them: So that at prefent, tho' the Emperor be supream Lord over all Germany, he is not, as Emperor, Master of any particular part of it (except some few of the Princes Estates that have returned to the Crown as Fiefs for want of Heirs) it being all subject to the several Princes: whereof 'tis true the present Emperor, as Arch-Duke

of Austria, is the Richest.

The Power of the Emperor hath been fo referain'd by several Capitularies or Agreements between the Emperors and Princes, that 'tis difficult to fay what it is: The best account that can be given of it is, That he exercises Regal Authority over all Germany, except in fuch things as by Grants of his Predecessors he is restrain'd; the chief whereof are as follows, according to a late Author that collected it out of them. First, the Emperor hath not the Legislative Power. The general Law all over the Empire is the Civil or Roman, mix'd with the Canon, and the old Customs of the Germans, and in the several States the particular Laws made by them, which firmly oblige in their own Dominions. To these are added the Statutes of the Diets, by which alone can any new Law be introduced, or any Law made that will bind all the States and fuch Statute or Recess (as it is call'd) of the Diet, obliges the Emperor also. Next, the Emperor cannot levy Taxes. If there be occasion for Mony to be railed for the Service of the Empire in general, it cannot be done without the confent of the Diet. By the Capitulary of the present Emperor, he is tyed up from beginning a War, or making Alliance with a Foreigner, without the confent of the Electors. By the fame it is declar'd, That the Emperor shall not deprive any Prince or State of their Dignity or Dominions. Nor can he impose Religion on any Prince or State, or punish any Man on that account.

But what I have been faying of the limitation of the Emperor's Power, is to be understood of him as he is Emperor; for in his own hereditary Dominions he may act as he pleases, with respect to the particular Laws there: Wherefore, the ptesent Emperor being King of Hungary and Bohemia, Arch-duke of Austria, Duke of Silesia and Marquels of Moravia Duke of Stiria, Carinthia and Carniola, Earl of Tyrol; Cilley and Gorice, and Lord of many Cities and Territories in Schwaben, besides what he has lately gain'd from the Turks, is a very powerful and mighty Prince, and able to carry on a War at his own Expence, though the Diet should happen to disagree

with him.

The Emperor only can confer Honours, create Princes, and affranchize Cities; all the Princes receive Investiture from him; he instituteth Universities; and 'tis he only can give leave to build Cities. He is serv'd by the greatest Princes of Germany, address'd to by the name of Casar, and semper Augustus, and his Embassadors in Foreign Court take place of those of all the Kings and States of Europe.

Of the King of the Romans, the Electors of the Empire, and the other Princes of Germany.

The King of the Romans is a Dignity erected of late Ages, being begun in the time of Charles IV. He is chosen to be the Emperor's Deputy in case of his Absence or Sickness, and upon his Death to suc-

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ceed him without other Election. This was introduced in Policy by the Emperors, that they might in their Lives time fecure the Succeffion to their Family, and procure their Succeffors better Terms than they might be able to obtain in a Vacancy. This Dignity therefore is not constantly in being, and hath been only conferr'd when the Emperors have had a Son to succeed, and have had Interest enough to engage the Electors to choose him. The Son of the pretent Emperor was elected to this Honour on the 24th Jan. 1682 and crown'd at Angiburg two days after.

The Electoral Princes are Nine in number, viz.

The Archbishop of Mentz, who is styled Arch-Chancellor of Germany, Dean of the Electoral College, fits on the Emperor's right Hand in the Diet, and had formerly the right of crowning the King of Bo-lemia. 2. The Archbishop of Trier, who is call'd Arch-Chancellor of France and the Kingdom of Arles, and claims the first Vote in the Election of the Empetor; he fits over against the Emperor in the Diet.

3. The Archbishop of Cologn, he has the Title of Arch Chancellor of Inaly, claims the first Vote in chusing the King of the Romans, and of letting the Crown on his Head; he fits next the Emperor on his left Hand. 4. The King of Bihemia, he is Lord Cup bearer to the Emperor, first of the secular Ele-Ctors, and in publick Processions walks next the Emperor of King of the Romans. 5. The Duke of Ba-varia, who is Lord Sewer, and carrieth the Globe before the Emperor in folemn Processions. 6. The Duke of Saxony, he is Lord High Marshal of the Empire, and carrieth the naked Sword before the Emperor. 7. The Marquess of Brandenburg, he is Lord High Chamberlain, and in Processions carrieth the Sceptor before the Emperor. 8. The Count Palatine of the Rbine, who is Lord High Treasurer, and in the Procession at the Coronation scattereth the Medals among the People. 9. The Duke of Brunfwick-Lunenburg-Hanover.

These have much greater Authority, and enjoy larger Privileges and Rights than the other Princes of Germany. They chuse the Emperor and King of the Romans, and pretend a Power of Deposing him. In some Cases they exclude the rest of the States, and confult by themselves Matters of greatest Importance; the Emperor is oblig'd to ask their Advice when he calls a Diet. In an Interregnum the Elector of Saxony and the Elector Palatine of the Rhine govern the Empire; in which case, the Jurisdiction of the former extends over all the Northern part, and the latter governs all the Countries on the Rhine, the Circle of Schamben, &c. but the Duke of Bavaria disputes this Right with the Count Palatine, and at the Death of the last Emperor did actually take the Office upon him; which the other protested against, and complain'd of as an Usurpation upon his Right.

At what time, or by what means, these Princes sirst obtained the Electoral Power, is not certainly known: The common Opinion is, That the Emperor Otho III. and Pope Gragory V. instituted them; but this is disputed, and many learned Men are of Opinion, That tho' it be true that from the time of Otho the Empire was elective yet that the Elections were not made by these seven Princes only, but by the great Officers of the Empire in general; of whom these being the chief, and most considerable by their Estates, made a shift to overtop the rest, and assume that Power wholly to themselves; this is dated from the time of Frederick II. and Comma IV. at the death of the last of which, several Elections were made at the same time, and the Affairs of Germany put into great

disorder thereby. But these Princes having Power enough to repeal this Act, made it a Custom, which was at last past into a Law by the Emperor Charles IV. who made that famous Bulla Area (to call'd from the golden Seal affix'd to it)that contains the whole Form of the Election and Power of the Electors. The number of these Electors were then but seven, to whom an eighth was added in this Age on the fol-lowing occasion: Frederick V. Count Palatine, fal-ling into difference with the Emperor, and accepting of the Crown of Bokemia in opposition to the pretension of Ferdinand II. was by him proscrib'd; and being defeated at the Battel of Prague in the year, 1620, was depriv'd of his Country and Honours, which the Emperor bestowed upon the Duke of Bavaria: But great Contests and Wars ensuing thereupon, it was at last agreed in the Westphalian Treaty A. D. 1648. That the Count Palatine should be reftor'd to his Electoral Dignity. But because the Duke of Bavaria could not be brought to part with his, an eighth Electorate was erected for him, and part of his Country, viz. the Lower Pulatinate, being restor'd, he has fince had the Title of Elector Palatine of the Rhine, and the eighth Seat in the Electoral College. To this number there has been yet another added very lately, viz. in the year, 1693. and by the Emperor's favour conferr'd on Ernestus Augustus, Duke of Brunswick-Lunenburg-Hanouer.

The other Princes are, the Dukes of Lunenburg, Meckenburg, Wurtemburg, Sax-Lauwemburg, Sax-Naumburg, Sax-Hall, Sax-Gotha, Sax-Mersburg, &c. the Marquisses of Baden, Culembach, &c. the Landgraves of Hesse, the Princes of East-Frizeland, Anhalt Montbeliard, Birksteld, Nasaw, Furstemburg, Hoerzolleren, &c. the Counts of Solm, Dietrichstein, Averslurg, with many others. As also, the Archbishop of Salezburg, the Bishops of Munster, Liege, Wurtsburg, Bamberg, Paderborn, Osnabrug, Aichstad, Strasburg, Augsburg, Basil, Constance, Hildesteim, Spire, Worms, Passaw and Lubeck, together with tome Abbots, and the Great Master of the Teutonick Order, &c. These have Sovereign Authority in their own Estates, and govern their Subjects without Cognizance of the

Emperor

There is yet another Class of Sovereign States in Germany, viz.

The Imperial Cities and Hanse-Towns.

The Cities of Germany were, from their beginning, endow'd with large Privileges, which were given by the Princes that built them, to invite the People to inhabit them, and leave the rude manner of Living they had been accustom'd to before the Fifth Century after Christ. Accordingly, upon this encouragement, they flock'd to the Cities, and betook themselves to Manufactures and Trades; by which being in time grown Rich, many of the Cities obtain'd by purchace, or otherwise, exemption from the Jurisdiction of the Princes in whose Dominion they stood; and by permission of the Emperors, at several times, were erected into independent States, to be govern'd by their own Magistrates under the Protection of the Emperor, each City paying its Proportion in all Taxes levied for the publick Service of the Empire; and these are those Cities that are call'd Imperial and Free, and are very numerous, the Catalogue of them would be too tedious; the Reader will find them noted in the following Description, to which we refer him. These Cities have frequently made Leagues

Leagues for their mutual Defence, as also for the sake of Trade; upon which account was form'd the famous

Hansentick Society, which was a League made between several of the Maritime Cities of Germany, (whereof Hamburg and Lubeck were the Chief Jabout the end of the 13th Century, for their mutual affistance in carrying on their Commerce, by which they grew very considerable, and engag'd many Cities into their Society, even to the number of near source fore; they also obtained large Privileges, and exercised a Jurisdiction among themselves; to which purpose they were divided into sour Circles, distinguished by the names of the four Principal Cities among them, viz. Lubeck, Cologn, Brunswick and Dantzick, wherein were held their Courts of Judicature. They were call'd Hanse or Anse, q. d. am zee, on the Sea, because the Society at first consisted only of such, tho' afterwards many Inland Cities, were introduced; 'Tis true, this Etymology is disputed, and many others assign'd; but this seems the most probable, and therefore we shall name no more. The most flourishing time of this Society was from about the year t400 to 1500 after which it declin'd, and is at present not very considerable.

Of the Diet of the Empire.

The Diet or Parliament of Germany is composed of the Electors, the Princes Spiritual and Temporal, of the Empire; and the Deputies of the Imperial Cities. This general Assembly of all the Estates of the Empire is summoned by the Emperor, by Letters directed to every Member six Months before the Sefsion, informing them of the time and place. they are assembled, the Emperor, or his Commissioner, proposes to them the Matters to be transacted, which are things that concern the whole Empire in general, fuch as raising Mony for a Foreign War, and making Laws which oblige all the States. The Diet is divided into three Houses, which are, the Electors, the Princes, and the Cities: In the first, the Bishop of Mentz is Speaker; in the fecond; some Prince of the House of Austria and the Bishop of Saltzburg by turns; and in the third, that City in which the Session is held. The Princes are divided into two Benches. the Spiritual and Temporal: The Cities are also divided into two Benches, the Rheinische and the Schwabische; on the former sit the Deputies of the Cities on the Rhine, &c. and on the latter the Cities in Schwaben, Franconia, &c. The Diet was formerly affembled annually, but latterly not fo often, except at this time of War; and it is at the Empero's pleasure to call it; only in case of his omission the Electors may advise him to it; the States judging it convenient that it be assembled once in three years. The place of its Meeting is also at the Emperors disposal; Mentz was by Charles the Great appointed for it, but it has fince been held at several other free Cities; At present Ratibon is the usual place of its meeting.

Of the Supream Courts of Judicature.

The chief Court for determining great Causes in Germany is the Imperial Camber: At first the Emperors with their chief Ministers heard and decided all considerable Causes, but those growing numerous.

Maximilian I. fettled a Court at Worms in 1495, which was afterwards removed to Spire, and nam'd The Imperial Chamber, wherein Caules are Tryed by certain Judges call'd Affelfors: Of these at fift there were fixteen, now fifty, whereof the Emperor appoints the President and the four chief Officers, the Electors chuse each of them one, and the rest are nam'd by other Princes and States of the Empire. Disputes between the Princes are brought before this Court, as also other Causes, by Appeal from Insertiour Cours. The Seat of it was citabilisted at Spires, never to be remov'd without consent of the Diet; but in this last War, the City having been taken and burnt by the French, it is remov'd and established at Wetstar in Hesse, by consent of the Diet.

The Emperor holds another high Court in his Palace, which is call'd the Chamber of Vienna, and is of equal Authority with that of Spire: The Emperor, by himself, or Deputy, fits as Chief, and is affished by a certain number of Judges, whereof part are Protestants: This Court decides all great Causes brought by Appeal from subordinate Courts, and claims the same Authority with the Chamber of Spire.

The Arch-bishopricks, Bishopricks and Universities in Germany.

For the Government of the Church, there are feven Arch-bishops, and thirty five Bishops; which are as follow.

- I. The Arch-bishop of Mentz hath 12 Suffragans, viz.
 - The Bishops of 1. Spire, 2 Worms, 3. Straiburg, 4. Wurzburg, 5. Aichstat, 6. Verden, 7. Chur, 8. Hildespeim, 9. Paderborn, 10. Constance, 11. Harberstadt, and 12. Bamburg exempt.
- II. The Arch-bishop of Trier hath 3 Suffragans, viz.

 The Bishop of Metz, Toul, and Verdun.
- III. The Arch-bishop of Cologn hath 4 Suffragans, viz.
 - The Bishops of Liege, Munster, Minden, and Osnabruck.
- IV. The Arch-bishop of Madeburg hath 5 Suffragaris, viz.
 - The Bishops of Meissen exempt, Maesburg, Nauraburg, Brandenburg, and Havelberg.
- V. The Arch-bishop of Salesburg hath to Suffragans, viz.
 - The Bishops of 1. Freisenghen, 2. Ratisbon exempt, 3. Passaw, 4. Chiense, 5. Seckaw, 6. Lavant. 7. Brixen, 8. Gurk, 9. Vienna exempt, and 10. Newstadt.
- VI. The Arch-bishop of Bremen hath 3 Suffragans, viz.

The Bishops of Lubeck, Razeburg, and Scheweirin,

- VII. The Ach-bishop of Prague hath 3 Suffragans, visto
 - The Bishops of Olmuz, Leutmericz, and Kmings

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And, for Propagation of Learning, Universities are establish'd in these following Cities, viz.

Wittemberg, 1502 Gratz, New Francfort on the Oder, At Hanaw, a Schola illu 1506 stris.
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The EMPIRE is divided in TEN CIRCLES, which are as follow

The Circle of the UPPERSAXONY, containing the Dukedom of Pomerania, the Electorate of Brandenburg, and the States of Saxony; the Earldoms of Manifield, Schwartzenburg, Stolberg and Barby, the Landgraviate of Thuringen, the Marquitate of Misnia, with the Dutchies of Altenburg, Mersburg, and Naumburg and Voitland; as also the Bithoprick of Havelberg, the Abby of Queidlemberg, &c. The Director of this Circle is the Elector of Saxony.

The Circle of the LOWER SAXONT, which contains the Dutchy of Holftein, the Dutchies of Mecklenburg, Lawenburg, Bremen, Brunfwick, Lunenburg, Hunover, and Magdeburg, the Principalities of Hildersheim and Ludersheim. The Directors of this Circle are the Duke of Brandenburg and the Duke of Brunswick by turns.

The Circle of WESTPHALIA, containing the County of Emden or Eaft-Frizeland, the County of Oldenlung and Delmenborft, the Bithoprick of Munster, the Principality of Minden, the Counties of Dielphots, Hora, Benthem, Tecklenburg, Steinfort, Lemgow, Liffer, Revemburg and Spigelburg, the Bithopricks of Ofnabruck, Paderborn and Liege, and the Abbey of Corbey; the Dutchy of Westphalia, the Dutchy of Cleeves, the Dutchy of Inliers, the Dutchy of Eerg, and the County of Marck. The Directors are the Bishop of Munster and the Duke of Newburg.

The Circle of the LOWER RHINE, wherein are the three Spiritual Electorates and Archbi-shopricks of Mentz, Triers and Cologn, the Palatinate, and the Electorate of the Rhine, with the Bishoprick of Worms. The Director is the Archbishop of

The Circle of the UPPER RHINE, contains the Landgraviates of Hesse and Darmstadt, the Counties of Nassaw, Solms, Waldeck, Hanaw, Epach; the Bishoprick of Spires, the Abbies of Fuld and Hirselfeld, the Dutchy of Zweibrnkken, and Alsatia. The Elector Palatine and the Bishop of Worms are the Directors.

The Circle of FRANCONIA, wherein are contain'd the Bishoprick of Wurzburg, Bamberg and Aichstadt; the Principality of Hemberg, the Dutchy of Colump, the Marquisate of Culembach, the Marquisate of Onspach; the Burgraviate of Nurenberg,

the Estate of the Great Master of the Teutonick Order, the Counties of Reineck, Wertheim, Holach, Papinheim, Schwartzenberg, Castel Sensheim &c. The Directors of this Circle are the Bishop of Bamberg and the Marquis of Culembach.

The Circle of SCHWABEN comprehends the Dutchy of Wintemburg, with the County of Loeben-flein, and the Principality of Hoen-Zolleren, the Marquifate of Baden, the Marquifate of Ortnaw, the Territory of Brifgow, the Bishoprick of Conflance, the Principality of Furstemburg, and County of Reinfelden, the Bishoprick of Augsburg, the Abbies of Kempten, &c., the Counties of Oeting, Konifeck and Miodelbeim; the Marquifate of Burgaw, the Baronics of Limpurg and Justingen, the Estate of the Fuggers, and the Territory of Ulm. The Directors are the Duke of Wurtemburg, and the Bishop of Constance.

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The Circle of BAVARIA contains the Dutchy and Electorate of Bavaria, with the Bishopricks of Freisingen, Ratishon, and Passaw; the Palatinate of Bavaria, the Dutchy of Newburg, the County of Sultzback, and the Abbey of Waldsaffen, the Archbishoprick of Saltzburg, and the Provostship of Bergtelsgarden. The Directors of this Circle are the Elector of Bavaria and the Archbishop of Saltzburg.

burg.
The Circle of AUSTRIA, wherein are contained the Arch-dukedom of Austria, the Dutchies of Stiria, Carinthia, Carniola, the Counties of Goritz Cilley and Tyrol, and the Bishopricks of Brixen and Trent. The Arch-duke of Austria is Director of this Circle.

The other Circle was the 17 Provinces of the Netherlands, which the Emperor Charles V. made a part of the Empire, by the name of the Circle of BURGUNDK, but those have now no Votes in the Diet; and, having been already described, we need not say any more of them.

To these must be added the Kingdom of BOHE-

To these must be added the Kingdom of BOHE-MIA, with the Dutchy of SILESIA and Marquisates of $L \cup SATIA$ and MORAVIA, all subject to the House of Austria, and reckon'd part of the Empire.

For more particular Satisfaction, see the ensuing Table of the division and sub-division of all Germany, viz,



The Principality of Ferden.

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Royal, subject to the Bardt,
Swedes, divided into Walgost,
                the Territories of
                                        LStetin.
 Pomera-
                                           Pomerania,
 mia, divi-
             Ducal, under the Elector
                of Brandenburg, in Venden,
 ded into
                which are the Terri- Butow,
                tories of
                                        Lawenburg.
                      - Altmark.
                       Middlemark di- Prignitz,
 Brandenburg , di-
                          vided into
    vided into
                                         (Ukerana.
                       Newmark divi- \ Newmark,
                                         Sternberg.
                         ded into
 The Dukedom of Saxony.
                       Deffaw,
                     Branburg,
 Principality of
    Anhalt, divi-
                       Zerbst,
Koten,
    ded into
                       Plotzka.
   arldom of Manf- Arnstein, feld, divided in Viprau, to the Branches Wetinf, Querurt.
 Earldom of Manf-
                       Arnstein,
                    Schwartzburg,
Hoberstein.
        Counties
    of
  Landgraviate of Thuringen.
        Teritories & Erfurt,
Eischfeld.
    of
                      Hall,
    bject to feve- Mersburg,
ral Branches of Naumburg.
 Subject to seve-
    the House of Weimer, Saxony. The Gotha,
                     Eyfenach,
    Counties of
                       Altenburg,
 The Marquisate of Missina, divided into the Territories of Leypsick.
The County of Embden or East Friezland.
 The County of Oldenburg, with Delmenborft.
                      Munster, divi- 5 Upper.
                       ded into the Lower.
  The Bishopricks
                       Osnabrug,
                      Paderborn.
  The County of Benthem.
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The Principality of Minden,
VV. Aphalia.
                         Diepholt,
                          Hoye,
                          Lemgow,
                          Schaumburg,
the Circle of
                          Lippe.
     The Counties of Steinfort,
                          Ravensberg,
                          Rheda,
                          Spigelberg,
                          Ritberg,
                         L Tecklenberg.
     The D.of Westphalia, under the Elector of Cologne.
     The County of Mark.
     The Dutchy of Berg,
                         .Cleeve.
     The Bishoprick of Liege.
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Several Imperial Ciries.

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The Archbi-\(\sigma MENTZ\), thopricks and \(\frac{TRIERS}{COLOGNE}\).
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the Circle of the Lower Rhine.
         The Electorates of the Palatinate of the Rhine, Symboline, being the 12 Bailiwicks of Simmeren, Crewf-
            of the Rhine,
            in which are
                                  nach, Openheim, &c.
                            The Bishoprick of Worms.
            included.
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    I Heffe, divided into Caffel,
         the Landgravi- Marpurg, ates of Darmstade.
      The Abbies of \{ Fuld, Hirschfeld.
      The County of Waldeck.
                                                C Dilleraberg
                                                  Dietz,
                                                  Hadamar,
Upper Rhine.
                              Nassaw, divi-
                                                  Kerberg,
                              ded into thefe Sigen,
                               Branches,
                                                  Ideftein;
                                                  Weilburg,
      The
                Wateraro,
                                                  Wisbaden,
         containing the
                                                 L Bielstein
the
         Countys of
                               Solms.
the Circle of
                               Hanapo,
                               Eysenberg,
                               Sayn,
                               Wied,
                               Witgenstein;
 £
                               Hatzfeld,
                             Westerberg.
       The County of Erpach.
       The Bishoprick of Spire.
       The Dutchy of Zweibruken, or Deuxponis, The County of Catzenelbogen.
       Landgraviate of Upper.
Alfatia, divided Lower.
     The Territory of the City of Francfort,
       The Bishopricks of Bamberg,
                              Aichst at.
 Srates.
        The State of the Great Master of the Teutonick
           Order.
        The Marquifates & Culembach, of Onfpach.
  Franconia are thefe
        The Princpality of Henneberg.
        The Dutchy of Coburg.
The Burgraviate of Nuremburg.
                               Holach,
                                Castel,
                                Schwartzenberg.
  o
                                Reineck,
        The Counties of Coburg,
  the Circle
                                Papenheim,
                                Sensheim,
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                                Limpurg,
                                Erpach.
       L Several Imperial Cities,
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CHAP. II.

Of the Spiritual ELECTORATES.

IN this Description of Germany, we shall pursue the same Method as in other parts, and without regard to the Precedencies of Princes place the Descriptions according to the situations of the Countries, and therefore begin with Cologne, rather than Mentz and Triers, because this lyes first in the way from the Netherlands, whence we are last come, omitting Cleeve and Juliers, till we come back to Westphalia, and the Dominions of the Elector of Brandenburg, whereon they depend.

The County of Sultzback.

From Cologne we flall pass up the Rhine, taking in by the way the Maine and the Neckar, together with so much of the Mosfelle as lyes in Germany: And having viewed all the Countries on both sides of these Rivers, pursue our Journey through Suabia to the Danube and the Estates of the House of Austria; thence, through Bohemia and its Dependencies, Coast the Oder, Elbe and VVefer, and at last return through Westphalia again to the Banks of theRhine.

SECT. I. The Electorate of COLOGNE.

The Archbishoprick and Electorate of COLOGNE is extended on the Western Bank of the Rbine, between the Dutchy of Cleeve on the North, and the Electorate of Trier on the South, the Dutchy of Juliers on the West, and that of Berg (parted from it by the Rbine) on the East. It is a fruisful and pleasant Country, producing excellent Wine, besides Corn and other Necessaries for Life. Its extent is not large, for though it be about 40 miles in length, it is not above 7 or 8 in breadth; the Archbishop is Supream Lord of it, as also of a pretty large Country in Westphalia, and is richer and more potent than either of the other two Ecclesiastical Electors; his Annual Revenue being reckon'd to be above 100 Thouland

Thousand Pounds Sterling. He is dignified with the Title of Arch-Chancellor of the Empire, and Legate in Italy. This See was advanced from Episcopal to Archi-Episcopal in the year 743; to which was added the Dignity of Elector in 1021. The Archbishop is chosen by the Chapter, which is the most Illustrious of any in Germany (being composed all of Princes or Noblemen at least (private Gentlemen being excluded) and are 24 in number. The present Archbishop and Elector of Cologne, is Prince Clement, Brother to the Elector of Bavaria, who was chosen July 14, 1688, and invested notwithstanding the Pretentions of Cardinal Fursteenburg; the Justification of which by the French King, and the Opposition of it by the Emperor, was the occasion of the beginning of the late War.

Cologne, Cap. Breel.
Bonne. Zons.
Aremsberg,
and Towns of a Rheinberck. Werle,
this Electorate atc,
Keyferfwaert. Dorften.
Nuys. Recklenhaufen, &c.

COLOGNE, or Colen, call'd Keulen by the Germans, and in Latin Colonia Agripina, and Colonia Ubiorum, is seated on the River Rhine, at the distance of 70 miles from Mentz, and 40 from Coblentz to the North, 70 from Nimeguen, and 20 from Dufeldorp to the South-east, and so from Maestricht to the East. It is one of the largest Cities of Germany, and very confiderable on account of its Buildings, number of Inhabitants, and great Trade in Wine and other Commodies of Germany, which by the means of the Rhine are brought hither, and Transported to Holland. It is a free City, being Govern'd by its own Senate, which Orders and Judges all Civil Matters and Causes; but Criminal are judg'd by the Elector. It is also one of the four chief Hanse Towns, and is called the Holy City, because of the many Churches and Religious Houses in it; here being, besides the Chathedral, 10 Collegiate and 19 Parochial Churches, also 37 Monasteries and many Hospitals. In the Cathedral they shew the Tombs of the Three Wise Men that came to Worship our Saviour, call'd hence the Three Kigns of Colen, whose Bones they pretend were removed to Constantinople by Helena the Mother of Constantine; thence they were carried to Milan, by Eustorsius Bishop of that See, and afterwards brought hither by Rainold Archbishop of Colen: Three Skulls very richly Enshrined are shewn to Strangers, and affirm'd to have belong'ed to their Bodies, and to have great Virtue in Curing Diseases by Touch, &c. One of the Parish-Churches is dedicated to S. Urfila, who, with her 1.1000 Virgins, they fay, were Martyr'd here. An University was long fince planted here, which being Declin'd, was Re-established in 1388, and Endow'd with large Privileges by Pope Orban VI. and is at prefent in a very flourishing State. The Walls of this City are flanked with \$3 Towers, and encompas'd with three deep Ditches.

Cologne was Built, or Repair'd and Englarged at least, by the Ubii, who possessed the Weteraw and Hassia and in the time of Augustus obtain'd this Country and Juliers of that Emperor (being disturbed by the Catti their Neighbours) and put themselves under the Protection of Agrippa, from whence some say it had its name, or as others, from Agrippina (Daughter to Germanicus, Wise of Claudius; and Mother to Nerol

who was born here. It was the Metropolis of the Germania Secunda, and the Seat of the chief Roman Colony. Meroue King of France beat the Romans hence about the year 450. and quickly after Attila the Hunn ruin'd ir. Afterwards the Romans Rebuilt it, and it was again taken by the French, and about the year 500 made part of their Kingdom by Clozis the Great .The Emperor Otho about 950. Subjected it to its Prelate, which was opposed by the Citizens, and great Differences at feveral times have happen'd thereupon, which were at last composed by the Emperor Maximilian, and the City made Free and Imperial, but oblig'd to pay Homage to the Elector, who is also oblig'd to confirm their Privileges: And they are still so tenacious of Liberty, that though the Elector by his Officers exercise Justice in all Criminal Casues in the City, they will not permit him in Person to refide long in Town, nor come with a great Train; for which reason he lives always at Bonne. It was in the year 1260, that this City entred into the League of the Hanse Towns, and was made the Capital of their Fourth Province. Cologne is feated in Lat. 51 Deg. and Long. 26 Deg.

In a Convent of Carmelites, not far from hence, a Treaty of Peace was fet on foot in 1673. between the Emperor, King of Spain, France, &c. and the feveral Princes fent their Plenipotentiaries accordingly: But it was interrupted by the Seizure of William Prince of Finflemburg, fince made Cardinal, who tho' a German and a Count of the Empire, had espouled the Interest of France, and was made that King's Ambassador at this Treaty, in which he carried Matters so high, that he deseated the endeavours of the several Ministers for Peace, and made the Emperor cause him to be Seized and catried to Vienna, where he was detain'd close Prisoner till the Treaty

of Nimeguen.

Bonne, Bonna, Colonia Julia Bonna; also Ara Ubiorum, from the Altars erected here by the Ubii the ancient Inhabitants; is the usual place of Residence of the Archbishop of Colen, who has a magnificent Palace here in the Castle. It stands upon the Rhine 15 miles South from Colen, in a fruitful Country, which produces very good Wine, and the Wooods an bound with variety of Game. A ridge of Mountains on both fides the Rhine, reach from hence as far as Bingen. It is as a small City, but well Inhabited: The Churches are stately, especially the Collegiate, Dedicated to the Holy Martyrs Caffius, Florentius, and Malusius, whose Bodies, with several other of the famous Theban Legion, are faid to be buried in it being brought hither by S. Helena, who Founded this Church to their Honour. The Town house is well Built, and Adorn'd with fine Paintings. This was formerly an Imperial City, but now inbject to the Elector. Frederick of Austria, choice Emperor in opposition to Lewis of Bavaria, was Crowned here in 1314. It suffer'd much in the Low Country Wars, was Besieged by the Duke of Parms, and forc'd by Pamine to surrender in 1588. The Fortifitions here are regular; the Wall is fac'd with Brick, and the Ditches are very broad and dry, but the Counterscarp is not very defensible: In 1673, it was taken by the Prince of Orange, our present King, from the French, after a Siege of 9 days. In 1688. Cardinal Fursternburg, in pursuance of his petended Election above-mention'd, by affiftance of the French Troops, got possession of it; but the Germans, under the Command of the Elector of Brandenburg, re-gain'd it in 1689, after a Siege of three Months.

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Rhingberg, is a pretty large Town feated on the Rhine, in a lmall Country of 10 miles extent, belonging to the Archbuhop of Colen, though separated from the rest by the small County of Meurs. It is diftant 40 miles from Colen to the North-west, and to from Geldre to the East; a small River (or Canal rather, for it feems to be Artificial) passes by it, and runs quite crois from the Rbine to the Maes: By means of this convenient fituation, it hath a good Trade, and the Burghers are reasonably Rich. This Town being near the Borders of Guelderland, hath been claimed by the Hollanders, and is therefore strongly Fortified.

Kempen, a strong Town and Castle, stands on the Borders of Guelderland and Juliers, 35 miles Northwest from Colen, and 10 miles West from the Rhine. It was remarkable for the gallant Defence it made in 1642, when it was vigorously Besieg'd by the

French, Heffians and Saxons United.

Keyferswert stands on the East-side of the Rhine, between Duysburg and Duseldorp, 15 miles from Kempen to the East, and 25 from Colen to the North-west. It is a small Town and strong Fort, first built, as 'tis

faid, by one Swibertan an Englishman.

Nuys, or Neuss, Nevotium, Nussia, seated on the River Erp, and near the Rbine, 20 miles from Colen to the North, and 15 from Kempen to the South-east, is a large City and well Fortified, having the River on one fide, and a double Wall on the other. The Rhine did anciently run by its Walls, but having alter'd its Channel, they have been forc'd to make a Trench from it to the Erp to bring Vessels up to their Gates. The Citizens enjoy great Privileges, which were granted to them by the Emperor Frederick III. in recompence for their Service, in holding out a whole year's Siege against the Duke of Burgundy, who oppos'd Herman Landgrave of Hesse, chosen Bishop of Colen, in defence of his Brother, cholen also by another Faction. Here is a fair Collegiate Church, betides other publick Buildings of good Structure.

Brocl is a small pleasant Town with a strong Castle, which is the Seat of the Elector when he diverts himfelf with Hunting in the Neighbouring Forest. It stands in the mid-way between Colen and Bonne, and

5 miles West from the Rhine.

cons, a small Town tolerably well Fortified, stands on the Rhine, 8 miles West from Nuys, in a Country producing much Corn, the Sale whereof is the chief Trade of the Town. The Houses are of Brick, and

make a good shew.

Mulheim, a fair and large Town on the Eastern Bank of the Rhine, 5 miles below Colen, stands in the Limits of Bergen, but is subject to this Elector. The Inhabitants attempted to Wall it round, and intended to make it an Imperial City, but were oppos'd in it by the Citizens of Colen, and forbid by the Emperor, who caus'd the Marquis Spinola to spoil their Out-works in the year 1614, and the next year the Inhabitants of Colen pull'd down all the new Buildings in the Town: Afterwards, during the Wars in Germany, they endeavour'd it again, pretending it neceffary for their Security; but it was again hinder'd, and it still remains a Dependent on Cologne.

On the East-side of the Rhine, at about 20 miles distance from it, lyes a Tract of Land of about 20 miles long and 12 broad, bounded on the North by the River Lippe, that parts it from Munster, and on the South by the River Emfer; which belongs to the Archbishop of Colen, and contains many large Mannors and Lordships, and these 2 Towns, viz.

Recklenhausen, a strong Town in the middle of this Territory, 35 miles North-east from Nuys; Taken in War from the Duke of Cleeve, by the Elector of Colen's Forces, A. 1343. Morrgaged in 1442. but Redeem'd 150 years after by Archbishop Salentine. Here is a Nunnery, the Abbeis whereof hath power of punishing Offenders, even to Death.

Dorsten, a place very well Fortified by the Landgrave of Heffe Caffel in 1639. but taken from him two years after by the Elector of Colen's Forces, after a sharp Siege of two Months. It stands on the River Lippe, 10 miles West from Recklenhauser, in

the Barony thereof.

To this Electorate also belongs a large Tract of Land in Westphalia, wherein are thele Towns, viz.

Arnsberg, a neat and pleasant City on the River Rulr, 60 miles from Nuys to the East, often honour'd with the Archbishop's Presence, who comes hither for the diversion of Hunting. It was formerly subject to its own Lords, and by them given to this Elector.

Werle, a pleasant Town, between the Rivers Ruhr and Lippe, in which the Elector's chief Judge Official in Westphalia Resides. It is wall'd and

Geseck, which stands near the Borders of the Bishoprick of Paderborn; it is a fortified Town and came to this Elector in 1501. was taken by the Landgrave of Hesse in 1636. but afterwards restored.

SECT. II.

The Archbishoprick and Electorate of TRIER.

The Electorate of Trier lies between that of Cologne and the Dutchy of Juliers on the North, Lorraine and the Palatinate on the South, Luxemburg on the West, and Weteraw on the East. It is a fruitful and pleasant Country seated on both sides the River Mofelle and Rhine. Its extent from South to Northeast is about 70 miles, and from West to East about 60. It was made a Metropolitan See under Agilulphus, in the year 743, and the Archbishop was made an Elector in 1021. He hath also the Title of Arch-Chancellor of the Empire in France, is Temporal as well as Spiritual Lord of this Country, and hath Precedency of the Elector of Cologne. The Grandeur of this Prince was much greater when the Empire was in the House of France, than it is at present: In this Age the French have Invaded it often, and taken many of the Towns, which they held till the Peace of Munster. And both in the War of 1675, and in this late one, they have over-run and harras'd it exceedingly. The Revenue of the Elector used to be reckon'd near One hundred thousand Pounds Sterling per Annum, but hath been much diminish'd by the War. The Chapter is compos'd of 16 Capitulary Canons, who are all of Noble Extraction, and choose the Bishops always out of themselves.

The chief Towns of this Electo- Overeiffel. rate are.

Trier, Cap. Coblentz. Hermanstein. Bopart. Engers. Sarburg. | Sarvnrg. | Bern-Castle, &c.

TRIER, call'd Treves by the French and in Latin Triviri aut Augusta Triviorum, is seated on the River Moselle, over which it hath a fair Stone-bridge, and is distant 55 miles from Coblentz to the South-West, 70 from Mentz to the West, and 65 from Cologne to the South It is a large City, and of very great Antiquity, but was often ruin'd by the Huns, Vandals, Goebs and French. It was afterwards Imperial and Free; but hath been subject to its Archbinop ever since 1561, when it was surprized by the Archbishop James III. A University was established here in 1472, which is in a flourishing State and well sill'd with Students. Here are sour Collegiate and 5 Parish Churches, 2 principal Abbies and several other Religious Houses. The City is fortished with strong Walls and Outworks; but was taken by the French in the last War, and recover'd from them in 1675. And in this War they put a Garrison into it in 1688, but quitted it after they had almost

destroy'd it.

Collentz, in Latin Confluentia & Cenfluentes, from its fituation on the Confluence of the two Rivers Rbine and Msfelle, stands in a pleasant and fruitful Country cover'd with Vines, at a the distance of 35 miles from Mentz to the North-West, and 40 from Cologne to the South-East. It is a large City and built in form of a Triangle, two fides whereof are fecur'd by the two Rivers, and the third by strong Fortifications. It has a Bridge over the Moselle, and to guard it a Fort of 3 Baftions on the other fide, and ano-This, in ther Bridge over the Rhine to Hermanstein. the time of the Romans, was the station of their first Legion. It was given to the See of Triers about 1000 years ago by King Dagobert, and was afterwards an Imperial City till 1312. when it was separated from the Jurisdiction of the Empire by Henry VII. Its fituation has made it exceeding populous and of great Trade, which confifts chiefly in Wine, Corn, Wood and Iron. The chief publick Buildings are, the Elector's Palace, two great Churches and some Monafteries. The private Houses are generally fair and uniform, and better built than the other Cities on the Rhine. It was first encompass'd with Walls by Arnulphus Elector of Trier in 1250, and afterwards regularly Fortified by Gaspar a Petra and other Archbishops, and is now one of the strongest Cities of Germany.

On the other fide the Rhine, just over against this

City, stands,

Hermanstein, or Ehrenbreitstein, an impregnable Fort well defended by Out-works on the top of a steep rocky Hill, twice as high as Windfor Castle, which commands the City and the two Rivers: At the foot of this Fort, on the Banks of the Rhine and fronting the River, stands the Elector's Palace, which is a very noble Building. From hence is a Passage to Coblentz by a long Bridge of Boats, in the middle wheteof two or three are let slip to let any great Vessel pass by, which they easily saften again.

Meyn or Meyen, on the River Nette, is 15 miles diftant from Coblentz to the Weft: It has a Caftle built in 1280. by Henry Archbiftop of Trier, and the Town was wall'd round by his Successor. It gives Name to a large Territory about it, in which stands Munsfer a small Town, for distinction call'd Munsfer

Meynfield.

Oberwesel stands on the West-side of the Rhine 20 miles from Coblentz to the South, and 25 from Mentz to the West. It was once an Imperial and Free City, but since the year 1312, it has been subject to the Archbishop of Trier.

Boppart is a Town and Fort seated on the Rhine, to miles South from Coblentz. It was also formerly

an Imperial City, but given by the Emperor Henry VII. to Baldwin Archbishop of Tiler, who built the Cattle to secure it.

Engers, a fair Town and Fort of the Rkine, flands between Coblentz and Andernack, and gives Name to a neighbouring Territory. It has a ftrong Caftle and a noble Bridge over the Rhine, founded by Cuno Archbishop of Trier, who died in 1383.

Bern Coffle is a good Town pleasantly seated upon the Moselle, and makes great quantity of Wine, which enriches the Place, and has made it Popu-

lous.

Sarburg, on the River Sar, is a Town of good Strength; made so and much beautified by Vestinger their Archbishop.

Limburg stands on the River Lohn, betwixt Ideflein and the County of Weilburg; it suffer'd much in the Wars between the French King and the

Emperor

Mintrojal, belonging to the French, stands on the Frontiers of the Electorate, 20 miles from Triers to the North-East, and 30 from Coblentz to the South-West; It is a strong Fortress, built in a Penisle made by the Rhine, which, with the Citadel and Out-works, render it almost Impregnable.

SECT. III.

The Archbishoprick and Electorate of M E N T Z.

The Archbishoprick of Mntz Iyes on the Banks of the River Mayne, between the Electorate of Trier on the West, the Palatinate on the South, Franconia on the East, and the Wereraw on the North. It is in length from North-West to South-East about 50 miles, and about 20 in breadth; but befides this, the Elector hath Dominions in other Provinces. This Prince hath the Precedency of both the other Ecclefiaftical Electors, is Dean of their College, and filled Arch Chancellor of the Empire in Germany. He is Lord of this Country, and maintains in his Court a Marshall or General, and a Chanchellor: His annual Revenue is reckon'd above one hundred thousand Pounds. To all which he is Elected by the Chapter of 24 Capitulary Canons, who are all of noble Extraction. This See was formerly Episcopal only, and Suffragan to that of Worms, till 745. it was erected into an Archbistoprick. It is a pleasant fruitful Country, very populous, and hath these Towns of note, viz.

MENTZ, call'd by the Germans Mantz. by the French Mayence, in Latin Megantia, Magantiacam & Mocontiacum, is feated on the Rhine near its Confluence with the Maine, at the diffance of 65 miles from Trier to the Eaft, 32 from Coblentz to the South-Eaft, 20 from Francfort to the Weft, and 50 from Spire to the North. It is a large City, well fortified and very populous. The private Buildings are not extraordinary, the Houses being old and the Streets narrow: But the publick ones, which are many Churches, B b 2

the Electoral Palace, the Town-house or Guild-ball, three Castles, and a Bridge of Boats over the Rhine, are stately Structures. Here is an University which was tounded in the year 800. and re establish'd in was sounced in the year 800, and re-established in 1482. This City claims the Invention of the Art of PRINTING, which at leaft was brought to perfection here by John Faust, or, as others, John Guttemburg, about the year 1450. It is a place of very good Strength, which hath been much encreas'd have Fearth built and was the second built of the se by a Fortress built not many years since on a Hill, (wherein stands the Elector's Palace) and by the regular Fortifications that have been added by the late Archbishop, since the begining of this present War: This City is by the Germans pretended to be above 1300 years older than Cristianity; but by others 'tis thought to have been built by Drufus, whole Tomb is still shewn here. It was sometime Imperial and Free, but subjected by its Archbishop Adolphus of Nassaw, who took it in the year 1462, and his Successors still retain the Authority. Gustavus Adolphus took it in 1631. and chlig'd the Citizens to pay 80000 Dollars as a Ran-fom for their Lives and Houses. And in the late War it was taken by the French in the year 1688, and re-

gain'd by the Duke of Lorrain in 1689.

Bingen is a pleasant Town, seated on the Rhine, 15 miles West from Mentz. It was a Fort in the time of the Romans, and thought to be the place where Drusus died. The River Nahe, over which here is a fair Stone Bridge, runs through the Town, and emties it felf into the Rhine: Here is also a Castle, which stands on a Hill, and over-looks the Town. This was also formerly an Imperial City, but is now subject to the Dean

and Chapter of Mentz.

Between this place and Mentz in an Island in the Rhine, stands the Famous Mauss-thurn, an old Watch-Tower. faid to have its name from the Mice and Rats which follow'd hither, and devour'd the covetous Archbishop of Mentz, who fcoffingly call'd some poor People that begg'd at his Gate, the Rats that eat up the Corn.

Elfeld is a strong fortifi'd Town seated on the North fide of the Rhine, 5 miles from Mentz, to the West, and adorn'd with a fair Church and a high Steeple. It is the chief Town of a small Territory, extended along the Rhine 20 miles, call'd Ringaw, a Country richly

ftor'd with choice Vines; wherein also stands Erbach. a stately Monastery, where lie buried many of the Counts of Nasjaw, and Rodesheim, a Place noted for the Growth of the best Wines in these parts.

Weisbaden stands about five or fix miles North from

Koningstein is 15 miles distant from Mentz to the North-east.

Ascaffemburg, Aschaffemburgum, aut Asciburgum, is a ftrong Town and Castle on the Eastern Bank of the Main, 40 miles diftant from Mentz and 20 from Francfort to the East; it is divided into the Upper and Lower Town, and is beautified with a stately Palace, lately built, wherein the Elector often refides; and hath a fair Stone-Bridge over the Main.

Reineck, the chief Town of a County of the same name, stands on the River Syn. 35 miles from Aschaffemburg to the West, 25 from Fuld to the South, and 8 from the Main to the North. This Town and Coun-

ty, together with that of

Lobr adjoining to it, and on the Banks of the Main.

do also belong to this Archbishop.

Ommenburg or Amelburg, a strong Town on the River Ohrn, 5 miles diftant from Marpurg in Hessen, and 45 from Francfort to the North, is the Capital of a small Territory belonging to this Elector, in which also stands Neustadt.

Freitzlar, the chief Town of another small Territory. subject to this Archbishop, is seated on the River Eder, in the Landgraviate of Hesse, about 25 miles from Ommenburg to the North-east, 10 from Waldeck to the Southwest, and near the mid-way between Marpurg and Cassel, It hath a Castle and good Fortifications, and is esteem'd place of as good Strength as any in these parts.

To this Electorate belongs also a small Country of

20 miles extent, call'd Eichfeld or Eschfeld, lying beyond the Wefer, between the Dutchy of Brunswick on the North and the Landgraviate of Heffe on the South.

In which stand

Heglingenstat, built by King Dagobert ; in it is a College of Jesuits, but is not otherwise considerable.

Duderstadt, a small Hanse-Town, anciently subject to the Duke of Brunfwick, by whom it was fold to Gerlakus Archbishop of Mentz.

CHAP. III.

HESSEN, Haffia.

THE Province of Heffen lies on the North Side of the River Main, extending as far as the Wefer, comprehending under this Name in general, besides the Landgraviate of the same Name, the Abbies of Fuld and Hirchsfeild; the Weteraw, in which are also compris'd feveral Principalities and Lord-ships; and the Landgraviat of Darmstadt; together with several ImperialCities. The whole Country is bounded on the North by Westphalia, on the West by the Dutchy of Berg and Electorate of Trier, on the South by the Electorate of Mentz and Franconia, and on the East by the Dutchy of Wei-

mar and Thuringen. Its utmost Extent from North to South is about 100 English Miles, and from East to West as many. The Air is healthful, the Waters wholfom, and the Soil fruitful, producing much Corn, and towards the Banks of the Rhine and Lohr Grapes; here are also large Forests, which afford store of Deer and other Game; and Mountains, wherein Mines of Copper and Lead are found. This is judged to have been the Country of the ancient Catti, mention'd by Tacitus and others,

It is divided into Heffen and Veteravia, or the Weteraw.

Caffel, Rodemberg, Homburg, Hesse Cassel, which lies on the Banks of the Rivers | Witzenhausen, The Landgraviates of Weser, Eder, and Lohn, Zeigenheim, and hath these Towns, Suntra, Geysmar, viz. Eschwege, Smalcald. Hesse Darmstadt, the Tetri- [Darmstadt, tories whereof are divi-Marpurg, Frankenburg, ded, part lying on the In Heffen are South fide of the Main, Alsfeld, and part between Hesse Gieffen, Catzenelbogen, Caffel, Waldeck, Solms and Schwalbach. the Rhine. The County of Waldeck, lying Waldeck, West from Hesse Cassel. Corback, Eyenberg. The Territories of Fuld, Fuld, the Abbies of Hirschfeld. Hirschfeld. Fuld. the Abbies of Solms,
Brunsfeld. The County of Solms, Wetflar, The Imperial Cities of Fridberg. Nassaw, Dillemberg, C. Sigen, C. Herbon, Beilstein, C. The County of Nassaw, Dietz, C. Hadamer, P. Wishaden, C. Weilberg, C. Idstein, C. [Ifenberg, County. The County of Hanaw, Hanaw, Celnhausen, Imp.

CASSEL, Cassella, aut Cassilia, clim Castellum Cattorum, & Sterdontium, the Capital City of the lower Hessen, is seated in a pleasant Plain on the River Fuld, near the Confines of the Dutchy of Brunswick, at the distance of 50 miles from Marpurg and as many from Fuld to the North and 40 from Paderborn to the South-It is a place of good Trade for Wool and other Merchandizes, and West is fortifi'd with Walls, Ditches, and a strong Cittadel: It is the Seat of the Landgrave, whose Palace stands without the Town, and is surrounded by Bulwarks: The Family of Heffe is one of the most ancient of Germany. This House of Cassel is the Elder, and the Landgrave, with his Subjects, are of the Calvinist Religion.

Rodemburg, a fair Town, stands on the River Fulda, 30 miles from Caffel to the South-east; it is pleasantly feated, and has a Collegiate Church with a Dean and 20 Canons nobly endow'd. Near the Town is a Quarry of white Marble.

Suntra stands 12 miles East from Rodemburg. Homburg is 25 miles distant from Cassel to the South,

and 12 from Rodemburg to the West.

Zeigenkeim stands 30 miles South from Cassel. It is a small but fair City, and gives Name to a County.

Gersmer, stands 12 miles from Cassel to the North.

Witzenhausen is seated on the Weser, 12 miles from Caffel to the Eaft.

Eschwege stands also on the Weser, 20 miles above Witzenhausen, a wall'd Town, built by Charles the Great, and repair'd by Henry II.

These are all good Towns, but not particularly re-

markable.

Smalcald stands in a little Territory on the East side of the River Verra, disjoyn'd from the rest of the Lands of this Prince; it is 50 miles distant from Caffel to the South-East, 30 from Hirschfeld to the East, and 20 from Eysenach to the South. It is a Town of good Trade for Iron-ware, many Mines in the Neighbourhood furnishing the Inhabitants with plenty of that Metal, which they work and fend abroad to foreign Parts. This place was famous in the last Age, by the assembling of the Protestant Princes here, in the Years 1530, 1531, 1535 and 1537. to make a League for the Defence of the Augsburg Confession, against the Emperor Charles V. and the Popish Princes of Germany: Which League grew to powerful, that they forced the Emperor to a Treaty, held in 1557. at Passaw, wherein Luther anism was establish'd in several Parts of the Empire.

Marpurg, Marpurgum, Amefia, is feated on the River Lohn, in a pleafant Country, near 50 miles from Cassel to the South-west, and 40 from Francfort to the North. It was some time a free and Imperial City, afterwards fubject to its own Lords, now the Chief of the Upper Hesse, and the Seat of the supreme Court of Judicature to which Appeals are brought from both Caffel and Darmstadt. It has a strong Castle, which stands on a Hill, and is otherwise well fortified. The great Church is a stately Building, and has in it many noble Monuments. The University here is one of the most considerable in

Frankenburg, on the River Eder, 25 miles North from Marpurg, is a large Town, faid to be built by Theodorick King of France Anno, 520,

Alsfeld stands 15 miles from Marpurg to the East: It is one of the ancientest Towns of Hessen, and had formerly very great Privileges, even Power over Life; but lost their Charter in an accidental Fire many years fince, so that now they have only a Memorial of it, by the chief Magistrate's having a Sword born before him. The Town-house is a fair handsom Building.

Gieffen is a fair Town, seated on the River Lohn 15 miles from Marpurg to the South, and 28 from Francfort to the North; the Royalty whereof is divided between the two Landgraves of Cassel and Darmstad: It is adorn'd with a University, and defended with a strong Wall and regular Fortifications, and hath an Armory very well fournished. The Trade of this Town lies in Dreffing and Selling of Cloth.

WESTLAR, an Imperial City, stands on the Borders of the County of Solms, upon the River Lohn not above 6 miles below Giessen, 18 miles South-west from Marpurg, and 26 North from Francfort. It is an old Town, and has nothing in it worth notice but the great Church. However, it is at present the Sear of the Imperial Chamber, which was removed from Spire hither in the Year 1689.by reason that that City was taken and destroy'd by the French.
FRIEDBURG, a Rich and Imperial City, stands 15

miles South from Wet flar, and 12 North from Francfort: It is feated at the Foot of a Ridge of Hills, call'd de Hohe, and enjoys large Privileges, granted by the Emperor Frederick II. The Mart, now held at Francfort, was, before the Year 1340. held in this Town; at which time it was remov'd, at the desire of the Merchants, and this City, in lieu, hath four annual Fairs.

DARM

DARMSTADT, Darmstadium, seu Darmostadium, a confiderable City, seated on the Banks of a River of the fame name, in the Country of Geraw, otherwise call'd the Landgraviate of Darmstadt, which lies on the South-fide of the Main; it is defended by a strong Castle, which is the Palace of the Landgrave; and for the better Security of the Country, there are two Forts, one on the Rhine, named Markburg, and another on the Main, called Russelheim. The Town is distant to miles from the Rhine to the East, and 15 from Francfort on the Main to the South. The House of Darmstade, by the failure of the Second House of Marpurg succeeded to that Lordship, together with those of Giessen and Catzenelbogen, and by that means is become more confiderable than the elder House of Cassel. The Landgrave usually resides at Marpurg; he is of the Lutheran Religion, as are also most of his Subjects.

The County of Catzenelbogen lies on the Banks of the Rivinz, between that River and Naffaw; the Town which gives made to the County is but small, and is seated at the distance of to miles from Nefaw to the East, and about 22 from Memz to the North-west. The Property of this Town and County has been much disputed between the Earls of Naffaw and the Landgraves of Hesse, the former having matried the Sister of the last Earl, and the latter pretending a Donation from the Earl: In 1548 the Emperor Charles V. adjudg'd it to the Count of Nassaw but the Judgment was revers'd at the Treaty of Passaw, and Count William of Nassaw furrendred it to the Landgrave Philip, who paid him 600000 Crowns for it: However, the Family of Nassaw does still retain the Title of it. In

the same County stands

Schwalback, famous for many Springs of Medicinal Waters in it, which are of great virtue for curing feveral Diftempers. It is diffant to miles from Catzonel-bogen to the South, and 12 from Mentz to the North.

The Cattle of Rhinfeld, which gives Name to a fmall County, stands on the East-fide of the Rhine, 25 miles West from Catzenelbigen, and 20 South from

Coblentz.

WALDECK, Valdecum, is the Capital of a small Principality, of about 20 miles Extent, situate in the North part of Hesse, beyord the River Eder, and Westward of the Landgraviate of Cassel. The Courry is fruitful, affording Wine as well as Corn and Pasture, besides Mines of Copper, Lead, Quicksilver, &c. The ch. Town is but small, and not very considerable; it is distant 30 miles from Marpurg to the North and as from Cassel to the South-west.

North, and 20 from Cassel to the South-west.

The other Places of Note in this County are Urildurgen, a pleasant Town built upon two Hills, in the

middle of which lies a very fine Garden;

Corbach, formerly a free City, wherein is held a finall University; and

Eyenberg, a very strong Castle, built upon a Hill

The Territory of the Abbey of FULD, call'd by fome Buckern and Ergenia, is a large rich Country, lying South of Heffe, and North of Hanaw, Reineck, &c. exceeding about 30 miles in length. The ch. Town Fuld stands upon a River of the same same, 40 miles East from Marpurg, and 45 North-east from Hanaw: The Monastery is of the Benedictine Order, and one of the noblest in all Europe; it was founded in the Year 744 by S. Boniface, and endowed with great Privileges by several Emperors. The Abbot is Lord of the Town and Country, Primate of all the Abbots in German, a Prince of the Empire, and sits in the

general Diets at the Emperor's Feet. There are many other Towns in this Territory.

The Monastery of HIRCHFELD stands on the River Fulda, at the distance of 20 miles from Fuld to the North. It is a very noble Structure, artificially built upon an Arch, supported by 16 Pillars. It was sounded by Sturmius, Abbot of Fulda, and a Territory of about 12 miles extent given to it. Alcuinus, who was Tutor to Charles the Great, was Abbot of this Monastery, and ties buried in its Church. The Revenues of this Abbey have been in the Hands of the Landgrave of Hesse ever since 1608.

The WETERAW, Veteravia, is the general name of the Country lying between Hesse on the North, the River Main on the South, the River Rhime on the West, and the County of Reineck on the East; wherein are contained the Estates of the Counts of Nassaw, Solms, and Hanam, who are constant Confederates for

their mutual Defence.

NASSAW, as it is now encreased by the accesfion of the Counties of Weilburg, Idstein, Wishaden, Dillenberg, Beilstein, Geilberg, Sigen, and Hadamar, is bounded on the North by Westphalia, on the East by Hesse and Solms, and on the West by Berg, Trier, and the Rhine. This Country is fruitful in Corn and Pasturage, abounds with Cattle and Venison, and hath Mines of Iron, Lead and Copper. It was at first only a County, but was made a Principality by the Emperor Ferdinand II. Anno 1653. and is subject to its own Princes, a very ancient and honourable Family; from which descended Adolphus, chosen Emperor A.D. 1292. Engelbert, the Seventh Earl of this Family, acquir'd by Marriage the Barony of Breda, and other Estates in the Netherlands; and Henry his Great-grandfon married Claude de Chalons, Sifter and Heir to Philibert, Prince of Orange, whose Son Rene, in 1530. fucceeded in that Principality; which Honour hath ever fince remain'd in this Family. These Princes have in all Ages been celebrated for their Bravery, especially in the last, when they so zealously defended the Belgick States, and by their Courage and Wisdom rescued them from the Spanish Cruelty, and acquired the Dignity of Hereditary Stadtholder, and Captain General of all the Forces of the United Netherlands: Which great Honours being possess'd by William of Nassaw, Prince of Orange, King Charles I. chose him for a Husband to his eldest Daughter Elizabeth; by whom he had Issue William Henry, who married Mary the cldeft Niece of Charles the Second, our late Queen of bleffed Memory, and is at prefent King of Great Britain.

NASSAW, Nefferia, that gives name to this Principality, is a small Town and Castle seated on the River Loln, 8 miles from the Reine to the East, 12 from Coblentz to the South east, and 35 from Francfort to the West. It was the usual Seat of the sirst

Branch of this illultrious Family.

Dillemberg stands on the River Dilla, 40 miles from Nassaw to the North east, and 16 from Marpurg to the West. It is a Town of good Trade, and hath two annual Fairs. Here is a Castle standing on the top of a Hill, which commands the Neighbourhood, and was the Seat of a Branch of the Family of Nassaw, who had the Title of Counts of Dillemberg: In it is a large Armory, very compleatly surnished.

Sigen, on the River Siega, 18 miles from Dillemberg, is feated on the top of a rocky Hill, and defended with a strong Wall and regular Fortifications, and gives Name to a County. Near the Town is a Mine

of Iron.

Herborn

Herborn stands upon the River Dilla, but 5 miles South from Dillemberg; it is a City of pretty good Trade in Woollen Cloths, and hath an University of good Repute, endow'd with the Lands of some dissolved Monasteries, and hath bred some considerable Scholars; particularly J. Piscator, H. Martinius, G. Passor, and H. Alstedius. This City is wall'd round, and has a Castle.

Beilstein gives Name to a County, which was the Inheritance of a younger Branch of the Family of Nassaw. It is an old Town, seated among rocky Hills, at the distance of 10 miles from Herborn to the South,

and hath a Castle and a fair Church.

Dietz, the Capital of another County, is pleafantly feated upon the River Lhon, 10 miles from Nassan to the East; it is wall'd, and hath two Towers standing

upon two Hills in the Town.

Hademar, a small Town, the Capital of a Territory which bath the Title of a Principality, stands upon the Lohn, at the distance of 20 miles from Mentz to the North.

Weilberg, which gives name to another County, stands

also on the Lohn, 35 miles from Nassaw to the East.
Wishaden, the Capital of a County also, stands 5
miles North from Mentz, and 20 South-east from Naffan; it is an ancient Town, and much frequented by reason of famous Hot Baths in it, which give name to the Place.

Idstein, a Town and County, lies next to Wishaden

to the North.

The County of Isenburg lies between Solms on the West, Hanaw on the East, the Lands of the Abbey of Fuld on the North, and Nassaw on the South. about 20 miles in length, and 8 or 9 in breadth.

Budingen, the chief Town of it, is about 30 miles

North-east from Francfort. And

The Castle of Ronenburg, a noble old Fort, a few miles from Gelnbaufen, was anciently the place of Refidence of the Counts.

SOLMS, the Capital of another County, subject also to its own Lord, and situate on the South of Hesse Marpurg. The Town stands in the most Northern Part of the County, 15 miles distant from Marpurg to the South-west, and 35 from Francfort to the North. The usual Residence of the Count is in the Castle of Brunsfield, which stands 15 miles South from Solms.

The County of HANAW is bounded on the North and East by the Territory of Fuld, and on the West by the Estates of Nassaw and the County of 1/senberg: It extends from the River Main North-east, about 40 miles, and is subject to its own Earl. The

chief Town

Hanaw, Hanovia, stands upon the River Knntz, near the Banks of the Main, 10 miles East from Francfort, 15 from Achaffemburg to the North-west, and 40 from Marpurg to the South. It is a fair well-built Town, neat and uniform, and a Place of Trade, much reforted to by Foreign Merchants; infomuch that the French and Dutch have Churches here. It is now defended by strong Walls and modern Fortifications, but was twice taken, viz. in the year 1631 by the Swedes, and in the year 1658 by the Germans, after a long Siege both times, and not without Treachery and Stratagem at last.

GELNHAUSEN, an Imperial City, stands in the Limits of this County, on the River Kintzing, 12 miles North-east from Hanaw, 15 North from Aschaffemberg, and 20 East from Friedburg : It is now but a poor City, though very confiderable, and inhabited by many Noblemen and Gentlemen before the Ger-

man Wars.

CHAP. IV.

FRANCONIA, Franconia.

THE Dutchy of Franconia, call'd by the Germans Frankenland, and heretofore Franconia Orientalis, one of the chief of the ten Circles of the Empire, is bounded on the North by Thuringen and Heffen, on the South by Schmaben, on the East by the Palatinate of Bavaria, and on the West by that of the Rhine; extending from North to South about 130 miles, and from East to West 140. The Soil of it in some parts is mountainous and barren, but in others very fruitful in Corn, Wine, Liquorice, Saffron and Fruits: Here are also several Forests, well stockt with Game, and Rivers abounding with Fish. This Province is supposed to have been the ancient Seat of the Franks or French, from whence they fet forth under Pharamond, to their Conquest of Gaul; and also that the famous Salique Law was made upon the Banks of the River Sala: Besides which, the chief Rivers here are the Main, the Tauber, the Kednitz, the Pegnitz, and the Altmutz. Several Sovereign Princes have the Dominion of this Country, which is the Reason that several Religions are predominant in several parts; but the Lutherans are most numerous.

Franconia hath these States and Chief Towns following:



The Estate of the Master of { Margenthem.

[Culembach, The Marqui- Scalembach, fates of Ohnspach. Weismstat,
Bertrut.
Sobnspach,
Kregling.

The Counties of Holach, Caffel, Schwartzburg, Sensheim, Limpurg, Lewenstein, Wertheim, Erpack, Hennelberg, Coburg, Papenheim. The Imperial Cities of

Francfort,
Nuremburg,
Rotemburg,
Schieveinfurt,
Weinscheim,
Weissemburg.

WURTZBURG, Herbipolis, is the Capital of Franconia, and feated on the Banks of the River Main, at the distance of 80 miles from Mentz, and 60 from Francfort to the East, 80 from Cassel to the South, 40 from Bamberg to the West, and 30 from Ro emburg to the North. The City is divided into two parts by the River, which are again joyn'd by a fair Bridge; besides the Main several little Brooks run through the Streets, and pleasantly water the Town. It is adorn'd with an University, and one of the richest and most magnificent Holpitals of Europe, and defended by a strong Castle, built on a Hill, which is joyned to the Town by a Wall, flanked by four Bastions. This was formerly an Imperial City, but has been subjected to the Bishop. To S. Bucard, the first Bishop of this See, the Emperor Charemaign granted the Country of Francia Orientalis, upon which account his Successors assumed the Title of Duke of Fraconia. This Prelate is very Potent, being Secular as well as Spiritual Lord of 400 Villages and Towns, and able to raife an Army of 15000 Men. He judges Causes, and Condemns Criminals, in token whereof on Solemn occasions he hath a naked Sword born before him.

FRANCFORT, Francofurtum aut Francofordia, being the Foord of the Franks, and heretofore Helenopolis: Now commonly for distinstion call'd Francofurtum ad Manum. It is feated on both fides the Main, if the Suburb of Saxenhausen on the Southfide of the River be confider'd as part of it, that as well as the City being strongly Fortified with Bastions, large Moats, Counterfearps, and other Outworks; and also joined to the City by a Bridge, which is a noble Work, being built of Stone, and composed of many Arches. It is a large, populous, rich and well traded City, Imperial and Free, and govern'd by its own Confuls, Senators and Sheriffs, chosen by the Trades men. In the Church of S. Bartholomew here the Election of the Emperor is made, being expresly so ordained in the Golden Bull, or Grand Charter of Germany, made by the Emperor Charles IV. Which Golden Bull is also it self laid up in the Town-house of this City. Here is also an Imperial Palace, call'd the Braunsfeld, a Mansionhouse of the Knights of the Teutonick Order, which with the Port, the Fortress, the Bridge between two Towers, and several Houses of Noblemen, together with the Bridge over the Main above-mention'd, are good Ornaments to the Town. The privare Houses are of Wood Plaister'd and Painted over. Francfort is conveniently feated for Trade; for the Main receives several smaller Rivers, and it self falls into the Rhine about 20 miles from hence, whereby Goods are easily brought to it, especially at the two great Annual Marts in April and September, when great quantities of all forts of Commodities, especially Books, brought from all parts Europe, are Vended here, to the great profit of the Town. The Inhabitants are generally of the Lutheran Religion, and were the first that demanded the free exercise of it; the refusal of which in the year 1525 made them revolt against the Clergy and Senate, and chuse themselves new Magistrates: And in 1530, the Ausburg Confession was Established; however other Religions are tolerated; and

among the rest, the Jews, who are pretty numerous here, but confin'd to live in one Street, which is lock'd up every Night. A Monument is to be seen here of a very Notorious Fact that three of the Nation were guilty of, for which they were tied up in Sacks and thrown into the Main, and a Memorial of their lewd Action painted over one of the Gates. Francfort stands in the Latitude of 50 deg. and in the Longitude of 28. deg. 10. min.

Aschaffemburg on the South-side of the Main, with the Counties Reineck and Lohn, are reckon'd part of this Circle, but belonging to the Archbishop of Mentz. They are already spoken of in the account of that

Electorate.

NUREMBERG, or NURNBERG, Nuremberga, aut Noricorum Mons, one of the largest, richest and most populous Cities of Garmany, stands at the bottom of a Hill near the confluence of the Rivers Rednint and Pegnitz, at the distance of 55 miles from Wurtzburg to the East, 40 from Bamberg to the South, as many from Infgolftadt to the North, and 50 from Ratisbon to the North-west. It is a very considerable place on account of its two annual Fairs, its Traffick and Manufactures; the Clocks and small Wares made here being especially admired. The Houses are all built of Free-stone, and four or five Stories high; the Streets are large, and the publick Places very regular: The Town-house, or Guild-hall, is very magnificent: Here are eleven Stone-bridges over the Pegnitz, whereof that of one Arch is most artificially and admirably built. The other publick Works are 12 Fountains, 26 Wells, and a large Arfenal, containing 300 pieces of Canon, and Arms for 1500 men, a ftrong Caftle, and 6 Gates, each defended with a large Tower. In this City the Emperor is obliged to hold the first Dyet after his Coronation, and for that purpose, the Regalia or Imperial Ornaments, viz. the Imperial Crown of Charlemaigne, the Dalmatica or Mantle of the same Charles, together with his Cloak, Sword, Belt, Gloves, &c. are here laid up. It was made an Imperial City by the Emperor Frederick Barborossa, and purchas'd its Liberty of Frederick I. Blector of Brandenburg; and it is now Govern'd by its own Senators. The Inhabitants are of the Lutheran Religion, the Roman Catholicks having only one Church. A Peace was concluded here between the Princes of Germany in the year 1649.

The City of Nuremberg hath a Territory belonging to it of about 20 miles extent, wherein about 15

miles to the South stands

Altorf, a finall Town, but made confiderable by an University in it, first established in 1578.but improv'd in 1623. and does now contain at least 200 Students:

BAMBERG, Bamberga, aut Babanberga, took its Name from Baba, the Daughter of the Emperor, Otho. It stands about 40 miles from Wurtzburg to the East, and 30 from Nuremberg to the North, in a Country abounding with rich Fruits and Plants, and is Water'd by the River Rednitz, which a little below falls into the Main. It was formerly Imperial and Free, but now subject to its Bishop, who depends on no Metropolitan but the Pope, and is not only Lord of this See which is 60 miles in length, and thirty in breath) but also of divers Mannors in Carinthia, and the Castles of Cronach and Forkeim, besides several Royalties elsewhere, whereby he has the Honour to have four of the Electors, viz. The King of Bohemia, and the Electors of Bavaria, Saxony and Brandenburg, his Dependents for some parts of their Estates. The Bishop's Palace here is a splendid Building, and adorn'd with fair Gardens and Orchards: The Cathedral Church has a high

Steeple with four Spires, which, with the Jesuits Church and the Castle, are worth a Traveller's View.

MERGENTHEIM, or MARIENDAL, the

Capital of the small Territory of the Great Master of the Teutonick Order, and the usual place of his Refidence, is a small Town, and not very confiderable. It stands upon the River Golach 20 miles Southwest from Warssburg.
OHNSPACH, Onoldium, and

Onspachium, is the Capital of a Marquisate of pretty large extent, which belongs to a Prince of the Family of Brandenburg; it is Fortified, and hath a Castle, fituate about 25 miles from Nuremberg to the West,

and 20 from Rotemberg to the East,

The Bishoprick of AICHSTAT lyes between the Marquifate of Ohnspach and the Burgraviate of Nuremberg on the N. the County of Oeting and Dutchy of Newburg on the S. and the Palatinate of Bavaria on the E. It extends about 30 miles from E to W. and in some parts of it 15 or 16, in others not above 7 or 8 from N. to S. The Bishop is Temporal as well as Spiritual Lord of it; and the chief City whence it is nam'd stands upon the River Altmul, 35 miles S. from Nuremberg, and 8 or 9 N. from the Danube.

ROTEMBURG, Rotemburgum a Free Impetial

City, seated in the limits of the Marquisate of Oanspach upon the River Tauber, 20 miles from Obnspach, 30 from Nuremberg to the West, and 40 from Wirst Lung to the South. It obtained its Freedom of the Emperor Frederick I. in the Year 1163.

WINTZHEIM, another small Imperial City, stands alio in this Marquisate upon the River Aisch, about 16 miles North from Rotemburg, and 20 Northwest from Obrspach.

The County of HOLACH lies next to Ohnspach to

the South-west,

The Barony of LIMPURG adjoins to Holach on the South.

The small County of LEWNSTEIN, lies also South from Holach, and West from Limpurs.

The County of WFRTEIM lies on both fides the Main, West from the Bishoprick of Wurtzburg; 'tis of about 20 miles extent, of a Iquare form, and a very fruitful Country, affording, befides Corn and Pa-fture, very good Wines, the making whereof is the Trade of the chief Town, which stands on the Baoks of the Main, where it receives the Tauber, and is diltant 20 miles from Wurtsburg to the West.

REINECK County lies on the North of

Wertheim.

ERPACH, the Capitol of another County, which lies on the South-side of the Main, stands 30 miles South-east from Francfort, and 20 North from Heidelberg; it is a Place of no great Trade, nor confiderable, but for giving Title to a Count of the Empire

SCHWEINFURT, an Imperial Free City, is feated on the Main, 30 miles from Wurtsburg to the N. E. and near as many from Bamberg to the East. This City suffer'd much in the German Wars, having been taken by the Swedes, and afterwards feiz'd by the Marquels of Brandenburg, in 1553. but being belieg'd the next Year, he plunder'd and deferted it.

The Marquisate of CULEMBURG is reckon'd part of this Circle, tho' it be subject to the Duke of Brandenburg. It is a Country of 50 miles in length from North to South, and 30 miles in breath, lying next the Bishoprick of Bamberg to the East: The chief Town, which gives name to the County, is feated on

the Main, 25 miles East from Bamberg. The RIVER MAIN arises in two Springs in Mount Fichtelberg on the East-side of this Marquisate, which unite near the Town of Culembech, and flowing Westward, receives the Rednintz, Warres, and other Rivers; and in a Serpentine courle runs through the middle of Franconia, passing by Schweinfurt, Wurtzburg, Wertheim, Aschaffemburg and Francfort; and falls into the Rhine a little above Mentz, after a course of 110 miles: Its breadth at Francfore is reckon'd by English Travellers about half as much as the Thames at London.

CHAP. V.

The PALATINATE of the RHINE, Palatinus Rheni, aut Palatinus Inferior; in the German Language, pfalt3 aut Bhin, or Mider Pfaltz.

THE Palatinate of the Rhine, called the Lower Palatinate, to distinguish it from that of Bavaria, is bounded on the North by the Bishoprick of Mentz, on the South by Alfatia, on the East by Franconia and Wirtemburg, and on the West by Lorrain and the Bishoprick of Triers: It extends from East to West almost 100 English Miles, and from North to South about 60. The Air is Healthful, and the South Fruitful, the Country abounding in delicious Wine besides Corn and Pasture: Here are also some Mines of Agate and Jaspar, and even Gold is found among the Sands of the Rhine, whereof particular Ducats are Coin'd. Besides the Rhine, which by passing through it gives name to this Region, the Neckar, a very considerable River, waters the Eastern part of it, and having passed by Heidelberg, falls into the Rhine at Manheim; and several other smaller Rivers are found in several parts of it.

The Dominions of this Elector were much larger before Frederick V. (who Married the Daughter of King James I.) was dispossessed of them by the Em-

peror in 1620. and his Estates, together with the Electoral Dignity, given to the Duke of Bavaria: Afterwards at the Treaty of Munster in 1648. he obtained this part to be restored, but that of the upper Palatinate he could not recover, not prevail that the Duke of Bavaria should be divested of the Electoral Dignity; however to make him some amends, he was chosen a-new, and made an Eighth in the Electoral Colledge, with the Title of Elector Palatine of the Rhine.

The chief Cities and Towns Creutznack, in this Electorate, are

Heidelberg, Capital. Manheim, Frankendal, Altzbeim, Keiserlauter, Newstadt, L Bacharach,

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HEIDELS

HEIDELBERG, Hedelberga aut Eldelberga, the Capital of this Palatinate, is seated on the Banks of the River Neckar in a fruitful Plain at the foot of a Mountain near the Frontiers of Schwaben, at the distance of 40 miles from Francfort to the South, 60 from Wartzburg to the South-west, 10 from Manheim and the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar, to the East, and 12 from Spire to the North-East. It is a large and flourishing City (at least was so before the French destroy'd it) populous and rich; it was much enlarged, and a Subrub call'd Bergheim added to it, in 1392. It is beautified with a magnificent Castle wherein the Elector keeps his Court; and adorn'd with an University, planted by Rupert Prince Elector Palatine, in 1387. which hath been happy in the Education of the famous Philologer Janus Gruterus, and other confiderable Men. The Church of the Holy Ghost was remarkable for the famous Library kept in it, which in the Wars with Spain was transported to Rome for prefervation. The Winc of this place is valued, and the great Tun is much talked of, for it's stupendious Bulk, containing no less then 200 Tun of English measure: It stands (if the French have not de-stroy'd it) near the Palace. This City was part of the Bishoprick of Worms before the year 1225. at which time Lewis the first Elector Palatine was invested with the Castle and old Town, to which his Successors added the New Suburb, as is already faid. It has suffer'd much by Wars, having been laid wast by the Spaniards and others during the German Wars in the last Century; but more so in this late War, for the French have twice taken it, viz. in 1683 and 1692, and most barbarously burnt and destroy'd it.

Manheim, scated at the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar 10 miles West from Heidelburg, was strongly fortified by Frederick IV. in 1606. but taken and difmantled by the Spaniards in 1622. afterwards refortified by the last Elector, and had besides the Citadel feveral Outworks and a small Citadel on the Rbine, when the French attack'd and took it in 1688, who being forc'd to abandon it in 1689. destroyed all the

Fortifications.

Frankendal is seated on the West-side of the Rhine. 10 miles from Manheim, and 20 from Heidelberg to the West. It was at first a Monastry only, but encreased to a fair City, and fortified by Frederick III. Elector Palatine in 1571. afterwards taken by the Spaniards and kept by them till the West phalian Treaty, when it was restored to the Elector. It hath fuffer'd the same Fate as Manheim in this War, having been taken and burnt by the French in 1689.

Altzheim or Altzey, the Capital of one of the Bailiwicks, or Ampten and the ancient Seat of the Elector, stands 25 miles North-west from Frankendal: It is a

good Town, with a Castle and Walls.

Creutznach is a good Town, with a Castl seated upon a Hill, and nam'd Kansemberg: The Town stands upon the River Nabe, about 18 miles North-west from Alizbeim. The Jurisdiction of it is divided between this Elector, the Marquels of Baden, and the Prince of Simmeren.

The Castle of Eberimberg, remarkable for the Siege it sustain'd in 1692, stands on the Nahe, not above 8 or 9 miles East from Creutznach.

Keiser-lautern, call'd Caseloutre by the French, stands upon the Rivre Lautern near the Borders of the Dutchy of Zwibrukken, 30 miles South from Creutznach, and 35 East from Manheim. It is a small City, formerly Imperial, but exempted in 1402, and nowsubject to this Elector.

SECT. II.

The Bishopricks of SPIRE and WORMS,
The Dutchy of ZWEYBRUGGEN, or DEUX PONTS, with the other (maller States that make up the rest of the Circle of the LOWER RHINE.

The Bishoprick of Spire lies on both sides the Rhine, in length from East to West about 40 miles, and in breadth about 15. it is surrounded by the Dominions of the Elector Palatine, and lies next to the Bailiwick of Heidelberg to the South.

The Bishoprick of Worms lies also on both sides the Rhine, and encompass'd by the Palatinate; it is small, being hardly 2 miles in length, and about 7 or 8 in breadth. It lies North-West from Heidelberg.

The Dutchy of Zwybrukken is strecht out from Northeast to to the South west about 40 miles in length, and in breadth in some places 25, in others not above 8 or 9. It lies next to the Palatinate to the South-west and is posess'd by a Prince of that Family.

The other Estates, together with the chief Towns, will be seen in this Table, viz.



SPIRE, Spira, aut Noviomagus, Nemetum & Nemetas, is a large rich and populous City, seated on the East side of the Rhine, where it receives the small River Sparbach, being almost in the Midst between Mentz to the North, and Strasburg to the South, at the distance of about 50 miles from both, and about 12 or 14 from Heidelberg to the South-west. Tho' it be the Seat of the Bishop, it is not subject to him, but Imperial and Free, under the Protection of the Elector Palatine. The Cathederal Church is a very starely Building, and hath in it the Monuments of no less than eight Emperors that have been buried there; but the private Buildings are not very good. In this City the Imperial Chamber, or supream Court of Judicature in Germany, was establish d in the Year 1530. and was constantly held till the Year 1689, when it was removed to Wetslar in Hesse, because this place was taken by the French, and most imhumanely burnt and destroy'd. The Chamber was the chief support of the Town; fo that at present it must needs be in a very ordinary condition.

Philipsburg, Philioburgum, formerly a small Town call'd Udensheim, which was encompass'd with Walls, by Gelherd Bishop of Spire, in 1343. is now one of the strongest Towns of Germany. In 1615, Philip Chri-Stopher of Soetern, Bishop of Spire and Trier, repair'd and fortified it with seven Royal Bastions, and gave it its present name. The Castle was founded in 1513. by George Count Palatine of the Rhine and Bishop of Spire, repair'd in 1570 by Bishop Manguard de Hatflein, and is a stately Building. The I own is seated in a Plain inviron'd with Marshes, which adds much to its Strength; however it was often taken and regain'd in the German Wats, viz, by the Swedes, in 1634 by Famine; by the Austrian Troops the Year after, by Stratagem; and by the French by Storm, in 1644, which lait bestowed great Cott in fortistying it, adding many Out-works according to the modern manner, and kept it till 1676, when the Germans regain'd it after a Siege of four Months, and it was granted to them by the Peace of Nimepnen. But they lost it again in the late War, which was began with the Siege of this place by the Dauphin of France, to whom it was surrender'd on the first of November, 1688 and not restored till the conclusion of the Peacein 1697. Itstands on the East side of the Rhine, 20 miles from Heidelbeg, and 8 or 9 from Spire to the South.

WORMS, Vormaciæ, olim Borbetomagus, & Vangiones, is feated on the Weftern bank of the Rhine. 25 miles North from Spire, and as many South from Mentz. It was formerly a Metropolitan See, but afterwards reduc'd to an Episcopal, under the Arch-bi-shop of Mentz. It was made a free and Imperial City by the Emperor Henry II. and is now govern'd by its own Magistrates under the Protection of the Elector Palatine. It was often taken and retaken during the German Wats, and was taken and burnt by the barbarous

French in the Year, 1689.

ZWEIBRUKKEN, in French DEUX-

PONTS, Iat. Bipontium, so call'd from Bridges over two small Rivers whereon it stands, at the distance of 45 miles from Vorms and 50 from Spires to the West, as many from Trier to the East, and 40 from Menta to the South. It is a small but well built City, formerly senced with a good Fort, which is now demolish'd, the whole Town having suffer'd much during the German War.

SIMMEREN, Simmera, the chief Town of the lower County of Sponhein, and the Capital of a Territory formerly govern'd by its own Price, but now ubject to the Elector Palatine, with the Title of a Duchy, is feated at the diffarce of 30 miles from Menix, to the West, and 25 from Ceblentz to the South.

BIRKENFELD, Bircofelds, is a small Town, with the Title of a Principality and Dutchy, seated in the upper County of Spinheim and District of Hunfdruck near the River Nat, at the distance of 23 miles from Trier to the East, and 30 from Zweibrukken to the North-east. It is wall'd and hath a Castle, wherein died Charles III, Duke of Lorrain, on the 17th Sept. 1675.

LAUTERACH, is feated on the River Lauten, 40 miles West from Worms, and 18 from Zweibrukken. LENINGEN, the Capital of the County of Li-

nage, stands 18 miles North-west from Spire, and about 20 South-west from Worms.

RHINGRAVESTEIN, flands between Creutznach and Ebeoemburg, 35 miles almost North-west from Worms.

REIPOLS KIRK is 30 miles West from Worms, and the Capital of another small County.

CHAP. VI.

ALSATIA, Alfatia, in High Dutch Elfalz.

ALSATIA is the Country of the ancient Tribo-ces, and one of the four Landgraviates of the Empire, but is at present intirely subject to the French, having been conquer'd by the present King. It is seated on the Banks of the Rhine, and bounded on the East by that River, the Dutchy of Wirtemburg. and some other parts of Schwaben; on the West by a Ridge of Mountains that divide it from Lorrain; on the North by the Palatinate; and on the South by Swifferland. Its Extent is from North to South 100 English miles, and from East to West, comprehending Brigam, 40 miles, but in the other parts not above 25. The Soil is fruitful in Corn, Pasture, Wine and Fruits; and in the Mountains Mines of Copper and Lead. Alfaia was erected into a Landgraviate by the Emperor Otho III. and sometime possess'd by the House of Austria; but, being conquer'd by the French, was granted to them by the Pyrenean Treaty 1659. It is divided into the Upper and Lower, to which is usually added Suntgam, Brifgow and Ortnow. The whole contains 46 Towns and 50 Castles, besides a great many Villages. The chief whereof are these, viz.

In the Lower Alface, Landaw, Rofcheim, Schleftad.

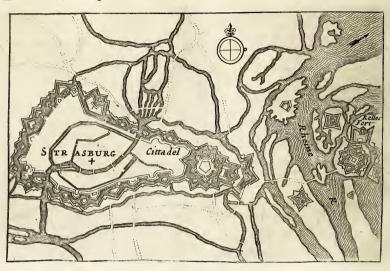
In the Upper S Munster,
Alface, Murbach
In Suntgaw, Sefert,
Huningen.
In Brisgaw, Shiface,
Friburg.

To which may be added, The County of Monte-

STRASBURG, Argenteratum, Argentina, aut etiam Strasburgum, stands upon the Confluence of the two Tivers Il and Breusch, which a fittle below falls into the Rbine, and is diffant 50 miles for Spire, and 14 from Hagunaw to the South, 30 from Brifac, and 55 from Basil to the North, and about 70 from Nancy in Lorrain to the East. It is seated in the midst of a pleasant Plain, and is a large, populous and rich City; formerly Imperial, and govern'd by its own Magistrates, from the time of its embracing the Reformation, Anne, 1529, till the French took it in 1682, who having alter'd the Government, has much injur'd the Trade of it. It is an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Mentz, and adorn'd with many stately Buildings, among which the Town house, Arsenal and Cathedral Church, are chiefly remarkable; especially the last, the Tower wheof is built in form of a Pyramid 574 Foor high; and hath in it a Clock exceedingly admir'd for its curious Workmanship, shewing not only

the Hour of the Day, but the course of the Sun, Moon, and all the other Platiets. Here is an University, which was founded in the Year 1538, and a confiderable Library. The the French be Mafters, the Inhabitants are generally of the Lutheran Religion. The old Wall and Fortifications were formerly of no great Strength; but fince the French have had it, they have made it very strong by the addition of many new Works and a Cittadel, with a great Horn-work for

its defence on that end of the Town next the Rhine, together with Forts in fome Islands in the Rhine, which secure the Bridge and command the Passage of the River; all which will be better understood by this Draught, which, because this City was surrender'd to the French by the Treaty of Ryswick, we have added. By that Treaty the Fort Keil, here also shewn on the other fide the River, was granted to the Confederates.



Labern, Saverne or Elfaszabern, is, next to Strasburg, the chief Town of the Lower Alface; it is situate 15 miles North west from Strasburg, and defended by a frong Castle at the top of a Rock, wherein formerly the Bishops of Strasburg kept a Court of Judicature.

Haguenaw, an Imperial City before the French Wars, is leated between the two Rivers, Motter and Sorna, about 6 miles from the Rhine to the West. and 14 from Strasburg to the North, and encompass'd with thick Woods, and at some distance with Corn-fields and fruitful Vineyards. It was formerly the Seat of the supream Court of Judicature for Alface, and had in it a fair Palace of the Emperors, built by Frederick Barbarossa, in 1164. It was taken by the French, and granted to them by the Treaty of Munster, and hath been strongly fortified.

Fort Louis stands in an Island of the Rbine, almost over against Baden, and about to miles East from Hagunaw. It is small, but very strong, and was built by the present French King, for the better security of this part of the Country, and the command of the

Weissenburg was also an Imperial City, and much honoured by Dagobert King of France, who presented them with a large Crown of Silver: But now subject to the French. It is fituate on the River Lutra, about 10 miles West from the Rhine, 16 North from Haguenaw, and 25 South-west from Spire.

Landaw is feated on the Borders of the Palatinate, 10 miles North from Weissemburg, and 15 west from Spire. It was granted to the French by the Treaty of Munster, and is now in their Possession, and very

ftrongly fortified.

In 1688, the French lodged here the Plunder they took out of most of the Towns of the Palatinate, which by accidental Fire was all destroy'd the next Year.

Roschein stands 12 miles West from Strasburg.

Schlestadt, formerly a Free and Imperial City, but taken by the French, and granted to them by the Westphalian Peace, is seated 20 miles from Strasburg to the South, and 12 from Colmar to the North. The Fortifications were demolish'd by the Confederates, in 1673, but fince rebuilt by the French, and is now 2 place of good Strength.

Colmar, once an Imperial and very populous City, but by the German Civil War and the French Armies almost quite depopulated, stands in a plain fruitful Country, about 8 miles West of Brifac, and 30 South

from Strasburg.

Pfirt, called Ferette by the French, is a small City, but the Capital of Suntgow; it stands near the source of the River Ill, 30 miles South from Colmar, and about 10 West from Basil. It was granted to the French by the Treaty of Westphalia, and is now possessed by them. About 10 or 12 miles from hence to the Northeast, and not above 2 or 3 from Basil, stands

Huningen, a very strong Fortress, built not many Years fince by the French King; it stands on the West side of the Rhine, about 2 or 3 miles North of Bafil, and 20 South of Brifac: It is large enough to hold a Garrison of 4 or 5000 Men, and is compos'd of five Bastions; and had a Magazine vaulted with Brick fo ftrengly, that it is proof against Bombs; besides the Tenailes, Ravelines, Counterscarp and double Ditch, two large Horn-works to the North and South, and a third on the other fide of the River; and from the Ramparts go Vaults to the Horn works, for conveying Men to them. But all this is destroyed, as was agreed by the Treaty of Ryswick.

Mulhaufen,

Mulhausen, an Imperial City in Alliance with the Swif Cantons, stands 12 miles North from Pfire, and near 20 South from Colmar.

Before or Beford, formerly the Capital of this County, but was almost ruin'd by the Wars, and is now a fmall City of no great Note. It stands 20 miles West from Pfire, and as many from Mulhausen.
Adjoining to Alface, and Westward of Suntgaw,

lies the Couty of

MONTBELGART, formerly belonging to the Dukes of Wurtemburg, but now to France: The Capital City is of the same Name, seated in a very pleaand and wholfom Air, 40 miles South of Colmar, and 35 from Bafil, and about 18 from Befort to the West. See the Account of it in the Franche Comte.

Brifac, the Capital of the Brifgaw, stands on the East fide of the Rhine, 30 miles South from Strasburg, 24. North from Bafil, and 8 West from Colmar. It stands on the Banks of the River, and is joined to two or three Islands in it, by Bridges, which, as well as the Town, are fortified. It was heretofore an Imperial City, but was subjected to the House of Austria about 1330. and taken by the French in 1638. To whom it was granted by the Westphalian Treaty, and has ever

since been subject, till the year 1700. when, in Purfuance of the Treaty of Ryfwick, it was restor'd to the Emperor, after the fair Stone-Bridge over the Rhine was destroyed. It stands upon a Hill, in a plain levil Country, and hath a strong Citadel standing in an Island on the West side of the Town. The Fortifica-tions are exceeding strong; on the West side are 8 Bastions filled with Earth and faced with Brick, and before every Courtine stands a Half-Moon; the Ditch is broad, and the Counterscarp, Cover'd Way, and Palisado, are well executed. The Fortifications are a League in Circumference, and the Place capable of garrisoning 9 or 10000 Men.

Friburg stands on the East side of the Rbine to miles from Brifac, in a fertile Plain, at the foot of the Mountains, and on the small River Treisseim, that falls into the Rbine; it is a good City, and the Seat of an University, which was first establish'd by Albert Archduke of Austria, in 1450. It was thrie taken by the Swedes, in 1632, 1634, and 1638, and twice by the French, viz. 1671, and 1677. and furrendred to them by the Treaty of Nimeguen, and fince very strongly fortified: But by the Treaty of Refwick it

was restored to the Emperor.

CHAP.

SCHWABEN, Suevia.

THE Dutchy of Schwaben, or Swabia, in French Souabe, had its Latin Name Suevia, from fome Tribes of the Suevi, that came down from the Northern parts against Julius Cafar; whose Posterity settling in this and the neighbouring Countries, in time established a powerfull State, which was govern'd for some Ages by a Duke, who was at first elected by the People: But about the beginning of the XIIth Age 'twas made Hereditary to Frederick the Ancient; in whose Family it continued till about the Year 1268. when Conradine dying without Issue, this Country was divided between several Princes, Bishops, and Free Cities, who have all Sovereign Power in their respective Dominions, viz. the Bishop of Augsburg and Constance, the Duke of Wurtemburg, and the Princes of Hobenzolleren and Furstemburg, 8 Counts, 5 Barons, the Grand Master of Malta, 18 Abbots, the Provost Valenbausen, and 34 Imperial Cities.

The extent of Schwaben from North to South is about 110 miles, and from East to West 130, and its bounds are, the Palatinate and Franconia on the North, Swifferland on the South, Alfatia on the West, and Bavaria on the East. The Air of it is healthy, and the Soil is generally fruitful; for though some parts be mountainous and woody, yet do the Hills afford Mines of Copper, Silver and other Metals, and the Forests much Pine and Fir-Timber, besides great store of Game: And the other parts of the Country yeild great store of Corn, Wine and Flax. The chief River is the Danube, which hath its Source here, in the Principality of Furstenburg, as hath also the Neckar near the same place. The chief Imployment of the Inhabitants is making of Linnen Cloath, whereof they vend great quantities to other NaSchwaben hath these States and chief Towns.

Stutgard, Capit. Tubingen, Imp. Reutling, Imp. The Dutchy of Wurtemburg, Eslingen, Imp. wherein these Towns are of Hobendwil, the chiefest note; Schorndorf, Locbenstein, Co. LEberstein, County. Baden, Marquilates Durlach, Mara The Marquilate of Baden, Pfortzheim, (Badenweiller. S Augsburg, Imp. Dillengen, The Bishoptick of Augsburg, [Fuessen. Sconstance, Imp. Mersberg. In the Bishoprick of Constance. S Kempten, Buchaw. The Abbies and Cities of Lindaw. Furstemberg, Hobenzellerer. The Principallities of The County of Oeting. SPapenheim, Kening seck, The small Counties of Hohenrichberg, CWa'dburg Ifne; Ulm, (Hailbron, Ubirlingen, Memminghen, Bibrac, Imperial Cities not men-Nordlingen, tion'd above. Lentkirk. Rosmell, With neaf (Ravensburg, 1 20 more.

Subject

The Marquifate of Burgaw.

The fmall Coun- S Rhinfelden,
tics of Nellenburg,
Offenhurg,
Gengenbach,
Altorf,
Lauffenburg,
Hobenburg,
Waldsfleu,
Lzeck.

The Marquilate of BADEN is extended along the Eastern Banks of the Rhine, over against Alface, beginning a little below Philipsburg on the North, and passing on in a narrow Tract to the height of Bassil in the South, except where it is disjoined by the intervention of Brigaw. It is an exceeding fertil and populous Province, producing Corn, Wine, Hemp, Fish, Fowl and Venison, in great plenty: It is also so remarkable for Baths and mineral Waters, that the chief Town and the whole Country hath its name from them. The Dominion is divided between two Princes of the tame Family, who are distinguished by the Names of the chief Town of the two Marquilates, Baden and Durlach, whereof Baden of Baden is a Roman Catholick, and Baden Durlach a Lutheran.

B A D E N, Bada, aut Thermae Inferiores, ftands a German League or 4 English miles East from the Rhine, 60 from Brifac to the North, and 25 from Heidelberg to the South, upon a hilly craggy Ground, fo that the Streets lie very uneven. It is famous and exceedingly reforted unto for its hot Baths, whereof there are many fpringin the Town, and are reckon'd fovereign Remedies for the Gout, Cramp, &c. These bringing Nobility and Gentry from all parts of Germany, create a great Trade to the Town, which would be otherwise not very considerable. The Marques hath his Palace here; and, for the security of the Town, there is a good Fortress built on anadjacent Hill,

DURLACH, Durlacum stands 12 miles North from Baden, 20 South from Heidelberg, and 2 Leagues East from the Rhine. It is seated on the Banks of the River Psintz, at the toot of the Mountain, on the top whereof stands a strong Tower. The streets are strait, and the Buildings sair, and the Marquess's Palace remarkably Magnificent, sar exceeding that of Baden, and even capable of receiving a great Prince's Retinue.

Pfortzbeim, is a small City seated on the River Ens, where it receives the Nagold, about 22 miles S. from Durlach, between pleasant Meadows and Corra-fields on one side, and Mountains and Woods on the other. It was formerly subject to the Duke of Warsenburg, but now belongs to the Marques of Durlach.

Badenweiller, the chief City of that part of Baden that lies S. of Brilgaw, stands about a League from the Rhine, and in the mid-way between Brilgac to the N. and Bafil to the S. about 15 miles from each. It is famous, and much frequented for its hot Baths, which are of great Virtue, but not quite so valuable as those of Baden above-mentioned.

Offenburg, a small imperial City, under the Protection of the Arch-Duke of Austria, is the Capital of the Country of Ormaw, and seated on the small River Kintzig, which salls into the Rhine near Stratburg, 20 miles S. from Baden, 30 N. from Brifac, and 9 or 10 W. from Stratburg.

Gengenback another small Imperial City, stonds on the same River, 5 or 6 miles above Offenburg.

The Dutchy of WURTEMBURG, Wurtemburg gensis Ducatus, lies next to Baden to the Eastward, be-

tween the Palatinate on the N. and the Principality of Furstemburg on the South; extending near 70 miles both in length and breath. The Country is exceeding Fertil, confishing of pleasant Meadows, Mountains containing rich Mines, and Forests abounding with variety of Game: A great number of small Rivers water it, which with the Lakes are fill'd with Fish. It is very populous and has no less then 63 Cities, 158 good Towns, and a great number of Villages. It was errected into a Dutcy by the Emperor Maximilian in the year 1465. In savour of Eberhard Count of Beutelsbach, in whose Family it hath continued, and is now possessing when the person of the Lusberan Religion.

STUTGARD, Stutgartia, the Metropolis of this Dutchy, and the ulual place of Refidence of this Duke, is feated near the Neckar, 40 miles East from Baden, 40 South from Heidelberg, and as many North from the Danube. It is a fair City, and much reforted to for its famous natural Baths, which cure several Diseases. The Prince's Palace is a stately Cassle, and adorn'd with exceeding pleasant Gardens, wherein are rows of Orange-Trees, fine Grotto's and curious Water works.

Tubingen, Tubinga, is a fair and well-built City, water'd by the Neckar, and adorn'd with an Univerfity, founded in the year, 1477. by Count Eberbard abovemention'd. It stands about 20 miles South from Stutgard, near 30 North from the Danube, and 50 East from Offenburg, and boasts of having been the Seat of the Emperor Caracalla, who they say had a stately Palace, and entertain'd the Germans with publick Games in this place.

Hoendwill, a strong impregnable Castle, stands on the top of an inaccessible Hill, near the Banks of the Rbine,

and belongs to the Duke of Wutemburg

Retling, or Reutlingen, is an imperial City under the Protection of the Duke of Winterburg, being feated on the Confines of his Country, 12 miles S. E. from Tubingen. It flands in a Plain at the foot of the Mount Alchamack, but affords nothing very remarkable.

Eslingen, another small imperial City under the Protection of this Prince, stands upon the Neckar, 8

or 9 miles East from Stutgard.

HAIL BRON, Hailbruna, Fons Salutu, stands also in the limits of this Dutchy, but is a free imperial City, having been made so by the Emperor Frederick III. in the year 1240. It had its Name from the samous Medicinal Springs found in it, and is a goodly City seated on the Neckar (over which it hath a Stone-Bridge) in a pleasant and fruitful Country, at the diffunce of 28 miles from Sturgard to the North, and 26 from Heidelberg to the South-east.

The County of OETING lies next to Waternburg to the East, between the Marquisate of Onfpach on the North, and the Danube on the South. The extent of it is about 20 miles. The chief Town, call'd in Latin Oeni Pontes, is but small and not very considerable; it stands 70 miles East from Stutgard, 20 S. from Onfpach, and 15 North from the Danube.

Nordlingen a small Imperial City, stands in this County on the small River Eger, 10 miles North from the Danube, and 6 or 7 South-west from Oeting. It was made Free in the year 1251, and for its security is in League with the Switzers. Two notable Battles were fought near it between the Sweeds and Germans; the first in 1634, wherein the Sweeds were Defeated, and the latter in 1645, when they and the French were Victors over the Bavarians.

The Bishoprick of AUGSBURG Hlies on the South-side of the Danube, extended in a narrow Tract (7 or 8 miles in breadth, a good part of it, and the

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rest not above 15 or 20) from the Banks of that River to the County of Tyrol, above 80 miles, and bounded on the East by the Dutchy of Bavaria. It is a fruit-ful pleasant Country, and subject to its Bishop, who

is a Prince of the Empire.

AUGSBURGH or AUSBURGH, call'd in Latin, Augusta Vindelicorum, from Augustus Cafar, who conquer'd these parts and Planted a Roma Colony here among the Vindelici, stands near the Confines of Bavaria, the Confluence of the two Rivers Lech and Werdarh, which fall into the Danube 25 miles below it; and is distant 80 miles from Stutgard to the East, 35 from Munich to the North-west, and 65 from Ratisbon to the W. It is a very ancient and very confiderable City, reckon'd the Capital of Schwaben, made Imperial by the Emperor Frederick I. in 1162, and bought its entire Freedom of Conrad Duke of Schwaben, in 1266. It is large and populous, the Streets broad, the Market-places spacious, and the Houses tho' built but with Wood and Clay are fair and handsom; the Cathedral Church, the Town-hall and the Conduits, are stately and magnificent. Here are two Arlenals well furnish'd with Arms and Ammunition, publick Granaries full of Corn, and Hospitals well maintained. The Inhabitants are much enriched by Trade; and the Works of the Gold-smiths, and other Artificers of this Place, are Transported to many parts of Europe. The Noble Family of the Fuggers, Lords of the adjacent Country, have fair Palaces here; a great Hospital built by them is the most remarkable part of this City; it contains 106 Houses in four Streets built cross-ways, inhabited by poor People, who have yearly Penfions allow'd them.

Augsburg is famous for the many Imperial Diets that have been holden in it, but especially for the Lutheran Confession of Faith, call'd Augustan from its having been first promulgated here, at the Diet held by the Emperor Charles V. on that occasion, in the year 1530. Joseph King of Hungary, Son to his present Imperial Majesty, was here chosen and crown'd King of the

Romans, in January 1689.

The Marquisate of BURGAW, subject to the House of Austria, lies on the W. of Augsburg, and South of the Danube, extended about 30 miles in length and breadth. The chief Town stands 8 or 9 miles South from the Danube, 24 West from Augsburg,

and 12 East from Ulm.

ULM, Ulma, is a very ancient, large and imperial City standing on the Danube, which here receives the Iler, and begins to be Navigable, 40 miles distant from Ausburg to the W. 50 from Stutgard to the E. and 80 from Wurtzburg to the S. It was wall'd in the year 1300. and made Imperial and Free by Lewis of Bavaria in 1346. Soon after the Cittzins purchafed the County of Helfenstein, the County of Albeg, and the Town and Castle of Gieslingen, so that they are Lords of a Country of 20 miles in length and 12 in breadth. The City is govern'd by a Senate of 41, and is strongly fortified. It is a rich and populous Place and hath a good Trade, confsting chiefly in Linnen Cloth. The Cathedral Church is a very noble Building, exceeding any of Germany, except that of Strasburg; it's faid the building of it employ'd a great number of Workmen for III Years; it has five Spires of great heighth, and within it an Organ fo very remarkable as to have merited a Description of it in Print by two Learned Men. It was finish'd in the Year 1599. after 35 years Labour, and is 93 Foot high and 28 broad; it has 16 pair of Bellows, and the largest Pipe is 13 Inches diameter. Here are also many other stately Edifices, among which the Stadt house is chiefly remarkable. The Reformation was receiv'd here in 1529, and the Inhabitants are mostly Lutherans.

BIRACH, an ancient Imperial City, is seated in a pleasant and fruitful Valley surrounded withfair Meadows, but some of them boggy and overflow'd in Winter, 20 miles from Ulm to the South, not above 10 from the Danube, and 40 from Constance to the Northeast: It was made Free very long fince, even in the year 800, as'tis faid. Here is a natural Bath, to which great numbers of the Neihbgouring Gentry refort.

BUCAW, is also a small Imperial City, but chiefly remarkable for its Monastery, the Abbot whereof is one of the Sovereign Princes of Schwaben. It stands about 7 miles W. from Bibrach, and as many

South from the Danube.

MEMINGEN, a free imperial City also, stands on the River Iler, 30 miles South from Ulm, and 20 North from Kempten: It is a large place and of good Trade, which confifts chiefly in making and vending Paper. It is also strong, having the natural Fortification of a Marsh on one side, and the artificial one of a goood Wall on t'other.

LEUTKIRK, a fmall Imperial City, stands 12 miles South from Memingen upon the Road to Itay, which makes it pretty much frequented. The Inhabitants have a good Trade for Linnen Cloth, which

they make in great quantities.

RAVENSPURG, or GRAVENSPURG, was anciently a fair Village, but wall'd and made a City in the Year 1100, and afterwards made Imperial and endow'd with Privileges. It has a fair Townhouse, and the Churches are well built. It stands upon a small River that falls into the Lake of Constance, 20 miles West from Leutkirk, and about 20 South from Buchaw.

K E M P T E N, Campodunum, Campidona & Dru-Samagus, is one of the Ancientest Cities in Germany, and was sometime the Seat of the Dukes of Schwaben, at present samous for its Monastery sounded by Hillegard Daughter to the Duke of Schwaben and Wife to Charles the Great; the Abbot whereof is a Prince of the Empire and Lord of the adjacent Territory, and formerly of this City, till the Inhabitants purchas'd their Liberty: The Emperor Feederick III. made it Imperial, aud granted the Citizens many Privileges. The Trade of the Place is Weaving and Whitning Linnen Cloth; it lies upon the Road to Italy, by which also the Inhabitants make good advantage. The Reformation was receiv'd here in 1530, and in 1633 the City taken and plunder'd by the Imperialists. It stands upon the River Iler 16 miles South east from Leutkirk, 50 from Ulm, and 20 from Memingen to the South.

Altorf, which stands two miles from Ravenspurg, is an ancient Town, at present belonging to the House of Austria; a Lieutenant or High Commissioner of Suevia resides here, who in the Emperor's name keeps a Court of Judicature to hear and determine all Caufes brought from the Imperial Cities in Schwaben. The famous Fa-

mily of the Guelphs us'd to be buried here.

LINDAW, at first a Monastery built in 810s which was in time encreased to a City and subject to the Abbels, and after to the Duke of Schwaben, bus hath fince obtained its Liberty and Privileges from Rudolf I Frederick III. and Sigismund and is now an Imperial City. It stands 30 miles West from Kempten, and on the North-ealt Bank of the Lake of Constance, part of the City being built on an Island in it, and the other part furrounded with pleasant Meadows and fweet Springs.

Ifne stands in the midway between Kempton and Lindaw; Wangen to miles South from Lindaw, and Buchorn upon the Lake of Constance 12 miles West of Lindam, are all three Imperial Cities. As is also

frerv.

UBERLINGEN, which stands also upon the Lake of Constance. 30 miles West from Lindaw, 50 South west from Ulm, and 23 from Buchaw, 30 East from Funstemburg, and 10 North from Constance. It is a fair City built on a high Rock, and encompass'd with Vineyards and Orchards, and hath a good Haven, whence are sent out Barges laden with Wine and Fruits, which they carry to Constance, and other Cities upon the Lake; by which the Inhabitants are enriched, being also very industrious and srugal. Here is an Hospital richly endowed and several good publick Buildings; anciently the Dukes of Schwaben have resided here. In the neighbouring Vineyards springs a mineral Water of great Virtue.

COSNTANC E, call'd in High Dutch COST-NITZ, or COSTANTZ, Constantia, Constanza, the Metropolis of the Hegow or Lower Schwaben, had its name, as 'tis faid, from Constantius Chlorus, Father of Constantine the Great, who had his Winter station here. It ftands on the South fide of the Lake of Constance or Boden Zee, where the River Rhine issues out of it at the distance of 60 miles from Ulm to the Southwest, 70 from Basil to the East, and 30 from Appen-zel to the North. It was taken by Attila the Hunn, and afterwards possessed by the Kings of France, by whom the Bishoprick of Windsch was removed hither in the year 594, and the City was enlarged, and fo fortified before 938. that it withstood a great Army of Hungarian Savages that then over-run this Country. It is Imperial, but not perfectly free, for Charles V. subjected it to the Austrian Family for refusing the Terms concerning Religion tendred to them; and the Emperor still maintains a Govenour and Garison here, under the Title of Protector. However, the City enjoys many Privileges, is a populous and rich Place, and hath a considerable Trade by means of the Lake. It is also well built and strongly fortified; the Churches are very magnificent, particularly the Cathedral of St. Stephen; also the Exchange, Town house, Markets, Bridges, and other publick Buildings are very stately: As is likewise the Bishop's Palace that stands in the Suburb of Peterschanfen, which was fortified in 1635. when the Swedes attempted to beliege the City.

This City was made memorable by a general Council held in it by the procurement of the Emperor Sie formund in the Year 1414, to remove a Schifm in the Romish Church, upon Three Popes pretending to the Infallibility; all which Three were deposed, and a new one (Martin V.) chosen by this Council. They likewise condemned the Doctrines of John Wickliff, John Hussand Jerom of Prague, causing the Bones of Wickliff to be digg'd up and burnt; and notwithstanding a safe Conduct granted by the Emperor to John Huss, he was condemned and buurt by them, as was also Jerom of Prague. This Council lasted four years, held

45 Seffions, and ended April 12 1418, during all which time there are faid to have been in this City, 4 Patriarchs, 29 Cardinals, 346 Arch bishops and Bishops, 564 Abbots and Doctors, and 10000 fecular Prince and Noblemen. Also 1600 Batbers, 320 Musicians, and (the account is very particular) 450 Harlots.

The Bishoprick of CONSTANCE lies along the Banks of the Lake and the Borders of Swisserland, a mong the Allies whereof it is commonly reckon'd. The Bishop is a Count of the Empire, Lord of above 1000 Castles and Villages, and is stiled Baron of Richenaw; he was also formerly Sovereign of Constance.

The principality of FURSTEMBURG, Fustembergicus Principatus, is extended in a narrow Tract about 70 miles in length, on both fides the Danube, which River hath its Source within its Limits. The chief Town of the fame name stands on the Southside of the Danube 30 miles North-west from Constance, 20 North from Schaffbausen on the Rhine, and 35 W. from Brifac. It is subject to its own Prince, who is a Count of the Empire, and of an illustrious Family, which hath produc'd divers great Persons; particularly Cardinal William Egón, Count of Furstemburg and Bishop of Strasburg, whose presentions to the Archbishoprick of Cologne (already mention'd) gave occasion to the breaking out of the late War.

The famons Hercynain Wood or Black Forest extended thus sar, wherein stands Tone Eschingen a small Village, near which the River Danube hath its first Rise.

ROTWEL, a small Imperial City, seated on the Neckar but 10 miles from the head of that River, and is 15 miles distant from Furstemburg to the North, and 20 from Tubingen to the South. It is the Seat of a Chamber or Court of Justice for the whole Dutchy, first erected in the year 1147, by Conrad III. Duke of Schwaben. This City was taken by the French in 1643. but restor'd at the Treaty of Munster.

The Principality or County of HOHENZOLLEREN is a narrow Tract of Land lying East and West about 35 miles in length, the norabove 5 in breadth, between the Dutchy of Wintemburg and the River Danube. The chief Town of the same name stands about 20 miles from Rotwel to the North-east, and 12 from Tubingen to

the South

The County of KONINGSECK lies on the East

of Furstemburg.

The Barrony of WALDBURG is about 30 miles in length, and 10 or 12 in breadth, and lies between the County of Koning seck on the W. the Lands of the Abbots of Buchaw on the N. and, Kemton on the East.

Hobenrechspung County lies on the East-side of the

Dutchy of Wurtemburg.

Rheinfelden, the Capital of a finall County, stands on the South-side of the Rhine near the Borders of Swifferland, and about 10 miles distant from Basil to the East.

C H A P. VIII. The Circle of B A V A R I A.

TAE Circle of Bavaria is bounded on the North by Franconia, Saxony and Bohemia, on the South by the County of Tyrol, Bishoprick of Brixen and Dutchy of Carinthia, on the East by Bohemia and Austria, and on the West by Schwahen. Its extent from North to South is about 200 miles, and from East to West 120. The Air is healthy; the Soil produces Corn, Wine and Pasture; but the Country is much taken up in Forests and Moun-

tains; the former whereof yield much Venison, and the latter Mines of Copper and some Silver, also Quarries of a sort of Marble. The River Danube runs through it, dividing the Palatinate from the Dutchy of Bavaria; the Leck runs along the West-side of the Dutchy of Bavaria, dividing it from the Bishoprick of Angsburg; and the Inn passes through it, from South-west to North-east and falls into the Danube: These, together with the Amber, the Iler, the Seliz,

the Altmul, the Nab and the Regen, are the cheif Ri-

vers of this Province.

Befides the Dominions of the Elector of Bavaria, there are compris'd in this Circle several other Sovereignties, as the Archbithoprick of Saltzburg, the Bishopricks of Ratisbon, Passaw and Freisingen, the Dutchy of Newburg, the Landgraviate of Leuchtemburg, the Territory of the City of Ratisbon, and several Imperial Cities; which are more particularly fet forth in this Table.

The Dominions of the Duke of Ba- 5 varia are divided into

The Dutchy of Bava- Munich, ria, which lies on the Ingolfladt,
South-fide of the Dar Landfebut,
nube, and hath these Stranbingen,
Towns of chiefett Donawert,
note.

Burkbansen. Nort-Gow, or the Pa- Amberg, latinate, called the Newmarckt, Upper or Bxvarian, Chamb, (to diffinguish it from that of the Rhine) in Valtranachen, which fland which stand

The Arch-bishoprick of Salezburg Salezburg, lies on the South of Bavaria, Lauffen, wherein are these Towns of Windischmatray, greatest note, The Bishoprick of Ratisbon lies on Ratisbon.

the Banks of the Danube,
The Bishoprick of Passaw lies on the Danube, next the Borders of Passaw.

The Bishoprick of Freisinghen lies in Freisinghen, the Dutchy of Bayaria, Werdenfels. the Dutchy of Bavaria,

The Dutchy of Neuburg lies partly on the Banks of the Danube, and part between the Palatinate and Hochstate.

BAVARIA, call'd Bayern by the Germans, is part of the Rhatia Vindilicia & Noricum of the Ancients; and took its name Boiaria (corrupted into Bavaria) from the Boij a warlike People, that came from Gallia Celtica and fettled here about 470 years after Christ, being govern'd by their proper Kings at first, and Dukes afterwards, to the time of Charles the Great, who conquer'd Taffilo, made himfelf Master of the Country and erected it into a Kingdom, in which State it lasted for about 100 years, when Lodowick their King dying without Issue, the Bavarians choie Arnolph, a Descendent from Charlemain, to be their Governor; who contented himself with the Title of Duke, as all the Princes of it have fince done; among whom, Maximilian was the first that had the Electoral Dignity, which was conferr'd on him, together with the Upper Palatinate, by the Emperor Ferdinand II. A. D. 1623. in reward for the Service he did him in his War against Frederick V. Elector Palatine, chosen King of Bohemia.

The present Duke and Elector of Bavaria, Maximilian-Emanuel, is also Governor of the Spanish Netherlands; he was born in 1662. succeeded his Father in 1679. and in 1635 married Anna-Maria-Jesepha, the Emperor's Daughter by his first Wife Margaret of Spain, by whom he had a Son, who, if he had lived, would have been Heir to the Crown of

The Country abounds with Forests, which are fill'd with very large Deer, wild-Boars, Bears and other Venison. Great number of Swine are fed here, which the Peasants make their cheif Livelihood.

The most considerable Cities and Towns are

MUNICH, or MUNCHEN according to the pronunciation of the Inhabitants, call'd in Latin Monachium, is the Metropolis of Bavaria and the Seat of the Duke: It stands on the River I/er, 70 miles from Uhn to the East, 40 from Ingolftade to the South, 60 from Inspruck to the North, and 100 from Lintzin Austria to the West, and is esteem'd one of the most pleafant, rich and populous Cities of Germany. The Buildings are fair and uniform, and the Screes broad and even. The Elector's Palace is a most magnificent Stru-cture, the Apartments whereof are adom'd with ex-The Elector's Palace is a most magnificent Struceeding rich Furniture, the stately Galleries with curions Painting and Marble Statues, and the Duke's Clofet and Library fill'd with curious Rarities and choice Books; and the spacious Gardens are made pleasant by delightfull Walks, Fountains and Grottoes. Jesuits Church and College is a stately Building; it was founded by William Duke of Bavaria about the year 1600. and is the usual burial Place of the Dukes. The great Church of Munich, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, is also a very fine Buildirg, and bath two Towers of 333 foot high. Here are also other Churches and publick Buildings worth a Stranger's notice. Two great Fairs held yearly here, contribute much to the enriching of the Inhabitants. This City was built in 962 and wall'd round in 1156. Gustavus Ado'phus took it in 1632.

Ingolftadt, Ingolftadium, Aureapolis, stands on the North-side of the Danube, over which it hath a fair Bridge, 40 miles North from Munchen, 12 miles East from Neuburg, and 30 West from Ratisbon. fair well-built Place, feated in a pleafant fruitful Country, and adorn'd with an University which enjoys great Privileges, and had the Honour to educate the great Cardinal Bellarmine. It was first made a City by the Emperor Lewis IV. and is fortified with a very ftrong Caltle and good Walls, by which means it was able to relift a very notable Siege of the Protefrants in 1546, and another of Gustavus Adolphus in

Landfout is seated on the River Iser, 30 miles Northeast from Munchen, and 30 South from Ratisbon: The Duke's Lieutenant in the lower Bavaria commonly refides here. It is a handiom well-built City, and adorn'd with a stately Palace of the Elector; and a Church, which, for the heighth of its Tower, is thought to exceed any in Germany.

Straubingen stands about 25 or 26 miles North from Landshut on the Bank of the Danube, over

which River it hath a Bridge.

Amberg, the Metropolis of the Upper Palatinate is feated on the River Wills, 30 miles from Ratisbon, and 40 from Ingo'flade to the North, and 30 from Nuremberg to the East. It enjoys great Privileges, given by the Emperor Robert, and is a place effected most considerable for Strength of any in the higher Germany. The Inhabitants have a good Trade in Iron and other Metals, that are dug out of the neighbour-ing Mountains. This City was purchas'd of the Duke of Scawben in 1266, by the Elector Palatine, from whom it was taken, together with all this Palatinate, by the Emperor Ferdinand in 1623, as we have already related.

Newmarcht is a fair City, standing on the Banks of the River Sultz, 30 miles North from Ingolftade, and 20 South from Amberg. It has been an Imperial City but was deprived of its Privileges, and now linbig 2 to the Duke of Bavaria. The Country about is pleafant, and

and is call'd the Territory of Neumarcke, tho'but little of it belongs to the City. The Trade of the Place confifts

chiefly in Iron.

Chamb, a small City, seated on the Rivers Champ and Regen, 40 miles from Neumarckt to the East, and 20 from the Danube to the North. It was formerly a Marquisate, but now subject to the Duke of Bavaria.

Sultabach, is a small City seated on the top of a Hill, 5 miles from Amberg to the North-west, which with the County of it was formerly governd by an Earl of its own, but has at several rimes been subject to the D. of Bavaria and D. of Neuburg, a Branch of which last Family does still reside in the stately Palace here.

Leuchtenberg, a Castle, seated about 20 miles Northeast from Amberg, gives name to a small Landgraviate, which was sormerly subject to its own Lord, but now

to the Duke of Bavaria.

RATISBON, call'd in Dutch REGENSBURG, Lat. Ratisbona, olim Reginum, aut Castra regina, heretofore the Seat of the Kings, and afterwards of the Dukes of Bavaria, is leated on the Danube, where it receives the Regen, which running through the Town, gives it its Dutch name: it is diffant 60 miles from Munich to the North, 60 from Paffaw to the West, as many from Augsburg to the North-east, and 25 from Amberg to the South. It is a fair large and populous City, the Houses neat, and the Streets large. The Cathedral Church is a fine old Building, as is the Castle wherein the Imperial Diets are commonly held: The Chamber in which they affemble, is a large stately Room hung with Tapeltry; the Emperor's Throne is cover'd with Cloth of Gold, the Seats of the Electors with Cloth of Silver, and the rest with Velvet, Sattin. Silks, &c. according to the different Qualities. Here is a Stone-bridge over the Danube, which is a noble Building; it is 1091 foot long, 32 foot broad, has 15 large Arches, supported by Pitlars and strrengthen'd by Buttreffes, and hath 3 Towers built upon it; this Bridge was finish'd in the year 1156. Ratisbon is an Imperial City, and the See of a Bishop, who is Lord of the adjacent Territory. It is fortified with good Walls, Bulwarks and Trenches.

PASSAW, Paffavia aut Patavia, olim Batava Castra, stands on both sides of the Danube, where it receives the Inn on one fide, and the Ilez on the other, at the distance of 60 miles from Ratisbon to the East, and not above 10 from the Borders of Austria. It is 2 large City, Imperial and Free, but under the prorection of its Bishop, who is a Prince of the Empire. The Rivers above-mentioned divide it into three parts, viz. Passaw it self, which stands on the South-side of the Danube, and the West-side of the Im; Imstadt, on the other side of the Im; and Isstadt, on the other fide the Danube, and on the Banks of the The private Buildings here are of Wood, but the Churches are fair and stately, especially the Cathedral, which is dedicated to S. Stephen. The Bishop's Palace, and the Castle on a Mountain near Ilstadt, are handsom Buildings. This City is very strong, being fenced on all sides with Rocks and Rivers, and hath been made famous by a Peace concluded in it in 1552. between the Emperor Charles V. and the Protestant Princes, by which the Lutherans were granted the free Exercise of their Religion.

The Bishop is Lord of a Country of about 20 miles extent, lying on the North-side of the Danube, betwen the Palatinate and Austria, in which stand two strong Castles, nam'd Obernberg and Ebersberg.

NEUBURG, Neoburgum aut Novoburgum, is feated on the South-fide of the Danube, at the distance of 45 miles from Ratisbon to the West, and 55 from

Ulm to the East, 25 from Augsburg to the North, and 40 from Nurimburg to the South. It is a place of good Trade for Wines, and well fortified; but chiefly remarkable for being the Capital of a Dutchy, erected about 150 years ago, and given to a Branch of the Bavarian Family, whole Descendent Philip-William succeeded in the Palatinate of the Rhine, A.D. 1685. and hath been fignally fortunate in an illustrious Iffue; for of his twelve Childern, he has married three Daughters to the present Emperor King of Spain, and King of Portugal, and a fourth to the Prince of Poland; hiseldelt Son, the present Elector Palatine, married the Emperor's Daughter; his fecond Son is Grand Master of the Teutonick Order; his third Son married the Princess Radzeville, the Marquess of Brandenburg's Widow; his fourth Son is Dean of Augsburg and President of the Chapter of Constance; and his fifth Son is Bishop of Breslaw. A stately Palace, built in this City by Otto Henry its Duke, loon after the Erection of the Dutchy, is the usal Seat of this Prince. The extent of his Country is not large; it runs along the Banks of the Danube about 40 miles, but is very narrow. In the extream West part of it stands

Laugingen, a strong regular tortified Town belonging to the Duke. It was the Birth place of the samous Albarius Magnus: The great Church is a sine Building, cover'd with Copper, and has a Tower 300 foot high. Here is also a Castle and a Bridge over the Danube.

Hochstadt, which stands on the Danube, not many miles East from Laugingen, a well fortified Place with a strong Castle, is also under the Duke of Neuburg, but

claim'd by the Bishop of Bamberg.

Donawert or Thonawert, formerly an Imperial City, stands in the confines of this Dutchy, on the Northern Banks of the Danube, at the confluence of the Leck with it, about 15 or 16 miles West from Neuburg; it is on the Road to Angiburg, and therefore pretty much frequented by Travellers; here is a strong Castle, which is nam'd Schellenberg. This City was divested of its Liberty about the beginning of this Age, for adhering to the Reformed Resignon, and is now sub-

ject to the Duke of Bavaria,

FREISINGEN, Frisinga, olim Fruxinum, is seated on the declension of a Hill, in a sertile Country, near the Banks of the River Iser, about 20 miles North from Munich, as many from Landsbut to the South-west, and 40 from Neuburg to the South-east. It is a very ancient City, and was made an Episcopal See in the year 716. the Bishop whereof is Lord of the adjacent Territory. This City was taken and almost entirely destroy'd by the Sweeds in 1632. but restor'd in 1639. There is another small Territory lying on the Borders of Bavaria and Tyrol, subject to this Bishop, call'd the County of Werdensels, from its chief Town, which stands near the River Iser, 45 miles South from Munchen.

The Arch-bishoprick of SALTZBURG is a Country of pretty large extent, viz. 70 miles from East to West, and 50 from North to South. It is bounded on the East with Strita and the Upper Austria, on the West with the County of Tyrol, on the North with the Dutchy of Bavaria, and on the South with the Dutchy of Carinthia, and Bishoprick of Brixen. The Country abounds with Salt, Mines of Copper and Iron, and some of Silver, also great Quaries of Stone: A Mineral Water here, call'd the Gastein-bath, is samous for its Virtue in curing many Distempers. The Archbishop is a Prince of the Empire; by his place Legate to the See of Rome in Germany, and, in the Diet, site on the first Bench next the Electors. He is one of the richest Prelates of Germany, and Lord of this Country, which hath its name from

Salszburg;

Salizburg, Salisburgum, olim Invavia, seated on the River Saliza se miles South from Passaw, 60 West from Munich, and 60 from Inspruch to the North-east. It is one of the fairest Cities of Germany, and very well fortified. The Cathedral Church hath been new built in 1628 and is esteem'd one of the most magnificent in Europe. The Arch-bishop's Palace is very starty; it is in a Castle nam'd Mirabel, which stands on a Hill. An University hath been established here not many years since. In the Church of St. Sebastian, lies buried the samous Physician and Chymist, Theophrastus Paracessus.

The whole Town is generally well built, and the Inhabitants have a good Trade, which confifts chiefly in the Salt produc'd in the neighbouring Pits. The Archiepifcopal Dignity was remov'd from the Seeof Paffaw, and conferr'd on this by Pope Leo III. in 798, and the Bifhoprick of Chiamfee incorporated with it to enable the Bifhop the better to support the Dignity. This City had the misfortune to be burnt down in the year 1195, but it was soon rebuilt, and now, as we have said, is in a flourishing State.

CHAP. IX.

The Circle of AUSTRIA.

THe Circle of Austria is seated between Bohemia and Moravia on the North, the Dominions of the Republick of Venice on the South, Hungary on the East, and Bavaria on the West, and comprehends the Estates of the Family of Austria, viz. Austria, Styria, Carinthia, Carniola, Cilley, Goritz, and Tyrol, and the Bishopricks of Trent and Brixen. The extent of the whole is about 300 miles from East to West, and 200 from North to South. The Soil is fertil, producing Corn, Wine, Pastures and Woods. The Danube passes through Austria; the Drave rises in the Mountains of Brixen, and runs through Carinthia; the Save hath its fource in the Mountains in the North-west Borders of Carniola, and passes through that Dutchy; the Muer rifes in the Confines of Saltzburg, runs through Styria, and falls into the Drave a little above Canifia; besides which, a great number of smaller Rivers water the several Provinces of this Circle.

AUSTRIA, which is dignified with the Title of an Arch-dutchy, lies on both fides the River Danube for the space of about 60 or 70 miles from North to South, and 160 from East to West. It was the Pannonia Superior of the Ancients; and its present name of Oostrich or Eastern Kingdom, in Latin Ansstria, was given by the Franks, because structed Eastward from France. It is a very plentiful Country, affording a great quantity of Wine and Sattron, besides Corn and all other Necessaries for Life in abundance. The Air is not of the wholsomest, the Lower Austria being subject to Insections Vapours that cause Agues; to prevent which, may be the reason of their much Drinking, which it seems they are notable for, their Neigbours calling em Paschaller, or Ranters.

This Province, after the Roman's time was part of the Kingdom of Boiarij or Bavarians, afterwards erected into a feperate Marquifate by the Emperor Otho I. and the Austrian Family growing powerful, it was honoured with the Title of Arch dutchy.

This great Family is, by the German Genealogists, pretended to be deriv'd from the ancient Greek or Roman Hero's. But the first certain Account that is to be found of it, is, That they were Lords of Vindonissa a City of Swissend, afterwards Counts of Altemburg and Earls of Hapsburg; which Honours they had held from Father to Son for 600 years before Rudolph Earl of Hapsburg was advanced to the Imperial Throne in 1273: who, being a very brave Prince, raised his Family exceedingly. In his time Frederick, Duke of Austria dying without Issue, Octocarius King of Bolemia seized upon it, pretending a Right by his Wife, and added to it, Carniola and Carinthia, which he bought of Uhric the last Prince of those Provinces; but the Em-

peror claimed it is a Fief-male to return to the Empire, and by Force dispotles'd Ottocarius, and gave it to his Son Albert, who, by Marriage with Elizaleth Daughter of Meinard Earl of Tyrol, obtain'd that Earldom and feveral Estates in Schwaben and Alfatia: By all which Accetions he became powerful enough to contend with the Emperor Adolph, whom he flew in Battel, and caused himself to be chosen Emperor; but after he had Reigned 10 Years he was flain. He left behind him fix Sons, from whom descended Frederick III. chofen Emperor in 1440. Maximilian, his Son, succeeded him in the Empire, and married Mary Daughter of Charles the Warlike Duke of Burgundy (the richest Heirels of Europe) and thereby acquir'd all Belgium, or the Netherlands. Philip the Son of Maximilian, mar-ried Joan the Daughter of Ferdinand and IJabel, the first Monarchs of all Spain, and in her Right succeeded in that Kingdom, and began the Spanish Branch of the Austrian Family. Charles succeeded his Father and Grandfather in all their Honours and Estates, so that he was Emperor of Germany, and King of Spain, Naples and Sicily, and Lord of Belgium, betides the Realms of Mexico and Peru in America, with the Dutchy of Milan, which were added to Spain in his time. This mighty Prince, after he had Reigned 42 Years, voluntarily refign'd all his Dominions; and after he had given his Son Philip his Kingdoms of Spain. Naples, Sicily, Mexico, with Belgium, &c. and obtained his Brother Ferdinand to be cholen Epemror, himself retir'd into a Monastery. Ferdinand was chosen King of Hungary and Bohemia, which, with the Empire, his Succettors have ever fince enjoy'd. By the means of this Grandeur, the Family of Austria hath obtain'd large Privileges: The Arch duke is the first Councellor of the Empire; he can create Barons and Counts all over the Empire: The Princes of this Family cannot be diffeized of their Estates, even by the Emperor himself. In case of the failure of the Male-Line, the eldest Daughter may Inherit, and her Husband enjoy the Diguity and Privileges of Arch duke, &c.

The present Emperor LEOPOLD is the Heir of the German Branch of this Great Family, and Inheritor of all its Honours and Estates.

Außtria is divided into the Upper and Lower, with respect to the Course of the River Danube, being divided by the River Ens.

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In the Lower are these chief Towns, Capital. | Newflat. | Krems. | Krems. | Stain. | Baden. | Tulm. | Haynburg. | Dd 2

Lintz. Everding. In the Upper, stands Freistat. Steyr.

VIENNA, olim Vindomina & Vindobona, call'd by the Natives WIEN, is the Capital of Austria, and by being the Seat of the Emperor, is esteem'd the Metropolis of Germany; it was orginally a Fort of the Romans, and not at all confiderable till Henry Prince of Austria rebuilt it in 1158. It was enlarg'd, beautified and wall'd round in the Year 1192. with the, Money that was paid by the English Nation for the Ransom of Richard I. detain'd Priloner by the Marquels of Austria, in his return from the Holy Land. It is now a very rich flourishing City, and exceeding populous; great numbers of Strangers, belides Natives of other parts of Germany, being brought hither by the Empero'rs Court. The Houses are well built of Stone, and very high, commonly fix Stories, and befides have Cellars funk four Stories under one another. The Emperor's Palace is a noble piece of Building, but not very large; it confilts of two Courts: Over the Entrance are fer in Capitals the 5 Vowels, the Exposition of which causes many Conjectures; one that pleases best, is Austria Est Imperare Orbi Universo. The Furniture is very princely. But that which most deserves a Traveller's fight, are, the Repository or Collection of Rarities of Nature and Art, and the Library; in the for-mer of which are kept a vast number of Curiosities, the bare Catalogue whereof takes up a large Vol. in Fol. Dr. Brown has mention'd feveral of the most considerable, to which we must refer the Reader, it being too long to fet down here. The Library confifts of eight Chambers, which contain a very valuable and numerous Collection of Printed Books, besides a great number of Manuscripts, and is excell'd by no Library of Europe.

This City is the See of a Bishop, who is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Saltzburg. The Cathedral Church, dedicated to S. Stephen, is a stately Fabrick; the Windows are of thick painted Glass, which makes the Church somewhat dark; the Belfry is extraordinary, being adorn'd with Statues and fine Embellithments; the Steeple rifes in a Spire to the heighth of 482 Foot, and on the top was fet the Turkish Arms, a Star and Crescent, to save it from being destroy'd at the time that Solyman belieg'd this City, which continued there till the Year 1683. when after defeating the Turks that year, it was taken down. An University is establish'd here, which is endow'd with many Privileges and a fair Revenue, and a great number of Students: It was founded, as some say, by the Emperor Fredarick II. and enlarg'd and compleated by Albert III. Duke of Austria, who also obtain'd its Privileges to be confirm'd by the Pope. The Jesuits have two Houses here, which, together with their College and Church are fine Buildings; as are also the Abby and Church of S. Gregory.

The Roman Catholick Religion only is here profess'd which obliges the Protestants to go as far as Prefburg to Church. The Jews had formerly a Liberty to Trade here, but of late they have been wholly banish'd.

The Fortification of this City confifts of a very strong Wall, wherein are 12 large Bastions, two of which are to the Water, and the other to the Land, and deep Dirches: And indeed this Fortification is needful, for it has been belieged no less than four times by the Turks, viz. in the Year 1529. by Solyman the Magnificient, with an Army of 200000 Men, who were repuls'd and forc'd to return, after they had given two general Af-

faults to the Town; in the Years 1532 and 1543. and again in our days, viz. A. D. 1683. at which time the City was reduc'd to great extremity, being batter'd by the Enemy's Cannon from the 14th of July to the beginning of September, which they valiantly refifted, under their Couragious Governer Count Staremburg; till John, the late King of Poland, came up with his Army to their Relief, which being join'd with the Imperialists, set upon the Turks the 10th of September, and totally routed and destroy'd their Army, which was faid to confift of 100000 Men, and took their Cannon, Camp and Baggage, and fo rescu'd the City, which was reduc'd to the last, extremity.

The Suburbs, call'd Leopolstadt, is divided from the Town by a fair Plain of a good breadth, and the River Danube; and before the last Siege was almost as considerable as the Town, being fill'd with the Houses of Nobility and Gentry very magnificiently built; but

this was quite burnt down in the Siege.

The City stands on the South-side of the River Danube, which running through low Grounds, is here divided into several Streams and makes many Islands, one of which call'd Peters, lies just before the Gates, and is large enough to lodge a confiderable Army for their defence; near the Town a small River call'd the Wien falls into the Danube, over which last here is a Bridge. It is distant 26 German Leagues or 104 English miles from Lintz to the East, 6 Leagues from the Confines of Hungary, and to from Presburg to the West, and seated in the Lat. of 48. 20. Long. (reckoning from Teneriff according to the old Maps) 36. 10. but according to Sanfon, 31. 19.

Liniz, Aurelianum, Lyncia or Lyncium, the next confiderable City, as being the Metropolis of the Upper Austria, is situate upon the Danube, over which it has a Bridge, 100 miles from Vienna to the West, 30 from Passaw to the East, and 50 from Salezburg to the Northeast; it stands in a very pleasant Country, and therefore much reforted to by the Nobility, who have their Houses of pleasure in its Suburbs on the other side the Danube, and in the Neighbourhood. The Emperor has a Palace here, to which he retir'd during the Siege of Viena in 1683. Dr. Brown says, This is not a great, but very neat City; the whole Town is built of Stone, the Market-place very large, and not a bad House in it; the Castle standsupon a Hill, is very large and of modern Building. The Imperial Army rendezvous'd here when the Turks came to Vienna in 1532. Here was for fome time a Church and University of Lutherans in so flourishing a condition, that in 20 Years time there were no less than 3000 Counts, Barons and Noblemen had been educated in it; but it was put down by the Austrian Family when the Emperor Mathias resided here for almost a Year together, A.D. 1614. The Church and the Palace in the City, and the Monastery of the Capucins in the Suburbs, are the things chiefly worth a Traveller's fight. There are two Fairs held here yearly, which brings great refort of People.

Ens, Anasum, Ensium Civitas, a fair strong and well built City, stands on a River of the same name, which 2 miles North of it falls into the Danube, and is diftant 15 miles from Lintz to the East; this Town was built in the place where formerly flood the City Laureacum, confiderable in the Romans time, having been the Sear of some of their Emperors, and since Christianity, was an Archbishop's See; but that City was destroy'd by the Huns, A. D. 903. and this of Ens built, which was formerly govern'd by its Count, till the Emp. Rodolph I. bought it, and annex'd it to the States of Austria.

Steyer, a neat handsom Town at the Conflux of the two small Rivers, the Steyer and the Ens, about 10

miles from Ens to the South. It is inhabited by Smiths, Cutlers, and other Iron-workers, who, by the Danube, furnish the neighbouring parts with their Ware, and much enrich themselves.

Wels, a neat Town upon the River Traune, 4 German miles from Linez to the South, not confiderable.

Everding or Efferding, about 12 miles from Lintz to the West, and near the banks of the Danube, is a ftrong fortified Town, and defended with two Castles, one within the Walls of the Town, and another without, which is call'd Schaumburg, and gave Title to a Count of the Family of Julbach, to whom this Town belong'd; but the Count of Starenburg is now Lord of it, his Ancestor having married the Daughter of the last Count Schaumburg, about A. D. 1560.

Freystat, on the North-side the Danube near the borders of Bohemia, is a well built Town, but not very ftrong; it stands 25 miles from Lintz to the North. A Fair is held here once a Year which lasts 14 days, and

brings great Concourse of People to it.

Newstadt, the chief Town next Vicnna of the Lower Austria, is seated on a Bog in the middle of a Plain. at the distance of 30 miles from Vienna to the South; it is fortified with two Walls and a Ditch, which makes it fo strong that it refisted the main force of the Turks, who were content to retreat if the Town would give them fome Trophy to carry to Constantinople, who thereupon fent 'em their Whipping-post.

Krembs stands on the North-fide of the Danube near fmall River of the same name, about 40 miles from Vienna to the West. It is a near well built wall'd City, and has a good Trade, especially at two yearly Fairs,

which last 14 days.

Stain is a small City on the North side of the Danube also, not above two miles from Krembs to the West, and has a Bridge over the Danube.

Baden, called fo from the natural Baths that rife here in so many Springs as to supply two Baths within the Town, five without the Wall, and two beyond a Rivulet call'd Swechet, the Waters of which are commended for curing many Distempers, and therefore much reforted to. This Town stands in a plain about 18 miles from Vienna to the South, and as far from Newstadt to the West

Tuln is an ancient Town about 20 miles Westward. from Vienna, upon a small River of the same name, which falls into the Danube about 5 or 6 miles below it. The Country about it is reckon'd the fruitfullest and healthiest part of Austria, but the Town however not very well furnish'd with Provisions for Travellers,

Haynburg of Haimbing, Hamburgum Austria, was anciently the Metropolis of Austria and the Seat of the Dukes, and one of the greatest Mart-Towns in these parts, but decay'd upon Duke Leopold's removing to Vienna about A. D. 1200. It is situate on the South-side of the Danube 30 miles East from Vienna, and near the borders of Hungary, from whence it has been frequently difturb'd by the Rebles of that Country. They have plenty of Wine and Corn, which is now the chief Trade of the Town. There are still to be seen some Remains of strong Walls and Fortifications round the Town.

The Dukedom of STYRIA, call'd in High-Dutch Steymarck, with the County of CILLEY, lies between Austria on the North, Carinthia and Carniola on the South, Hungary and Sclavonia on the East, and Salizburg on the West: Its extent from East to West is about 110 miles, and from North to South in some parts 30. in others 80 miles. The Soil yields Corn, Wine, Fruits, Minesof Iron and Salt-Springs. S me part of the Country is mountainous and barren, but

the Vallies afford Pasture for great Herds of Kine. The Air of the Lower Styria is somwhat unwholsom. The Diseasemention'd by Travellers to be found among the People that dwell at the foot of the Alps, viz. a strange swelling under the Chin, is very frequent here, which grows incredibly large, occasion'd 'tis judg'd, by drinking the Snow-water that comes off the Monntains, which the poorer People are fain to be content with.

Judenlurg. Styria is divided, with respect to the course of the River Mur, into the Lawben. Upper, wherein are, Seckaw. Isenartz. Gracz, Capital.

The Lower, whereof the chief Rakelsburg. Towns are, Pettaw (Marksburg.

The Earldom of Cilley lies on the Cilley. South fide of the River Drave extending to the Banks of the Save. Rain.

GRACZ, Gracium, the Capital of Stria, is a neat well-built City, standing in a pleasant and fruitful Country, on the Banks of the River Mur, 80 miles South from Vienna, 20 from the Drave, and 40 from Cilley to the North, and about 50 from the borders of Hungary to the West. It is defended by regular Fortifications, that render it almost Impregnable, and hath a stately Castle standing on a high Hill, which is a Palace of the Arch-Duke, and is adorn'd with fine Furniture, particularly a good Library, and a Repository of Rarities. The Jesuits College here is well Endowed, and hath the Privilege of Conferring Degrees, which makes it to be reckon'd amongst the Universities of Germany, and well fill'd with Students.

Judenburg, a handsom and well-built Town, Famous for two great Fairs for Cattle yearly held in it. The Duke of Styria has a Palace here, in which his Deputy fometimes Relides: It stands on the River Mur, 50 miles from Gracz to the West, in a very pleasant

and fruitful Country.

Lawben is also on the Mur, 25 miles North-east from Judenburg: It is a near pleasant City, and the Capital of a Barony; but was fold to the Duke of Carinthia, in 1246, and fell to the House of Austria with that Dutchy. It was taken and Plunder'd in 1292, by the Arch-bishop of Saltzburg, then at War with the Duke of Austria.

Bruck or Pruck an den Mur, is an old Town, and has nothing confiderable in it, only that the Emperot has fometimes affembled here the State of these three Dukedoms of Styria, Carinthia and Carniola. It stand on

the Mur, 25 miles North-west from Gracz.

Seckaw, a small Castle on the River Gayl, 40 miles from Gracz to the West, and 60 from Stain to the South, is an Epilcopal See, Erected in 1219, under the Archbishoy of Saltzburg, who has the power of Electing and Investing, and receiving an Oath of Fealty of this Bi-shop; and he has no Voice in the Dier.

Eisenartz, famous for Mines and Forges of Iron, (from whence ir has its Name) which employ a vast number of Labouring men, which therefore live here and fupply the Neighbouring parts with this Metal, and all Germany with Steel. They have an annual Fair for Hemp, Leather, Tallow, and all Necessaries. The Mimes were discover'd in A. D. 712, and have wrought ever fince without any tensible Decay. This Town stands near a little River call'd Saltza, that falls into the Ens, is diftant 12 miles from Lawben to the North-west, and 24 from Judenburg to the Northeast Rakelsburg

Rakelsburg, is:a strong Town seated on the Mur, 28 miles irom Gracz to the East, in a Country plentiful of all forts of Fruit, especially Grapes. A Cuttom-house is kept here to receive Tolls upon Merchandize carried to and from Hungary. This Town has been

a norable Bulwark against the Turks. Petraw, Petovi m, stands upon the Banks of the Drave,

but 10 English miles from the Borders of Sclavonia, 16 from Raketsburg to the South, and 30 from Gracz to the South-east, altho' it be an ancient Roman Town, it is not very large nor confiderable, only that it is a Bishop's See, and has been to for 1300 years, Its Bishop is under the Jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Salezburg.

Markebing, a well-built Town, on the Banks of the Prave, 20 miles Welt from Pettaw, and as many South from Gracz formerly the Capital of a Country, till 1240; the last Count dying without Issue. It is now part of

the Dominions of the Duke of Austria.

CILLEY, which gives name to a Territory formerly Govern'd by its own Earls, but now lubject to the House of Austria, and united to the Dutchy of Styria, is leated on the Banks of the River Soana, which a little below falls into the Save, at the distance of 8 miles from the Confines of Carniola to the North, 25 from the Drave to the South, and 25 from the Confines of Sciavonia to the West. It is a noble and ancient City and has been a place of good confideration, as appears by many Roman Monuments daily found here. It is Fortified with two strong Castles, and was strong enoughto repulse the Turks, who Attacked it in 1492.

The Dukedom of CARINTHIA, call'd in High Dutch Hertzogthum Karnten, is leated between Styria and Salezburg on the North, Carniola on the South, Styria on the East, and Total on the West. Its extent from East to West is about 100 miles, from North to South about 30. It is a Mountainous Country, and of a barren Soil, and cold Air. The River Drave runs crofs the Country, receiving a great many fmall Rivers that water feveral parts: Here are also many Lakes that abound with Fifh.

Carinthia is divided into the Upper, St. Veit. wherein stand Clagenfurt. And the Lower, wherein are these Curck. S. Andrews. Freysac. Towns,

S. VEIT, Fanum Sancti Vici, the principal Town of the Province of Carinthia, to call'd from a Saint of this name, who progated Criftianity here during the Persecution of Dioclesian; It is seated at the Confluence of the Rivers Wilitz and Gles, in a fruitful Valley, at the distance of 80 miles from Gracz to the West, and 80 from Ens on the Danube 10 the South; it was anciently a Bishop's See, but is now not at all considerable but for its Age. Near it are to be feen the Ruins of the ancient City Saal, destroy'd by Attila in 451. and in a neighbouring Field stands an old Stone-chair, in which the Dukes of Carinthia were wont to be Install'd.

Freyfack is a good strong Town, seated in a fruitful Soil amidst rows of Hills and Mountains, upon the River Matnitz, 15 miles North from S. Viet, and has a strong Castle built on a Rock: This place is by some reckon'd the eldest Town in this Dukedom; it is under the Jurisdiction of the Arch-bishop of Saltzburg. In the neighbouring Mountains were formerly found Mines of Gold, but they are now exhaufted.

Villach is scated near the Drave, where it receives

the Geyla, 25 miles from S Vie to the South-west: here is a large Bridge over the Drave, which brings the Town a great Trade, by the many Passengers that Travel over it in the way from Germany to Italy.

Gurk, a City that is a Bishop's See, instituted by an Arch-bishop of Saltzburg, A.D. 1073. who referved the Right of the Election and Investiture of the Bishop to his Successors; but they have lost part of that Power, for the Emperor has now a right of chusing twice, and the Archbishop the third time, and so by turns, as the See becomes vacant: But this bishop has no Vote in the Diet. This City stands on a River of the same name, 25 miles from Villach to the North-cast, 8 from Freyfack to the South, and as many from S. Viet to the North.

Lavanmynd, Lavemund, or Lavenmind, stands on the River Lavant, where it falls into the Drave, (whence it has its name) 30 miles West from Clagenfurt, and 10 miles East from the borders of Styria. It is a small City and an Episcopal See also, under the Archbishop of Saltzburg, in a pleasant Valley call'd Lavanthal, in which also stands

S. Andrews, a near Town, and the place of Residence of the Bishop. The Town and neighbouring Country belongs to the Archbishop of Salizburg.

Clagenfurt, the neatest Town in Carinthia, built in

a square Figure, and enclos'd with a Wall; here is a handsom Piazza, in the middle of which stands a noble Fountain, with a Dragon and an Hercules before it carv'd in Stone. This Town is distant 10 miles from S. Veit to the South, 20 from Villach to the East, and about 6 from the Save to the North.

The Dutchy of CARNIOLA, in High-Dutch, Hortzogthum Karyn; with WIN-DISHMARCH and the County of GORITIA.

This Province is bounded on the North with Carinthia and Cilley, on the South by a ridge of Mountains, that part it from the Teritorics of the Srate of Venice, on the East by Creatia, and on the West by Carinthia. The length of it from East to West is about 110 miles, and its breadth 40 miles. It is very Mountainous, but has pleasant Valleys which yield store of Corn and Wine. The River Save hath its Source in the Western part, and runs quite thro' it, besides which here are other good Rivers.

Carniola, divided into Upper Laubach. Crainburg. Bifchoffftach. and Lower; hath these consi- Coberlabach. derable Towns, Zircknitz. In the Windischmarch, or Matquisate of Windes, which is the South east part of (Rudelph fworth. South-east part of Carniola, The County of Goritia, on the Goritz. South-west of Carniola, To these may be added part of \ S. Viet am Flaum. Istria, wherein stand And the Territory of

LAUBACH, Labacum, aut Labiana, the Capital of Carniola, stands on the Banks of a small River of the same name, which falls into the Save 10 miles below it, and is distant 30 miles from the River Drave to the South, 50 from the Confines of Croatia to the West, and 35 from Trieste upon the Gulph of Venice to the North. It is a well-built City and very populous, the See of a Bishop, hath a large Castle for its defence, but it is commanded by a Hill, and the Town is not very ftrong; however endured a Siege in 1440, when Frederick III. being Crown'd at Aken, his Brother Albert and Count Ultric attack'd this City, but it held out till the Empetor came to its Relief.

Carainburg, seated on the banks of the Save, 20 miles from Lawback North-welt, and 24 from Clagenfort to the South-east, on the top of a Hill, and fortuned with a strong Castle. The Town has three Churches in 11, and in the Suburbs is a Monastery of Capuchins. It

once gave Title to a Marqueis.

Lack, or Bissops Lack, is a handsom well-built fortified City, standing upon a small River, 10 miles South from Crainburg, and 20 East from Laubach, It is subject to the Bissop of Freysing, to whom the Emperor Henry III gave it, and the Governor of it is his Lieutenant. This Town was plunder'd and burnt in 1451. since when it has been Re-built and better fortified.

Zirknitz, a Town of no great bulk, nor confiderable but for the Lake near it, to which it gives name.

This Lake is very wonderful; it is about 4 German miles in length, and 2 in breadth, and from September ro June, is tul of Water, but the other fix Months is quite dry. In June the Water, deicends thro', many large Holes in the bottom, (at which time the Country People catch abundance of Fish, by lying Nets over the Holes) leaving the bottom quite dry, so that the neighbouring People fow Corn in it, which they have time to reap, and afterwards to put in their Cattle ; and let in the Deer and Hares from the neighbouring Forests, which they Hunt in this Lake, and all before the Water returns; for the Earth is exceeding Prolifick: And in September the Water returns, spouting up with great Violence, and to a great height, out of these Holes, and foon makes that a Sea, that was before a Field for Corn, Passure and Hunting; and this happens constantly every Year, and at this certain time.

Ober-Laubach, about 16 miles West from the Laubach, already described, and on the same River with that, is considerable by being a Mart for Italian Goods, which are brought hither in great quantities, and sent

to all parts of Germany.

Metling, Metulum, the chief Town of the Windischmark, stands on the Frontiers of Croatia, 35 miles South-east from Cilley, and 25 East from the Lake of Zirknitz. It is a place of no great Consideration: The chief Trade of the Inhabitants lies in Swine, which they fatten in two neighbouring Woods of Chesnut-trees and Oaks. In the Year 1431 this Town was surprized by the Turks and the Inhabitants massacred. And again, in 1578, it was plunder'd by 'em.

Rudolphworth or Newfladt, ftands upon the Rivet Gurk
12 miles North-west from Metling: It is a very ancient
Town, and honour'd with great Privileges, which
were given them by the Emperor Frederick IV. about
the Year 1435, for having oppos'd Albert of Austria and
Ulric Count of Cilley. This Town is famous for the

best Wine in these Parts.

GORITIA, a fmall County in Friuli, is subject to the Emperor. The rest of the Province, being subject to the Venetians, shall be described with the rest of Italy. The

Chief Town is,

Gortz or Goritz, seated upon the River Lizonzo, 20 miles from the Gulph of Venice and 15 from Aquileia to the North, 50 from Clagenfure to the South, and as much from Laubach to the West. The Town is old and by some thought to be the old Roman Noricia or Noreia. Dieterich, King of the Goths, vanqish'd Odoacer, King of the Heruli, near this Place. The Sclavonian Tongue, spoke in these Provinces, reaches no far-

ther West than this Town, and here the common People speak a corrupt Italian. It was taken by the Venetians in 1608, but regained by the Emperor the year after; and in 1616 they attempted to surprize it, but were sorced to retreat.

Triefle, the chief Town of the small Province of Kar flia, stands on the Adriatique Sea, or Gulph of Venice, 30 miles from Aquileia to the East, at the bottom of a Bay, to which it gives Name. It is a small, but strong, and populous Place, and a Bishop's See, under the Patriarch of Aquileia; it has a large but unlase Harbour, The Emperor took this City from the Venetians, A. D. 1507, and has been ever since in possession of it.

S. Viet am Flaum, the fituate in Iflria, which is accounted part of Italy, yet being subject to the House of Auftria, must be described here. It is a strong Town, having a Cattle, besides Walls and Ditchessfor its Defence, and is seated on the Adriatick Sea, 20 miles South from Czernickz, and 30 South-west from Meeting, and at the Mouth of the River Flaum. The Italian Tongue is here spoken in its Purity, and therefore the Austrian Gentry lend their Children here to be taught it. In the Suburbs stand a Monastery, famous for a Treaty of Peace concluded in the tween the Emperor and the Venetians, in the Year 1618.

The County of TYROL, with the Bishoprick of BRIXEN.

TTROL is one of the largest Counties of the Empire, its extent being 120 miles from East to West, and 60 from North to South. It is bounded by Schwaben and Bavaria on the North, the Grisons and Trent on the South, Carimbia on the East, and Swizzerland on the West. The Country is very mountainous, and the Soil barren in many parts; however, the Valleys are very fruitful and afford good Pasture. Here are divers Springs of mineral and Salt Waters, and Mines of Silver, Iron and Copper. The chief Rivers are the Eiseck or Laiseck, the Inn., which crosses this Province from Southwest to North-east, and the Adige or Eisech, which takes its tife here, and passes through the Territories of Venice.

Tyrol is said to be the Rhetia inferior of the Romans, and upon the decay of their Power was seized by the Princes of Bawaria, and the Governors of it were appointed by them, with the Titles of Margraves; this Margrave was afterwards made hereditary, and a Count of the Empire, by Frederick I. about the Year 1350. The Bishoptick of Trent was added to it by Ludowick. Son to the Duke of Bavaria and Count of Tyrol, who took that Bishop Prisoner. This Ludowick dying without Issue, his Widow settled this County upon the Duke of Austria; in which Family it has ever since

continued.

It is divided into

Tyrol, proper, wherein stands \(\begin{array}{l} \Inftyrol, \Capit. \Ombras, \Tyrol, \Hall. \end{array} \)

The Bishoprick of Brixen.

Brixen.

Meran,

The Counties of

Pludentz, Bregentz, Feldkirk, Montfort.

INSPRUCK, OEnipon, is feated in a pleasant Valley, at the Foot of the Mountains of Venden, and on the Banks of the River Inn, which separates the City from its large Suburbs. It is, 64 miles distance from Munchen to the South, 80 from Salizburg to the South

west and 70 from Trent to the North. Though it be r.ot large, it is well built, and adorn'd whith curious Fountains, spacious Market places, and a magnificient Cattle, wherein the Arch-Dukes of Inspruckuted to reficle, and has fince been the Seat of its Princes of the House of Aultria; it is a noble Palace, furnished with a Cabinet of curious Rarities in Art and Nature, and adorn'd with pleafant Gardens. Infpruck was Wall'd by Otto the Great Count of Meran, about the year 1234. but is now deltitute of that Defence. But Ombras, about an Englith mile distant from it, is a very strong Fort: this was the Summer Seat of the Dukes, being exceeding pleasantly limated. The Armory here is very fine; amonght the Arms and Pictures of Teveral Princes, the Starue of Francis I. on Horse-back, representing him as he was taken Priloner at Pavia, is to be feen in it. And in the Duke's Closet of Rarities, there is a Trunk of an Oak with a whole Deer enclosed in it.

Hall, call'd Im'thall for distinction, is feated on the River Inn to miles from Inspruck to the North-east, and is famous for its Salt-pits, which afford the Inhabitants a profitable Trade. The Pits are about 4 miles from the Town, where the Salt is dug up like Copper Oar, then laid to loak in great Trenches fill'd with Water, and afterwards boil'd up in great Pans here in the City, of which they have four made of Iron that are each 48 Foot long, 34 broad, and 3 deep.

BRIXEN, Brixino, stands on the bottom of Mount Brenner, upon the River Esfach, 30 miles South-east from Inspruck and 30 from the Confines of Carinthia. It was formerly an Imperial City, but it is now the See of a Bishop, who hath Jurisdiction over it, and is a Count of the Empire. The City is small, and not very populous; it lies upon the Road to Italy, and is therefore the Station of some Merchants that hand the Comodities of that Country and Germany to and again. Here are mineral Waters of good Fame, especially one call'd the Virgin Well, which is much reforted to.

The Diocels of this Bishop is about 40 miles long, and 30 broad.

Meran, once the Capital of this County, and gave Title to an Earl, is a Imall City feated on the River Ersch, 50 miles South of Inspruck. Near it is

Tyrol, an ancient Caftle, which gave name to the whole Country. It is feated in a pleasant Country,

but has nothing confiderable in it.

Pludentz, stands at the foot of the Mountains upon the bank of the River Ill, about 75 miles West from

Bergont Thands at the East-end of the Lake of Constance, 80 miles West from Inspruck.

Montfort stands about the mid-way between Bergentz to the North, and Pludentz to the South.

Felkirk stands upon the Ill, and near the Rbine, about 12 miles West from Pludentz.

The Bishoprick of TRENT.

This Country is by some Geographers made part of Iraly: But the Bishop of it being a Prince of the Empire, the Germans reckon it into the Circle of Austria. It lyes among the Alps, between the County of Tyrol on the North, the Dominions of the State of Venice on the South and East, and the Grisons on the West. The extent of it is about 70 miles from East to West, and 50 from North to South. The River Adige runs thro' it from North to South, and receives feveral smaller

Rivers that rife in the Mountains on each fide this Country. The Soil here produces Wine, Oil, Fruit and Pasture, but not much Corn.

The Chief Towns are \{ \frac{Trent}{Pezent.}

TRENT, Tridentinum, is seated upon the River Adige, in a pleasant Vally, between three very high and Iteep Mountains, 45 miles South-east from Brixen, 35 North from Verona, 30 from the Confines of the Valteline to the West, and 70 from Inspruck to the South. It is adorn'd with many stately Palaces, and leveral beautiful Churches, whereof the Cathedral dedicated to S. Vigel, is reckon' da fine piece of Architecture : Its Chapter confifts of Noblemen, who chule the Bishop. Here are also a great number of Religious Hou-fes. The Inhabitants speak both the German and Italian Tongues very perfect, and are observed to be exceeding Civil to Strangers, whereof a great many pals thro' this place in Travelling into Italy and Germany. It was formerly an Imperial City, but is now subject to its Bishop, on whom the Emperor Conrad II. bestowed the Sovereignty of this Territory, which had before been subject to its own Lord, under the Protection of the Duke of Bavaria. This Donation was ratified by the Emperors Frederick I. and II. and the Count of Tyrol made Protector of it. The Bishop is suffragan to the Patriarch of Aquileia, and as we have faid, a Prince of the Empire. The Council held here in the last Age hath made this City famous: It began in the Year 1545. but was not ended till 1563. during most of which time there are faid to have been in this City 7 Cardinals, 3 Patriarchs, 33 Archbishops, 235 Bishops, 7 Vicars General, and 146 Divines, besides many Ambasfadors, who with their Attendants, were provided whith Lodging, Victuals, and all Necessaries. Council was Assembled by Pope Paul III. at the instance of many of the Princes of Europe, for the Reformation of the Discipline of the Church, but by the contrivance of the Pope and Cardinals, so many Italian Bishops were brought to it, that they over-rul'd the Endeavors of the rest, and permitted nothing to be Decreed but what the Pope directed, which was fo notorious, that it was a common Jest, That the Holy-Ghost was sent from Rome to Trent in a Cloak-bag. And so little was done of what was expected during all this long Selfion, that not only the Protestants, but the whole German and French Nations refused to receive its Decrees. This Council began on the 4th of Fanuary, 1545. and continu'd all the Reign of that Pope who dying in 1549, it was reium'd by Pope Julius III. in 1551. He dy'd in 1555, and a War broke out in German, which interrupted it till Pius IV. re-affembled it on thei 8th of January, 1562; from which time it continu'd till the 3d of December, 1563. When it finally broke up, after having with the utmost Partiality established the Pope's Authority, and ratified the Doctrines of Purgatory, Invocation of Saints, Indulgences, &c.

Pozen, call'd by the Italians Bolzano, is seated on the Adige, 25 miles North from Trent, and near the Confines of Tyrol. It is pleafantly situated, and is a place of good Trade, especially at its four yearly Fairs, that hold 15 days each, to which great numbers of Merchants come from feveral parts of Germany and Italy; for whose fake great Privileges have been granted to Tho it be seared in the Diocess, this place is not subject to the Bishop of Trent, having been taken

from him by the Earl of Tyrol, in 1295.

CHAP. X.

The Kingdom of BOHEMIA, with the Dukedom of SILESIA and Marquisate of MORAVIA.

Under the name of Bohemia in general are comprehended Bohemia, Moravia, and Silefia, which altogether lye in form of a Lozenge, between Austria on the South, Brandenburgh and Lustatia on the North, the Palatinate of Bavaria, with part of Saxony on the West, and Poland on the East, and extends 69 German Leagues, or 276 English miles from North to South, and 65 Leagues, or 260 miles from East to West.

Although this Kingdom be comprized within the compals of Germany, and the King is an Electror of the Empire, it hath several peculiar Constitutions and Customs, and a Language different from the Germans. The Kingdom is Elective; but the House of Austria, by claiming it as Heredirary, occasion'd bloody Wars in the beginning of this Age, between the Emperor Ferdinand II. and Frederick Count Palatine, who being Elected, had accepted of this Crown. But this Prince being overcome by the Emperor in the samous Battle of Prague, A. D. 1620. the Kingdom hath been ever since entirely subject to that Family.

The Reformation of Religion was begun very early here by John Itusse and Jerom of Prague, and their Converts were numerons long before Calvin and Luther appear'd; whose Doctrines also being brought hither, prevail'd much, and the number of Protestants were very great, before by Persecutions and Wars they were harrafs'd and subjected to the Roman Catholicks, which Religion at present is only predominant in

this Kingdom.

The ancient History of this Country is very obfeure; the best account that remains is, that the People of the more Northern parts came hither for a warmer Climate, and at first liv'd in a sociable Community, distributing all things in common, but differences arising, they were forc'd to Elect a Governor, who had at first the Title of a Judge only, afterwards honour'd with that of Duke, and at length King. The Succession of these Princes, as well as can be made from the imperfect Chronicles of this Nation, is as follows.

A Chronological TABLE, shewing the Succession of the Dukes and Kings of BOHEMIA.

XVIII Dukes. Crocus the first Law-giver of Bohemia.

Began to reign A.C. reigned years.

	Degan to reign A.C. reigned				
I	L Ibyssa Daughter of Crocus, Married Primistans, or				
	Married Primistans, or	652	44		
	Primishe, he founded Prague.				
2	Neramistaus.	676	39		
3	Mnatha.	715	15		
4	Mogenius, or Doricius.	735	28		
5	Weneslas, or Wenceslaus,	763	22		
6	Crcezonistaus.	785	19		
7	Neclan.	804	35		
8	Nastritius, or Hortivilius.	823	17		
9	Bozivozius, the first Christian ? Prince of the Bohemians.	856	48		

0 1	Shirignaus, or Epitisvenus.		904	2
11	Uladislaus.		906	10
12	S. Wencestaus II. Martyr.		916	16
	Bolistans I. the Cruel.		932	35
14	Bolislaus II.		967	32
15	Bolistaus III. the Ruddy and the Blind.	3	000	
		3	999	13
16	Jacomir, Regent.	I	012	25
17	Brezetislaus I. the Bohemian Achilles	3,	027	18
		-		
10	Spigna, or Shirignæus.	1	055	6

XXXIX Kings.

Began to reign	A.D. re	eigned v	rears.			
19 Uladislaus, or Ladislaus I.	1061	31				
20 Conrad I.	1092	1				
21 Brezetistaus II.	1092	7				
22 Borzivogius, or Borivorius II.	1100	9				
23 Suatopluok.	1109	2				
24 Ladislaus II.	1111	16				
25 Solestaus, or Sobeistaus I.	1125	15				
26 Ladislaus III.	1140	35				
27 Sobestaus, or Sobierlaus II.	1174	4				
28 Frederick Bedzicher.	1178	12				
29 Comrad II.	1190	2				
30 Wencestaus III.	1192	1				
31 Berzbestaus Henricus.	1193	3				
32 Ladislaus IV.	1196	5	Mon.			
33 Primislaus, or Ottocarus I.	1199	22				
34 Wencestaus IV. the one Ey'd.	1231	24				
35 Ottocarus II.	1253	25				
36 Wencestaus V.	1278	27				
37 Wencestaus VI.	1305	I				
38. Rodolphus I.	1306	I				
39 Henry, Deposed.	1307	3				
40 John of Luxemburg.	1310	36				
41 Charles.	1346	32				
42 Wencestaus VII. the Idle.	1348	40				
43 Sigismund.	1418	19				
44 Albert.	1437	3				
45 Ladislaus V.	1440	18				
46 George Paderbrach.	1458	13				
47 Ladislaus VI.	1471	45				
48 Lewes.	1516	10				
49 Ferdinand I. 50 Maximilian.	1526	36				
51 Rodolphus II.	1562	12				
52 Matthies.	1571	53				
53 Ferdinand II.		11				
54 Frederick Elector Palatine.	1617	20				
55 Ferdinand III.	1637	about	0			
56 Ferdinand IV.	1646	about				
57 Leopoldus Ignatius, now Reigni		20046				
37 7						
ROHEMIA proper is be	ounded	on the	Faft			

BOHEMIA proper, is bounded on the East by Moravia and Silesia, on the West by Missia and Bavaria, on the North by Lusatia, and on the South by Austria; it is almost entirely encompass'd with Mountains, out of one of which springs the River Elb. In these Mountains there are Mines of Silver, Copper and Lead, and in them are sound certain preciperate.

precious Stones, which the Jews fend into foreign parts. The River Muldaw rifes in the Mountains on the South-fide, as the Elbe does in those on the North, both which join a little below Prague, and make a good Navigable Stream. Many other small Rivers water this Country. The Soil is good, affording Corn, Pasture and Sastron, and some Wine; as also abundance of Hops, whereof they make Beer that is much esteem'd. The People are generally Strong and Couragious, reckon'd strict observers of their Word, but much addicted to Robbing.

MORAVIA, call'd Morawa by the Inhabitants, and Mahern by the Germans, lies between Silefia on the North and East, Austria on the South, and Bohewoody and mountainous, but the rest is fair, champain and good Soil, yielding much Corn, and on the South part Wine. Out of the Earth is dug a fort of Myrrh and Frankincense in gerat pieces. The Paftures are fill'd with Oxen, Horfes, Sheep and Goats, and the Woods with Hares, Foxes, Wolves and Bevers. Here are many Pits of standing Waters of a poysonous and pestilential Quality, which hurt the Vines and Fruits, and make the People subject to Epidemical Diseases: But there are other Waters which make amends, having the Virtue of Curing many Distempers. Moravia was anciently the Sear of a Kingdom, including also Bohemia and Silesia, which being conquer'd by the Romans, was parcell'd out into four Dukedoms; this of Moravia was afterwards reduc'd to a Marquisate, which Title it still bears, but is mostly subject to Bohemia. The River Morawa, which rifes in the Mountains on the North part, passes through the middle and gives name to this Province.

SILESIA, or SLISKO, lies between Bohemia on the South-west, and Poland on the Northeaft: Its utmost length from North-west, to Southeast, is about 225 miles, and its breadth 65 miles. On the side next Bohemia are many Mountains, but the rest of the Country is good Soil, and produces Corn, some Wine, Madder and Flax. Here are Mines of Silver, Copper, Lead and Iron, and plenty of Saltpetre. The River Oder takes its rise in the Southern bounds of this Province, and traverseth it from South to North-west. The Vistula, which is the chief River of Poland, springs in the South-east Confines of Silesia: Many smaller Rivers rise here, and fall into the Oder, encreasing it to a large Navigable Stream before it passes into Brandenburg. The Meadows have Cattle, the Forests Venison, and the Rivers Fish in good plenty. Silesia was part of the Kingdom of Poland for many Ages, but revolted under the Reign of Uladiflaus Lothicus, and is now part of the Kingdom of Bohemia: but several Princes have Sovereign Dominion over small parts of it.

The chief Cities and Towns of this Kingdom are these, viz.

Prague, Capital.

Budwen,

Agra.

Letomersiz,

Komingratz.

Glatz.

Bern.

Pilen.

Czallaw.

Tabor.

Budwen,

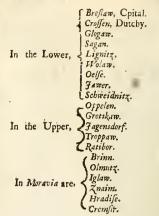
Letomersiz,

Tabor.

Budwen,

Silesia divided into two parts, viz.

Tabor.



PRAGUE, Praga, olim Marobundum Rubienum, and Cusurgin, is seated on the River Muldaw, in a very fruitful Country, and is encompass'd with stately Courts and pleasant Places, appearing as it were in the midst of an Amphitheatre; it may be divided into three parts, viz. the Alt Stadt, or Old Town, the Nieue Stadt, or New Town, which is the chief, and wherein the Royal Palace stands, and the Kleine Seiten, or leffer Town on the other fide of the Moldaw: All these together form one of the largest Cities in Germany, wherein Dukes, Princes and Emperors have for a long time kept their Court. In the lesser Town stands the Cathedral Church, dedicated to S. Vair, wherein are magnificent Tombs and a ftrong Castle. A stately Stonebridge of 24 Arches over the Moldaw, joins this to the other Town. The Town-house, the College and Church of the Jesuits, and the University, are stately Buildings, which, together with several other beautiful Edifices, make this so fine a Place, that En. Sylvius compares it to Florence; but our ingenious Country-man Dr. Brown fays, this City is larger and more populous than that; that the River Maldaw is much better than the Arno at Florence, but that the Dukes Palace and the Cathedral at Florence, exceed any thing in Prague. It is the See of an Archbishop, and the Seat of a slourishing University, Founded by the Emperor Charles VI. in the year 1358. The Bohemians brag much of the great number of Students that have been in this University, and say, that in the year 1409. J. Huss alone had above 20000 Scholars. This City was often taken during the German Wars; and near its Walls was fought that famous Battel between the Bohemian and German Protestants, under Frederick Prince Palatine, chosen King of Bohemia, and the Forces of the Emperor Ferdinand, on the 8th day of November, 1620. wherein the Emperor obtain'd the Victory, and forced the unfortunate Prince to quit his Royalty. Prague stands in the Latitude of 50 deg, and in the Longitude of 34 deg. 15 min, and at the distance of 100 miles from the Dambe to the North, 145 miles from Vienna to the North-west, 50 from the Confines of Saxony to the East, 180 from the borders of Poland to the West, and about 40 from the bounds of Lusatia to the South.

Egra, called by the Bohemians Chebbe, is a great City at the borders of Bohemia, towards the Palatinate, 80 miles distant from Prague to the West; It stands upon the River Eger, and is Fortisted with a double Wall &c. Koningratz, or Kralovistrades, Gradium Regime, Regime Gradecium, is a good City, seated upon the River Elle, at 50 miles distance from Prague to the East, and 35 from Glatz to the South-west: It is now the See of a Bishop, who is a Suffragan to the Arch-bishop of Prague, being lately made to by Pope

Alex. VII. in the year 1664.

Glatz is a fmall. City, built at the Foot of one of the Hills that part Bobemia from Silefia, and water'd by a fmall River call'd the Miza. It is the Capitalof a very rich and fuitful Country of the fame Name (in which are nine great Towns and 100 Villages) is very well fortified, and has a ftrong Caftle which stands on the Top of a Hill: It is distant 85 miles from Prague to the East, and 55 from Olmuz to the North-west.

Elnbogen is a very strong Town upon the River Eger, 16 miles from Egra to the West, and near the Boiders of Misnia; it is call'd the Bohemian Key to

the German Empire.

Pilsen is a large strong and well fortified City, standing upon the Confluence of the River Men and Caburz, 40 miles from Prague to the South west, and 40 from Egra to the South-east, was besieged in vain by the Hussies, but was taken by Count Mansfield, and was afterwards the last Town of Bobemia that yielded to the Imperialists. The Market place is spacious, and is seared at the meeting of 4 or 5 Streets of very good Build-

ing. They have two very fine Churches.

Czaslaw, a small City, but the Head of a considerable Presecture, 40 miles distant from Prague to the East, and 25 from Kningrasz to the South. This was the Burial-place of John Zisca, the samous General of the Hussiaes, who, to revenge the Death of John Hussiah Jerome of Prague got an Army together of 40000 Men, with which he obtain'd many Victories over the Papists. At his Death he order'd; That a Drum should made of his Skin; saying. The Enemy would fly at the Sound of it: Which was done accordingly, and had a strange effect upon the Enemy, who, being raw Soldiers, fancied themselves bewitched by this Drum, and shamefully run away without sighting. He flourish'd about the year 1420. And built

Tabor, which the Huffires fortified, and made the feat of their War; from whence, for 20 years together, they ravaged the Imperial Countries; and thereupon were call'd Taborites. It flands upon the River Laufnicz, 45 miles from Prague to the South, 35

from Czaslaw.

BRIN, call'd BRINO by the Bohemians, Lat. Brinum aut Bruna, is fituated at the Confluence of the Rivers Schwarta and Zwitta, at the diltance of 50 miles from Vienna to the North, and 120 from Prague to the South-east. It is by some reckon'd the Capital of the Marquisate of Moravia, and is defended by strong Fortifications; by the help whereof it sustain'd a vigorous Siege of the Swedish Forces in

1645.

Olimutz, Olomutium, is not very large, but a neat and well-built City, and has a good Trade with the Merchants, of Bohemia, Poland, Hungary, &c. for which it is conveniently feated upon the River Morawa, which falls into the Danube, 80 miles below it. It is the Metropolis of this Marquitate, and the only Bifhop's See in it, of which S. Cyril was the first Bifhop, about the year 830. This Bifhop was formerly a Suffragan to Mentz, but in the year 1346. was alter'd, and made subject to the Arch-bishop of Prague: It is distant 30 miles from Brim to the North-east.

Iglaw, otherwise Giblawa is a pretty large well-built and strongly forified Town, on the Border of Bohemia

on the Road from thence to Ilungary, and therefore much frequented by Travellers: It is water'd by a River of the fame Name, which fprings in Bohemia, about 20 miles from hence, and is diffant 50 from Brimt to the West, and about 70 from Prague to the Southeast. The chief Trade of the Town is in Beer and course Wollen Cloath. The chiefest Building in it is the Jesuis College, and Gymnassum, which with two Monasteries of Dominicans and Franciscans are worth seeing. In the Hussies Wars this place was obstinate to the Popish side, but very early received the Augsburg Confession. In the year 1645, it was surrendred to the Sweeds, who defended it for a whole year against all the Emperor's Forces.

Znaim or Znojmo, Znogma, stands upon the River Taya, not above 5 miles from the Borders of Austria; and 20 miles South from Brim, in a pleasant Soil and wholsom Air, and is well fortified by a strong Castle, but with the inconvenience of being overlook'd by a Mountain, within Cannon-shot. This City is also on the Road to Vienna, which brings a good Trade to it. It was burnt in the year 1145, by Uladislus King of Bohemia, but rebuilt by Primislau Ottacar,

about 1222.

Hradisse or Hradisch, a City situate upon the River Morawa, 30 miles from Olmutz to the South, and as

far from Brinn to the East.

Cremser or Kremser, and by the Bohemians Kromeritz, on the River Morawa, in the middle between Olmutz and Hradisfe, is now become a very fair City, though not many Ages ago a poor Village; which was occasioned by a fine Palace, that Brinn Bishop of Olmutz built here; which drew so many People together, that

in a little time he wall'd it, and made it a City.

BRESLAW, Vratiflatia the Metropolis of Silefia, and of a particular Dutchy, to which it gives Name; is feated upon the River Oder, at the diltance of 120 miles almost North east from Prague, 110 North from Britm, and 35 miles West from the Confines of Piland. It is a very large, well-fortified, and fair City the See of a Bishop, established in 1033, and the Seat of an University. It is a Free City, being govern'd by a Council of 15 Senators, whereof 11 are Noblemen, and the other 4 chosen out of the Corporations of Drapers, Metcers, Brewers and Butchers. The Citizens are rich, and have a good Trade.

In the most North-east part of Silesia is the Dukedom of Crossen, which was anciently part of the great Duke of Silesia's Dominions, but was several times pawn'd to the Marquets of Brandenburg and redeemed; but in the year 1391, it was deliver'd to John III. Elector of Brandenburg, with the Consent of Uladislaus, King of Hurgary and Bokemia; which was confirm'd, and the sole and entire Position of it granted to Joachim and John, Marquesses of Brandenburg by the Emperor Ferdinand I. King of Bohemia, and is still

enjoyed by that Elector.

Cossem, the chief City of it, is seared upon the River Oder, where it receives the Bober in a Pleasant Plan, and good Air, and is distant a few miles from the Frontiers of Brandenburg to the South, and 40 from Glegare to the North-well. It is a near old City; the Dukes Palace, the Town-house, and some Citizens Houses are built with Stone. The neighbouring Hills are covered with Fruit-Trees of many sorts, and the Country yields some Wine but not the process.

very goods

Glogaw, call'd the Great, to distinguish it from a small Town of the same Name, is also the Capital of a Dukcdom, some time govern'd by its own Lords but now subject to the Emperor, as King of Bohemia.

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was made a City by Conrade its Duke, in the year 1260, at which time the Wall and Chathedral Church were built: It was taken by the Smedes in 1647. but being reitored, is now regularly fortified, and has a ftrong Caltle. It ftands on the River Oder, near the Frontiers of Poland, 40 miles from Croffen to the Southeast, 55 from Breflaw to the North-west.

Sagan, Zeigan, the chief City of another Dukedom, of a imali extent, is feated upon the River Bobor, near the Frontiers of Lufatia, 25 miles S. from Croffen, and as many W. from Glogaw; it was once one of the most populous and largest Cities of Silesia, but is now much decay'd, having been often taken by the Swedes, and retaken by the Imperialists in the German Civil Wars.

Lignitz, the chief City of a Dukedom allo, is a fair City, on the banks of the little River Katsbach, 35 miles from Glogaw to the South, and 36 from Breflaw to the W. About the year 1170 this Town was much enlarg'd and fortified, which was afterwards fo improved in the year 1532. by Frederick its then Duke, that it became one of the best Fortifications, next Breslaw, in Silefia. The Cattle is a very ftrong and noble Building, and the Hospital and Town-house are worth a Stranger's seeing. The Country of this Dukedom yields much Corn. In the year 1675, the last Duke dying without Heirs, it fell to the Emperor.

Wolaw, a small inconsiderable City on the North fide of the Od.r, 26 miles diftant from Lignitz, formerly part of the Dakedom of Lignitz, but now

gives Title to a Duke of its own.

Oelse is a neat uniform well-built City, formerly well strengthen'd with Walls, Gates, Turrets and other Fortifications, but in the year 1648 they were demolith'd by the Swedish General, and nor fince rebuilt; here is a fair Church, College, Town-hall, and Market-place, which is exactly fquare. This City had also a Duke of its own, till in the year 1492 it was given to the Dake of Mansferberg, who is still Lord of it, and some other small Cities its dependences. Oelse is fituated about 15 miles from Breflaw to the N. E.

Fauer and Schweidnitz, are two small Dukedoms, (both now in the Emperor) extended on the South-fide of the Oder between Lignitz on the North, Breslaw on the East, and Munsterberg on the South.

The City Fawer stands in a pleasant Valley, and is fortified with high Romparts, deep Ditches, and a Castle, in which refides the Lieutenant of these two Dukedoms.

Schweidnitz stands South east from Jawer, and Southwest from Breslaw, about 20 miles diltant from the former, and 30 from the latter. It is fortified with Walls and Ramparts, and beautified with many fair Buildings, fo that it may be esteemed one of the finest Cities in Silefia. In the Armory here, is a Gun of an extraordinary fize, being able to carry a Bullet of 320 pound weight. Besides these two Cities, there are 22 Towns in these two Dukedoms.

Munsterberg, the Capital of another Dukedom, is a fmall City feeted in a fruitful Plain, 30 miles South from Breflaw. It is an old Castle, which, with the Town-hall, is all worth noting in this Town. Five

other Towns are in this Dukedom.

Oppelen stands on the Northern banks of the River Oder, over which it has a Bridge, 40 miles above Breslaw. It has very thick Walls and strong Gates for its defence. Ever fince 1647 it has been subject to the King of Poland, and all the People here and in the neighbouring Villages speak the Polish Language. This is a Dukedom also, and has 13 Towns its dependences.

Grotkaw, a small City that stands between Munsterberg and Oppelen, is the Capital of another Dukedom subject to the King of Bohemia; wherein stands also Neissa a City of good Trade, seated on a River of

the same name, and 11 other Towns.

Jagensdorf, call'd by the Moravians, Carnowf, stands upon the River Oppa, 35 miles from Oppelen to the S. It is a fmall City, and not confiderable except that it is the Capital of a Dukedom, which with the City, was, by Lewis King of Hungary and Bohemia, given to George Marquess of Brandenburg, who built a Castle and errected some other Fortifications about it.

Troppaw, a small City upon the River Oppa, 10 miles from Jagensdorf, has nothing very remarkable in it, nor in its Dukedom, which has 8 other

Towns in it.

Ratibor is a pretty good City, having in it a Cathedral and the Duke's Palace; the Houses are of Wood, as they are generally all over Silefia, but handfome enough, and the publick Buildings are of Stone: It stands in a pleasant Plain on the banks of the River Oder, 35 miles above Oppelen. The Dukedom of Ratibor, containing 5 other Towns, fell to the King of Bohemia in the year 1516. at the death of Duke Valentinus its last Prince.

CHAP. XI.

The Marquisate and Electorate of BRANDENBURG, with MAGDEBURG and HALBERSTADT; and the Dukedom of POMERANIA.

THIS Country, included within the Circle of the Upper Saxony, is bounded on the North by Pomerania and the Dutchy of Mecklenburg, on the South by Silefia and the Upper Saxony, on the East by Poland, and on the West by the Lower Saxony. It is extended from North to South for the space of about as also about 200 from East to West. Its principal Rivers are the Elb, the Havel, the Spere, and the Wart. The Northern fituation of this Country makes the Air cold, and the Winters continue very long, nevertheless the Soil brings forth every thing necessary for Sustenance. Here are very good Pastures, wherein great Herds of Cattle are sed; and large Forests abounding with Venison.

The first Inhabitants of this Country were the Varini and Naitones, part of the great Nation of the Suevians, after whom some Tribes of the Sclaves possessed it. About the year 920, the Emperor Henry conquer'd these rude People, and planted Christianity among them, and bestow'd the Country upon Sigifrede Earl of Ringelbeim, with the Title of Margrave, or Lord of the Marches, obliging him to defend it against the Sclaves; which Honour was at first conferr'd on whom the Emperor pleas'd, and was not Hereditary till the time of Albert of Anhalt, Successor to Henry the Lyon; to whom the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa gave it, and entail'd it upon his Issue: But this Family failing in the year 1323. several Families succeeded in it, till Anno 1417. the Emperor Sigismund conferr'd it upon Frederick Frederick Burggraf of Novemberg, in whole Family it still remains.

The Elector of Brandenburg is Lord of larger Territories than any other Prince of Germany, except the Arch-Duke of Austria; for besides this Marquisate, he possesseth many Estates elsewhere, viz. in the Lower Saxony, the Principalities of Magd burg and Halberstade, with part of Pomerania: In Welt phalia, the Principality of Minden, the Dutchy of Cleeves, and the Counties of Mark and Ravenspurge; as also the Lordship of Crossen in Silesia, and part of Prussia in Poland. The Lutheran Religion is predominant, the Princes, Bishops, and most of the People being of that Persuasion; and the rest Calvinists, here being few or no Roman Catholicks.

Brandenburg is divided into three Parts, call'd Marchs: The chief Towns whereof are thefe, viz. S Berian.

Colm. Brandenburg. In the Middle Francfort upon the Oder. Marckt, Spandaw. Orananenburg. which lies West Rosenaw. of the Ri-Lebus. The Lordship of Preg-Neuslat.

nitz, wherein are, Wishock.
Dalmin. ver Oder, extending to the Harel and The Lordship of Ru- S Rupin, pin, Premston. Elb. The New Marche lies to [Landsperg.

the North-east on the Kustrim. Banks of the Oder and Soldin. Wart stretching North-& Driessen. ward into Pomerania, The Lordship Sernburg, of Stern, Someburg. and hath these Towns of chiefelt note, Stendel.

The Old Marcht lies on Gardeleben, the West-side of the Eth, Soltwedel. between that River and Tangermund. Lunenburg. Sechausen. Ofterburg.

To which may be added, being subject to this

The Dutchy of Magde- \ Magdeburg. Borch.

The Principality of Hal Softerwike. berstadt, Gruningen.

Of these Towns, those that deserve a particular de-

scription, are these that follow.

BERLIN, Berolinum, is pleasantly situated on the River Sprehe in a very fruitful Country, being en-viron'd on one fide with Vineyards, on another with Marches, and on a third with Woods full of all forts of Game. It is efteem'd the capital City of the whole Marquisate of Brandenburg, and is the usual place of Residence of the Elector. The River divides it into 2 parts, the larger whereof, towards the North, retains the name of Berlin, and the other to the South, is call'd Coln, in which stands the Elector's Palace; the Stateline's whereof, the Grandeur of the Courts, together with the Largeness of the Streets, and the regular Architecture of the Houses, render this a very noble and magnificent City. It is diffant 68 miles from Magdeburg to the North-east, 45 from Francfurt on the Oder to the West, and 150 from Prague to the Northwest in the Latitude of 52. 30. It was first built by Albertus Ursus Prince of Anhale, A. D. 1142.

BRANDENBURG or BRANDEBURG Brandeburgum, was fo called, as it were The Town of Fire, or took its name (according to the opinion of others) from its Founder Brennus, General of the Gauls. It is feated in the midst of a moorish Ground, and on the banks of the River Hamel, which divides it into two parts, viz. the Old or Tpper Town, and the New, being diftant only 26 miles from Berlin to the West, and 40 from Magdeburg to the Northeaft, is a very ancient City, and hath given its name to the whole Country, as also a little to the Elector of Brandenburg. It was errected into an Epileopal See under the Metropolitan of Magdeburg, by the Emperor Otho, fir nam'd the Great, A. C. 946. Its Bishops have adher'd to the Augslurg Confession of Faith ever since the year 1563. In the great Churchare many Monuments of Princes, and in the Market-place a Statua Rolandina, of which an account is given in our Description of Bremen.

Francfurt upon the River Oder, and for distinction fake usually so express'd, is seated in a fraisful Country, at the distance of 44 miles from Berlin to the East, 70 from Stetin to the South, and not above Ic from the borders of Lufatia It is divided into two parts by the River, over which they have a a large Bridge of Wood. It is a place of reasonable good Trade, and hath two Fairs yearly held in it. The Marquettes of Brandenburg have, at several times, granted the Citizens great I ivileges. The City was once free and imperial, as also one of the Hanse-Towns, but now, exempt and less considerable than it hath been. In the year 1506. Foach. m Mar, quels of Brandenburg founded an University here,

which is now confiderable.

Havelburg is feated on the River Havel, which a little below falls into the Elb, 50 miles from Berlin to the N. W. It is the See of a Bishop, who was Suffragen to the Archbithop of Magdeburg but fince the year 1555, the Bithops have been of the Lutheran Perfuation.

Stendal, a Hante-Town, the Metropolis of the A't-Marcht, is feated on the River Ucht, in a pleasant Plain, and on the side of a large Forest; it is a neat well built City, and strongly fortissed. The Inhabitants have a pretty good Trade in Corn and Linnen Cloth. It lies upon the Road from Magdeburg to Hamburg and Lubeck, by which the Inhabitants make good profit. The Courts of Civil Judicature for the Old Marchet are held here. It is diftant 32 miles from Brandenburg to the West, and 20 from Havelburg to the South.

Soltwedel, a large Town, 35 miles from Stendal to the North-west, 50 from Zell to the N. E. and on the Road between Stendal and Limenburg. It is seared on the River Jerze, and divided into the old and new Town: Its chief Trade is in Beer. This was formerly the Capital of a Marquisate subject to its own Lord, but was long fince united to that of Brandenburg.

Tangermunde or Angermund, feated on the E.v at the mouth of the Anger or Tanger, 8 miles from Stendal to the South. It was at first a Castle built by the Emperor Charles IV. in the year 1376, but is now a p'ace of pretty good Trade in Corn and other Cannodities convey'd by the Elb to other places.

Landsperg stands upon the River Warta, 20 miles East from the Oder, and 35 North-east from Francfurt; Its convenient situation makes it a place of good Tred-, which confifts much in cafting of Iron Ordnance, &c. This City was often taken and re-taken in the German

Kustrim on the River Oder, near the mouth of the Warta, 50 miles from Berlin to the East, formerly an inconfiderable Village, now a very strong Town, and

efteem'd the Key of the New Marckt, having been welled with Stone, and otherwise ftrongly fortified in the Iast Age by John Marques of Brandenburg, and in 1631 was strong enough to bassle Gustavus Adolphus, who was forced to raite his Siege, and withdraw his Army from before it. The Houses are neatly and wellbuilt, and the Market place is the handsomost in all

the Ma quifate.

MAGDEBURG, a Territory of about 60 miles in length from East to West, and in some part 30 from North to South, situate between Brunswick on the West, Savany on the East, Brandenburg on the North, and Anhalt on the South, the Elb running through; it was formerly an Arch-bishoprick, being made to by the Pope at the instance of the Emperor Otho I, and its Prelate Primate of all Germany, in which state it continued till the Reformation; when the Canons having embrac'd the Doctrine of Luther in the year 1566, chose the Son of the Elector of Brandenburg Administrator of their Arch-bishoprick, after which it semained in the Administratorship of a secular Prince; till, at length, in the Treaty of Munster, A.D. 1648. it was agreed, That after the death of the then Administrator, the whole Country should devolve on the Elector of Brandenburg as a secular Estate and a Dukedom, which, together with the Bishoprick of Halberstadt, were given him as an Equivalent for the hither upper Pomerania, by the same Treaty granted to the King of Smeden. It is accordingly now subject to that Elector, and is thought to have advanc'd his Annual Revenue

at least 600000 Rix Dollars. The City of Magdeburg, Magdeburgum, call'd in old writing Partherspolis, is feated on the Banks of the Elb, 45 miles below Wittenburg, in a pleasant Country abounding with Corn, but wanting Wood; as on the contrary the Land on the other fide of the River wants Corn. but has plenty of Wood. It is diftant 30 miles from Brandenburg to the South-west, 60 from Brunswick to the East. and as many from Leipsick to the North. It was built, or much enlarged at least, and wall'd round, by the Emperor Otho, about the year 940. at the defire of his Wife Edgitha, Daughter to our Englith-Saxon King Edmund; and being made a City he endowed it with large Privileges, made it Imperial, built also the stately Cathedral yet standing, and tranflated the Bishoprick of Vallersleben thither, and obtained the Dignity of Primacy to be added to it: By which means it grew exceeding wealthy and powerful, and continued to till the year 1631, that barbarous Count Tilly having taken the City, massacred the Inhabitants in a most bloody manner, and burnt and destroy'd the whole Town, except the Cathedral, and fome few inconsiderable Houses; the Slaughter was so great, that of 40000 Citizens, its faid not above 400 were left alive, which Lossit has never been able to recover; and tho' the Electors of Brandenburg have much affifted it, and repair'd the Fortifications which are very ftrong, yet it still remains far less considerable than'it has been. The Cathedral is a very noble Structure, and worth a Stranger's view; in it are forty nine Alters; and in one of the Chappels is the Tomb of the Emperor Otho and his Wife Edgitha, the Foundress of this Church.

There are 28 Towns more in this Dukedom, but none of them contain any thing worthy of a particular de-

fcription.

The Province of HALBERSTADT is a small Country of about 30 miles in length and 25 in breadth, being bounded by the Dutchy of Magdeburg on the N. E. the Principality of Anhalt on the South, the Bishoprick of Hildesheim on the West, and Brunswick Wolfembuttel on the North. The Soil of it is good and yields plenty of Corn, and the Forests contain store of Venison. The

Bishoprick, which was first founded in the year 780, by the Emperor Charles the Great, and planted at Oslerwick, a Town in this Province, being in a little time removid to Halberstadt, gave name to this Country, which continued subject to its own Prelate till the Civil Wars of Germany, when the Bishop Leopold William having restored Popery, which had been abolished in 1591, the sweeds besing d and took Halberstadt, restored the Lutheran Religion, and kept the Town and Country till the Treaty of Manssey, by which this Bissoprick was Secularized and given to the Elector of Brandenburg, and now bears the Title of a Pruncipality,

Halberstadt, the chief Town, is leated upon the River

Halberstadt, the chief I own, is leated upon the Kiver Hotheim, 32 miles from Magdeburg to the S. W. It was heretofore an Imperial City, but afterwards exempted and subject to its Bishop, and now under the Elector of Brandenburg; it is reasonably well-built, the Streets are even, and the Houses near and uniform. There is an Inn in this City that is thought the largest, and will accommodate the greatest number of Persons of

any in Europe.

Ofterwick, once call'd Salingstade, in which this Bifhoprick was first planted, is seated on the River Ise, about 15 miles from Halberstadt to the West.

Gruninghen, a fmall Town with a Castle, re-built in 1593. formerly the Seat of the Bishop, stands 10 miles from Halbersladt to the East. There is a remarkable Wine-sat in it of vast bulk, containing near 1000 Hog-sheads.

Queidlingburg is also reckon'd in the Limits of this Principality, but belonging to the House of Saxony, is described with the rest of that Elector's E-

SECT. II.

The Dutchy of POMERANIA, call'd. Pommern in High-Dutch.

Pomerania is the most extream North cast part of Germany, being bounded by the Baltick Sea on the North, and Prussia on the East, Brandenhurg on the South, and Mecklenhurg on the West. It is about 80 miles broad, and 250 long: The Air is very cold, but the Soil however yeilds Corn and Fruits, also good Pasture, which is fill'd with Cattle, and Forests which abound with Venison. The River Oder falls into the Sea, after it has run through the middle of this Country: Besides which, the Rivers Pen, Rega, Persant Wiper, and the Stolp, water this Dutchy.

Pomerania was long Govern'd by its own Dukes, of whom Parninrius at his Death in 1277. divided it between his two Sons; the Seat of the eldest being Wolgast, and of the Younger Stetin; but the House of Stetin failing of Isue in 1464, that part of Pomerania was conferr'd on the Marquels of Brandenburg, by the Emperor. This the Duke of Pomeren Wolgast oppos'd with all his might, and at length forced the Brandenburger to furrender it, but with this condition, that if the House of Wolgast should fail, the whole Dukedom should descend to the House of Brandenburg; which happening in the year 1637, when Bugislaus died with out Issue, the Elector of Brandenburg claim'd the whole Country: But the Sweeds in the mean time had got footing here, being call'd in by Bugistaus to affift him against the Imperialists in the German Civil Wars, and could not be perswaded to leave a Province which they esteemed so convenient to them. This caused a War between the King of Sweden and the Elector of Brandenburg, which was ended in 1648, by the Treaty of Ofnabrug and Mimster, wherein they agreed to share it betwist them; the Sweed having all on the West-side of the Oder, and the Brandanburger that on the East: And as a Compen-

fation to the Elector, the Dukedom of Magdeburg and the Principality of Halberstadt were assign'd him by the same Treaty; which however did not satisfie him. and therefore when the rest of Europe were in Arms, the Elector of Brandenburg affumed his for the recovery of this Country, and entring the Swedish Pomerania, took Stetin in 1677. and Straelfund, and other Places, foon after: But at the Treaty of St. Germain, what then remain'd in his hands was restor'd, and the Country is still divided, as we have said above.

The Division of it will be seen by this Table. jo Stetin, ö to the K. Jasenitz, Stetin, per Pomerania, subject to the K is divided into the Territories Ukermond, L Passewalk. Wolgast, Gripswald, Hans. Wolgast, Kentzing, Anklam. Gutskow, Gutskow, Treptow, Demmin. Bardt. Straelfund, Imper. The upper Sweden, is d Bardr, Trebesis, Dumgarten. Rugen, Bergen, The Islands of Usedom, Usedom, Wollin, Wollin. The Lordships of { Lewemberg, } Subject to the Ki Branden-into the fubjeck Camnin, Bish. Pomerania, Coln, Hans. (Hargard, Hans, The Lower Pomerania to the Elector of Long, is divided in Territories of Colbert, Cap. Regemorid, Cassuben; Bublitz, LStartgart.

STETIN, Stetinum, is a very confiderable City, the Capital of all Pomerania, and a Hans-Town. It is seated on the River Oder, at the distance of 18 m. from the Frontiers of Brandenburg, 40 from the Coasts of the Baltick Sea, and 70 from Berlin to the N. E. It is a large, strong and well-built City, and a place of great Trade, to which the River Oder much contributes; for it felf flows from Silefia, and the Warta falls into it about 50 miles above this City; and about 40 miles below it both together fall into the Baltick Sea; so that this is a good Centre for exchanging the Commodities of Germany, Poland and the Baltick. The Palace which was formerly the Seat of the Duke, and is now the place where the Swedish Governor resides, is an old magnificent Building. This City is exceeding populous, and the Inhabitants are noted for Civility and Valour; an instance of the latter they effectually gave in the gallant defence they made against the Elector of Brandenburg in 1677. when tho' he brought a great Army before this City, and very vigorously attack'd it from the 7th of July, he was not able to take it before the 26th of December, and then too gave them very honourable Terms: In the succeeding Peace it was restor'd to the Sweed, under whom it still continues.

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Vendolia,

Wo'gast is seated near that mouth of the Oder call'd Pfin about 5 miles from the shoar of the Baltick Sea, 50 North-west from Steetin, and 30 South-east from

Straelfund. It was formerly, as we have faid, the Capital of a Dutchy, but now subject to the Sweed. It is strengthen'd with a noble Castle, and hath the most convenient Haven, except Straelfund in Pomeren. It was taken by the Sweeds in 1630. after by the Bradenburgers in 1675, and restor'd to the Sweeds in 1679

Straelfund, a Free City, is near the banks of the Sea, over against the Island of Rugen, 80 miles from Steein to the North, and 40 from Rostock to the S. E. elteem'd the largest and wealthiest City in Pomeren, and enjoys many great Privileges, which the Citizens have maintain'd against several Princes that have endeavoured to lubject them, wherein they have been remarkably Brave, having at once oppos'd the united Force of the Kings of Denmark and Sweden, and Ten other It is govern'd by its own Magistrates, who judge all Caules as well Crimnal as Civil. The Buildings are beatniful, the private Houses being of Stone and uniform: It is a place of very great Trade, (particularly for Corn) having an excellent Haven, the Ships coming up into the very Town. This City was Founded or Re-built at least in 1230, and soon grew populous, and was strongly fortified; by the help whereof, in 1629, it opposed Count Waldeck, who besieged it: After which, they put themselves under the Protection of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, whose Successors have ever fince held that Title. In 1678 it was besieg'd and taken by the Elector of Brandenburg, but restor'd at the Treaty of S. Germains, in 1679. The Fortifications consist of regular Bulwarks and large Dirches, besides natural Marshes, through which there is no paffing but by Caufeys that are well fortified.

Bardt stands in a fruitful Country, 12 miles West from Straelsund, upon a little Arm of the Sea, which would be a good Haven, but that the Water is shallow, and so the Town cannot be traded to. It was sometime the Metropolis of the uper Pomeren.

CAMNIN, esteem'd the Capital of the Ducal Pomerania, is feated on the East-side of the mouth of the Oder that it call'd Drawenow, 30 miles North from Stetin, 40 East from Wolgast, and 5 South from the Coasts of the Baltick. It was formerly a Bishop's See, but by the Treaty of Munsterie was Seculariz'd and given to the Marquels of Brandenburg.

Colberg, at the mouth of the small River Persant, and near the Banks of the Baltick Sea, 30 miles N. E. from Camnin, is a strong Town with a convenient Haven. It is pretty much reforted to for Salt, which is made in great plenty near it; and being hence Transported,

makes the Town Rich and confiderable. The Three Islands lye in the Bakick Sea, before the Coast of the Upper Pomeren. That of RU-GEN is the largest and most considerable; it is 30 miles in length, and as many in breadth, but with feveral Arms and Creeks of the Sea within it : It is situate to the N. E. over against Wolgast and Straessund, between which last place and it, the Sea is not above a League broad: The Land of it is exceeding fertile, yielding Corn in great plenty, and very good Grass, whereby great Herds of Cattle are fed. It was formerly govern'd by its own Princes, who, affifted by the notable Valour of the People, long defended it against the neighbouring Kings: But the Straelfunders oppoling the Authority he pretended over the Strait that leads to their City, occasion'd Prince Wislaus to besiege it; but the City defended it self so well, that not only be could not take it, but in a Salley he was flain, and being the last of this Family, that Government afterwards was subjected to the Duke of Pomeren, from whom it descended to the King of Sweden: But the Danes, having some old pretentious, in the War of 1678. Invaded and Took the whole Island; but in 1679, by the Treaty, restored it to the Sweed, to whom it is still Subject. The cheif Town is

Bergen, which is a place of no great Note, being not fortified nor even Wall'd, though call'd a City. It contains about 400 Houses; and is distant about 25 miles from Straelfund to the North-east, and as

many from Wolgast to the North.

The Island denominated from the Town WOLLIN, call'd anciently Julium, is the Western of the 2 Islands that make the three Mouths of the Oder. The Town is seated on the Mouth of the Oder, call'd Druenom, 25 miles North from Stetin, and 25 South-west from Wolgast. It was anciently one of the largest Cities of Europe, and resorted to by Merchants of all Nations, and said to have been so Powerful, as alone to maintain a

War against Denmark, and three several times took their King Prisoner: But it was partly destroy'd by Lightning, and finally by the Arms of Woldenar King of Denmark, in 1170, totally demolish'd. Since when it hath been only a small inconsiderable Town.

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CHAP. XII. SAXONY.

SECT. I.

A short Account of the History of Saxony in General.

THE Saxons were anciently a vast Nation, and Possessed all the Northern Parts of Germany, from Franconia and Bohemia in the South, to the Baltick Sea and Denmark in the North; and from the River Elb on the East, to the Rhine on the West; whereby not only the present Upper and Lower Saxony, but also all West spalia and Holstein were part of their Country: Nay, also Justand, now reckon'd part

of Denmark was inhabited by them.

Concerning the Etymology of the name Saxon, the Learned differ; some are of opinion, that they were deriv'd from the Saci, a People of Afia, to which our Learned Country-man Mr. Camden enclines. Others say, they were deriv'd from Saxum a Stone, as being a hardy strong People. Verstegan and others affirm, that they had their name from a Weapon they wore, call'd a Seax, which was a short Sword of different form from those commonly worn, and peculiar to this Nation.

They were Men of a large Bulk and great Strength, renown'd Warriers; and so notorious for Piracy, that the Romans were obliged to keep Forces all along the Coast of Gaul and Britain to hinder their fre-

quent Incursions.

It was this Warlike People that K. Vortigern invited to Britain to affift him against the Piëls and Scots, who upon the Romans forsaking them, much annoy'd the Britains: But of what part of this great Nation those were that he Invited, is somewhat uncertain; ancient Histories tell us they were Angles and Juts: Jutland is suppos'd to have been the Country of the latter, but from what part the former came is more Disputed: Mr. Camden is of Opinion that they dwelt in Sleswick, which was sometime call'd Angel; though others affirm they came from Westphalia, and were accompanied by the Frizons. For the Reader's farther Satisfaction, he may consult Camden's Britannia, where he will find this Matter most learnedly and ingeniously Discussed.

They were Pagans, and Govern'd by Twelve Noblemen, chosen by the Commons, out of whom in time of War they chose a King; which Government continued till the time of Charles the Great, who made War upon them, and was long oppos'd under the Conduct of Wittikind their King; but the Power of Charles prov'd too strong in time, and Wittikind was oblig'd to submit and receive the Christian Faith, which by the great care of Charles was Planted and Propagated over the whole Nation, and Wittikind was by him created Duke of Saxons.

The Race of Wittikind continued Dukes of Saxony till Otho III. who being cholen Emperor in 984. gave bis Country to Barnard Lord of Lunenburg, whose Grandson Magnus was depriv'd by the Emperor Henry III. and Henry Guelph, Duke of Bavaria, made Elector of Saxony, whose Son Henry, firnam'd the Lion, siding with the Pope against the Emperor Frederick Barbaroffa about the year 1170; was Profcrib'd, and by the Emperor's Command depriv'd of his Estates by the neighbouring Princes. The Electoral Dignity was Anno 1180. given to Bernard Earl of Anhalt, Son to the Marquess of Brandenburg, and descended from Magnus above mention'd. who had conquer'd Lawenburg from Henry, to which the Emperor added the City of Wettimberg and the little Country that Iyes between the Elb and the Sala on the North of Misnia, and gave it the name of the Upper Saxony. The Posterity of Bernard enjoy'd this with the Title of Duke and Elector of Saxony, till 1422. when Albert III. dyis g without Issue, Frederick Landgrave of Thuringen and Marquels of Misnia, who was the Heir of the Family of Wittikind, by the Emperor's favour, fucceeded; in whole Family it still remains. His Successors have been zeasous Defenders of the Reformation, especially D. John, who was one of the Princes who protested against the Decree of the Diet at Spire, in 1529. as we have elsewhere said, and was the Author of the Smalcalden League: But in the War that enfu'd thereupon, his Son and Successor Frederick John had the Misfortune to be taken Prisoner by the Emperor Charles V. and depriv'd of his Honour and Estate, which in 1547 were given to his Coufin Maurice, Grandson to the Landgrave Frederick above-mentioned, from whom the present Duke and Elector is Descended.

S E C T. II. The Upper S A X O N Y.

The upper Saxony is bounded on the North by the Principalities of Magdeburg, Halberstadt, and the Marquistate of Brandensung, on the South by Franconia and Behemia, on the Eastby Silecia, and on the West by Hesse and Brunswick. Its Extent is, from North

to South about 130 English miles, and from East to West 200. The Air is cold but healthful, and the Soil fertil, producing much Wheat but very little Wine; here are Mines of Lead, that are very profitable, and some of Silver, that yield the Elector above 100 thousand Pounds a year. The chief Rivers are, the Elb, the Sala, the Elster, the Unstruck,

the Spree and the Neisse.

The Religion of the Inhabitants is generally the Lutheran, though there are also some Calvinists and

Roman Catholicks,

The Elector of Saxony is the wealthiest Prince of Germany, except the Archduke of Austria, his yearly Income being reckon'd to be 400 thousand Pounds Sterling; which is raised by the Silver Mines abovementioned, and by Excise upon Beer, Corn, Wine, Fruit, &c. The Splendor of his Court is very great being attended by a valt number of Servants, among whom are feveral Gentlemen of great Quality. 'Tis faid of the Elector Christian II. that he had, besides agreat number of the Gentry of his own Country, three Dukes, three Earles and five Barons of Foreign Nations his Penfioners at the fame Time. The Dominions of this Prince were increased in the year 1620. by the Emperor's Donation of the Marquifate of Laufatia to Duke John George in reward for the fervice he did him in the Bohemian War.

So that his present Dominion's are, the Dukedom of Saxony, and the Marquifates of Misnia and Lusasia, &c. The chief Towns whereof are feen in this Table, together with those of the other States, that compose the rest of the Circle of the Upper Saxony, viz.

Anhalt Thuringen, &c.
The Dutchy of Saxony is but a small ; Country, lying between Brandenburg Wittemberg, on the North, Misnia on the South, Lusaria on the Eatt, and Anhalt on Torgaw. the West. The chief Towns are,

The Marquifate of Misnia is bounded? on the North by Brandenburg and An-Drefden, balt, on the South by Bohemia, on the East by Lusatia, and on the Meiffen, Leipzick, West by Mersburg, Naumburg and Chemnitz, Altenburg. It's extent from North Freyburg. to South is near 100 miles and from East to West 80.

Voigeland, the South part of Mis-S Zwickow, Plawen.

The Marquisate of Lusatia lies Eastward from the Dutchy of Saxony Bautzen, and Misnia, and is bounded on the | Gorlitz, North by Brandenburg, on the South | Convis, by Bohemia, and on the East by Si- Guiben, lesia. It is in length from North to | Soraw, South about 90 miles, and in breadth | Liebaw, about 50 miles; the chief Towns! Luben.

Other smaller States belonging to several Branches of the House of Saxony,, and lie Westward of the

Countries above-mention'd, viz.

The Dutchy of Sax-Hall, Hall. Sax-Mersburg, Mersburg. Sax-Naumburg, Naumburg. Sax-Altemburg, Altemburg.

The Principality of Anhalt is a long Zerbest, but narrow Tract of Land lying on Bernberg, the North of Missia. Dessure Dessure 2. The small County of Barby joins to Anhalt on the

North.

THURINGEN, formerly a Kingdom, afterwards a County and then a Landgraviate, was govern'd by its own Princes for many Agest till i 124, when upon

the Death of Hermen, it descended to the Marquis of Mifnia, and, with that Country, came afterwards to the Duke of Saxon; but is divided into teveral Lordthips and Sovereighties, according to the following Table.

Eurfüre Cap. Juliject to the Archbishop of Meniz, Gotha, Dutchy, Erfanach Dutchy, In Thuringen are thefe Weimer, Dutchy, Chief Towns, Manifeld, County, Stylberg, County, Hokensteim, County, Schwartzemburg, County,

Mulkoufen long. WITTEMBC RG, Witemburga aut Vitarian Mons, thè Capital City of the Dutchy of Saxony, is leated on the River Elb, 40 miles South from, Brandenburg. as many North from Levpzick, 70 East from Halberstadt, and as many Welt from the River Oder. It is a fair large City, of an oblong square form with own great Street in the middle; adorn'd with an University, which was founded by the Elector Frederick III. in 1502. and made famous by the Preaching of Martin Luther! And well fortified both by Nature and Art, having Marthes on the North, and a great Canal to the Elb, also a very deep Dirch, a good Rampart and 5 large Bastions on the Side that is most expos'd. This is the Capital of the Electorate, and was the Seat of the Elector, till that Honour came into the Family of Misnia, when it was removed to Drefden.

Torgam is a fair City, built by John Frederick, the Elector, in 1535, and beautified with a stately Castle. It is seared on the West Side of the Elb, 20 miles South

from Wittenburg.

DRESDEN, Drefda, is feated on the River Elb. which divides it into two Parrs, at the distance of 55 miles from Wittemburg to the South-east, 25 from the Confines of Bohemia to the North, and 50 from Leipzlek to the East. It is a large well-built City, and the utual place of Residence of the Elector of Saxon; whose Palace is a strong and magnificent Castle, adorn'd with many Curiofities, especially a Chamber of Rarities, and an Armory extreamly well furnished, as also very fine Gardens and Stables. The City, as we have faid, is divided by the River into two Parts, that on the South Side is call'd Ale Dresden or the Old Town; to which the New is join'd by a Stone-Bridge of 17 Arches, which is reckon'd a curious piece of Workmanship.

Meissen, Misnia, once a rich and populous City; and the Metropolis of the Province, but now not confiderable, stands on the South Side of the Elb, 12 miles West from Dresden: It is a Bishop's See, and has a Territory belonging to it, which, with the City, was formerly subject to its Bishop, but now in the Hands of the Elector. Here was a wooden Bridge over the Elb, that was much admired, but was destroyed in the German

Wars.

LEIPZIG or Leipsick, Lipsia, Lupsurdim, is thought to have been built by the Vandals (who were the ancient Inhabitants of this Country) about the year 700. It stands upon the River Pleffe, and near the Elster, and is distant 50 miles from Dresden to the East, and 40 from Wittemburg to the South. It is a very large rich and populous City, the most considerable of any in this Elector's Dominions. It is very full of Houses, and those well-built and very high, many seven, and some nine Stories. S. Nicholas Church is very fine, and esteem'd the best of any Lutheran Church in Germany. The Citzens have a great Trade, especially by reafon of three Fairs held yearly, which bring a concourfe of Merchants from all Parts. A high Court of Judicardire is held in this City which Eath great Power, even to summon the Elector himself. Here is also an University, which was establish'd in 1403. by Frederick Marquis of Misnia: It hath four Colleges and 24 Professors, and is well fill'd with Students. The Castle leated on the Pless, and call'd Plessors, is a very strong Fort and well guarded. In 1520. Martin Luther disputed here with Eckius against the Pope's Supremacy, and quickly after this City imbraced the Reformation. It suffer'd muchin the Civil Wars of Germany, having been several times besieged and taken.

Freyburg is a famous and pleasant Town, 20 Miles from Dresden to the West, very pleasantly situated, near the River Mulda, 16 miles South west from Dresden. S. Peter's Church here is the usual Burial-place of the Electors, many of whose Monuments are there to be seen; but that of the Elector Murice is the most magnificant, not only of those, but of any in Germany. But that which makes this Town most considerable is the samous Mines that are found near it; out of which they dig great Quantities of Silver Oar, besides Copper, Lead, Brimstone, Vitriol, &c. and so much Silver is hereby produced, that the Elector's Profit out of it is esteemed at 130000l. per annum, clear of all Charges.

Planen or Plaven, a finall City, is feated upon the

River Eister, 16 miles South-west from

Zwickow, a small City, seated upon the River Muldaw 40 miles South from Leipzick: It was a Free Imperial City till the year 1308, at which Time it was taken by Frederick Marquis of Missia. This Country was the chief Seat of the German Civil Wars, and many

Incampments were made near this City.

BAUTZEN or BAUDISSEN, Budissina aut Bubesse, the chief City of the Marquisate of Lusatia or Lausnitz, stands on the River Spree, near the Frontiers of Saxony, 30 miles from Dresden to the East, 20 from Gorlitz to the West, and 70 from Prague to the North. It was formerly an Imperial City, but lost its Privileges. Before the last German Wars it was well built; but in 1634, the Imperialists having got Possession in the City, and intending to drive off the Enemy, set Fire to the Suburbs, which was unhappily driven over into the City, and burntitto Ashes, and soon after it suffer'd much from the Sweeds; since when it has not been able to recover its former Lustre.

Gorlitz, call'd by some, the Capital of this Marquifate, is seated in a Marsh upon the River Neisse, which rises on the Borders of this Country, and after it has run quite cross, it falls into the Oder. This is a good City, having many, stately Dwelling-houses and several neat Churches; it's Trade lies chiefly in Brewing and making Linnen and Woollen Cloth; It is 20 miles

distant from Bautzen to the East.

Liebaw, Lobaw, Liben, or Lubben, is a fmall Town, feated in a Plain among pleasant Meadows in the middle between Bautzen, and Gorlitz: It was formerly so rich, that when the Sweeds Plunder'd it, in 1639, they confess'd that they got 70000 Rix Dollars in

Money, befides much rich Booty.

Soraw, call'd by fome, the Capital of the lower Lufatia, is a small City 30 miles North from Gorliez, and very near the Borders of Silesia. It was often taken and retaken in the German War, but is now subject to the Elector of Saxsny,

Luben on the River Spree, 50 miles North from Bautzen, and 30 miles West from the River Oder. This is generally esteemed the Capital of the lower Lusaia. The Elector of Saxony has a Palace in it.

Guben, a small but well fortified Town, stands in the lower Lusaria, on the River Nisse, 30 miles from Luben to the East. 10 from the Oder to the West, and 45 from

Gorlitz to the North. It was taken by the Imperialists in 1631. and endur'd a Siege of three Weeks by the Sweeds, in 1642.

Cotwis or Cothus is a fair Town, seated on the small River Havel, where it falls into the Spree, 35 miles North from Bautzen, and 22 miles South from Luben. It is now subject to the Elector of Brandenburg, as are also Pertze, Somerfeld, and some other

Towns of less note in this Marquisare.

MERSBURG, formerly a Bithop's See, under the Archbishop of Magdeburg, but now possess of the Elector, as Administrator of it; and with the Territory belonging to it, serves for the Portion for some of the younger Brothers, who are styl'd Duker of Sax Mersburg. The Town at present consists of a great number of old-fashion'd ruinous Houses, and hath nothing con-

fiderable in it but the Cathedral.

NAUMBURG, a City once Imperial, now subject to the House of Saxony, is seated upon the River Sala, where it receives the Unstrue, 25 miles West from Leipsick, and 15 from Mersburg to the South. It is a Bishop's See, under the Archbishop of Magdeburg, and has a Territory of about 20 miles Extent, belonging to it, which was formerly govern'd by its Bishop: But it was yielded to the House of Saxony by the Treaty of Passan, in 1552. One of which Family is Administrator of the Bishoprick.

ALTENBURG stands upon the River Pleisse, 24 m. from Leipsiek to the South, and 46 from Dresden to the West. It was once an Imperial City, but was taken by Frederick Marquiss of Misnia in 1308. and united to that Dutchy. It has a Castle in which the Dukes of Saxony have some time kept their Palace.

H A L L, call'd Halla Saxonum, for diffinction, a confiderable Town, on account of the profitable Salt-Pits near it. It was at first a small Village and call'd Dobredor, but by reason of the Salt-Pits, encreased much, and obtain'd a Charter in 981. from the Emperor Otho II. and got at last to be an Imperial City; but it has been long exempted, and subjected to its own Duke, with a Territory belonging to it; since fallen to the Archbishop of Mogdeburg, and so subject to the Elector of Brandenburg. This City is seated on the Bank of the River Sala, 24 miles North-west from Leipsick on the Side of a pleasant Hill, cover'd with Vines: It is neatly built, and the Inhabitants are civil. The Salt-Pits yield a Toll to the Administrator of Magdeburg, of 500 or 600 Crownsa Week.

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The Principality of ANHAL T is bounded on the South by the Counties of Hobenstein and Mansfeld, and on the North by the Principality of Halbersladt, and Dutchy of Magdeburg, and is extended from East to West the space of 90 miles, tho' but very narrow: It is subject to its own Prince, who is of a very ancient Family, from which spring both the Houses of Saxony and Brandenburg. The chief Towns in it are

Zerlst, on the Eastern Side of the Elb, about 20 miles from Magdeburg to the West and 50 from Leissick to the North; the Place of the Prince's Residence.

Bernling, a fortified Town, feated on the Banks of the Sala about 8 miles from the Elb. This is another Refidence of the Prince's; whose Palace is separated from the Town by the River Sala. In 1636, this Town was taken, and the Garrison put to the Sword by the Elector of Saxony,

Destaw, on the Elb, at the Mouth of the Mulda, a strong fortified Town, pleasantly seated, in a fruitful Country, 8 miles from Zerbst to the South, and 20 from Bernburg to the East; in which also the Prince

has a Palace.

ERFORT, Erford or Erfurdt, lat. Erfordia, aut Erfurtum, the Capital City of Thuringen, is leated on

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the Banks of the River Gere, 60 miles West from Lipfick, 60 North from Bamberg, and 70 South from Halberstadt. It is a confiderable Place, both on account of the Wealth of its Inhabitants and the Beauty of its Publick Edifices, especially the Churches and Abbeys, the stately Castle call'd Giriaxberg, and a samous University. This City hath a large Territory, wherein stand many Villages, all which were subject to the Archbishop of Mentz, but at the Reformation the Inhabitants imbraced the Protestant Religion, and put the City under the Protection of the Elector of Saxony; which occationed great Contests between those two Princes: At length the Bishop of Mentz, with the Affiftance of the French, took it by Force, and oblig'd the Citizens again to receive his Government. However, by the Treaty of Leipfick, 17 of the Villages, its dependencies, were granted to the Elector of Saxony, and the City, with the rest of the Villages, are still subject to the Elector of Mentz.

Mulhausen is an Imperial City, but under the Protection of the Elector of Saxony. It stands at the foot of a Mountain, upon the River Unstruc, near 30 miles from Ersur to the North west, 20 from Essenack to the North, and 10 from the River Weser to

the East.

Weimar, a neat, well-built, and a very ancient City, stands 12 miles from Erfurt to the East, in which is a stately Palace, where the Landgrave of Thuringen used to reside. This City gives Title to a Branch of

the Family of Saxony.

Jena is a handlom City, seated on the River Sala, 25 miles from Enfur to the East. It is samous for an University, sounded her by John Frederick Electro of Sazons, to which was granted many Privileges by the Emperors Charles V. and Ferdinand; it is in a flourishing state, and has bred many Eminent Men, particularly J. Lipsus the great Philologer. The Town is well fortified, and stands in a pleasant Vale, in which grows plenty of Vines.

Gotha, 16 miles Welt from Erfurt, the Seat of another Branch of the Saxon Family, who is still Duke of Gotha, and is Lord of this Town, and the Counties of Altenburg, Coburg, Honneburg in Franconia, and Ofterland in Upper Saxony. It is a large wall'd Town, and has a good Trade in the Plant call'd Woad, which is sowed and dressed here, and exported in great

Quantities.

Exsenses or Isenses, Isenseum, a small City, standing on the River Nesa, near the Borders of Hessen, and distant near 30 miles from Exsure, and 15 from Gotha to the West. It gives Title to a Duke of the Family of Saxony, and hath an University in it, which was

founded 1555.

The County of SCHWARTS BURG is a Tract of Land, of about 40 miles in length and 25 miles in breadth, and is bounded on the S. by Thuringon, on the W. by Naumburg, Mersburg and Hall; the chief Town is Sunderbaufen, of which, as well as Frankenbaufen, Herfingen, Kirderbruch and Keula, the best Towns in this Country, there is nothing confiderable.

The Imall County of HOHENSTEIM lies North of Sebwartsburg: Its chief Town is Northanson, an Imperial City, said to be built in 447. by Meroveth King of France. It stands upon the River Zorge. 40 miles from Ersurt to the North, and is under the Protection

of the Duke of Saxony.

STOLBERG is a very small County, lying N. of Scwartsburg, between Hobenstein to the W. and Mansfelde to the E. Its chief Town is of the same Name.

The County of MANSFELDT is bounded on the West by Scotherg, on the East by the River Sala,

on the S. by Thuringen, on the N. by some part of Anhault, and about 30 miles in length from N. 10 S. and 15 in breadth. This Country abounds with Mines of several sorts, but particularly of a Mineral, call'd Scheifferstein, which yields much Copper and some Siver. It's possess by its Counts, but now with some ackledgment of Homage to the D. of Saxany. This Family is branch'd out into several Houses, who have divided the Country among 'em; by which means they are not now so considerable as they have been.

The Chief Town is Eisleben, a small City near the Lake call'd Susse See, 40 miles from Weimer to the North, and 55 miles West from Wittenburg. It has its name from the abundance of Iron-Ore found hereabouts. In this Town Martin Litther was born, 2. D.

1483. and died here Anno 1564.

Mansfeldt, whence the County has its Name, is an old and rainous City, about 5 miles from Bischen to the North-west. It has a strong Castle on the Top of a Hill, which, being much decayed, was repaired and fortified, A. 1547.

SECT. III. The Lower SAXONY.

The Lower Saxonv comprehends, at prefent, the Dutchies of Brunfwick, Limenburg and Lawenburg, the Diocess of Hildersleeim, the Principalities of Megdeburg and Halbarstadt, the Dutchies of Bremen, Tirden and Meksenburg, together with that of Holstein, which partly depends on the Jurisdiction of the King of Demark. Besides these nine principal Parts of the Inwer Saxony, there are also many other Sovereign States of a lesser extent, viz. the Dutchies of Hanver, Zell Gottingen, Grebenbagen; the Cities of Hanving, Lulveck, &c.

The whole Country is bounded on the North by the

German Ocean. Denmark and the Baltick Sea; on the South by Heffen and the upper Saxeny, on the East by Pomerania, and the Marquilate of Brandenlurg, and on the West by Westphalia. It is extended from North to South for the Space of about 200 miles, and from East to West about 220. The most remarkable Rivers are, the Elb, the Weser, the Aller, the Hamma, the Ilmenon, the Leme, the Ceker and the Elde. Every Prince is absolute within his Dominions, and generally assumes a Title from thence, excepting the States of the Dutchies of Bremen and Ferden whereof the King of Sweden is Administrator; those of the Principalities of Magdeburg and Halberstade, which depend on the Jurisdiction of the Electur of Brandenburg and the free Citics of Hamburg and Lubeck. The Lanceren Religion is generally predominant throughout the Lower Saxony, the Princes, Prelates, and even the Abbefs of Queidlinburg, proletting it, except the Bi-thop of Hildefbeim and Ionie Abbots and Abbelles that profess the Romish. Tho' the Air be cold, the Land produces Corn and Pasture.

The Lower Saxon, with its Dependencies, hath these chief Cities and Towns, viz.

In the Duke-Wolfenshurel, D. Gostar, Imp.
dom of Hanever, D. Hamelin, Hans.
Brunswick Grahenlagen, D. Eimbeck, Hans.
Ate, Blackenburg C. Rleinstein, C.

In the Dutchy of Lunenburg, Utzen,

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In the Bishoprick of Hildesheim, & Hildesheim, The Datchy of Magdeburg and Principality of Halberstadt are already spoken of, with the Dominions of the Elector of Brandenburg. Bremen, Staden,

In the Dutchy of Bremen,

The Principality of Ferden, In the Dutchy of Ho'ftein, The rest is reckon'd part of

The Dutchy of Lawenburg,

The Dutchy of Mecklenburg,

A Ottersberg, Rutzenbuttle. S Ferden, Rodemburg. S Hamburg, Lubeck. Denmark. { Lawenburg, Ratzeburg. Swerin, D.

Buxtede

Bremerfurt,

Gustrow, D. Roftock, Wismar, Hans. Mecklenburg, Waren, Plawen, &c.

BRUNSWICK, including the Dutchy of Hanover, Principality of Grubenhagen, and Counties of Blackenburg and Reinstein, is bounded on the South by Heffe-Cassel, on the West by the River Meser, on the North by Lunenburg; and on the East by Magdeburg: The chief Rivers in it are the Leina and the Ocker, besides the Weser which washes its Borders. This Country the Weser which washes its Borders. was anciently part of the Hercynian Forest, and there still remain great Woods and Parks, by which the Inhabitants are plentifully furnish'd with Timber and Fuel, and great store of Game. The Corn grows extream high, but there is not a great deal of it, nor is the Country very populous. The Inhabitants are of a large fize and very robuft, feed course and lodge hard; Swine's Flesh, with Wheat or Rye Bread, is their common Diet, insomuch that they are, by the other Germans, call'd Bacon guts

Upon the Division of Saxony before-mention'd, this Country and Lunenburg were left to Henry the Lion, whose Grandson Otho was created Duke of them by the Emperor Frederick II. A. D. 1235. But he leaving two Sons, these Dutchies were divided in 1264. but upon the Failure of Issue, again united in the year 1368. in the Person of Duke Magnus; whose Sons, being ambitious, parted it again. In the year 1491, this Dukedom of Brumwick was divided by the two Brothers Henry and Erick into equal Shares, whereof Henry's part was known by the name of Brunswick-Wolfembuttel. In 1584. Erit's Issue failing, the whole Dukedom was united in the House of Wolfembuttel, and remained to till 1634. that Frederick Ulrich dying without libe, this Dukedom of Brunswick fell to Augustus Duke of Lunenburg, and then the Dutchy of 1178lfembuttel descended to the younger House of Lu-The present Duke, Ernest Augustus, is descended from the House of Hanover, and has succeeded to all the Estates of that Dutchy, as well as Lunenburg and Brunswick. and has been lately (Anno 1692) honour'd with the Title of an Elector of the Empire. He was born Anno, 1629, and in 1658, married the Lady Sophia, Sifter to our Prince Rupert (being a Protestant) by whom he has had three Sons and a Daughter.

This Family is the only Relict of that famous one of the Guelphs, who were fometime Dukes of Bavaria and Saxony; of the original of which there goes a notable Story as follows. Fermintrudy, Countels of Alterf,

upbraided a Woman with Adultery, and made her be punished because she had 12 Children at a Birth: In happen'd that fhortly after, the her felf was deliver'd of the same number, all Sons; at which she was much concern'd, as fearing the same scandal; and therefore (her Husband being then absent) commanded her Nurse to kill 11 of them; who, accordingly, carrying them fecretly out in her Apron, was met by the old Count, and asked, what she had there? The Nurse replyed Woelpen Whelps; he not contented with that Answer examin'd farther, and forc'd her to confess the whole Matter: Upon which he enjoyn'd the Woman Secrefie, and dispos'd of the Childern, and fix years after produc'd them all together to his Lady and all their Friends, at a Feast he had made for that purpose, and caused them all to be named Whelps, which after alter'd to Guelphs.

BRUNSWICK, Brunopolis, Tulifurgium, was first built by Tanguard and Bruno, Dukes of Saxony, A.D. 861, fince when it has been often enlarged, and is now one of the most considerable of the Hanse-towns. It is divided into five feveral Corporations, each of which hath its Court of Judicature, but unite in Matters relating to the common Interest. It is a rich and populous place, and drives a great Trade in Hides, and Mum. which is brew'd here by certain Persons who have the Monopoly, and exported to feveral Countries. Brunfwick claims to be a free, Imperial City, and has feveral times disputed with the Duke, who all along claim'd the Sovereignty; on which account it has endur'd many Sieges, the last of which was in 1671. when it was taken by the present Duke, who has ever fince kept a good Guard, and built a Citadel, and otherwife ftrongly fortifi'd it, tho' to the Injury of the City; for the Merchants being displeas'd, have remov'd to othe places. The Houses are well built, and the Townhouse is very magnificent: The form of the Town is almost square, the River Ocker running through the middle, and is 2 miles in circuit, and furrounded with 2 Walls and 2 Ditches. It is seated in a Plain, near the Northern Bounds of the Country, and is distant 100 miles Erfurdt, and 40 from Halberstadt to the North, 70 from the River Elb to the West, 60 from the Weser to the East, and 60 from Magdeburg to the West. Lat. 52. 20.

WOLFEMBUTTEL stands upon the Ocker, but to miles from Brunswick to the South. It is the ancient Seat of the Dukes of Brunswick. It is divided into two parts, viz, Arx Guelpica, the Duke's Palace, and Henrich Stadt, the Town. In the Palace is a Library exceeding well furnished with valuable Books, founded by the late Duke Augustus; in the Town, the new Church is remarkable, being an admirable Piece of Architecture, and in it are buried 21 Dukes and Dutcheffes of Brunswick. It is defended with strong and impregnable Fortifications, and fecured by marthy Grounds.

HANOVER, Hanovora, call'd anciently Lawenroda, and Han-over, from a Ferry over the River Leina, on which it stands, 35 miles from Brunswick to the West, and 28 from Zell to the South. It is a strong and populous City, once Imperial, but has long been subject to its Prince. The Inhabitants are much Enriched by four yearly Fairs held here: It is the Ca-

pital of the Territory of Culenberg.

Gottingen, a City seated on the River Leina, near the Confines of Hiffe, 10 miles from the Wefer, 60 miles from Hanover to the South, and 20 from Caffel to the North-Eaft...

Hamelen, feated on the River Weser, over which it hath a Bridge at the Month of the Hamel, is a strong, fortifi'd and well-garison'd Town, being near the Con-

fires

fines of Brunswick toward West phalia, and call'd the Key of this Duke's Dominions; it is diffant 45 miles from Gottingen to the North, and near 30 from Hanover to the South. There is a Story of a strange Accident that, they fay, happen'd in this Town on the 26th of June, 1284. of a Piper that undertook to rid them of Rats, with which they were very much annoy'd, which he did, it feems, by the power of his Musick; for at the found of his Tabret and Pipe, all the Rats follow'd him out of the Town to the River, where they were drown'd. When he had done his Work, he return'd for his Pay, which the Towns men refused him, pretending it was too much for so little Work: Upon which he went away in a great Rage; and a Yéar after came again, and playing as before, all the Children follow'd him into the mouth of a Cave, on the top of a neighbouring Hill, and neither Piper nor Children were ever after heard of. Story the Towns-men relate with great confidence, and there is still to be seen, near this Cave's mouth, a Monument of Stone, with an Inscription expressing the lois of 130 Children, swallow'd quick in that Cave.

Grubenbagen, a Castle near the River Leina, and about 12 miles from Gottingen to the North, has a Territory belonging to it, which is a Dukedom, but tubject to the Duke of Brunswick; it is very woody, having been part of the Hercinian Forest, and abounds with Pine and Fir-trees. In this Province are rich Mines of Silver, Copper, Lead, and many forts of Minerals. These Mines were first discover'd in the year 972, as the Germans relate, by a Hunter, who, having ty'd his Horse to a Bush and gone a little from him, at his return found a piece of Ore beat out of the Ground with his Hoof; this Hunter's name was Ramme, whence the Mountain in which this Mine is, was call'd Ramchsberg. In 1045, other Mines were also discovered in the neighbouring Hills; and here are now many Towns inhabited only by Miners. The chief Town of this Dutchy is

Eimbeck, feated at the Confluence of feveral small Rivulets, which a little lower fall into the Leina; it

is diffant 20 miles from Gottingen.

Helmstadt, a City built by Charles the Great, Anno 782. seated near the Borders of Magdeburg, and 24 miles from Wossembuttel to the Eatt, wherein is an University sounded by Julius Duke of Brunswick-Wossembuttel, A. 1576. which is endow'd with large Privileges; particularly that its Rector should for ever have the Title and Dignity of Count Palatine, and has bred many eminent Menparticularly J. Horstius Mei-

bemnius, Reineccius, Conringius, &c.

Gostar stands upon the River Gosta, which falls into the Ocker near the Consines of Heildespeim, and is 40 miles distant from Gottingen to the N. and 25 from Brunswick to the S. it is a free and imperial City enjoying large Privileges. The Origine of this City was a Palace built by the Emp. Hen. I. The Trade of it is in cleaning, tempering and vending all sorts of Metals and Minerals dug in the neighbouring Countries.

The Counties of B LACK ENBURG, REINSTEIN and QUEIDLINBURG, (together with Hakenstein, Stolbog and Schwartzburg in the Upper Saxony, already described) were formerly one Province, and call'd Hartingow. It is a cold Country, and has Mountains, on which Snow lies till Midsummer; affords little Corn, but the Valleys are fill'd with Cattel and the Forests with Venison. The Inhabite is are thought the longest Livers in Germany, frequently arriving to the Age of 100 or 110 years. They I we Mines of Iron in the Bowels of the Mountains, of which one here call'd Brocken or Breksberg, is esteem'd the highest in Germany.

Betwixt Blackenburg and Elbingrode is a remarkable Cave, call'd Bunan's Hole, of which none can find the end, the' many have travel'd very far in it. Large Bones are frequently found in it, and not many years fince a Skeleton of a Man of prodigious Bulk was brought out among other Rarities. There goes a Story of a young bellow, that feeking after his Cavel in this Cave loft his way, and wandering 3 days together in it, at his return his Hair was chang'd grey, and he told itrange Stories of Spirits and Apparations that he laid he had met within it. Here are two great craggy Rocks not far from Blackenburg which naturally repretent two Monks in their proper Habit, as exact as if they were carv'd out.

Blackenburg and Reinstein, are two small Counsies which lie betwint Halbersladt and Anhalt. They both receive their names from Castles of which that of Blackenburg stands 36 miles from Wisjembuttel to the South, and 25 miles from Manifeld to the North, and is the Hunting-seat of the Duke of Wossembuttel. That of Reinstein is nld and not considerable: Many other Castles hewn out of Rocks are to be sound in these

Countries, but are not regarded.

Queidlinburg, a imall City, formerly a Hanfe-town, now not considerable but for a Luther in Numery, the Abbels whereof is of the House of Auftria, and Lady of the City and a small Territory belonging to it. It is distant 8 miles from Blackenburg to the Eath, and

to from Halberstade to the South.

The Bithoprick of HIDELSHEIM lying between the two Rivers Leina and Ocker, is furrounded with the Territories of the Duke of Brunfwick, and therefore much in his power, the properly onder the Elector of Cologn as Aministrator of Hidelfheim, to whom it was restor'd by the Treaty of Brunfwick A D. 1653. having been for many years before in the hands of the Duke of Brunswick His Stfragan the Buhop, is the immediate Governor of this Country, and Protector of the City of Hidelfheim, which is a Hantetown, and confiderable on account of the great Trade in Corn, which they maintain. The Buildings are old and venerable, but near enough: The Inhabitants are most of them Lutherans, tho' the Bishop be of the Romish Church, and the only one in Brimswick. It is dittant 15 miles from Hanver to the South cast, 50 from Gottingen to the North, 30 from Zell to the S. and 25 from Bru finish to the South-well.

Peina, a small City, stands on the River Fuse, about 12 miles from Prus swick to the West, and has a strong Castle, the Bulwark of this Bulhoprick, on a Hill; a remarkable Battel was sought near it in 1553 between Maurice Elector of Saxony and Albers Marques of Brandanburg, in which the former

loft his life.

The Dukedom of LUNENBURG.

Is bounded on the South with Brursaick on the North with the River Elb, on the East with Brandenburg, and on the West with the Dutchy of Bremen and County of Hype; it is full of large Woods and Foretis, which abound with Deer and other Game; other parts of the Country are Heath, barren and desart Lands of vast extant. The Inhabitants are the most rustical of all Germans.

The Government of the Durchy of Linealurg as has been already faid in the description of Benefanck, hath been all along enjoy'd by the Descendants of Fierry the Lyonand is at present united with that of Benefundwick, under the Illustrious Prince Exact Angulass. Duke and Elector of Hanover, Benefanck and Linealurg LUNEN-

LUNENBURG or Luneburg, Luneburgum, a Hanle-town, and the principal City of this Sovereign Dutchy, is feated on the River Ilmenow, at the distance of 8 miles from the Elb, and 35 from Lubeck to the South, 60 from Brunswick to the North, and 30 from Hamburg to the East. It is a fair City, of an oblong Form, and about two miles in circumference; the Streets are broad, and the Houles well built. The Town hall is a handsom Building, over against which stands the Duke's Palace; the Bridge over the River is a very flately one. There are famous Salt springs near the Town, out of which great store of Salt is made, and affords the Inhabitants a confiderable Trade. The Castle that stands on an adjacent Mountain, call'd Kalchberg, they say, is 124 years older than the City, which was built by Henry the Lyon, in 1190.

ZELL, the Capital of a Dutchy possessed by a

Branch of the Family of Lunenburg, is feated on the River Aller, where the Fuhle falls into it, 35 miles S. from Lunenburg, 28 N. from Hanover, and 29 N. E. from Brunswick. The Duke's Palace is a square Building, adorn'd with very pleasant Gardens, Orchards and Grotto's. It is moted round and was built A. D. 1485. In it are held the chief Courts of Judicature.

Bardewick, but 5 m. distant from Lunenburg to the N. was anciently a strong and very populous City, but now a Poor Village only. The Cathedral Church is the only one now left of 9 that were formerly in this Town, in which is still a College of 8 Residentiary Canons.

Harburg is a strong Town upon the Elb, 30 miles West from Lunenburg; it has a Castle, and is the ftrongest Frontier of this Country: The Town is but

thinly inhabited, and not confiderable.

Ultzen, a little neat Town in the midway between Lunenturg and Zell, was formerly call'd Lewenwald, and had this name of Ultzen from a Monastery in the neighbourhood call'd O'den Stadt. In the year 1646. it was destroy'd by Fire, but is the greatest part rebuilt more iplendid than formerly. The Inhabitants pretend, That the English Saxons went from hence, and that a Ship of Tin gilt, that was to be feen in the Market-place before the Fire, was hung up in remembrance of it, by some of them that return'd.

Walstrode, at first only a Monastery, built by one Walo Prince of Anhalt, A. 986. but now a confiderable Town, driving a good Trade in Hony, Wax, Wool and Beer; it stands in a pleasant Valley encompass'd with Mountains and Woods, 25 miles from The Counties of Hoey and Diepholt, already descri-

bed, are subject to the Duke of Lunenburg,

The Dukedoms of BREMEN and FERDEN.

Eastward from Lunenburg, and between the Rivers 1216 and Weser, lies the Dutchy of Bremen, which was tormerly an Archbishoprick, and the whole Country fubject to its Prelate, till about the year 1644, this Country was conquer'd by the Sweed, and by the Treaty of Munfter the Archbilhoprick of Bremen, with the Bithoprick of Ferden, were granted to that King, and turn'd into a Dukedom: But tho' this is (poken of the Country in general, it is not meant of every part of it; for the City of Bremen is free and has a Territory of its own, the Citizens of Hamburg have the two Forts of Ritzenbuttel and New Werck, and a part of it belongs to the Dutchy of Sax-Lawenburg, as will be feen more particularly in our Description

The Soil of this Country is in the middle Parts fandy and barren Heath, but the outer part towards

the two Rivers is very fertil, and abounds with pleafant Fields and Meadows.

The Inhabitants are reckon'd as good Soldiers as any in Germany; and 'tis faid of the Wustlanders, the Inhabitants of that part of the Country that lies to the Sea-fide, that they will Fight and Drink with the best Men in Germany.

BREMEN, Brema & Bremensis Civitas, which gives name to this Dukedom, is a very confiderable, large and well-built City, feated in a fruitful Plain on the Banks of the Wefer, 70 miles from Zell to the West. and 60 from Emden to the East, 90 from Munster to to the North, and 60 from Hamburg to the South-west. It is very strong, for besides the Walls and Castle, the fituation affords them a good Defence the low Grounds

about it being eafily overflowed from the Weser.

It is a free, imperial City, and reckon'd the third of the Hanse-towns. Charles the Great founded the Archbishoprick, and made it the Metropolis of the North. The Emperor Henry V. A. 1111. granted the Citizens great Privileges in reward of their valiant Performances in the Holy War. It receiv'd the Reformation in 1552, and zealoufly defended it against their Archbishop. Upon which account it was besieged by order of the Emperor Charles V. in the year 1547, but the Citizens so valiantly defended themselves, that Goenghen Governour of Zeeland, who commanded in chief, was kill'd, and the Duke of Brunfwick, who succeeded him, was forc'd at last to raise the Siege, after near a year's labour in vain. It is govern'd by four Burgo-Mafters and 24 Common-Council men, who also judge all Law-fuits between the Citizens. The River Hefer divides it into two parts. of which that on the North-side is the Old City, and the other is call'd the New; these are joyn'd again by Wooden Bridges, the biggest of which has a curious Engine on it that raises the Water and distributes it all over the Town. The Streets of the old Town are large and center in the Market-place, wherein stands an old Image of Gigantick Bulk, call'd Statua Rolandina, on which is an ancient Inscription importing it to be a Testimonial of the Liberty granted by Charles the Great and other Emperors, to this City. Statues have been fet up in many Cities, and by the Germans (tho' with little reason) laid to be the Image of a certain General nam'd Ro'and, employ'd by Charles the Great in the Conquest of these Countries; in whose Honour he order'd these Statues to be set up, and made the Condition of their Tenure of certain Privileges. In the old Town stands also the Town-house and the ancient Cathedral Church dedicated to \$ John, wherein they shew the Tomb, as they say, of IVillibald, an English Priest, who was sent over into Germamy by Egbert Archbishop of York, at the request of Charles the Great, to convert these Insidels; who, after he had labour'd many years with great fucceis, was made the first Archbishop of this See, and died A. D. 790. In the new Town are the Arfenal and the Gymnafium or small University; at first a Free-School, built foon after the Reformation, and endow'd by the Citizens; which encrealing by degrees, is now a noted University, and has educated several famous Men, particularly Chytraus, Pozelius, Pierius, Mat. Martinius, and Fo. Cocceius. This City, by means of the River, is much frequented with Merchant Ships from Holland and other Nations, by which they export their own Commodities, Corn, Minerals, Wool, Timber, Fifth. Leather, &c. and receive those of other Countries, which they, by the same River, transmit to the other Provinces of Germany. The Territory of this City extends about 8 or 10 miles round.

Stade, the next confiderable City in this Dukedom, is fituated on the River Zwinga near the Elb, in a fruitful Country and wholesom Air, about 50 miles from Bremen to the N. and 25 from Hamburg to the W. It is a very itrong Place, being fortified with valt Ramparts, Bulwarks, and a strong Castle: It has a commodious Haven, into which larger Ships can enter than are able to get up to Hamburg. This City hath been endow'd with great Privileges; particularly it was an Assum, or place of refuge for all Offenders, and had a right to demand a Toll of Ships patting up the Elb; betides, it is a Hante-town: By all which means, no wonder it was once rich and populous. But it feems Hamburg out-Stript it, and this place became fo poor, that they were forc'd to fell its great Privileges to that City, and put themselves under the Protection of the Archbishop of Bremen, and it is now subject to the King of Sweden. It was anciently the Capital of a County Jubject to its own Earl, which was annex'd to the Archbishoprick by Philip Duke of Schwaben and Earl of Stade, about the year 1240. After its decay above-mentioned, our English Merchants, upon fome Abuse offer'd them at Hamburg, remov'd hither; which reviv'd its Trade, and in a little time made it again rich and populous, and it is at present in good condition. The Town is well built, and the Market-place, Fown hall and Churches, are worth a Traveller's fight.

Buxtebude, another Hanse-town, is seated on the River Essa near the Elb, in a very fruitful and pleasant Country, 15 miles from Stade to the W. and as many from Hamburg to the E. It is a Granary to Hamburg, that City receiving a great part of its Provisions from this.

Bremerfurde, a wall'd Town, on the Road betweit

Bremerjurde, a wall a 1 own, on the Road between Bremen and Stade, being distant 25 m. to the N. from the first, and 15 to the S. from the latter. It was once the Palace of the Archbishop, and has a Castle, wherein, because it commands the neighbouring Plains, the Sweeds keep a good Garrison. The Town is otherwise not considerable, having little or no Trade.

Ottersberg, a finall fortified Town defended by a ftrong Cattle, which was for sometime the place of Residence of the Archbishop, stands 16 miles from

Bremen to the East.

Ruzzenbuttel is a strong Fort at the mouth of the Elb, 32 miles to the North-west from Stade, and not to miles from the utmost point of Land of this Country. It belongs to the Hamburghers, who have also another small Fort near it, calld New-Werck, and a

fmall Territory round them.

The Duke of Sax-Lawenburg is Lord of that part of this Country call'd Hadelland, which is the most N. E. part of it, but contains nothing considerable enough to deserve a particular Description. The extent of it the Reader may judge by the Map, when he knows that Nubenbury on the Elb and Carlstade on the Weser belong to the Sweed. Hadler, which gives name to the Country, and Ottersdorp, are the two best Towns in it.

The Principality of FERDEN or VERDEN, formerly a Bishoprick, and now subject to the Sweed, as abovesaid, is situate next to Lunenburg, and bounded on the W. by the Weser; it was made a Bishoprick by Charles the Great. The chief Town of the same name stands upon the River Aller, which falls into the Weser, and is distant 42 miles from Zell to the W. and 27 from Bremen to the East. It is supplied with all Foreign Commodities by Barges from Bremen: The City has nothing very considerable in it. It has been several times taken, viz. by Count Tilly, in 1626, by the Imperialists, in 1631. In 1676, it was seized by the Duke of Lunenburg, but restor'd to the Sweed, in 1629, to whom it still remains.

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Rotenberg, a finall City on the River Wein, stands in the Bounds of this Principality and near the borders of it, 15 miles from Ferden to the North. It was at first the Bishop's Palace, which was fortisted in the year 1500, and the small Village near it wall'd in and made a City; which since is considerably encreas'd and grown a place of some Trade and well inhabited.

The Cities of HAMBURG and LUBECK.

HAMBURG, that flourishing rich and populous City, is feated on the North-fide of the River Elb, at the distance of 40 miles from Lubeck to the 3. W. and 65 from Bremen to the N. E. and 30 troin Lunenburg to the N. W. 60 from Zell to the N. and 72 from the mouth of the Elb; which River makes it a most commodious Haven, being to deep that Ships of very great Burden can come up to the very Walls of the Town, and the Tide flows up 16 miles above it. It is the chief Port and hath been long the greatest Mare town of Germany: The Haven is continually full of Ships, and the Exchange daily crowded with Merchants. The Town is divided into two parts, the old and the New, but both close together and parted only by a Wall, and both well fortified. The Buildings are of Brick, and exceeding high and stately; the chief Church, formerly a Cathedral, is dedicated to S. Peter, and was built about 830. Several of the Earls of Holftein and Schawenburg lie buried in it. In S. Catherine's Church is a Pulpit of white Marble curiously carved, and adorn'd with Figures of Alabaster and Ornaments of Gold. The Poor and Sick are extraordinarily well provided for in Hamburg, by the many Hospitals liberally endow'd, of which there are no lels than 6 for the maintaining old, decrepit, poor People; for curing the Sick, for educating poor Childring, to re-ceive poor Strangers fallen fick in Travelling, and for the maintenance of maimed Seamen: Besides which, care is taken of the Widows and Children of thote that lofe their Lives in the Service of the Publick.

The Trade of the City confifts in all manner of Foreign Goods, as well as those of the product of Germany, the former being receiv'd by Ships from all parts of the World, and from hence convey'd up the Elb to the heart of Germany; and the Commodities of the several parts of the Empire return'd by the same River, and transported to other Nations, to the great Profit of the Inhabitants, who are the Managers of this vast Traffick. Our English Merchants having brought great Profit to this City, are treated with great Civility and Respect, and have the Privilege of trying and deciding Controverses among themselves, before their own Resident; and are permitted the free Exercise of their Religion, which is denied to other Nations. The Inhabitants, being Lurberans, forbid the

Exercise of the Romish Religion.

This rich and powerful City is a free and imperial State, and independent of any power but the Emperor's, to whom they pay a small Homage. They enact Laws, punish Criminals even to death, levy Taxes, make League and War as they please, by a Grant of the Emperor Frederick L and confirm'd by Ferdinand II. The Citizens of Hamburg are exempted from all Tolls and Customs upon the Elb, betwixt their own City and the Ocean; notwithstanding which, the King of Denmark has sometimes compell'd their Ships to pay Toll at his Castle of Gluckstadt, which occasioned great Contests. This was made up in the year 1645 and the Hamburgers permitted to re-assistant Privileges, upon the payment of 120000 Rix Dollers to that King.

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The Government of this City is in its own Magistrates, who are 4 Burgomasters, 20 Schepins or Aldermen, and 12 Common-council, call'd die Oboralten, or chief Elders. These upon extraordinary Occasions call to their Assistance 60 more eminent Citizens, call'd, The Eld. 12 of the City; and if it be too difficult a matter for them to determine, the whole Commonality of Freemen are assembled. This City is able to

arm 15000 Men. It was taken by Woldemar Duke of Slefwick about the year 1200. who gave it Albrecht Earl of Orlimund, of whom the Citizens bought their Liberty, and so became a free State; which was several times confirm'd by the Earls of Holstein and Schawending, his Posterity, to the last of that Family, who died A. 1459. after which, the Province of Holftein falling into the Hands of Cristian I. King of Denmark, the Hamburgers contracted a League of Friendship with that Prince, whose Successors have often endeavour'd to have the Protection of this City, but could never obtain it. In the year 1510, the City of Hamburg was declared Free and Imperial by the Emperor Maximilian in the Diet, and the Duke of Holftein fummon'd to make good his Pretentions to it, or renounce them for ever. In fine, the City has to this day preferv'd its Freedom, which it has been the better able to do, by reason of the continual Jealousies between the two Northern Crowns; for the Sweed being Mafter of the South-fide of the Elb, as the Dane is of the North, what mischief this does them from Gluckstadt, will be reveng'd by the other from Stade. However, the Dane has several times fleec'd them; in the year 1679 he got 220000 Rix Dollars of them, to take them again into his Favour, as 'twas rerm'd in the Treaty; and in the year 1686. he again brought an Army and besieg'd it, but was bought off.

LUBECK, Lubeca & Lubecum, an Imperial City, and the Capital of all the Hante towns, is conveniently feated near the Sea and on the Banks of the Travo, which having receiv'd the Waters of a leffer River into its Channel, form a kind of Marsh round about the Walls, and passing through the City conveys Vessels of as large fize as any that sail upon the Baltick, up to the Town, which by that means, is a place of great Traffick. It was heretofore only a small Town, built by Adolphus Count of Holstein, under the Reign of the Emperor Conrad III. from whom it was taken by Henry the Lyon Duke of Saxony, afterwards conquer'd by Waldemar Duke of Slefwick; but being ill treated by the Danes, the Citizens expel'd them, and put themselves under the Protection of the Emperor Frederick II. who constituted it an imperial and free City, A. 1209. and it is at present one of the principal ones of Germany. It is distant 10 miles from the Coasts of the Baltick Sea, 37 from Hamburg to the North-east, and as many from Wismer to the West. The Streets are very fair and adorn'd with divers magnificent Buildings, the chief whereof are the Cathedral dedicated to S. John, the Collegiate Churches of the Virgin Mary, S. James. S. Peter, &c. It's Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Bremen, was translated hither from Oldenburg, A. D. 1162. but the Bishops have been Protestants ever fince the year 1561. when the Reformed Religion was introduc'd here by Dietlerus of Revention, and a Custom hath prevail'd, That the Administration of the Bithoprick of Lubeck should devolve as an Appenage or Inheritance on the younger Sons of the Duke of Holftein Gottorp, the shadow of an Election being only left to the Chapter, whence they are stiled Dukes of Eutym, from a Town about 4 miles from hence fo called, wherein this Prelate usually Resides, and which was annexed to the Episcopal See by Adolphus II.

Count of Holftein, when it as yet retain'd the name of Oldenburg. The City is Govern'd by twelve Burgomafters, who are Civilians and Gentlemen. The Common-Council are compos do Lawyers and Merchants, Mechanicks being excluded. A remarkable Treaty of Peace was concluded at Labeck, between the Emperor and the King of Dermark, A. D. 1629.

The Dutchy of LAWENBURG lyes on the

The Dutchy of LANVEN BURG lyes on the Banks of the Elb, between the Dukedoms of Holficin, Mecklenburg and Lumenburg, and is subject to its own Duke, who is of the Family of the ancient Dukes of Saxony. The chief Town of the same Name is seated on the River Elb, 25 miles from Lubeck to the S. 35 from Hamburg to the East, and 15 from Lumenburg to the North. It is said to have been built by Henry the Lyon Duke of Saxony, and thence call'd Lcoburgum; but in the Wars against that Prince it being much damaged, Bernard of Anbalt, who succeeded him, re-cdiffied, enlarg'd and strengthned it, and gave it to John his Second Son, with this Dutchy; from whence the last Duke of Sax-Lawenburg was descended, who dying in the year 1692, and leaving no Issue Male, the Succession to this Dutchy hath been claim'd by the Elector of Saxony and other Princes.

Ratzeburg, seated on a Lake of the same name, 15 miles from Lawenburg to the North, and 12 from Lubek to the South, is the See of a Bshep, under the Archbishop of Bremen, planted by Henry the Lyon, when he conquer'd these parts. It was subject to its Bishop before the Treaty of Westphalia, A. D. 1648. by which the Jurisdiction of it was divided between the Dukes of Mecklenburg and Lawenburg, the Town being given to the former, and the Cattle to the latter. This Town received the Augustan Confession, A. 1566. It is the Capital of a Country of the same name, and the ancient Burial-place of the Dukes.

To this Duke, as hath been already faid, some part of the Dukedom of Bremen is subject, as are also, Frankenhausen, Sassenhausen, and some other Powns

on the Elb.

The Dukedom of MECKLENBURG.

The Dukedom of Mecklenburg is fituate between the Dutchies of Holftein and Sax-Lawenburg to the Weft, the Baltick Sea to the North, Pemerania to the Eaft, and Brandenburg to the South. It is a County reasonably large, and stor'd with Corn, Fruits, Fish and Fowl, but in an unpleasant Air, being nor wholsom in the Summer, and extream Cold in the Winter: The ancient Inhabitants were the Vandals. At present the Country is divided between the two Dukes of Swerin and Gustrow. This Division was made in the year 1592, for the sakes of the two Sons of John III. the Eldest seated in Swerin, and the Youngest in Gustrow.

Swerin, seated upon a Lake of the same name, is distant 40 miles from the River Elb to the North, 20 from the Baltick Sea to the South, and 35 from Lulecck of the East: It was built by Henry the Lyon, A. D. 1163, who bestow'd it on Gunzel one of his Generale, with the Lordships belonging thereto, and made him Earl of Swerin, but his Family ending in 1355.it was annex'd to Mecklenburg. The Bishop's See, which had before been at Mecklenburg, was about the, year 1260 reimov'd to this City, at the request of Henry, who built the Cathedral and Library and endow'd it, since which time there was a continual Succession till the Treaty of Munster, when the Bishoprick was Seculariz'd. In this City the Duke of Mecklenburg Swerin keeps his usual Residence.

Mecklenburg is at present a small inconsiderable Village near Wismar, the anciently a large City, and gave name to this Dukedom. There are some little

remains

Remains of Ruines to be feen for some miles round. Gustrow, the place of Residence of the Duke of Meeklenburg Gustrow, is a strong well fortified Town, and stands 35 miles from Swerin to the East, and 18

from Rostock to the South.

Roftock, a Free Imperial City and Hanse-Town, but under the Protection of the Duke of Mecklenburg is feated on the River Warna, which 8 miles below it falls into the Baltick Sea, and makes it a reasonable good Port, which was well frequented by Merchants Ships; but fince the Treaty of Munfter the Sweeds have built a Fort at the mouth of the River, and exact a Toll on all Ships that pass by, to the great decay of the Trade of this Town. An University was founded here by the Dukes of Mecklenburg, Anno 1419. Which is now one of the most flourishing in Germany. It

stands 16 miles from Gustrow to the North and 36 from Wismar to the East.

Mimar, a Hanse-Town, is seated at the bottom of a Bay of the Baltick Sca, 12 miles from Swerin to the N. Henry de Mecklenburg about the year 1266. established the same manner of Government here as was at Lubeck, by which it quickly grew rich, and the Haven being convenient, it was made the Harbour of the Men of War belonging to the Hanseatick Society, and rhe Town very strongly fortified. This City was granted to the Sweed by the Treaty of Munssler, and was taken from him by the Dane in 1675. By the last Treaty of Peace between those two Princes, it was agreed to be deliver'd to the Sweed upon payment of certain Sums of Mony, which it feems are not yet paid, for the Town still remains in the hands of the King of Denmark.

CHAP. XIII.

The Circle of WESTPHALIA.

THIS Circle lies on the West-fide of the River Weser, from the German Ocean on the North, to the Province of Hessen on the South, and between the Lower Saxony on the East, and the Netherlands on the West. The utmost extent of it may be reckon'd about 200 miles from North to South, and from East to West in some parts too in others 150 miles; which Extents comprehends many Sovereignties, viz. the Principality of East Frizeland, and Bishopricks of Munster, Osnabrug and Paderborn; the Dutchies of Cleeve and Juliers, with several Smaller States, as is more particularly express'd in the Table annex'd.

It was anciently inhabited by the Saxoni, and by them call'd Westwelden, from its situation on the Westfide of the Weser, as the Country on the other fide was call'd Oost-velden: From hence, some affirm, the Saxons came that Invaded England; and many Arguments, not altogether improbable, have been made by fome Learned Germans to prove it. But fince Mr. Camden, who was so indefatigable an Enquirer into, and so excellent a Judge of Antiquity, enclines to the common Opinion, that they came from the most Northern part of Saxony, it is most reasonable to be con-cluded by him, and reject the Arguments of others,

how plaufible foever they may feem.

When Charles the Great had conquer'd the Saxons, and planted Christianity among them, he erected feveral Bishopricks, to which he gave Lands for their support. In the part we are speaking of, we find three very considerable ones, besides that of Liege, who have Sovereign Princes; they were not made altogether fo potent in his time, but encreas'd their Dominions at the general Partition that was made of the great Dukedom of Saxony, when Henry the Lyon was Proscrib'd; 'twas then that the Bishop of Munster enlarg'd his Country, and that the Archbishop of Cologne obtain'd that part of Westphalia which he still holds, and by that part of it stiles himself Duke of West phalia. The other Severeignties are the County of East Frizeland, the County of Oldenburg, the Principality of Minden, the Counties of Hoye, Lippe, Ravensburg, &c. together with the Dutchy of Cleeve, Juliers and Berg; all which have been erected at feveral times, upon feveral occasions, which we have not room here particularly to shew. The Air, especially in the Northern part, is very

Cold, and great part of the Ground is Marshy, or Barren; however Corn and Pasture is poduc'd in plenty; but the Fruit is very ordinary, and serves chiefly to feed the Hogs, whereof this Country hath good store, and of an excellent Kind; so that the Bacon which they fend abroad, is very much efteem'd. The chief Rivers are the Weser, the Eems, the Lippe, the Roer, the Aa, &c. The Accommodations a Traveller may meet with here, is prettily enough express'd in this Distick, very common in Germany, viz.

Hospitium Vile, Groof Broot, dun Bier, lange Milen, Sunt in Westphalia: Qui non vult credere, Loop daer. That is,

Who Travels in Westphalia's sure to find, Long Miles, small Beer, course Bread and Lodging

The Circle of Westphalia is thus divided;

 Munster, Kloppenberg. The Bishoprick of Munster, Vecht, wherein the chief Towns are Meppen,

The Dutchy of Westphalia, subject to the Elector of Cologne. See the Division of it in the account of the Dominions of that Prince.

Sofnabrig, Iburg. The Bishoprick of Ofna-The Bishoprick of Paderborn, Suppositing, Warburgh. The Abbey of Corbey, Hoxter. . Embden, Norden. Awich, Efens, Jever. County of East Frizeland, Oldenburg, The County of Older burg, Minden, Petershagen, Co The Principality of Min-

The County of Bentham,

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	Cleeve, Orfoy, 12 Embrick, Caliar, 11 Rees, Santen, et
	Wefel, Meurs, C. a Genep, O Duysburg, &c.
The Dutchy of Juliers,	5 Juliers, or Gulick, Aken, or Aix la Chapelle, Duren.
The Dutchy of Berg,	Duseldorp.
The County of Marke,	Oortmund, Onna, S Ham, Soeft.
The County of Lippe,	Lippe, Diehmold, Horn, Lemgow.
The County of Ravensburg,	Ravensburg, Herwoden, Bilevelt.
The County of Schaumberg	Schaumberg, Saxhagen, Buckenbirg, Oldendorp:
The Counties of	Hoye, Diepholt, Lingen, 3 Delmenborft,
	Tecklenburg, Steinfurt, Ravestein.

The BISHOPRICK of MUNSTER is ftretched out on both sides the River Eems, from the Borders of the County of Emden on the North, to the Dutchy of Cleeve, County of Mark, and Dutchy of Westphalia on the South, being in length near 100 miles. On the East it is bounded by the Counties of Delmenhorst, & Diepholt, the Bishopricks of Osnabrug and Paderborn, and the Counties of Ravensburg and Lippe. On the West it hath the Province of Overiffel, the County of Benthem, and the County of Zutphen, containing in breadth in some parts 60. in others 40. and in some parts not above 20 miles. This Province is entirely subject to the Bishop, who is a Count of the Empire, and a powerful Prince, being able to maintain an Army of 15000 Men. The chief Cities and Towns in his Dominions are thefe, viz.

MUNSTER, Monasterium, olim Miningroda, which is reckon'd the Capital of the Circle of Westphalia, takes its name from a Monastery built here by Charles the Great. It is pleasantly situated in a large Plain, on the Banks of the River Aa, which falls into the Eems, a little below the Town. This was an Imperial City and Hanse-Town, but hath been subject to the Bishop since 1661. It is adorn'd with a stately Cathedral, a College belonging to the Jesuits, and other fair Buildings; and is Fortified with a strong Castle and regular Out-works. An Insurrection of the Anabaptists here in the last Age was very remarkable; for these surious Enthusiasticks under the Conduct of a Sanctified Taylor, call'd John of Leyden, seized the City, turn'd out the Magistrates, and Lorded it at pleasure for a Year's time: But at last their doughty Prince was taken Prisoner, and duly rewarded with a publick Execution, whereby the publick Peace was restor'd in the Year 1534. And in this Age, this City hath been made famous by a memo-

able Treaty in it held, and a Peace concluded between he Emperor and Princes of Germany, which put an nd to the Civil War first began between the Emperor nd the Elector Palatine, but had at last engag'd most: of the Princes, and miserably harras'd all German, rom about the year 1618. till 1648. in which year his Westphalian Peace was made. Munster stands on miles South from the German Ocean, 60 miles West from the River Wefer, as many East from the Rhine, and 120 North from the Maine, in the Lat. of 52 dee. and Longit. 27 deg.

Kloppenburg stands at the head of the little River Soeste, near the borders of the County of Oldenburg, 65 miles North from Munster. It is a strong Fortified Town, but was taken by the Sweeds in 1635. and recover'd foon after by the Bishop, to whom it is

ftill Tubject.

Vecht, the Capital of a small Barony, formerly govern'd by its own Lord, stands near the borders of the County of Deipholt, 15 miles S. E. from Kloppenburg. Meppen, a strong fortified Town, stands on the River Hase, where it falls into the Embs, 25 miles S. E. from Kloppenburg. It was taken by the Dutch in 1587. but regain'd, and fince, together with Kloppenburg, and another Fort call'd Haselumen, made over to the Bishop of Munster, by the Counts of Tecklenburg, to whom they then belonged. Tilligt, which stands near the Embs, 10 miles West

from Munster, was made famous by a Convention of the States of Munfter, held in it, in 1532.

Koelsfeldt is a small Hanse-Town on the River Berkel, 20 miles East from Munster,

The County of Embden, Emmerlandt, or E AST-FRIESLAND, is bounded on the North and East by the German Ocean, on the West by the County of Oldenburg, and on the South by the Bishoprick of Munster. This was part of the Kingdom of the ancient Frifons; but this part was made a Province of Germany by Charles the Great, and in 1453. Uhich the Gover-nor of it was made Count, and his Family have fince been Princes of it to the prefent Count Christian Everard,

EMBDEN, Embda, Amasia aut Amisia, the Capital of East Frizeland, is seated near the mouth of the River Embs, and on the Bay call'd Dollaers, at the distance of 25 miles from Groningen to the East, 60 from Bremen to the West, and 100 from Munster to the North. It hath a very convenient and deep Haven, and the People are of an industrious nature, it is therefore a place of good Trade, and much reforted to by Merchant Ships from Foreign parts: Our Merchants, upon their removal from Antwerp, brought hither the Staple, or chief Ware-house for English Cloth, but being ill-us'd, remov'd it to Hamburg. The Houses here are generally well-built, and the Stadthuys, or Townhall, is very Magnificent. This City was formerly subject to the Count of Frizeland, but it hath thrown off his Authority, and is now a Free-State, under the Protection of the Hollanders. It is defended by two strong Castles, a Wall with Bastions and regular Bulwarks, and a double Ditch round about.

Norden, a pleasant Port-Town, about 15 miles N. from Embden, is well-built, but not fortified. The Harbour is not deep enough to receive Ships of any

great Burden.

Aurich, in the middle between Embden and Norden, is the place where the Supream Court of Judicature for this County is held. Here is a Castle belonging to the Count, and a slight Wall round the Town.

Esens, 12 miles North from Norden, is defended by a strong Castle.

Witmund is a good large Town, about 7 or 8 miles West trom Esens, both formerly Baronies, but devolved on the Count of Friezland. This was once a place

of good Trade, but now much declined.

Fever, about 10 miles West from Esens, is a fait Town, and gives Title to a Baron. It has a good strong Castle, and by means of the River Hoeck, which falls into the Ocean 10 miles below, it hathacquir'd a pretty good Trade This Barony is now subject to

the Count of Oldenburg.

On the West of Embden lyes the Courty of OLDENBURG, a poor barren Country, extended along the Banks of the Wefer, near 50 miles in length, and 25 in breadth. Its chief Town of the fame name is feated on the River Hunte, at the distance of 35 miles from Embden to the West, and as many from Bremen to the East. It is well Fortified with Walls and Ditches, and a strong wellbuilt Cattle, which is the Seat of its Earl. The Houses are very mean, but the place hath a pretty good Trade by the means of the River, which falling into the Weser, Ships of Burden can come up into the Town.

DELMENHORST, the Capital of a small County, lying next to Oldenburg on the South-east, is a strong fortified Town, but otherwise not considerable. It stands upon the River Dilma, 16 miles West

from Oldenburg, and 10 East from Bremen.

DIEPHLOT, a small County, lyes on the South

of. Delmenhorst, and between Munster on the West, and Hoye on the East. It is now subject to the Duke of Lunenburg. The chief Town of the same name is feated near the Lake call'd Dummor, out of which the River Hunte arises, and passes by this Town, which is distant 40 miles from Oldenburg to the South, and 35 from the Weser to the West.

HOYE, a County on the Banks of the Wefer, East of Diepholt, and South of Bremen, was Govern'd by its own Lords, til 1582. when the last Count dying, it was parted among several Princes. Hoye, the chief Town, (a small place, but well Fortified) with Nieuburg, Lavenaw, and Bruchausen, became subject to the Duke of Lunenburg; the Forts of Seltzenaw, Ezenburg, and 5 more Towns, to the House of Brunfwick; and Freudenburg and Utcht to the Landgrave of

MINDEN, the Capital of a small Principality, is a large rich Hanse-Town, standing on the Weser, 55 miles from Bremen to the South, and 35 from Of-nabrug to the East. This Principality was given to the Elector of Brandenburg at the Treaty of Munster. It is a good Country, and produces plenty of Corn; the extent of it is about 25 miles in length, and 20

in breadth.

The Bishoprick of OSNABRUCK lyes between Minden on the East, and munster on the West, Diepholt on the North, and Ravensburg on the South, and in the middle between the two Rivers Weser and Embs. Its extent from North to South is 45 miles, and from East to West 25 miles. It is a fruitful Country, and subject to its Bishop, who is a Count

of the Empire.

Ofnabruck, Osenburg, Ofnabrugum, aut Ofnabrucum, the Capital, is subject to the Bishop, though call'd a Hanse-Town. It stands upon the River Hase in a fruitful Valley, 30 miles from Munster to the North east, and 60 from Oldenburg to the South; it has a Fort for its defence call'd S. Peter's Castle. This City was Honour'd with a Treaty of Peace between the Emperor and the King of Sweeden, in the year 1648. wherein an Agreement was made concerning all the Affairs of the Protestants, and the Bishopricks made alternative between the Roman Catholicks and Lutherans, in favour of the House of Brunsmick.

Iburg, stands about 12 miles South from the City, and is the place where the Bishop resides,

TECKLENBURG, a strong Castle and Fort, stands about 10 miles West from Ofnabrug, and is the Capital of a small County, formerly under its own Counts; now subject to that of Bentham.

SCAUMBERG, or Schaumburg, an old Castle on the top of a Hill, on the North-fide of the, Weler 45 miles from Hoye to the South, and 50 from Ofnabrug, and 16 from Minden to the East, gives name to a County of 25 miles extent from North to South, and 18 from East to West, which lies on the East of Minden, and South of Hoye; the River Wefer passes cross it; belides which it is water'd with the Rivers Hannel, Awe, Caspaw and Exter; these yeald the Inhabitants abundance of Fish, and the Country plenty of Corn, Hay, Timber and Venision: Here are also Quarries of Stone, which they fend abroad, and some Mines of Allum, Coal, &c. This County is subject to the house of Lippe.

Saxenhagen, or Soffenhagen, a Fort and Town in

the thost Northern part of this County.

Buckenburg, the Seat of the second Branch of the House of Lippe, who are thence still Counts of Lippe

Oldenburg, on the banks of the Wifer, a small but ftrong Town, 5 miles from Schaumburg; it repell'd the Imperial Forces in 1633, but was taken by them in 1639. The Counts of Lippe have a Custom house here

to receive Duty paid by all Vessels that pass this way. LIPPE, or Liepstadt, is a very strong and well fortified Town, leated on the River Lippe, 45 miles from Osnabrug to the South, and 35 from Munster to the East. This place was besieg'd by the French in the War of 1674, but defended it felf fo well that they . were forc'd to raise the Siege. It is the Capital of a Country which lies between Ravensburg to the North, and Padernborn to the South, a narrow fractof Land, in length from East to West about 50 miles, and in breadth 15 or 20. Its Counts are of a very ancient Family, and are not only Lords of this County, but of

feveral other places in the Neighbourhood.

Diethmold, or Dietmelle, as 'tis writ in the Maps,
30 miles from Lippe to the North-east, and 25 from Minden to the South, is the place of Residence of the Eldest House of Lippe, but not considerable on any

other account.

Horn, an old Town near Diethmold, once subject to Counts of its own, now to the Count of Lippe.

Lemgow, a rich and near Hanse-Town on the River Pega, 7 miles North from Dietmelle, once subject to the Bishop of Faderborn, by whom made over to the Counts of Lippe, on whom it hath still some dependence, but hath obtained many Privileges.

The Bishoprick of PADERBORN is bounded on the North with Lippe, on the South with Heffe Cassel and Waldeck, and on the West with Munster and Westphalia, and contains in it 24 Market-Towns, 20 Cattles, 54 Parishes, and 16 Monasteries, which are all subject to the Bishop.

PADERBORN, Paderborna, aut Padrabranna, stands near the scarce of the River Lippe, from whence it is diftant only 16 miles to the South, 30 from Corman, 45 from Cassel to the North west, and 50 from Munfter to the South-east, and is handsomly built and well fortified. The Emperor Charlemagne made it an Epifcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Monty, and held a Convention or Parliment there, A. C. 777. It was a free City, and one of the Hanfeatick Society; but the Bishop hash been Temporal as well as Spiritual Gg2

Lord of it, and of the whole Dioceis, ever fince the year 1604. Theodore of Furstemburg, Bishop of Paderborn, built the adjacent Castle of Neuhause or Nienhus near the confluence of the Lippe and the Alme, A. D. 1590. which serves as an Episcopal Palace; he also founded an University in the City, in 1592.

Lippesburg, about 5 miles from Paderborn, standing on the edge of a great Heath call'd die Senne, has a stately Castle belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Paderborn, who are Lords of the Town. The River

Lippe springs near this Castle.

Warburg, a Hanse-Town, is seated in a fruitful Country on the River Dymel, 25 miles South-east from Padertorn. Some neighbouring Mines of Iron and

Lead afford this Town a good Trade,

Between the Bishoprick of Paderborn and the River Weser, lies the Territory of the Abbey of CORBEY, founded by the Emperor Lewis I It is about 15 or 16 miles in length, and in it, besides other Towns, stands

Hoxter, a fair City on the Weser, 25 miles North from Caffel, and directly West from Paderborn, which by the means of the River, is a place of good Trade.

Besides this Territory, the Island of Rigen in Pomerania was given to this Abbey by the Emperor Lotharius,

And now having furvey'd all the Countries on the East of Westphalia, we must cross Munster, and before we come to Cleeve and its Dependances, view

The Earldom of BENTHEM, which lies on the West-side of the Bishoprick of Munster, stretching out into the Province of Overiffel, wherewith it is furrounded on all the other fides. It is in length near 40 miles, and in breadth about 15. The chief Town

Benthem, stands near the South-border of the County, 30 miles North east from Munster, 36 East from Osnabrug, and 40 West from Deventer. It is fortified and has a Castle, but is a place of no Trade, being feated in a Wood and far from a River,

LINGEN, a strong Town on the River Embs, 40 miles North from Munster, is subject to the Prince of Orange; tho' the County, of which it is Capital, be

under the Bishop of Munster.

STEINFURT or Borchstenford, is also a small County, lying South of Benthem, to whose Earl it is now subject, the formerly it had Lords of its own, The chief Town stands 20 miles North from Munster.

The Dutchies of CLEEVE and JULIERS, with their dependencies the Counties of MARCK, BERG, RAVENSBURG and RAVENSTEIN, lie mostly on the banks of the Rbine, but are so intermixt with other Countries, that it is difficult to give the particular Limits. In general, they are bounded on the North by Guelderland and Munster, on the South by the Archbishoprick of Trier, on the E. by Hesse and Westphalia, and on the W. by Brabant, Liege and Limburg. The principal Rivers here are the Rhine, the Roer, and the Lippe; which two latter fall into the Rbine, the first at Duisburg, and the last at Wesel. The Air is cold, but the Soil is fruitful in Corn, and yields some Pasture.

The Right of succeeding to these Territories, upon the death of John William the last Duke, without Issue, in 1609. gave occasion to great Commotions in Germany; for the Elector of Brandenburg, the Duke of Neuburg, the Duke of Deuxponts, the Duke of Saxony, and the Marquiss of Burgaw, having all married Sisters or Daughters of the Sifters of John-William, all claim'd to succeed. But the Elector of Brandenburg and the Duke of Newburg only maintain'd their Claim by Force of Arms; the former, by the Affiftance of the Hollanders, and the latter by that of the Spaniards. Until, at length, an Agreement was made, That Juliers

and Berg, with the small Territory of Ravenstin should be granted to the Duke of Neuburg, and that the Elector of Brandenburg should for ever enjoy the Dutchy of Cleeve and the Counties of Marck and Ravenspurg 3 under which Princes they at present remain.

The Dutchy of Cleeve is a Country generally woody

and hilly, but however produces divers forts of Grain. It lies on both sides of the Rhine, between Munster on the East, Guelderland on the West, Zurphen on the North, and Juliers on the South, extending about 40 miles from North to South, and 25 from East to West.

The City CLEEVE, call'd Cleef by the Germans, and Clivia aut Clivis in Lat. which gives name to the Country, (a very ancient Place, and supposed to have been founded by the Romans) stands on a Hill, among craggy Cliffs, between the Rhine and the Maes, about 12 miles South-east from Nimeguen, 70 West from Munster, and 60 North-west from Cologne. It is small, but well Peopled; near it are seen an old square Tower and other remains of Buildings, which shew it to have been formerly much larger. The Castle is old and not very strong, but pleasantly seated, and affords a delightful Prospect from the top of Swan-tower. The private Houses are but mean, and the chief publick ones are the great Church and two Monasteries. On the West-side of the Town is a very pleasant Park call'd Prince Maurice's, wherein are many Ponds and Water-works, above which is the high Hill call'd Steenberg from whence Utrecht with 4 more Ciries and feveral great Towns may be feen, through 12 Vifto's or ftrait Walks cut through the Wood. On the East of the Town stands the Prince's House, in which are many Rarities and Monuments of Antiquity.

Embrick, on the Eastern banks of the Rbine, 8 miles

from Cleeve to the East, and

Rees, on the banks of the same River, about 10 miles

higher, are both well fortified.

Gennep, at the mouth of the Nierse, where it falls into the Maes, near the borders of Guelderland, 10 miles South-west from Cleeve, was anciently a large and populous City, and well fortified; but in the late Wars its Fortifications were demolished, and the Town is much decreas'd and now of small moment, tho' conveniently seated for Trade.

Goch on the Nierfe, 6 or 7 miles above Gemep, a small Town of no great Strenth nor Traffick. All these four, the seated in the Dutchy of Cleeve, have been taken from it at several times by the Dutch, and

are now subject to them.

Calcar, a place of great Strength, and built by the Dukes of Cleeve for a Refuge against any sudden approach of an Enemy, is feated near the Western Bank of the Rhine over against Rees, about 10 miles distant from Cleeves to the South-east. It quickly grew populous and rich by a Linnen-trade which they managed, and since they have been noted for making Malt, which is now a great Trade in this Town. The Town-house, S. Nicholas Church, and the Monastery of the Dominicans, are stately Buildings.

Santen, on the Western Bank of the Rhine, is a

Town of very great Antiquity, but not confiderable on any other account; it is faid to be the place where the Theban Legion suffer'd Martyrdom under the Emperor Maximianus, and therefore call'd Santen, Holy.

Wesel, call'd Nether Wesel for distinction, scated in a fair Plain on the Eastern Bank of the Rbine near the mouth of the River Lippe, 25 miles distant from Cleeve to the South-west, and near 10 from Santen to the West, is a strong, populous and well-built City, reckon'd the largest and best in this Dutchy. Itsis a Hanse-Town, and was Imperial, but exempted by the Dukes of Cleeve, of whose Dukedom it was

always a Member. It was taken and plunder'd by the French in the late War; and, the Burgers being rich, they exacted intolerable Contributions from them. Here is an Hospital for decrepit, old People, founded by H. Oliver Barrs, and nobly endow'd by him and his Son.

Duiburg, a small City on the Roer, which a little lower falls into the Rhine, and on the Confines of Cleve, and Bergen, 15 miles above Wefel, 35 South-west from Cleve, 15 from Duseldorp, and 35 from Cologne to the North-east. It was once an Imperial City, but now subject to the Elector of Brandenburg, as Duke of Cleve, the the Burgers thill claim their former Liberty. Here were formerly Fairs held yearly, which brought great Trade to the Town. An University is established here by the D. of Brandenburg, which was open'd Ott. 14. 1655.

Meurs, a small City, the Capital of an Earldom, lying between the Dutchy of Cleeves and the Archbishoprick of Cologne, belongs to the Prince of Orange, to whom it was given in 1600. by the last Countes; but is claimed by the Duke of Brandenburg, as part of the Dutchy of Cleve. In this Earldom stands also

Orfo, a small but strong Town, taken from the Dutch in 1634. by the Prince of Orange, and by the French in 1672, but abanon'd by them in 1674.

The Dukedom of JULIERS lies between the Rivers Maes and Rhine, bounded on the North by the Spanish Gueldre and Cleeve, on the South by Luxemburg and Trier, on the East by the Bishoptick of Cologne, and on the West by Liege and Limburg, extending about 60 miles in Length and 30 in Breadth. The Country is fruitful in Corn, Hay and Wood, and yields also Woad for Dying, whereof the Inhabitants make great Profit; and an excellent Breed of Horses.

3ULIERS, or GULICK, as the Inhabitants call it, Juliacum, the Capital of this Dutchy, is an ancient City feated on the River Reer, at the distance of 50 miles from Cleeve to the South, 25 from Cologne to the West, and 25 from Maestricht to the East. It is a small place, but neatly built; the Houses are of Brick, and the Streets broad and even: The Citadel is large, and readered as strong as the best Ingeneers of Germany could make it: Notwithstanding which, it has been often taken in the present Age, but at last restord to the Duke of Neuburg, according to the

Articles of the Pyrenean Treaty.

Aken or Aquifgranum, call'd AIXLACHAP-PELLE by the French, anciently a very considerable Place, having been the Seat of the Emperor Charlemain, stands near the Borders of this Dutchy of Juliers and that of Limburg; it is distant 15 miles from Juliers to the South-west, 16 from Maestricht to the East, and 36 from Cologne to the West. It is an imperial and free City, and a very large beautiful Place; and, byreason of the hot Baths in it, which cause a great Resort thither, very populous and rich. The chief publick Buildingsare the Collegiate Church and the Senate-house; the former was built by Charles the Great, who was buried in it, and is a very curious piece of Architecture of the Gothick Order: At the West-end stands a high Steeple with several Piramids, and in the middle a Cupola, the infide whereof is adorn'd with a great number of Pillars of white Marble and of Brass gilt; also many gilded Statues, Brass-Doors and Partitions; and the Roof is beautified with Mosaick Work. In this Church are kept many Re-licks, which are visited by zealous Pilgrims. The Senate-house is a very stately Fabrick, built A.D. 1533. and adorn'd with the Statues of all the Emperors; the upper Story of it is only one Room of 162, foot in length and 60 in breadth, wherein the Emperors used to receive their first Crown of Iron, and entertain the Electors and others that attended at their Coronations.

The Baths are much efteem'd for their Virtue in curing Chronical Diftempers. It is faid they were first found out by Serinius Grenius, Lieutenant General of Gallia Belgica, about the year of Christ, 53. who beautified them, and built a Palace near 'em. But the Place being afterwards destroy'd by Attila, the Baths lay buried till the time of Charles the Great, whole Horse fas he was Hunting here) accidentally strook his Foot into one of them, which the Emperor observing, caused them to be search'd out and rebuilt, and being much taken with the Pleature of the place, built a Royal Palace and a large Town Of these Baths there are Three, the chief of which is the very same that Charles the Great used often, with his Sons and Attendants, to twim in: It is now divided into many Apartments. These Waters rise lo hot, that they cool them in 12 Houses before they are used. There are also others in the other part of the Town, but not so hot. Town are many Mines of Lead, Sulpher, Vitriol and Iron, &c. In 1656 a great Fire happen'd in this City, which burnt down 20 Churches and 5000 Dwellings, (by which the Bigness of this Town may be guess'd at) which were quickly rebuilt, and it is now more large and beautiful. In 1668. a Treaty was held here, and Peace concluded between the Kings of France and Spain.

In the Village Borfell or Porfetum, about a Furlong South from Aken, are many other hot Springs, which are by Pipes convey'd into 28 Baths; these Waters

are even hotter than those at Aken.

Duren on the River Reer, 15 miles E. from dix la Chappelle, and 10 S. from Juliers, is a small City, the Building neat and uniform, with a clear Stream of Water running in the middle. It was made Imperial by Charles IV, and burnt by Charles V, but being rebuilt, is now subject to the Duke of Neuburg. This place pretends to great Antiquity, and according to

Cluverius, it was the ancient Marcodurum.

DUSELDORP, Dusseldorpium, is a very pleafant and well fortifi'd City on the Banks of the Rhine, 5 miles below Codegne to the North, and as many from Juliers to the North-east. It is the Metropolis of the Dukedom of BERG, which is extended along the banks of the Rhine, about 50 miles in length, and in breadth about 20, being craggy and mountainous, and therefore not very full of Inhabitants. The City is pleasantly seated upon the Rhine, and adorn'd with some publick Buildings, which make a delicate shew to the River, especially the Palace of the Duke of Neuburg, who commonly resides here. It was anciently an Imperial City and a place of much Traffick, and the yearly Fairs, since remov'd to Francfort, were kept in it.

ed on the River Empser, almost in the midst between those of the Lippe and the Roser, scarcely distant 6 miles from both, as also from the Territories of the Bishoprick of Munster to the South; 30 from the Gity of Munster, 26 from Soest to the West, and 35 from Duseldorp to the North-east. It is a free Imperial City, and one of the Hanse-Towns under the Protection of the Electro of Brandenburg; and is a small, but rich and populous Place. It is the Metropolis of the County of MARK, a Country of about 40 miles in length and 20 in breadth, bounded on the North by the Rivers Empser and Lippe, which part it from Munster, on the West and South by the Dutchy of Bergen, and on the East by Westphalia. The Soil is like that of Visiphalia, not very fruitful.

Unna, a poor Hanse-Town, but formerly a place of good Trade, till the War between the Dukes of Brandenburg and Neuburg, for the Right of these Cour-

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tries, disturb'd and spoil'd it, stands to miles from Dortmund to the East.

Ham, another poor Hanse-Town, stands 10 miles from Unna to the North, on the Road between Holland and Brandenburg. The Country about it yields

store of Corn, Hemp and Flax.

Soeft, a large and populous City, seated in the neck of Land belonging to this County that shoots into Westphalia, 30 miles from Dortmund to the East, and as many from Munster to the South. It is esteem'd the largest City in Westphalia, except Munster, fortified with a double Wall, whereon are 30 Watch-Towers, and a large deep Ditch. In it are 10 Parishes and many Churches, one of which is a Collegiate, and under the Jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Cologne. This City has many Privileges and a Court of Judicature within it self, but under the Protection of the Elector of Brandenburg, to whom this County is subject. '1

RAVENSBURG, Ravensberga, a small Town. the Principal of a County, lying between Ofnaburg, Minden, Munster and Lippe, stands on a Hill at the. distance of 16 miles from Osnaburg to the South, a-bout 25 from Paderborn to the North-west, and 30 from Munster to the East toward Minden.

RAVESTEIN, Ravasteinum, is a small Town seated on the River Maes, 20 m. W. from Cleeve, 20 N. E. from Bolduck, and 15 S. W. from Nimeguen; the Capital of a small Territory bearing the Title of a Lordship, appertaining to the Jurisdiction of the D. of Neuburg, but is at present possess'd by the Hollanders.

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By Rob. Falconer.

CHAP. I.

Switzerland, Helvetia, or the Swiss-Cantons, together with their Allies and Subjects, in general.

For a Map, confult that of Germany, wherein Swifferland is comprehended.

HIS Country was anciently inhabited by the Helvetii, a People, according to Pliny, Strabo, and Tacitus, of Gallia Celtica; who were divided into the Ambrones, Tigurini, Tugeni, and Orbegeni; and were bounded on the North by the Rauraci, and Vindelicia, on the East by Rheetia, on the West by the Sequani, and on the South by the Allobroges, Seduni, and Veragzi. Their Chief Towns were Aventicum, now Avenches, Eburodunum, now Yverdum, Salodurum, now Soleurre, Vitodurum, now Winterthur and Orba, now Orbe.

They were a very warlike People, and having join'd themselves with the Cimbri, had a considerable share in the Victories which those Barbarians obtain'd over the Consuls Manlius Servilius Cepio, and Lucius Crassius; but after the bloody Battle which they lost against Marius, the Helvetii retir'd into their own Country, and lived peaceably until the Time of Julius Cesar; and having then form'd a Design of making themselves Masters of Gallia Celtica, they spent two Years in making the necessary Preparations for that Expedition; and having burnt all their Towns and Villages, to cut off all Hopes of returning, took the Field, in conjunction with the Rauraci, Turingi, and Latobriges, their Neighbours, making in all a Body of above 90000 sighting Men, besides old Men, Women and Children. But Casar, by his good Conduct and Valour did so terrise them that they were willing to come to Articles with him; and afterwards did gain such a signal Victory over them in a pitch'd Battle, that they humbly beg'd Peace, which he granted them, on Condition that they should return to their own Country, and re-build their Towns and Villages which they had burnt. This they punctually put in execution, and were afterwards faithful and true to the Roman Interest.

After the Declining of the Roman Empire, they put themselves under the Protection of the Kings of Burgundy, and afterwards under that of the Kings of France, who sent Governors to Rule them. Raoul Duke of Startlinguen taking advantage of France, when it was engaged in War with the Normans, made himself Master of this Country in the Reign of Carolus Crassis. Raoul the Third dying without Issue, in the Year 1027, the Emperor Comad the Second, whom he left his Heir, did incorporate it with the Empire, as a Free-State; but during this

Union, which was about eighty Years, the Dukes of Zeringhen, who were descended of Sigeberg King of Austria, acted rather the part of absolute Matters

than Governors.

This People having been for a long time kept under, and grievously oppress'd by their Governors, refolved at last rather to venture all than live in perpetual Slavery. The first that began were the three small Cantons of Ury, Switz, and Under-Walden, commonly call'd the three Forrest Towns. They enjoy'd very ancient Privileges, which they pretended to have been granted them by the Emperor Lewis, firnam'd the Pious, Son of Charles the Great; yet fo that the Emperor used to send a Judge or Vicar thither, who had the supreme Jurisdiction in Criminal Affairs. During the Differences between the Emperors and the Popes, the Noblemen (of whom there were a great Number in that Country) got the accendent over the Common People, and did mightily oppress their Liberty. The Divisions betwirt the Nobility and the People (the former fiding with the Popes, the latter with the Emperor) grew very high, especially during the great Interregnum which happened after the death of the Emperor Frederick the Second, which breaking out into an open War, the Nobility was driven out of the Country; but by the Emperor Rudolph's Authority, a Reconciliation was made betwire them, and the Nobility restor'd to their Estates. Thus these Countries did enjoy their former Liberty 'till the Reign of Albert the First, about the Year 1300. who having conceiv'd a hatted against them, because they had sided with his Rival Adolph of Nasfaw, was very defirous to annex them to his Hereditary Countries. The Monasteries, and most of the Nobility having, upon his defire, submitted themselves to the Jurisdiction of the House of Aufria; and the three above-mention'd Places refu-fing to do the like, they had Imperial Vicars fet over them; who, contrary to ancient Custom, be-gan to reside in strong Castles; and greatly oppress the People, whose Petitions and Complaints found no manner of Redress from the Emperor; which fo encourag'd the Tyranny and Insolence of those Vicars, that Geisler, the Judge of Under-Walden, was so ridiculous as to set his Hat upon a Pole at Altorf, sand demanded the same Respect to be paid to it as to himself; which one William Tell refufing to do, was ordered to shoot an Arrow through an Apple which was placed upon his own Son's Head; but this Man making his Escape, stirr'd up the Hatred of the People against the Judges; and so the three foremention'd Places entred into a Confederacy to rid themselves of this Tyranny, and restore their ancient Liberty, An. 1307. In the Year 1315. Leopold Arch-Duke of Austria, the Son of Albert the First, march'd against them with an Army of 20000 Men, bur was defeated near Morgarten. After which, they renew'd their Confederacy, and confirmed it by folemn Oaths, that it should continue for ever; which was done at Brun, on the 7th of December, 1320. But tho' they administer'd their own Affairs at Home, and did not fend Deputies to the Diets of the Empire, they were not declar'd Independent of the Empire 'till the Westphalian Peace, An. 1648. In the Year 1332. Lucern, and in the Year 1351. Zurick entred into this Confederacy. Immediately after Guaris, in the Year 1352. Zug and Bern, in the Year 1481. Fri-bourgh and Solothurn, in the Year 1501. Bafil and Schaffhausen; and at last all Appen-Zell, were unit-ed with this Confederacy; which made up the whole Body of the Swiss-Cantons, confifting of thirteen Common-wealths: Whereof Zurick, Bern, Lucern Zug, Basil, Friburg, Solothurn, and Schaffbausen, are Cittes; Ory, Switz, Under-Walden, Glaris, and Appen-Zell, are Countries, in which are a good number of Towns and Villages. The Switzers (which is a general Name for them all) have also some other Confederates, viz. the Abby and City of St. Gall, the Grifins, the Vallesins, the Cities of Retweil, Munthusen, Bienne, the Biel, Geneva, and Newburg on the Lake; besides several Cities and Countries (which we shall treat of particularly afterwards) that are either subject to the whole Confederacy, or to some particular Common-wealths: Every one of these Cantons is absolute within it felf; but they differ as to the Nature of their Go-vernment and Constitution, some being more Ariflocratical, others more Democratical.

The Christian Religion is said to have been planted in this Country pretty early; and the Reformation was begun here by Zuinglius, who was afterwards flain in a Battle against the Roman Catholicks. The Cantons of Ury, Switz, Under-Walden, Lucern, Zug, Friburg, and Solothurn are Po-pilh; Zurich, Bern, Basil, and Schaffbausen Prote-stant; but tho the number of the latter be lesser, their Power is greater. The Catholicks hold their Conventions at Lucern; the Protestants at Araw; and the General Assemblies are held at Baden, where they meet every Year about the end of June, to deliberate about the Affairs of the whole Body of the Swis. This Diet is compos'd of two Deputies from each Canton; those of Zurich have the first Place, and the antienter of the two Prefides; and it is his part to fend circular Letters for convocating the Diet. And however they may differ in Religion and Form of Government, yet they all agree in the defence of their Liberty and common Inter-

The SOIL in these Countries is different; for in the mountainous Parts scarce any thing but Pa-

flure Grounds is to be met withal; but the Vallies and flat Country produces good store of Corn and Wine, the fcarce enough for the number of the Inhabitants; and Foreign Commodities cannot be imported without great difficulty, and what is de-ficient in the Soil is not repair'd by Traffick and They enjoy this benefit by the Si-Manufactures. tuation of their Country, that by reason of the high Mountains and narrowness of the Passages, it is almost inaccessible, especially on the Italian Side, and in the midst of the Country; but some of the out-ward Parts are of a very easy access.

Asto the Genius of the People, they are generally Honest and True to their Word, Simple and Plaindealing, without any great Cunning or By-defigns, Stout and easily Provok'd, Stedfast in their Resolutions, and abundantly Valiant; which together with their Talness and Strength of Body, has so recommended them to a great many Princes, that they have chose them for their Guards, particularly the King of France, who maintains a confiderable Number of them. They do not care for undergoing much Hardthip and Labour, and expect to have their Pay duly, otherwise they are ready to make good the Proverb

No Mony, No Swifs.

The main Strength of this Commonwealth (as the Judicious Puffendorf observes) consists in the number of its Inhabitants. For the Canton of Bern, which has the greatest Territories, pretends alone to be able to fend into the Field 100000 Fighting Men, and the rest proportionably. So that their not having extended the Bounds of their Dominions beyond what they are, feems to be owing, partly to their Inclination, which does not prompt them to encroach upon their Neighbours; partly to the Constitution of their Government, which seems to be unfit for great and sudden Enterprises; and partly to the difference of Religion among them. So they are the best Neighbours in the World; as being never to be fear'd, and always ready to affift you in case of Necessity, if you pay them for it. The most considerable Rivers in Switzerland are,

the Rhine, the Aar, the Russ, the Inn and the Tesin; but the Russ and Inn are the most serviceable. The Principal Lakes are those of Geneva, Constantz, Zell, Neufchatel, Biel, Moral, Thun, Brientz, Lucern, Zurich, Zug, Ocarn and Riva.

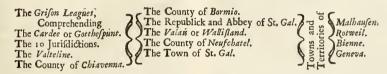
The modern Bounds of all that Country which goes under the Name of Switzerland, especially if you take in the Allies and Subjects of that State are different from those of the antient Helvetia. extended from South to North for the Space of about 180 Miles, from the Bailiage of Mendriss to the Frontiers of Schwaben; and 280 from West to East, from the County of Bormio to Mount St. Claude. It is bounded on the North with Alface and Schwaben, on the South by Lombardy and the Lake of Geneva, on the East by the County of Tyrol, and on the West by Burgundy. The whole of it may be divided into four Parts, viz. The 13 Cantons, the Allies, the Subjects, and Stipendiary Towns; as is to be seen in the following Table, where the Cantons are set down according to their Precedency in the General Diets.

Switzerland divided into 4 Parts.

I. The 13 Cantons.

7. Zurich. Prot.
2. Bern. Prot.
3. Lucern. Pop.
4. Uri. Pop.
5. Schwitz. Pop.
6. Underwald. Pop.
7. Zug. Pop.
11. Solothum. Pop.
12. Schaffhausen. Prot.
13. Appenzell. Prot. & Pop.
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II. Allies of Switzerland.



III. Subjects of Switzerland.



IV. Stipendiary Towns of Switzerland.

Baden. } {Mellingen. } {Trawenfeld.

CHAP. II. The SWISS CANTONS.

HE Canton of ZURICH, Tigurinus Pagus, is bounded with Scaffhausen on the North, Appenzell on the East, Zug and Switz on the South, and Bern and Lucern on the West. Its Extent South and North is about 60 Miles, and 48 from East to West. This Canton is very powerful, and richer than that of Bern, althoit be not so large. It is so well Peopled, that in Twenty four Hours it is able to raise Fifty thousand Men: And comprehends One and Thirty Baliages; whereof there's Nine that are call'd Great Bailiages; and the rest Chatellanies. The Baylists and Chatellans that are sent to them have full Power to Judge both in Matters Civil and Criminal, and are chose out of the Grand Council. The People of this Canton enjoy greater Privileges, and are more highly Tax'd than in most others, where the Baylists are in a manner absolute Masters. The great Bailiages are those of Grissenzee, Gruningen, Wadischvuil, Regensburg, Egilsow upon the Rhine, Andelsingen along the River Thur, Laussen, below the Cataracts of the Rhine, and Kiburg. The most considerable Chatellanies are those of Stein upon the Rhine, and Wintenthur, upon the Eulac. The most considerable Towns and Villages in this Canton are,

Zurich, Ch. Cit.
Kiburg.
Grueningen.
Lauffen.
Rufy.
Wadischweil.

Andelsinger.
Griffencee.
Ktingenew.
Eglisow.
Regensberg.
Stafen.

Zurich, Tigurum, Cefar and Livy place it in Gallia Celtica, and it is call'd Turegum by the Authors of the Middle Age. It lies in the middle betwirt Schaff-haufen and Lucern, about 25 Miles from either, 11 from the Rline to the South, 30 South-West from Constance, and about 60 North from the Alpes, and is divided into two Parts by the River Simath, where it comes out of the Lake of Zurich. It is thought to be one of the most ancient Towns in that Country; for according to an ancient Tradition it is said to have been built sixteen Years after Treves. It shook off the unsupportable Yoke of its Lords in the Year, 1218. After the Death of Berthold 5th Duke of Zertingen, and put it self under the Protection of the Emperor, upon Condition that it should never be alienated; which was consistend by the Emperor Reichard, in the Year, 1262; but 68 Years after, the Emperor Lewis of Bavaria, being drain'd by an expensive War, and not in a Condition to Pay, after the Battle of Muldorf, to Frederick Duke of Austria, the Sum which he had promised him to renounce his Pretences to the Empire, offered to give him the H h 2

Towns of Zurich, Schaffhausen, Rhinfeild and Neuburg; but the Inhabitants of Zurich opposing that Alienation, he was fain to give Brifac in lieu of it; which so entaged the Dukes of Austria, that they turn'd its mortal Enemies, and made as many others fo as they could, which was the principal Cause of their entring into Alliance with Ury, Switz, Undermalden and Lucern. There is in this City a noble Library, a Strong, regularly Fortified, and well furnish'd Arsenal; and several other Things very well worth the observation of a curious Traveller, particularly a fine Collection of Medals. The Lake of Zurich is about 24 Miles long, and 2 or 3 broad: And the River is very uleful for carrying away to the Rhine their Manufactures, whereof that of Crape is the most considerable, and turns to the best Ac-

Kiburg, Kiburgium, stands upon a Hill, near the River Tess, about 7 Miles from Zurich to the East, towards Constance, and about half a Mile from the Ruins of Vitodorus or Winterthrun. It was once famous for its Counts, who were Men of great

The Canton of BERN, Bernensis Pagus, is bounded on the North with that of Solothurn, and a part of the Bishoprick of Basil, on the East with Lucern and Underwald, on the South with the Valais or Wallisland, and the Lake of Geneva, and on the West with the Franche Comte, and the County of Neufchatel. It is very large, and comprehends almost a third part of Switzerland, being in length from South-East to North-West about 172 Miles, in breadth, from West to East, about 132. It contains 72 Bailiages, which comprehend the greatest part of Nuithland, Argon, and the Pais de Vaud. Those which lie within Argon and Nuithland do make that which is call'd the German Territory, and the Pais Vaud, the French Territory, or the New Conquests. The first contains 300 Parishes, the other quests. The first contains 300 Parishes, the other 150. The Bailiss who govern these Bailiages are nominated by the Council of 200; and are at once both Judges and Governors, and their Office conti-nues fix Years. They choose their Assessor in the Country under their Jurisdiction, and to them Appeals may be made from the Chatellanies; but after they have pass'd Sentence of Death, it cannot be put in execution, before it be confirm'd by the Grand Council. The Towns of greatest note in this Canton are,

Bern, Ch. Bruk. Laufanna. Niou. Theim. Sana. Arberg. Aubone. Vangen. Brientz. Lansburg. Walen. Erlach. Yverdon. La Serre.

Bern, Berna, is feated on the Banks of the River Aar, between Solothurn and Friburg. It is not a large City, but very neatly built, and is said to owe its Name to a Bear which Berthold the 4th Duke of Zeringhen kill'd as he was laying the Foundations of it; for Bern in the Language of the Country fignifies a Bear. Berthold the 5th finish dir, Ann. 1191. The Emperor Frederick II. did incorporate it with the Empire, 1229. and granted considerable Privileges to it. It did afterwards own for its Superiour Philip Earl of Savoy, to whom it fent Commissioners, in the Year, 1268. to Swear Fealty to him. Philip's Successors did afterwards restore them to their ancient Liberty, in recompence of the good Service they had done them against the Bishop of Service they had done them against Laufanna, the Earls of Neuburg, and Charles the Terthe Duke of Burgundy. This City flands in a Peninfula wash'd on three sides of it by the Aar, the fourth being well Fortified with Bastions and Trenches. The Streets are very neat, and watered with clear Brooks running through the middle of 'em, and adorn'd on each fide with Portico's, Arches and Pillars of Free-stone. The principal Church is a very noble Structure, as are also the Town-House, the Court of Chancery, the Arsenal and publick Library. In one of the Apartments of the Arfenal, which is furnish'd with Arms for 40000 Men, is to be feen the Statue of William Tell of Schwitz, whom the Governor commanded to shoot an Apple off his Son's Head, with an Arrow; which with other Grievances provok'd the Switzers to take up Arms for afferting their Liberty.

Lausanna, Lausonium or Lausanna, is the chief Town of the Country of Vaud, and has its Name from its Situation between the Brooks Laus and Anna. It stands near the North-side of the Lake of Geneva, which because of the Situation of this Town is often call'd the Lake of Lausanna. It is 30 Miles from Geneva to the North-East, 64 from Bern to the South-West, 28 from Friburg, 20 from Twerden to the South, and 70 from Lucern to the West. The Situation of it is pretty odd, it being built on three Hills; and that part of it which they call The Old Town enjoys great Privileges, especially that of the Power of Life and Death. merly a free and imperial Town, but has been under the Jurisdiction of Bern since the Year, 1536. It was also an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Befanzon, but after the Protestants had made them-felves Masters of the Town, it was translated to Friburg. There is an old Tradition passes among the Inhabitants, that Hercules in his, Passage from Spain into Italy, finding the Country adjacent to this Place fo Fruitful and Pleasant, left some of his Troops under the Command of Arpontinus, who they fay was the Founder of Arpuntina; upon the Ruins of which Laufanna (as they fay) is Built: But the Reader may believe as much of this Story as he thinks fit.

Yverdon, Ebrodunum, lies in the Country of Vaud, upon the Lake of Neufchatel, where the Thile runs into it, about 10 Miles from the Confines of the County of Burgundy, and 15 from Friburg. merly both it and the adjacent Country was under the Jurisdiction of the Duke of Savoy; but in the Year, 1536. it was taken by the Bernois, who are still Masters of ir.

The Canton of LUCERN, Lucernensis Pagus, borders with those of Bern, Zug, Schwitz and Underwald. It was anciently the Country of the Ambrones, who having join'd the Teutoni, were defeated by Marius in the Plains of Porriers in Provence. It is divided into 12 Bailiages, which are governed by the Counsellors of Lucern, except those of Wiken and Sempach, whose Bailiffs are chosen from among the Burgers of these Towns, by the Grand Council of Lucern. This Canton is extended from North to South for the space of about 48 Miles, and from West to East 32, and was united to the other confederated Cantons in the Year, 1332. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Lucern, Ch. Sualbufen.
Sempach. Wiken.
Surfee. Willifow.
Rot. Hotburg. Surfee.

Lucern, Luceria or Lucerna, is situated on the Lake of Lucern, at the Mouth of the River Russ, 36 Miles from Bern to the East, and 40 from the Rhine to the South. Some Historians fay, That it was call'd Lacucerna, as if one should say, Qued vi-cinum lacum cernat; but there is more reason to believe, that it was so call'd from a Lantern, which was fet up there in the Night-time to direct Travellers; for one may now fee an old Tower near the Bridge, which feems to have been defign'd for that use; and to confirm this Opinion, there is to be feen another Tower of the same kind near Zurich, which is call'd Vallenberg. This Town owes its Original to an Abbey which Vigard Brother of Robert, Duke of Swabia, founded there. gave it to the Abbey of Murbach; and this Donation was confirm'd by Lotharius, An. 850. The Abbots of Murbach gave it great Prerogatives; but one of their Successors fold it for 2009 Marks of Silver to Albert Duke of Austria. This Town is the ordinary Residence of the Pope's Nuncio: And from hence Goods may be carried down the Russ into the Rhine, and so to the Ocean. It was once a free and imperial City, but united it self to the other Cantons, An. 1332. The Things most remarkable here are, the great Church, adorn'd with two large Steeples, an Altar beautified with fine Marble Columns, an excellent pair of Organs and fair Cloyster. The Market-place also is both large and starely; and so is the Town-house and College of Jesuits, and two Bridges about 500 Paces long.

Surfee, stands on the Lake of Sempach, about 20 Miles from Lucern to the N. W. The Avoyer or Governor of it takes an Oath of Fidelity to this Canton. There is one thing peculiar to this Place from all the rest of Swifferland, which is, that they only make use of a brass Cornet instead of a Trumpet; because, as they say, they had one of these presented to them by Charles the Great, in Recompence of the good Service they did him in the Wars against

the Sarazens.

The Canton of URI, Pagus Uranius, or Urienfis, lies between the Mountains of Crispaltberg and St. Gothard, and the River Russ; having the Canton of Schwitz to the North, those of Underwald and Bern to the West, the Valley of Verzasco to the South, and the Grison League with the Canton of Glaris to the East. It is in length, from South to North, about 60 Miles; and in breadth from West to East, about 20. This Country belong'd antiently to the Abbey of St. Felix, and St. Regulus of Zurich, by the Donation of the Emperor Lewis the Debonaire, whose Daughter Hildegrade was first Abbels of it; but it was transferr'd from the Abesses of St. Felix to the Abbots of Vertinger; having afterwards purchas'd its Freedom by a Sum of Mony, 'did put it self under the Protection of the Emperors, who fent Governors to it, from whose Sentence there was no Appeal in Matters Criminal, there being other Judges for Civil Causes who were affifted by certain Counsellors chosen from among the People of the Country: And thus they continued fo long as the Emperors let them enjoy their ancient Privileges; but so soon as the Dukes of Austria began to encroach upon them, and endeavour to make

themselves absolute, they took up Arms for the defence of their Liberty and Privileges, as we have faid before. This Canton is divided into 10 Parts, which the Inhabitants commonly call Gnofzaminen, and has under its Jurisdiction these Towns.

Altorf, Ch. Ariola.
Altinghusen. Gessinen.
Fornike.

Alterf, or Altdorf, Alterfium, that is to fay, the old Village is feared in a Plain, near the River Russ, at the Foot of the Alps, about 12 Miles from Lucern to the South East, and about 24 from Sc. witz to the South. It is a very fine and delightful Place, the Houses being very near, and the Streets well pav'd; and there being so many Gardens and Country-houses round about it, it affords a most lovely Prospect; and which contributes to its greatness, and helps to encrease its Riches, is, that the Courts of Justice for the whole Canton are held in But it is a Place of very difficult Access, by reason it stands at the bottom of the dangerous Precipices of the Mountain St. Godard; near to which four confiderable Rivers, viz. the Rufs, the Tesin, the Rhine, and the Rhone have their Source. Besides this, there are under the Jurisdiction of this Canton, that which the Ancients call'd Leopontiorum Vallis, and now by the French call'd la Vallee de Liviner, fituated at the Foot of those Hills which the Italians call Monte di San Bernardino, which is govern'd by a Bailiff, that is chang'd every third Year, and is Judge in all the Affairs, together with Affessors, who are chosen from among the Inhabitants. The Inhabitants of Mont St. Godard are also fubject to this Canton.

The Canton of SCHWITZ, Suitionsis Pagus, is bounded on the North with those of Zurich and Zug, on the West of Lucern and Underwald, on the South by that of Uri and part of Glaris, and on the East by the same Canton of Glaris, and the Bailiage of Gasteren and Ulzenach, and is extended from North to South about 28 Miles, and from East to West about 36. The whole Country that now goes under the Name of Switzerland, has its Denomination from hence; either because the Wars which these People began for recovering their Li-berty took their Rise here; or because they first entred into a Confederacy for that end in this Place. The Inhabitants of it pretend to be descended from the Cimbri; but I am apt to believe that it is much easier for them to say than to prove this. This Canton is divided into 6 Parts, and the most considerable Towns it it are,

Schwitz, Ch. Kusnach.
Elriselden.

Schwitz, Suitia, is only a large Village standing on the Banks of the River Muse, in a Valley surrounded with Hills, which for the most part are covered with Snow; about 2 Miles from the Lake of Lucern, 10 from the Town of the same Name to the East; and as many from Glaris. This little Town was once an imperial and free one; but it ceas'd to be so in the Year 1315.

The Canton of UNDERWALD, which by Geographers is commonly call'd Sylvania, or Sylvadiensis Pagus, from a Forest of Oak Trees which divides it into two Parts, viz. Above and Below the Wood. The whole Canton has its Name from the latter, Underwald being no other than fub Sylva, or under the Wood. It lies between Schwitz and Lucern to the North, between the Provinces of Lucern and Bern to the West and South, and that of Vri to the East; and is extended North and South 32 Miles, East and West 24. Leopold Duke of Austria invaded this Country, An. 1336. and was defeated: Nevertheless he attempted it again, with an Army of 15000 Men, and marched as far as Navalia, but was again worsted by a handful of the Inhabitants of Glaris and Schwitz, and sorced to leave the Field, with the loss of 300 Men. Since which time these People have retain'd their Liberty. This Canton contains no very great Towns; but those of greatest Note are,

Stantz, Ch. Liungcren. Kricatz. Bakerriet. Sarnen. Engelberg. Hamftadt.

Stantz. Stantia, is no more than a large Village near the Lake of Lucern, at the Foot of the Mountains, about 12 Miles from the Town of Lucern, to the South East. In this Place the Great Seal of the Canton used to be kept.

The Canton of ZUG. Tugicnsis Pagus, is bounded with that of Zurich on the North, that of Schwitz on the East and South, and that of Lucern on the West. Its breadth and length are much about one, neither exceeding 12 Miles. It was anciently governed by Lords of its own; but afterwards came under the Jurisdiction of the Dukes of Austria; whose insupportable Yoke it threw off with the rest, in the Year 1352, that is 44 Years after Schwitz, Uri, and Underwald had done so. It comprehends 6 Baillages, and the most remarkable Towns in it are,

Zug, Ch. Segen. Cham. Rischt. Bar. Oberwil.

Zug, Tugium, is a pretty little Town, standing on a Lake of the same Name, at the Foot of a Hill, some part of which produces good store of Grapes, the rest is Pasture Ground and Wood, which affords plenty of Game. It is 12 Miles from Lucern to the East, and 13 from Zwich to the South.

The Canton of GLARIS, Glarenensis Pagus, is bounded with the River of Limath on the North, the Grisons on the East and South, and the Cantons of Schwisz and Vri on the West. It is about 30 Miles North and South, and 25 East and West. Ursus and Landelph, who were Lords of it, gave this Country to the Abbey of Seekingen; to which the Inhabitants paid the tenth and hundred parts of their Rents; but the Mayoralty depended on the Emperor. The Emperor Barbaross and from his Posterity it passed to the House of Haspourg; and from thence to that of Austria. This Canton is partly Popish, partly Protestant; which is the cause of frequent Squabbles betwist them; and therefore it is appointed that such Differences shall be decided by Judges, two thirds of whom are of the Defendant's Persuasion. The most considerable Towns in this Canton are,

Glaris, Ch. S Neftel. Wofen. Urnen, Quart.

Glaris, Glarona or Clarona, stands in a Valley of the same Name, upon the River Sarneff, surrounded by the Mountains call'd Glarenschberg, 18 Miles

from Alterf to the North East, as many from Schwitz to the South East, and 30 from Chur or Choir. The Inhabitants are reckon'd the wisest People in Switzerland.

The Canton of BASIL, lies betwixt Briskow, the Canton of Lucern, the Bishoprick of Bass, and Sungtow. It is of no great extent, containing only five Bailiages, and about 30 Parishes, and is intirly Protestant. The most confiderable Towns and Villages are,

Bafil, Ch.
Dugft.
Dornach.
Augft.
Leichftall.
Manchfein.
Hamburgh.

| Veltemburgh.
Grolingen.
Dirmenach.
Plantingen.
Videftein.
Ramftein.

Bafil, Bafilea, stands upon the Rhine, on the Confines of France and the Empire, about 24 Miles from Friburg, 64 from Constance to the West, 48 from Zurich, and 56 from Strasburg to the South. It is thought to have rise from the Ruines of the old Augusta Rauracorum, or Raurica, some Vestigia of which are still to be seen near the Village Augst, about 7 Miles distant from it to the East. Cluverius thinks it was formerly call'd Arialbinum; but it owes its Name of Bafilea to Julian the Apostate, who would have it call'd fo in honour of his Mother Basilina. The Romans sent a Colony to it under the Conduct of Munatus Plancus, and the Emperor Gratian did greatly enlarge it. The Hungarians having ruin'd it, the Emperor Henry the Second, caused it to be re-built, An. 1010. and granted such Privileges to those who would fet up there, that in a little time it became confiderable. There was a Council held here, An. 1431. under Pope Eugenius the Fourth, and was adorn'd with an University, 1460. The Rhine divides it into two unequal Parts. which lies on the German side, is call'd the Lesser, and is not much above the fourth Part of the whole Town, and is join'd to the other by a large Stone-Bride. It was formerly an Episcopal See, suffragan to the Bishop of Bizanson; but since the Protestant Religion got footing there, the Bishops have been oblig'd to live at Brontrut, or Porentru (as the French call it) upon the Confines of the Higher Alface. The most remarkable Things in this City are, the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, the Arfenal, and their Guildhalls, and the curious Paintings in the Dominicans Cloyster, and the University; where, besides many others, Def. Erasmus, Amerbachius, and John Buxtorf were educated. There are also several confiderable Libraries, and some fine Collections of Medals, particularly that of Mr. Sebastian Fisch. The Repository also of Erasmus and Amerbachius, belonging to the University, in which are preferved 20 Original Draughts of the famous Painter Holben, a Native of this City. There is also in the Publick Library a rare Manuscript Copy of Virgil, and another the China Paper. ther of the Alcaron, written on China Paper. Ordinary Paper is said to have been first made here by Antony and Michael Galician, An. 1417. And Printing was first began here by Bernard Richel, 1478. And the Reformation advanced by Oecolampadius, 1522. Erasmus died, and was buried here in July, 1536. aged 70 Years. This Town is well fortified, as you may fee by the following Draught.

The Canton of FRIBURG, Friburgenfis Pagus, is furrounded almost by that of Bern, and is divided

into two Parts by the River Sane. It comprehends 19 Bailiages, 5 of which are about Friburg, the rest are in Nuithland; among which is that of Gruyeres, which was once the Refidence of the Counts of that Name; the last of whom sold it to Bern and Friburg, who divided it, An. 1554. And it is to be observ'd, that the Earls of Gruyeres were Vassals of the Duke of Savoy, and always paid him Homage for the Lordships of Louanel, Gingin, Granges, Chatelard, Molon, and Treves. It join'd in Consederacy with the rest, An. 1481. The Towns of greatest Note are,

Friburg, Ch. Corbert.
Romont.
Gruyeres.
Tave-nach.
Corbert.
Rut.
Peterlingen.
Montenach.

Friburg, Friburgum, stands upon the River Sane. in a very pleasant Country, about 28 Miles from Solothurn to the South, 24 from Lausanne, and 9 from Bern to the South West. It was built in the Year 1179. by Berthold the Fourth, Duke of Zezingen, who also built Friburg in Brifgaw. It was for some time possess'd by those descended from him; but after the death of Berthold the Fifth, who was the last of that Race, An. 1218. it came into the Hands of the Earls of Kiburg. Eberbard Count of Hapsburg became Master of it, An. 1260. and in the Year 1277. fold it to the Emperor Radoiphus, for four thousand Marks of Silver. Some time after, it did redeem it felf from under the Sovereignty of the House of Austria, and put it self under the Turisdiction of the Duke of Savoy, by an Act of the 10th of 7une, 1450. upon Condition that he should preserve and maintain them in the full use of their Privileges; but afterwards there hapning some Difference betwixt Toland Dutchess of Savoy and them, upon the account of some Mony which she was obliged to pay them, they shook off that Yoke, An. 1477. and for the better securing of their Liberty, entred into a Confederacy with the rest, An. 1487. The most remarkable Things in it, are its Piazza's and publick Buildings, as, the Cathedral with its high Altar, the Town-house, and high Tower, the Fountain with its Basin and Foot, a Commendary of Malta, and feveral Churches and Convents of Jesuits, and a College of these founded by Petrus Canifius, who died, An. 1597. The 2d of May and the 22d of June are observed as great Festivals in this Place, for two fignal Victories obrain'd over Charles Duke of Burgundy on these days. But the Reader must not confound this Town with another of that Name in Brigaw, which was taken by the French, under the Conduct of Mar. de Crequi, from the House of Austria, An. 1677. and restor'd by the Treaty of Nimiguen, An. 1679.

The Canton of SOLOTHURN, or Soleure, Salodorusensis Pagus, is bounded on the North by that of Basil, and part of Alsace, on the West by the Bishoprick of Basil, and on the South and East by the Canton of Bern. It is divided into 12 Bailiages, and the most considerable Towns in it are,

Solothurn, which the French, and Inhabitants commonly call Soleure, stands upon the River Aar; and as it is a delightfully fituated Town, so it is thought to be one of the most ancient in that Country. stands betwixt Basil and Friburgh, about 28 Miles from either, and 20 from Bern. It is said to have been built at first by some of the ancient

Kings of Gaul; but this Opinion has no other Foundation than that of an old Infeription, which calls it The Sister of Treves. Some Historians do say, That it owes its Name to an old Tower, which is still to be seen there, call'd Solotun; that is, the Tower of the Sun. Queen Bertha gave this Town to a Chapter that she founded there. It came afterwards under subjection to the Bishop of Geneva; and after that was an Imperial Town, and then subject to the Empire, whose Yoke it at last shook off, and entred into a Confederacy with the other Cantons, An. 1481. In the Year 1531. the People of this Place were pretty well disposed to receive the Protestant Religion; but a popular Commotion arifing on that account, the Mass was re-establish'd, and so they still persist in their Superstition. Bishop Burnet gives an account of them and their Religion in his Letters. In their great Church they have God the Father represented as an old Man with a black Beard, with Jesus Christ on his Knees, and a Dove over his Head. Stupidity equal to, if not exceeding, that of the wildest Heathens. The Houfes of this Town are very fair, and the Streets large, adorn'd with many Fountains. There is also a stately Church, and a College of Jesuits, towards the building of which, the present King of France, Lem
ix XIV. gave 10000 Livres. The Fortifications likewise are very strong, and have cost a vast Sum of Mony, being all of very fine and large Stones.

The Canton of SCHAFFHAUSEN, Scaphusianus Pagus, is bounded on the West with the Black Forest, on the South with the Canton of Zurich, on the East with Targaw, and on the North with Schwaben. It is but of small extent, not exceeding 12 Miles North and South, and about 20
Bast and West. The Chief Towns in it ate,
Schaffhausen, Ch. 3 Newkilch.
Herblingen.

Schaffhausen, Scaphusia, stands upon the Rhine, on the German side, about 4 Miles from Constance to the West, 2 from the Lake of Zell, 6 from Basil, and 4 from Zurich to the North. It is sometimes call'd Probalopolis, because it has a Sheep for its Arms, which is also stampt on its Coin. It owes its beginning to an Abbey founded there by Eberard Count of Nellemberg, about the Year 1052. in honour of All Saints. The Emperor Frederick II. made it a free and imperial City, in which the Abbey enjoy'd great Privileges. In the Year 1320, the Emperor Lewis of Bavaria engag'd it, together with Rhinfeild, Newburg and Brifac, to Frederick le Bel Duke of Austria; but about 80 Years after the Emperor Sigismund restor'd it to its Liberty. It entred into a League with Zurich and St. Gall, An. 1424. and with Zurich, Bern, Lucern, Switz, and some other Cantons, An. 1501. The Resor-mation was carry'd on by Jacobus Riegius and others, An. 1520. The Cataracts of the Rhine oblige the Vessels that come from the Lake of Constance to unload their Merchandise in this Town; which are put on Board again below it, where the Stream becomes more gentle. The Streets of it are broad, and the Houses for the most part painted without, as in many Places of Switzerland. At the upper end of the Town stands a large Tower, which. they say, the French King keeps in Repair according to a Treaty of Alliance with the Swifs; it has a good number of Guns mounted on it; but serves more for Ornament than Defence to the Town.

The Canton of APPENZEL, Abbatifellensis, lies betwixt the Abbey of St. Gall, and the Rhine, which separates it from the Grisons, having the Republick of Leiakensleig on the West, and the Country of Rhintal on the East, about 30 Miles long and 24 broad. It is divided into 12 Communities; which they call Roden. There are 6 of 'em call'd by the French, Les Ordres du dedans, that is, the Inner Appenzel; the other are nam'd, Les Ordre du debors, or Outer Appenzel. This Country is so called from a Town of that Name. Both Papists and Protestants are tolerated in this Canton, as that of Glaris. It formerly depended on the Abbey of St. Gall, and entred into the general League with the other Provinces, An. 1513. The Protestants possess the Outer and the Papists the Inner Appenzel. It is the last in order of all the 13 Cantons, and contains these Towns,

Appenzel, Ch. Gonten. Urnaschen.

Appenzel, Abbatiscella, is a rich and populous Town, situated near the Source of the small River Sintra, near 30 Miles from Chur, about 16 from St. Gall, and 30 from Constance. It was formerly

the Residence of the Abbots of St. Gall; but the Inhabitants redeem'd themselves from under the Jurifdiction of those with a good Sum of Mony, at a Treaty concluded at Constance with Cunon de Stoufen, Abbot of St. Gall, by the Emperor Robert's Mediation; and for the better security of their Liberty, entred into a League with the Cantons of Uri, Schwitz, Underwald, and Lucern. The Abbots of St. Gall, protested against this Alliance; and Henry of Mandorf renewed his Pretentions, at the Emperor's Court, An. 1425. and had them declar'd Enemies to the Empire. The People of Appenzel were not much troubled at this; but march'd into the Territories, demolified fome Castles, and oblig'd him to make Peace. Not long after the Abbot of St. Gall entred into a Confederacy with the Nobility of Conflance against them; but their Troops were beat; and the Appenzelins made themselves Masters of Rhintal, and oblig'd the Lords of Rangevil, who held that Valley by Engagement, to pass from their Right for fix thousand Crowns. In the Year 1457, they made a perpetual Alliance with the seven other Cantons, and did confiderable Service against the Dukes of Austria and Burgundy; and at last in the Year 1513, they were received into the number of the 13 Cantons.

CHAP. III.

The Allies of the Switzers.

The GRISONS.

HE Country of the Grisons is a part of the ancient Rhetia, (the old Inhabitants of which, a Savage People, were subdued by Drusus and Tiberius, in the time of Augustus) and was call'd Rhatia Prima by the Romans, who govern'd it by a President that depended upon the Præsectus Præserio of Italy. This Province was ravag'd by the Germans, and afterwards expos'd to the Irruptions of the Barbarians, fubmitted it self to the Emperors of the West. The People of this Country, being born Soldiers, have often lifted themselves in the Service of foreign Princes, especially the Kings of France. In the Year, 585, they affilted Chilperic against the Lombards: And served Thiery King of Burgundy in the Year, 616. Charlemain had many of them in his Service , War with the Saxons: And under the first Kings of the third Race, we find them in many Battles against the Enemies of France. Lewis XI. employ'd them in his Conquest of Burgundy. Charles the VIII. in the Kingdom of Naples. Lewis XII. when he attack'd the Dutchy of Milan. Francis the I. did comprehend them in the Treaty of Perpetual Peace, which he made with the Swifs, Ann. 1516. and was renew'd by some of his Successours; but Lewis XIV.

excluded them, Ann. 1663.

This Country is bounded with Suabia on the North, Tirol on the East, the State of Venice and the Milanez on the South, and the Swiss on the West. It is a mountainous and barren Country, which obliges them to bring Corn from the Milanez for their Subfishence (altho they might have as much as they have occasion for from Alface and the State

of Venice) which makes them adhere so much to the Interest of Spain.

The Grisons in general make up a Commonwealth, which is commonly call'd the Grison Leagues; because it is composed of Three lesser Leagues; each of which has its own Laws and Jurisdiction, and forms a particular State, whose Government is popular. The First is that which the French call La Ligue haute, ou Grise, the Upper League, which comprehends 28 Communities; whereof 18 are Popish, and 10 Protestant. Each Community is a little sort of State by it self, and the People of it meet every Year to choose their Judges, whom they call Ammans, who determin in all Matters Criminal and Civil, and from whom there is an Appeal to the Assembly of the League. The Second is the League of the House of God or Cadee, which the Germans call Gotthus punt, which comprehends 24 Communities, almost all Protestant. The Third is the League of the ten Jurisdictions, which the Germans call Zehen Gerichtenpunt, and the French, les dix Droitures. These three Leagues entred into a perpetual Alliance in the Year, 1437, and the Sovereignty is represented by a Diet, which meets sometimes at Manz in the Gison League, sometimes at Chur in the Cadee, and sometimes at Davas in the Ten Juris-dictions. It consists of 67 Deputies, viz. 28 from the first League, 24 from the Second, and 15 from the Third, who must all be Men known to be true to their Country, and who have no Pension from, or are in the Service of any Prince. Affair of great Importance happens, which requires speedy Dispatch, it is remitted to the Senate, which

is made up of the principal Magistrates, and the chief Men of the three Leagues, viz. The Grand Prevot of the Grison League, the Burgomaster of Chur for the Cadee, and the Amman of Davas, for the Ten Jurisdictions; but their Resolutions must be confirm'd by the Communities.

The Grisons possess likewise the VALTELINE, and the Counties of Chiavenna and Bormio, ancient Dependences of the Dutchy of Milan; which Maximilian Sforza, Duke of Milan gave them in recompense of their good Service done him; and which Francis I. afterwards confirm'd to them. Of

these we shall treat particularly afterwards.

The GRISON League, is bounded with the Canton of Glark on the North, that of Uri on the West, the 4 Governments of Italy on the South, and the ten Commonalties on the East, and has within

it these Towns,

Ilantz, Cap. \ Flintz. Dissentis. Splagen.

Ilantz, a small Town upon the Rhine, about 15 Miles from Chur to the South-West, wherein the Affemblies of the three Leagues meet.

The League of Cadee or Gotth spunt, is bounded on the North with the Ten Commonalties and the Province of Tirol, on the South with the Country of Chiavenna, on the West with the Grison League, and on the East with the County of Bormio. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Chur, Cap. 2 SVesprun. Cassaccia. S Bergon.

Chur, Curia, by the French call'd Coire, is the Chief City of this League, and the most considerable Town in the Grison Territories, seated at the foot of two Mountains, on the Banks of the little River Plefur, about a Mile and a half from the Rhine, 26 Miles from Chiavenna to the North, 41 from Altorf to the East, and 60 from Constance to the South. It was formerly defended by the Castles of Marsoil and Imburg, and was a free imperial Town till the Year, 1498. The Bishop of Chur is a Prince of the Empire: And his Revenues were formerly very considerable, the greatest part of the League of Gotthspunt depending on him. But the most part of the Commonalties of that League redeem'd their dependance with a Sum of Mony, and the rest shook off the Yoke upon the change of Religion; so that his Revenue is not now above Sixteen thousand Livres per Annum.

The League of the TEN JURISDICTIONS, Fædus decem Jurisdistionum, viz. Taffas, or Davas, Alfenau or Belfort, Churwalden, Langwis, S. Peter, the Abbey in Perigon, Schiers, Languart and May-enfeld. The first Eight of these belong'd to the House of Austria, by a Donation made in the Year, 1489. by Gaudens Count of Amat, who was Heir to the Counts of Toggemburg, who fucceeded the Barons of Vatz. The other two belong d to the Counts of Toggenburg, from whom the Counts of Brandis did purchase them. Their principal Town is Davas, which stands on a Lake about 20 Miles from Chur, to the North-East.

The VALTELINE, Vallis Tellina, or Volturena Vallis, is a part of Rhatia propria, anciently inhabited by the Vennones. It is a long and pleasant Valley, stretch'd out betwixt the Lake of Como and Tirol. It owes that name to the Castle of Tell, situated on the top of a Hill, whose foot is wash'd by

the Adda. It is bounded by the Grison: on the North, Tirol on the East, the State of Venice on the South, and the Milanez on the West. The Soil of it is very Fertile, and the Country well Porpled. It is ordinarily divided into 3 Parts, or Tertiaria, which the Italians call, il Terzero di Sopra, the upper third Part, Terzero di Mezzo, or the middle, and Terzero di Sotto, or the lower. In the First of these is Tirano, in the Second Sondrio, and in the Third Morbegno.

Tirano, Tiranum, the chief Town of this Province, is seated on the Banks of the River Adda, about 6 Miles from the Frontiers of Italy and Territories of Venice, 85 South-East from the Lake of Constance, and 50 from Chur to the South-East. It

has eleven Communities depending on it.

Sondrio, Sondrium or Sondrifium, the chief Town of this Part of the Valteline, stands also upon the Adda, where it receives the Brook Maler, almost in the middle between Tirano to the East, and Morbegno to the West, 37 Miles from Chur to the South, and 40 from the Head of the Rhine to the East. is the Place of greatest Strength in all the Valteline ; and the Captain of the Valte, ine, who is both first Administrator of Justice and Commander in chief of the Forces, keeps his ordinary Refidence there. He can substitute a Deputy to determin Causes both Civil and Criminal, but there lies an Appeal from him to the General Diet of the Grifons.

Morbegno, Morbonium, a little Town, in this Valley, about 8 Miles from the Lake Como, and 16 from Sondrio to the North-East, on it there depends

eleven Communities.

The Spaniards have, fince the beginning of this Century, attempted feveral times to make themselves Masters of this Valley, that they might the more easily bridle the Grisons, and secure the Communication betwixt the Territories of the House of Austria in Germany, with those of that House in Italy, but the French have not fuffer'd them to keep poffession of it.

The County of CHIAVENNA, Comitatus Clavennæ, which is of no great extent, is bounded on the North and West by the Grison League, on the South by the 4 Governments of Italy, and on the East by the Valteline. It is divided into two Bailiages,

viz. Chiavenna and Pleury.

Chiavenna, Clavenna, is a little Town upon the River Maira, at the foot of the Mountains, which a little below falls into the Lake of Como; it is delightfully Situated, and very well Built. It was once much larger than it is now, but about Fivehundred Years ago, all the north Part of it was Buried in the Ruins of a Mountain. The like fad Accident befel the Town of Pleurs, on the 25th of August, 1618. It was not so large a Town as Chiavenna, but the Houses were finer, insomuch that it pass'd for one of the finest Towns in Italy; but the Inhabitants were horribly leud and debauch'd, and fo drew down that heavy Judgment upon themselves.

The County of BOR MIO, Bormiensis Comitatus, by the Italians call'd il Contado di Bormio, is bounded on the North and West by Cardee, on the West by the Valteline, on the South by the Venetian Domi-It is furrounded with inaccessible Mountains, and divided into 5 Bailiages, which they call Communities, or Neighbourhoods.

Bormio, Bormium, is the Chief Town of the County of that name, and is otherwise call'd Worms by the Germans: It stands on the Adda, 3 Miles from its Spring, near the entrance of the Valteline, and the South fide of the River Oglio, 40 Miles from Chiavenna to the East, near 50 West from Trent to the West, and 50 from Chur to the South-East.

The ABBEY OF S.GAL, Fanum Sancti Galli, or Respublica Sancti Galli. This Abbey, from which the Country has its name, was founded in Turgow, in the Reign of Dagobert, by one Gal, a Scotchman, who having successfully preach'd the Gospel in those Parts, about the Year, 630. refused, as they say, the Bishoprick of Constance, and retir'd into a Defart, and was followed by a great many People, and founded this Monastry, or rather it was built afterwards in Honour of him. Sigebert King of Auftrasia bestowed great Revenues on ir. About 80 or 100 Years after, the King of France erected it into an Abbey, and gave the Monks the Priviledge of choosing their own Abbots. Omer having been chose Abbot, and finding St. Gal's Rules to be a little too rigid, chang'd them for those of St. Bennet. Several of the B shops of Constance enjoy'd that Dignity, till the Monks growing jealous of the Bishops Authority, resolved to own none for their Governeur, but their own Abbots. Ulric of Altsax was made a Prince of the Empire by the Emperor Philip, and extended his Dominions confiderably. Cunon of Scouffen had great Differences with the People of Appenzel, who had redeem'd themselves from under his Sovereignty. Henry of Mandorff renew'd his Pretentions at the Emperor Sigifmund's Court, Ann. 1425. But Gasperd of Landenberg, a Man of greater Temper and Moderation than his Predecessors, knowing very well that those Preten-sions would be the ground of a perpetual War, did renounce them, by the Alliance which was made with the Cantons of Zurich, Lucern, Schwitz and Glaris, in the Year, 1454. This Territory lies on the North of the Cantons, and on the Banks of the Lake of Constance.

The Town of S. GAL, has its Name from an Abbey, which we have describ'd. It stands in Turgow, 3 Mile from the Lake of Constance, and 12 from Lindaw to the West. The Emperor Frederick I. made it an Imperial City, and bestow'd upon it great Priviledges, which were confirm'd by the Emperor Frederick II. Ann. 1220. it redeem'd it felf with a Sum of Mony, and entred into Alliance with the Cantons of Zurich, Bern, Lucern, Schwitz, Zug and Glaris, in the Year, 1454. The Government of this Town is in the Hands of a Society of the Nobility, and fix Companies of *Tributs* of the People; the first of which is that of the Weavers, because Linnen Cloth is the greatest and most profitable Commodity of that Country. Out of all these Companies there are 90 Chosen, 66 of whom make up the Grand Council, and 24 the Lesser. The former meets five times a Year; the other every Tuesday and Thursday, except Holy-days and Fair-days. There are several other Courts of Justice, particularly one for inspecting the Cloth; which as we have faid, is their greatest Manufacture.

Besides this, the Abbot of St. Gal possesses the

Country of Toggemburg, the Seigniorie and Town of Goetssouszule in Turgow, and several other places in

The County of VALAIS, Vallefia, by the Ger-

Writers of the middle Age, the ancient Seat of the Writers of the inducte Rec. in a feel of Gallia-Narbonensis, Seduni and Veragri, a People of Gallia-Narbonensis, lies among the Alps, between Swifferland on the North and East, the Milanez and the Dutchy of Aoust on the South, and Savoy on the West. It is divided into the Higher and Lower; the Higher is divided into 7 Parts, call'd Dizains by the French, Zenden by the Germans. The Lower, which lies to the West of the other, is divided into fix Parts or Communities, called Bannieres, according to Plantina. They entred into Alliance with the Cantons of Lucern, Ury and Underwald, in the Year, 1446. and with that of Bern, 1475. at last the Bishop of Sion and the other Dizaines, have entred into and confirmed a particular Alliance with the feven Popish Cantons, by the Treaties made in the Years 1583, 1600 and 1634. This Country is a large, pleasant and fruitful Valley, surrounded with Hills and Rocks. Hills and Rocks, having but one Paffage into it, where there are two Gates and a Castle. It produces plenty of Corn, Safton, Grapes and other Fruits; also some Mines, and Springs of Mineral Water. It is reckoned to be 80 Miles long, and between 10 and 20 broad. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Sion, Cap. Martinach.

St. Maurice.
Sion, Sedunum, anciently a Town in Gallia Narbonensis, possessed by the Seduni, and now called Sitten by the Germans, stands upon the River Sitte, which throws it self into the Rhone a little below. It is fituated in a delightful Plain, overlook'd by a Hill of a moderate hight, on the East-side, Hill rifes up with two Tops; upon the highest of which Majoria, as they call it, there is a Fortress. where the Bishop for the most part resides. Upon the other top is the Fortress call'd Valeria, and the Third call'd *Turbilion*, is a Fortress built upon the top of the *Majoria*. This Town is distant from Bern to the South about 55 Miles, from Geneva 65, to the East, and 100 from Milan to the West. It belongs to the Bishop ever since the Donation made by Charlemain to Theodosius, who then govern'd that Church. Adrian of Rithmal made an Alliance with the Seven Catholick Cantons, in the Year, 1533. chiefly for the fake of their Religion.

Martinach, of Martigny, the ancient Octodurum or Octodurus, as Rhenanus and Simlerus think, a Town in Gallia Narbonensis, according to Cafar, tho' there was another Octodurum in Hispania Tarraconensis. It stands upon the little River Dranse, which falls into the Rhone a little below. There is to be feen the Ruins of a strong and very fine Castle; and here they say it was that the Thebane Legion call'd Fulminatrix, whereof St. Maurice was Chief, was first decimated, and afterwards cut in Pieces, under the Emperor Dioclesian, for not affishing at the Pagan Sacrifices, and embracing that Religion. It lies 12 Miles to the West from Sion, 30 to the North from Aouste in Piedmont, and 20 East from

the Lake of Geneva.

The County of NEUFCHATELL, called Neu-stat by the Germans, lies extended for the space of about 22 Miles, between the Mountains Jura on the West, which separates it from France and Burgundy, and the Lakes of Neufchatell and Bien on the East, which divide it from the Canton of Bern, and between Basil on the North, and Laumans called Wallisserland and Valinsa, by some sanna on the South. Memphis was Count of Neus-

chatell about the Year 815; but to trace down the Succession from him to this present time, would be tedious; and therefore we thall only put the Reader in mind, That Johana of Hochberg, Heiress of Neufchatell, having married Lewis of Orleans Duke of Longuevile, about the Year 1504, translated that County into this Family. France his Son dying without Iffue, 1551. Leonor of Orleans, Marquis of Roselin, his Cousin, succeeded him; James of Savoy, Duke of Nemours, Son of Philip and Charlotte of Orleans, Sister of Lewis Duke of Longueville, laid claim to the half of the County, which Leonor would have confented to, but the States of that Country would not allow it, because they could not endure to have two Masters. Thus the Marter stood undecided for some time, 'till the Year 1557, that the Estates summon'd the Dukes of Longuevile and Nemours before the Council of Bern, where it was concluded, That the County of Neufchatell should remain intirely in the Possession of the Duke of Longuevile; and that the Duke of Nemours should have 2000 Livres a Year in Land, in the Dutchy of Burgundy, and 2000 Crowns from the Town of Neufchatell. Leonor left by Mary of Bourbon, Henry I. who had by Katharine of Gonzague, Henry II. who died, An. 1663. leaving by his first Marriage with Louisa of Bourbon, Daughter of Charles of Bourbon, Count of Soiffons, Mary of Orleans, who was married to Henry of Savoy, Duke of Nemours, in the Year 1657. Henry II. took for his second Wife Ann Geneveve of Bourbon, Daughter of Henry of Bourbon, Prince of Conde, by whom he had John-Lewis-Charles, and Charles-Paris; the former of whom gave the County of Neufchatell to his Brother, in the Year 1668. upon Condition that if he should die without Children, the County should return to him; which case happening in the Year 1672. he entred again into the Possession of his Estate; and so the Dutchess of Nemours his Sister, putting in for his Successor in the County of Neuschatell, the Matter was brought before the Estates of the Country, who rejected her Pretensions, and adjudged the Sovereignty to his Brother.

The Town of Neufchatell, is seared on a Lake of the same Name, and so call'd from a Castle built on a Hill that commands the Town, being distant so Miles from Laufanna and the Lake of Geneva to the North, 28 from Bern to the West, and 30

from Solothurn to the South West.

MULHAUSEN, Mulbufia, stands in the upper Alface, upon the River Ell, about 10 Miles from Psirt to the North, as many from Basil to the North West, and Newburg to the West. It freed it self from the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Strasburg, An. 1261. and was made an imperial City, and has been in Alliance with Swizzerland since the Year 1515. There is another City of this Name in Thuringen under the Protection of the Duke of Saxony.

ROTWEIL, Rotevilla, a Town in Schwaben, and one of the Allies of Switzerland. It flands on the River Necker, near the Mountains of Albenow, about 40 Miles from Brifac to the Eaft, and 42 from Schaffenhausen to the North. Duke Conrade III. erected a Court of Justice here for the whole Province of Schwaben, An. 1147. and Mr. de Guebriane Marshal of France, being mortally wounded in the Siege of this Place, died in it after it was taken by the French, 17 Nov. 1643.

BIENNE, Bienna, is a small Town on the Banks of the River Tschus, which empties it self into the Lake of Bienne, a little way from the Town. It lies within the Bishoprick of Basil; but is free and independent. The Bishops of that See have had great Pretentions to it; and therefore finding it felf like to be hard put to it, allied it felf with the Canton of Bern, An. 1552. and afterwards more ftrictly, An. 1567; which it confirm'd with Solothurn, An. 1597. and not long after with the Canton of Friburg. However, notwithstanding this Alliance, it does in some measure own the Bishop's Superiority, fince it is obliged to furnish him a cerrain Number of Men in the time of War, and to pay him Tithes. The Valley of S. Immer, otherwise call'd the Lordship of Largue, belongs to this Town. It is divided into several Communities, who have each of 'em their Amman, from whom there lies an Appeal to the Council of the Town.

GENEVA, Geneva, or Genuensium Civitas, anciently a City of the Allobroges in Gallia Narbonensis, stands on the River Rhone, where it comes out of the Lake Leman, commonly call'd the Lake of Geneva. In the Latitude of 46. 20. Long. 26. at the distance of about 80 Miles from Bern to the North West, as many from Lions to the East, and 110 from Basil to the South West. The Rhone divides it into two Parts, the South part of it, which stands upon a rising Ground, and is the greater, is call'd Geneva; the other, which properly belongs to the Country of Gex, is call'd Gervais. This City is very considerable, for its Antiquity, advantageous Situation, the great number of its Inhabitants, and its Commerce. It was here that Cafar, to prevent the Irruptions of the Helvetii, caused an Entrenchment to be made 19 Miles long, and 16 Foot high, from the Lake of Geneva to the Mountains Jura; some Vestigia of which are still to be seen near Gingin. It was almost burnt to Ashes in the Time of Heliogabulus, and ordered to be re-built by Aurelian, who would have it nam'd after him; but after his death it resum'd its former Name. The Burgundians are said to have driven the Romans from hence, and after the fall of their Kingdom, it became an imperial Town; and a long time after the Bishops of it were both Spiritual and Temporal Lords; but it was with great difficulty that they preserved their Sovereignty, by reafon it was disputed by the Counts of Geneva, after they became Vicars of the Empire. Peter dying without Children, An. 1392. appointed Humbert de Villars, his Nephew, his Heir; who died, An. 1400. Odo de Villars, his Uncle succeeding, sold the Country of Geneva to Lewis Count of Savoy, An. 1401. But the Male Race of the House of Geneva failing, this Prince was forc'd to defire a new Investiture; which the Emperor Sigismund granted him, An. 1424. and Maximilian I. confirm'd it, An. 1519. as did also Charles V. An. 1530. The Dukes of Savoy pretended that the Town of Geneva was under their Jurisdiction. It is true, they did appoint Judges and Notaries in it, and coin'd Mony; but all this was owing to the weakness of the Bishops, who were not able at that time to oppose such Incroachments. The Publick Cries were made always in Name of the Bishop or his Vidame; the inferior Officers did so much depend upon him that he could depose them when he thought fit: And the Magistrates received Power from the Bishop to judge in Criminal Causes, when the Person was not an Ecclesiastick. Nor need it be brought as an Ar-Li 2 gument

gument against their Sovereignty, that before they entred upon Possession of their Bishoprick, they took an Oath to maintain the Liberty and Privileges of the City, fince that it is no more than what most Kings and Princes in Europe do at their Coronation. At last, in the Year 1535, the Reformation prevailing in this City, the Bishop, Peter de Beaum, together with the Roman Catholicks, was obliged to leave the City; nor has he or any of his Successors ever been able to return, but live in the enjoyment of their empty Title at Annecy, about 26 Miles from Geneva. After this Revolution, the Form of Government was chang'd, and a new Constitution establish'd, which is popular, and not much different from that which is in most of the Swiss Cantons; for the Sovereignty is lodg'd in the Council of 200, out of which Number 25 arc chosen to make up the leffer Council; both are for Life, and ferve as Checks on one another; the Sovereignty refiding in one and the Magistracy in the other. The leffer infpects into the great, when they choose the Counfellors; and the great examines all that the lesser does. Besides these two, there is a third Council, confifting of 60 Persons chosen out of that of 200, which is properly the Council of State; and it is they who direct and advise the leffer Council, in Matters of Importance and Difficulty. The Syndicks are the Chief Magistrates of this little Common-wealth; and are elected by the whole Body of the Burgesses on the first Sunday of the Year. There are feveral other inferior Courts and Judges, appointed by the grand Council, whose Office is annual.

This City is pretty well fortified, and their Ramparts might fecure it against any sudden Surprize or Scalade, but are not sufficient against the vigorous and frequent Attacks of a numerous Army; and therefore they place their greatest Strength and Security in that firm Alliance which they preserve with the Cantons of Zurich and Bern. The most remarkable Things in this City, are the Arsenal, which is very well furnish'd, and (as Doctor Burnet says) the best in the World in proportion to the State, there being Arms in it for more Men than there are in the State; with good store of Cannon. In the Arsenal are also to be seen the samous Scaling Ladders, which the Savoyards made use of when they attempted to surprize the Place, An. 1602. and the Petard, with which they design'd to have broken the new Gate.

The Town-house, which has a Stair-Case of singular Workmanship, and is a very fair and stately Building. The publick Library, which is, at the College, and consists of about 3000 Volumes; but it is not in very good order, by reason here is no Fund for augmenting the number of Books or maintaining a Library-keeper. The Academy; which is furnish'd with able Prosessor, but since the Professor of Divinity is much less: But to make amends for that, especially during the late Wars, many come to this Place to learn their Exercises, especially Protessans. The principal Church is dedicated to St. Peter, and in it is to be seen the Tomb of Hen. 11. Duke of Roham. There is also a Dutch and Italian Church, and there was an English one.

The Streets of this City are very large and beautiful, and the greatest part of their Houses, especially such as have been built within these 20 or 30 years are of free Stone; but the Town is neither large nor very sine, yet it may (according to Misson) be call'd a very lovely Town. It has the advantage of pleasant Walks, and the Conversation of the Inhabitants is very familiar and easie. The common People are clownish, but honest; and the Persons of Note are extreamly kind, civil and ingenious. The vulgar Tongue here is Savoyard, but People of Quality and Breeding speak French. The Revenues of this little State may amount to about 100000 Crowns: And they keep some Gallies on the Lake, and so does the Duke of Savoy and the Switzers.

The Lake is above 50 Miles long, and 12 at most broad, but its depth is not equal or easily found in some Places, as exceeding 500 Fathoms. It is very well stockt with great Variety of good Fish, especially Trouts, some of which weigh above 50 Pound. Which tho it looks a little strange to us here, Mr. Misson says, he saw one in one of the Halls of the Arsenal of Munick, that weigh'd 73 Pounds. The Water of the Lake is extreamly clear and fresh, except when it is disturb'd by the Winds, then it rages like a little Sea. Nor is it credible, that the Rhone passes through it without mingling his Waters, as Polybius, and after him other Authors have maintain'd; for considering the length and crooked Figure of the Lake, that seems absurd and impossible.

CHAP. IV.

The Subjects of the Switzers.

HE Cantons of Switzerland having entred into Alliance with one another, not at the fame, but at different times, they must have their particular and separate Subjects; because when a new Canton was received into the Society of the perpetual League, they did not at the same time enter into the Participation of what the rest possessed, but only those that they should hereaster acquire. So the Bailiages of Thach and Gustal belong to the Cantons of Schwitz and Glaris, and Rhintal to the seven first Cantons, and that of Appengel. These Bailiages and Places are all governed after the same manner, without derogating from their Laws or encroaching upon their Privileges and Customs.

The Cantons to whom they belong fend once a Year or once in two Years sometimes, Governors, who are Judges in all Matters, who receive the Revenues and Customs, and make account of their Managements to the Diet of Baden. Nevertheless those Governors are not look'd upon as such in the Bailiages before they take an Oath for maintaining inviolable the Privileges of the Country, which they call their Municipal Laws. In Swifferland these Governors are call'd Bailiffs; but in Italy, Captains. In Criminal Cases they make the Country Magistrates their Assembly and give an account of their Administration to the Deputies who are sent by the Cantons to Lugan to determin Appeals. In the time of War these

Bailiages are oblig'd to fend their Militia to be lifted of Louppen and Avenzel. It is the first of the 4 under the Banners of the Cantons to which they be-

long.
The Bailiages of Vinach and Guital lie between the Lakes of Zurich and Wesen, and because they depend upon the Canton of Schwitz as well as that of Glaris, they have a Governor from each Canton

Rbintal, Rbingovia, has its Name from the Situation of it along the Rbine, extending from the Lake of Conflance to the Barony of Sax. It is divided into two Bailiages; that which lies on the right Bank of the Rbine belongs to the House of Austria, that on the other side belongs to the 7 first Cantons and that of Appenzel; and in it there are two little

on the other fide belongs to the 7 fift Cantons and that of Appenzel; and in it there are two little Towns, viz. Altest and Rhinee upon the Rhine, in the latter of which the Bailiff keeps his Residence. The Inhabitants of this Valley are chiefly employed in spinning Flax, the greatest part of which is em-

ployed in the Manufacture of St. Gall.

The County of Sargan, Sargania, is separated from the Grisons by the Rhine, and owes its Name to the River Sarn, which divides it into two; tho others are of opinion that it is so call'd from the Sarnutes, People of Rhetie, who dwelt about the Source of the River Inn; but it is not worth the while to debate it. This County was sold to the 7 first Cantons by the Count of Mentfort, in the Year 1488. There are in it, besides Sargan, which is a pretty little Town, and enjoys several Privileges, Valhenstat, upon the Lake of Riva, Ragatz, and the Abbey of Pfuers, of the Order of St. Bennet, sounded, An. 720.

The Free Provinces, Provincia Libera, consist in certain Villages and Castles lying along the River Russ, above and below Bremgaren on the left Bank of the River. They are call'd Free, because the Villages of Mayemberg, Richensea, and Argow, set themselves at Liberty, and choose their particular Magistrates. These Provinces formerly made up the County of Rore, the Lord of which resided at Arow. The Lucernois made themselves Masters of it in the time of the Council of Constance, and would have appropriated it to themselves, in prejudice of the 7 old Cantons; but the Canton of Bern being made Umpire to decide the Matter, condemn'd the Lucernois, and made the other Cantons Sharers. Within this Country is the Abbey of Muren, which is the ordinary Residence of the Bailists.

The Country of Turgow, Turgea or Turgovia, is of a pretty large Extent, reaching from the Lake of Zurich to that of Conflance, and takes its Name either from the Taurifci, who inhabited it, or the River Thur, which washes it. The 7 old Cantons possessing a similar part of it, viz, that where Dissenting ites, upon the Rhine between Stein and Schaffhouser; which the Swiss made themselves Masters of, An. 1460. The rest is possessing by several Proprietors, some of whom are Lay-men, some Clergy-men. The Bishop of Constance possesses the Lordships of Arbon, Tanneg, Guittingen, Gottliebe, and Biscossessing. The Chapter of Constance that of Altnaw; the Abbot of St. Gall, a considerable part of it. Among the Lay-mens Possessing may be reckon'd, the Seigniories of Psin, Winsilden, Burglen, Wingi, and Spiaglberg.

The County of Rore, comprehends the Burroughs of Meimberg, Richaee, Mury, Bremgarten and Vil-

The Bailiage of Morat, lies between the County of Arbeg, the Canton of Friburg, and the Bailiages

of Louppen and Avenzel. It is the first of the 4 Bailiages that depend on the Cantons of Bern and Friburg. Which they made themselves Masters of during their Wars with Charles the Terrible, Duke of Burgundy.

The Town of Morat, Moratum, or Muratum, lies in the Country of Romont, on a Lake of the fame Name, about 6 Miles from Friburg to the North, and 12 from Bern to the West. It is famous on the account of a signal Victory which the Switzers obtain'd over the Forces of Charles Duke of Burgundy on the 22d of June, 1476 in which they sew above 18000 of his Men; and as a Monument of their Victory, built a Chappel in the Field of Battle, in which they put the Bones of the sain. At Friburgh they renew the Memory of this and another Battle, by solemn Feasts and publick Rejoicing, twice a Year, viz. the 2d of March, and 22d of June.

The Bailiage of Orbe, is so call'd from a little Town of the same Name, which stands on a Hill, near the little River Orbe, about 5 Miles from twerdun to the West, and 18 from the Lake of Geneva to the North. It is said to be the ancient Urba, where the Urbigeni dwelt. In this Bailiage also stands the Borough of Eschalen, near the little River

Talen.

The Bailiage of Granson, is likewise so call'd from a Town of that Name, near the Lake of Newschatel, about a Mile from the Town of Newschatel to the South, and 3 from Friburg to the West. It is also samous for the Battle which the Bernois and Friburgois gain'd over Charles Duke of Burgundy, An. 1476. on the 2d of March; where this Prince left all his Baggage, which consisted in Mony and other Things of great Value.

The Bailiage of Schwartzenburg, is upon the Confines of the Canton of Friburg, and is very well peopled, having many good Villages in it; the chief of which are Valeren, Albingen, and Guggisberg.

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The Bailiage of Lugan, Lucarn, Mendrise, and Valmedie, belong to the 12 first Cantons, by a Donation, which Maximilian Sforza made, in the Year 1512. which was confirmed by Francis I. after the Battle of Marignan. The Governors of these Bailiages are sent from the several Cantons to which they belong, by turns. They are very well peopled; that of Lugan comprehending 90 Villages, Lucarn 5 Parishes, and the rest proportionally.

The Bailiages of Belizone, Valbrun, and Riviere, belong to the Canton of Uri, Schwitz and Underwald. They did depend on the Dutchy of Milan; but were given to these Cantons in the Year 1422. The Dukes of Milan took Possession of them again; but by the Treaty of Alliance which was made between Francis I. and the Cantons, it was agreed, That they should return to the Cantons of Uri, Schwitz, and Underwald, to be enjoy'd by them for

The Stipendary Towns of the Switzers.

The Towns of Baden, Bremgarten, Mellingen, Rapfervivil Frawenfeld, are under the Dominion of some of the Cantons, and are call'd Stipendary, becaue they enjoy some Immunities, as, to live according to their own Laws and Custonus, and to choose their own Magistrates; but are oblig'd in the time of War to raise a certain number of Troops, and maintain them at their own Charges.

Baden,

Baden, Castellum Aquarum, or Thermarium, anciently call'd Aqua Helvetia, stands upon the River Limath, which a little below falls into the Aar. It is distant 6 Miles from the Rhine to the South, 30 from Basil to the East, and about 12 from Zurich to the North West. It was the chief Town of a County which pass'd into the Hands of the Counts of Kyburg, An. 1180. by the death of Henry last Count of Baden. Herman of Kyburg leaving no Children, and the Succession being disputed by several Pretenders, Radolph Count of Hapsburg made himself Master of it; and his Successors kept it 'till the time of the Council of Constance. This Town, on the account of the Conveniency of its Situation, several Houses in it being fit for great Assemblies, was chosen for the ordinary Place of the Meetings of the General Diets of the Cantons, and for entertain-ing Foreign Ambassadors. It is famous for a Conference that was held in it about Matters of Religion, An. 1526. and the mutual League made with the Cantons the same Year. It is call'd Ober Baden, or Upper Baden, to distinguish it from another Town of that Name in Schwaben. Both of them are famous for their hot Baths, and each of 'em are defended by a strong Castle built on a Hill.

Breingarten, Bremocartum, is a little Town upon the Banks of the River Russ, 15 Miles from Baden, towards Lucern, and 3 from Zug to the North. It was once an imperial Town, afterwards fubject to the Counts of Hapsburg, from whom it passed to the Dukes of Austria, and from them to the Swiss, and belongs to the 8 first Cantons.

Mellingen, Mellinga, stands upon the same River, about 12 Miles from Zurich to the West, and about 28 from Lucern to the North. The Emperor Sigifmund sold it to Zurich, and it now belongs to the

8 old Cantons.

Raperswil, Rapersville, or Ruperti Villa, stands upon the Lake of Zurich, where it is divided into the Lake of Zurich, properly so call'd, and the Upper Lake. It formerly belong'd to the Counts of that Name, who were succeeded by the Counts of Hapsburg. The People of Zurich having ruined it, it was re-built, An. 1351. by Albert Duke of Austria, It is 26 Miles from Zug to the East, and 15 from Zurich to the South East, towards Chur.

It is 26 Miles from Zug to the Eaft, and 15 from Zurich to the South Eaft, towards Chur.

Trawenfeld, stands upon the River Murg, about 20 Miles from Constance to the West. The Swifs made themselves Masters of it, An. 1460, in the time of

Sigismund Duke of Austria.

SAVOY,

SAVOY, Sabaudia.



HIS Country was anciently inhabited by a part of the Allobroges, the Centrones, the Nantuates, Garocelli, the Veragri and the Salaffii. The Allobroges posses de that part of the Country which lies between the Rhone where it comes

out of the Lake Leman, the Country of the Nantuates, that of the Centrones and the Ifere. The Centrones lived in the Vallies of the Alpes Graia (le Mont Joux) now call'd Tarantaife; The Garccelli, in the Country now call'd Maurienne; The Nantuates in

that which is now Chablais and St. Maurice; The Veragri, in that part of the Valais where Martigni is; And the Salaffii, in that which is now the Valley of Aoust. Terentius Varro subdued the Salassi, and Augustus vanquished the rest of those People. After the Roman Empire became a Prey to the barbarous Nations, this Country was posses'd sometimes by one, fometimes by another of 'em. Burgundians remain'd Masters of it for a long time, and incorporated it into the Kingdom which they establish'd of a part of Gallia Celtica and Gallia Narbonensis. Beson, Count of Ardenne, who married Ermengarde, Daughter of Lewis II. Emperor of Italy, caus'd himfelf to be chosen King of Provence by the Estates of that Country, assembled at Mental, in the Month of October, 879. Lewis his Son, sirnam'd the Blind, who was likewise King of Italy, left by Adelias, Charles Constantine Prince of Vienne, who had by Theberge, Amadeo Father of Humbert, sirnam'd White Hands; from whom some Authors derive the Succession of the Princes of Savoy; tho' others, confiderable both for their Authority and Number, will have them come from Berold of Saxiny, as the more honourable Stock. And therefore fince Historians are so much divided about it, we must defire the Reader to have recourse to those Authors, and go on to that which more properly belongs to a Work of this Nature.

Savey, is bounded on the North by the Lake of Geneva, and Valais, on the East by the Vallies of Sefia and Piedmont, on the South by Dauphine, and on the West by the Rhone; which separates it from Bugey. The Soil of this Country is generally very good; the Vallies affording plenty of Corn and Grapes, and the Mountains Patture for great Numbers of Cartel, and good Variety of Game. The bers of Cattel, and good Variety of Game. Lakes afford good frore of Trouts, Pikes, and Carps, and feveral other forts of Fiftes. This Country is very well provided with Timber, especially Walnut and Chefnut Trees. The Air is also cool and temperate, by reason of the great number of Mountains that are always cover'd with Snow. The Isere, Arche, and Arve, are the most considerable Rivers, as those of Binget and Annecy, are the thost noted Lakes. The Savoyards are an industrious and courteous People, and of a gentle Disposition, especially the Persons of Quality, who have something of Greatness in their Looks and Mcen. They are all of the Roman Catholick Religion.

The chief Commodities of this Country are Paper, Fustians, raw Silks, Hides, Cloths, Linnen, Thread, Iron-work, Fir-trees for Masts of Ships, and other valuable Things.

JUSTICE is administred in this Country very regularly and orderly. There are three Senates to whom Appeals are made from the Bailiages and inferior Tribunals. The first is for Savoy, the se-cond for Piedmont, and the third for the County of Nice and its Dependencies. The Seat of the first is at Chambery; and it is compos'd of 4 Prefidents, 15 Senators, without reckoning the Abbot of Hautecomb, who is a Senator born, one Advocat General, one Procurator General, two Registers, and two Secretaries. It was instituted by Amadeo VIII. 1430. The Senate of Piedmont was establish'd by Lewis I. Duke of Savoy, who refolv'd to refide in Piedmont, did by his Ordinance of the 15th of May, 1459, create a Council, in the City of Turin, to determine Affairs in that Country without Appeal; which afterwards assum'd the Name of Senate. It consists of 4 Presidents, 2 Knights, 18 Senators, an Advocate

General, and a Procurator General. The Senate of Nice was instituted by Charles Emanuel; and it is composed of 2 Presidents, 6 Senators, an Advocat General, and a Procurator General.

Besides these Sovereign Courts, there are two Chambers of Accounts, and a Council of Finances. That of Savoy was inflitted by Amadeo the Green, An. 1351. and Philbert Emanuel declar'd it Sove-reign and Independant of the Senate of Chambery, byian Edict, dated at Mondovi, 6 Oct. 1630. and at the fame time created that of Turin, with the fame Prerogatives. The Superintendant of the Finances prefides in the Council of that Name, and appoints the Meetings of it. He examines all the Accounts of those who have the Management of the publick Mony; and it is here that all Affairs relating to the Fi-

nances are examin'd and determin'd.

Altho' the Duke of Savoy be a Vaffal of the Empire, he governs his own Dominions with an absolute Authority. His Revenue in all may amounts to about 5000000 Livres; and his Army in time of Peace is very small, but in time of War about 10 or 11 thousand Men. The Situation of his Dominions upon the Confines of France, and at the entry to Italy, renders this Prince confiderable, if he be to wife as to know his true Interest. The Alp: were formerly a Rampart to them against the Attacks of their Enemies; but after the French King took Pignerol, those Mountains were found not to be inaccessible. Savoy is defended by feveral ftrong Places, the best of which is Montmelian. Nice, when it is in the Duke of Savoy's Hands, secures the Communication with the Mediteranean; and towards Lombardy there are feveral well fortified Places, to oppose the Insults of the Spaniards, who questionless would most willing ly have Piedmont, which without doubt is one of the finest Countries in Italy.

Earls and Dukes of Savoy?

1. Berold of Saxony. 999. 2. Humbert the first Earl of Maurienne. 1027.

1048. 3. Amadeo I. 4. Humbert II. 1076. 5. Amadeo II

6. Humbert III. 1154. 7. Thomas, Son of Humbers. 1201.

8. Amadeo III.

1234. 1246. 9. Boniface, Amadeo III.'s Son. 1257. 10. Peter, call'd little Charlemain.

1268. 11. Philip, Peter's Brother. 1285. 12. Amadeo IV.

1323. 13. Edward, his Son. 1329. 14. Amadeo V. Edward's Brother. 1342. 15. Amadeo VI.

1385. 16. Amadeo VII.

1397. 17. Amadeo VIII. first Duke of Savoy.

1434. 18. Lewis, his Son. 1461. 19. Amadeo IX

1475. 20. Philbert, his Son. 1481. 21. Charles, Philbert's Brother.

1484. 22. Charles II. 1495. 23. Philip II.

1496. 24. Philbert II.

1504, 25. Charles III. thrust out of his Dominions by K. Francis I.

1559. 26. Emanuel Philbert, restor'd by his Marriage with Margaret K. Francis I.'s Sifter.

1580. 27. Charles Emanuel.

28. Amadeo X. call'd Victor.

1637. 29. Charles Emanuel II. Son of Amadeo Victor.

1675. 30. Victor Amadeo Francesco.

Savoy is commonly divided into 8 small Provin- ded to succeed him; but the Emperour Sigismund ces, as you may see in the following Table,

The County of Geneva, The County of Chablais, The Country of Acuste, The Tarantaise, The Valley of Morienne, The County of Fossigny. Part of Bugey,

Savey, properly so call'd, Montmelian, Ch. Town. Annecy. Tonnon. Aoufte. Moustriers. St. John de Maurienne. Bonneville. Tenne.

SAUOY in particular, or properly fo call'd, is bounded on the North with the County of Geneva, on the East by Tarentaise and Maurienne, on the South by Dauphiny, and on the West with Bugey and the Rhone. The Chief Towns in it are,

Chambery, Ch. \ \ \ Rumily. Montmelian. \ \ \ \ \ Aix.

Chambery, Cameriacum, or Camerium, stands on a Plain, at the Confluence of the two little Rivers Laisse and Albans, 10 Miles from Montmelian to the South, 7 from the Lake of Bourget to the North, about 60 from Lyons to the East, and 30 from Grenoble, and 70 from Geneva to the South. It is a rich and well peopled City; and fome take it for the ancient Forum Voconii, which Pliny and the Irinerary of Antoninus make mention of; tho' Cluverius and others think Draguignan in Provence has a berter Title to that ancient Name: And some think it is Civaro that Cicero speaks of in his Epistles; but whatever may be of that, it is now the Chief City of the Dutchy of Savoy, and a very well built Town. The publick Buildings are very beautiful, particularly an ancient Castle, the principal Church dedicated to S. Leger, the Jesuits College, and some Monasteries. Divers Channels of the River Albans run through the City, as do several little Streams of Springs rising in St. Martin's Hill. In this Place the Emperor Sigismund erected the County of Savoy into a Durchy, 19 Febr. 1416. It was taken by the French, 1690. and reflor'd by the Treaty of Peace at Turin, 1696.

Montmelian, Mon/melianus, is a little City on the right Bank of the Isere, defended by a Cittadel, whose principal Strength consists in its Situation, being founded on a Rock; in which is cut out a large Well which supplies the Garrison with fresh Water. The French under the Command of the Constable of Lesdiguieres, took it 9 Nov. 1600. And again it was Belieged by the French, under the Command of M. Catenat, 1691. and taken, after a vigorous Refistance; but restor'd by the Treaty of

Peace at Turin, 1696.

Aix, Aque Gratiane, is the chief Town of a Marquifar, and famous for the hor Baths, which were the Work of the Romans; as the Town was rebuilt by the Emperor Gratian. It stands at the Foot of the Mountains between Chambery, Annecy and Rumily. Its Waters are impregnated with Allom and Sulphur, and are very much frequented.

The County of GENEVA, Genevensis Tradus, lies between Bugey, the County of Gex, Foucigny, Savey, properly to call'd, and the Rhone, about 45 Miles long. It was formerly possess'd by its own Lords, who did bear the Title of Counts, and were Vassals ro those of Savoy. Pope Clement VII. was the last of that Family: After whose Death, his Sifters, the cldest of whom was married to the Sire de Villars, the other to the Prince of Orange, preten-

adjudg'd it to Amadeo the 8th Duke of Savoy, and with it all the Right the Empire could pretend to that Country, and came to an Accommodation with the House of Villars for their Pretensions: And after he was in peaceable Possession of it, gave it to his Son Amadeo, who died without Children, as Janus Son of Lewis Duke of Savoy also did. Philip youngest Son of Philip Duke of Savoy gor it for his Appenage, or Portion, together with Foucigny and Reaufort; and so it has been handed down from one ro another, and at last to this prefent Duke. Chief Towns of this County are,

Annecy, Cap. Stonnes. Albi. S Chaumont. La Roche.

Annecy, Annecium or Anneciacum, stands on the Lake of the same name, at the foot of the Mountains, about 20 Miles from Geneva to the South, 24 from Chambery to the North, and about as many from Bellay to the East. There are several little Streams flowing from the Lake through the Town, which form themselves into a River call'd Tioud, and render the Situation of the Town very delightful, and is a great convenience to the Inhabitants. It was formerly a very large and well Peopled City; but fince the Fire that happened in it, An. 1448. it has hardly recovered its former greatness, or number of Inhabitants. It has been the Residence of the Bishop of Geneva ever since the Year, 1535, that the Reformers drove him our of Geneva: And here, in the Cathedral Church is preserved the Corps of S. Francis Sales, Bishop of Geneva. There are here also two Collegiat Churches, a Seminary of Priests of S. Lazarus, a College of Barnabites, a Convent of Dominicans, a Monastery of Capuchins, and one of Benediclins, and several others, some of which are very Magnificent. This Place was taken by the French in the Year, 1630. and again by them in the Year, 1690, but restor'd Ann. 1696, by the Treaty of Peace at Turin.

The Country of CHABLAIS, Caballicus Ducatus, is bounded on the North with the Lake of Geneva, on the East with the Valais, on the West by The Emthe Counties of Fossigny and Geneva. peror Conrad-Sali gave it to Humbert White Hands; and the Emperor Frederick the II. erected it into a Dutchy, Ann. 1238. Formerly it reached as far as St. Maurice: The Valeese made themselves Masters of this Country, Ann. 1536. when Bern and Friberg were engaged in a War with Charles III. Duke of Savoy. They were ordered, by an Arrest of the Imperial Chamber to restore it; and Charles V. fent an Herauld to Summon them to do it; but they mock'd the Emperor's Threatnings; and by the Treaty of the fourth of August, 1569, they yeilded only all that lies between the Rivers Morses and Dranse; the Bernois having before, in execution of the Treaty of Laufanna 15 Oct. 1564. furrender'd all that they possess'd in the Bailiage of Tonnon, Terricer and Galliard. This Province is about 30 Miles long, and 12 broad. The Chief Towns in it

Tonnon, Cap. ? STernier. Evian. SGalliard. Salitara, Ripaille. Aups.

Tonnon, Tunonium, stands upon the Lake of Geneva, about 25 Miles from the City of that Name to the East, 30 from Annecy to the North-East, and K k lightful Place.

The Durchy of AOUSTE, Augustanus Ducatus, is bounded with Valais on the North, Vercellois and the Valleys of Sesia on the East, Maurienne on the South, and Savoy and Foucigny on the West. is a mountainous but fertile Country, and is divided commonly into 7 Parts or Valleys. It was ancientcommonly into 7 Parts or Valleys. ly inhabited by the Salassii, and afterwards had its own particular Masters, till the Marquiss of Susa took possession of one part; and the Bishops of Aouste became Proprietors of a part of their Diocess under the Emperor's Sovereignty. This Dutchy under the Emperor's Sovereignty. was united to Savey by the Marriage of Adelaide of Sufa with Amadeo the II. Count of Savoy, together with the Marquilate of Susa, and the Dutchy of Tu-rin. The Emperor Frederick the II. erected it into a Dutchy in the Month of February, 1238. in favour of Thomas. The chief Towns in it are,

Aouste, B. Cap. Chantillon.
Morges.
Cour-majour, anciently Curia Major. Issogne. Montjouet. Donas. Bardfort.

Acuste, Augusta Pratoria or Augusta Salassiorum, stands in the middle of a Valley of that Name, upon the Banks of the Dorea, where the Rivulet Bauteggio runs into it; 25 Miles from Jurea to the South, 50 from Turin to the North, and but 10 from the Confines of the Milaneze to the Welt. Augustus (as it is commonly believed) fent a Colony here, and would have it nam'd after him, Augusta Prætoria, whereas before it was call'd Cordella by the Salaffii, from one Cordellus Stafiellus, who, they say, was the Founder of it. There is still to be seen here a Triumphal-Arch rais'd in honour of Augustus, in Memory of the Victory he obtain'd over the People of the Alpes; and 'twas for this Reason that it was call'd the Trophee of the Alpes; which some less knowing Writers have placed at Turbie near Monaco. The Bishop of Aouste is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Tarantaife. St. Anselm Bishop of Canterbury was Born

The TARENTAISE, Turentafia, is bounded with the Alpes, and the Dutchy of Assiste on the East, Toffigny on the North, Savoy proper on the West, and the Valley of Maurienne on the South. It was anciently inhabited by the Centrones, and for a long time was governed by Lords of its own; from whom it pass'd to the House of Briancon. Amery did treat his Subjects so cruelly, that Humbert II. Count of Savoy, being invited by Heraclius. Archbishop of Tarentaife, made himself Master of this Country, and united it to his Dominions. It lies extended between the Village S. Germain, which is at the Foot of the Hill call'd little S. Bernard, to Mount Sapey and Rognez, about 36 Miles in length. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Moustriers, Ch. Ar. B. S. Maurice. Brianzon.

Moustriers, Monasterium, or Forum Neronis, stands upon the Isere, where the Brook Doron runs into it, 43 Miles from Chambery to the East, towards Aouste, 60 from the Lake of Geneva to the South, and 60 The River Ifere from Turin to the North West. divides into two Parts, and the Avenuesto it are extremely difficult, by reason there is no way to come at it but by defiles, or narrow passes betwixt Torrents and Precipices. Some Geographers have taken

15 from Laufanna to the South; and is a very de- this for the ancient Tarenfia, which had been formerly call'd Forum Claudii; but they mistake it; for after this Town was ruined, the Archbishoprick was transfer'd to Monstiers. The Bishopricks of Aouste and Sion are Suffragan to it.

> The County of MAURIENNE, Mauriana, lies between the Alpes and the Ifere, between Tarentaife on the North, and Dauphiny on the South. It is a Valley of about 50 Miles long, beginning at Chamoux, a little below the Confluence of the Archa and Ifere, and ending at the foot of Mount Cenis. It is a fertile Country, particularly of Saffron and Pasturage, and contains about 100 Parishes: And is a part of the ancient Estate of the House of Savoy; for Humbert White Hands, had for his Patrimony the County of Savoy and that of Maurienne, together with Chablais and Valais. The only confiderable Town in it is St. John Maurienne, altho' there be feveral others of less note, as,

S. Andrew. 7 S. La Chambre. S. Michael. St. Fulian. Modane. Iffe.

St. John Maw ienne, Finum S. Johannis Mauriani, stands upon a Plain in the middle of a Valley, upon the Banks of the little River Arches, to Miles from the Frontiers of Dauphine to the East, 65 North West from Turin. It is a very fair Town, but not Fortified: And is an Episcopal Sec, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Vienne. In the Cathedral Church of S. John are to be teen many Tombs of the Dukes of Savoy.

The Province of FOSSIGNY, or Foucigny Fociniacensis Tractus, lies at the Foot of the Alpes, between the County of Geneva on the West, of which it was formerly a part, and that of Valais on the East. For a long time it was governed by particular Lords, descended from Emerard, who lived in the roth Century, and whose Posterity fail'd, Ann. 1200. in the Person of William, whose only Daughter and Heiress married Thomas Count of Savoy. It has been the Portion of the Brothers of this Family, but was re-united to the Dukedom of Savoy, 1659. The most remarkable Towns in it are.

Bonneville, Cap. Salanches.
Passi.
Vieu. Salanches.
Tanning.

Bonneville, Bonnopolis, stands in the Low Foucigny, at the foot of the Mountains, on the River Arve, 16 Miles below Cluse, 15 from Annecy to the North, and 20 from Geneva to the South Eaft. is defended by an old Castle, and is the Seat of the

chief Justice of the Country

That part of Bugey, which remains in the pos-fession of the Duke of Savey, by the Treaty of Lions, comprehends only that which lies on the other fide of the Rhone, and is 24 Miles long, and 6 broad; from the Mountain Chal to the Rhone. The most remarkable Towns in it are, Tenne, a little Town, furrounded with a Wall, Loissey, a considerable Burrow, and chief Town of a Barony, and the Suburbs of Pont-Beauveisin, a Town in Dauphiny upon the River Gue, which is the Bounds betwixt this Province and Dauphiny.

The County of NICE, &c.

HE County of Nice is bounded on the North with the Marquisate of Salusse, the County of Tende and the Genovesat on the East, the Mediter-

ranean Sea on the South, and the County of Bueil and Provence on the West. The Vediantri were the ancient Inhabitants of it. Amadeo the Red, Duke of Savoy, got it by a voluntary offer of the People of Nice, in the Year, 1388. Ladislas Son of Charles de Duras not being in a Condition to give them Succour. Ludiflas is said to have confirm'd this Alienation by an Act made at Viterbo, the 18th of January, 1402. And by the Treaty of Chambery, the 5th of October, 1419. Yoland of Arragon, Mother and Tutres to Lewis III. King of Naples, and Count of Provence, did refign to Amadeo the VIII. all the Right that her Son could claim to that County, and the Principality of Barcellone; in recompence of which Amadeo did discharge the Sum of a Hundred and fixty thousand Livres, which Amadeo the VI. his Uncle had lent to Lewis the I. Uncle of Lewis the IIL for his Expedition into Naples. Cession of Yoland's, as most think, was contrary to the Fundamental Laws of the Land, and the expreis Acts of the Counts of Provence, and consequently of no Force. However the Case may be, we must leave it to be decided by others, and go on to that which is more properly our Business, The most considerable Towns in this County are Nice and Ville franche.

Nice, Nicea, from whom the County takes its Name, stands on the Sea, and is defended by a good Citadel, which also may command the Port; which is none of the best, the Anchorage not being good. This Town was built by a Colony of the Marshians; from the Ruins of the ancient Cemendium, a City of the Vediantii. It is an Episcopal See, Sustragan to the Archbishop of Ambrun: And is distant about 2 Miles from the Mouth of the River Varo, and 7 from Monaco, and 15 from the Frontiers of the Genouvese to the West, and 60 from Pignerol to the South. It was taken by the French in the Year, 1691. and restor'd, Ann. 1696. by the

Treaty of Peace at Turin.

Ville Franche, Olivula, stands upon the Sea of Genoua, about 2 Miles from Nice. It is thought to be the ancient Olivula Portus, by some; but others, particularly Perrus Jofredus, think that Olivula Portus stood 5 Miles to the East of Nice; but whatever may be of that, Charles II. King of Naples and Count of Provence caused it to be built, Ann. 1295. It stands in a Bottom among high Hills, which render its Harbour an excellent Shelter from Winds, and the entry to it is defended by a Castle, and within by a Citadel; which Emanuel Philbert Duke of Savoy caus'd to be built. It was restor'd to Savoy by the King of France, Ann. 1696. by the Treaty of Peace at Turin.

The Principality or Valley of BARCELLONET, Barcino, is bounded on the North with the Marquisat of Salusse and Ambrun, on the East by the County of Nice, and on the South and West by Provence. The Inhabitants of it acknowledged Amadeo the VII. Duke of Savoy for their Lord, in the Month of May, 1388. The Town of Barcellone is no very large one, tho' it be the only one of

any Note in this Valley. It stands upon the little River Hubay, near the Frontiers of Dauphine, and 20 Miles South East from Embrun; and was built by Ramond Berenger, Court of Provence, Ann. 1230. There are besides in this Principality Poget, and the Valley of Etienne, which has its own particular Governour, and is properly an Annex of the former.

The County of Tende, Comitatus Tendensis, is bounded on the North by Piedmont, on the East by the County of Genoua, and on the South and West by the County of Nice. It was formerly in the Possection of the Family of Lascaris, who were descended from the Emperors of Constantinople by the Mother's side. It pass d into the Family of Savoy by the Marriage of Ann, only Daughter of John Antony last Count of Tende, with Rene of Savoy, natural Son of Philip Duke of Savoy; who in consideration of this Marriage, gave his Son all his Estate; which was done the 28th of January, 1501. The Town of Tende is a pretty little Burrow, in the Appenines, upon the Consines of the County of Geneva, about 30 Miles from Nice to the North, and

near 50 from Turin to the South.

The County of Bueil or Boglio, Bolcensis Comitatus, is bounded with Barcellonet on the North, the County of Nice on the East, and Provence on the South and West. For a long time it belong'd to the Family of Grimaldi; who had a very just Title to it; but the Senare of Nice having condemn'd Hannibal Grimaldi, Count of Bucil as guilty of Treason, under the Reign of Charles Emanuel, confiscated all his Estate. Andrew Grimaldi his Son, was restor'd to it by Prince Maurice; but by some secret Article of the Accommodation, agreed upon between this Prince and the Dutchess of Savoy the 14th of July, 1642. She, without either approving or disapproving what Maurice had done in favour of this Andrew, promis'd to allow him 30000 Livres per Annum during the Minority of the Duke of Savoy, her Son: And that, till he should be of Age to do him Justice, he should remove our of the Dominions of Savoy with all his Family: Since which time, neither he nor his Children have been able to obtain Satissaction for this Usurpation. The Town of Boglio or Bueil, stands on the Frontiers of Provence, about 30 Miles from Nice to the North, and 40 from Pignerol to the South.

The Principality of Oneille or Oneglia, Onelia Tractus, is almost enclosed within the West part of the Genouese. It formerly belong d to the Family of Doria; till Jerom Doria, either exchang d it for some other Lands, or sold it to Emanuel Philbert Duke of Savoy, in the Year, 1576. Charles Emanuel erected it into a Principality, by his Letters Patents dated at Turin, the 17th of December, 1620. It comprehends the Lordships of Marro and Prela, which are very sertile and well Peopled Countries. The Town of Oneglia or Oneille, stands upon the Sea, about 10 Miles from Nice to the West, 20 from Vintimeglia, and as many from Mondovi to the South: And drives a great Trade

in Oyl.

ITALY.

By Rob. Falconer.

CHAP. I. Of ITALY in General.



TALY, as it was anciently the most famous known World, for the Government of those mighty

Country in the World, being the Seat of the States and powerful Kingdoms which it had swalglorious Roman Empire, from whence Laws lowed up and brought under its Subjection; So it and Decrees were issued out almost over all the then is at this time one of the most Fertile, and on many

Accounts most delightful Countries on Earth. If one does confider the vast number of valiant and prudent Generals, as, Camillus, Fabius Maximus, the Scipio's, Pompey, Casar, &c. The famous Orators, as, Cicero, Hortensius, Antonius, &c. the Admirable and almost inspired Poets, as, Virgil, Ovid, Catullus, Tibullus, Plautus, Terence, Horace, Juvenal, Persius, &c. all excellent in their kind; the renown'd Historians, as, Livy, Tacitus, Salust, &c. I fay if one should consider all these, and besides, the stupendious and lasting Monuments of Power and Wealth, fuch as, particularly, their Publick Buildings, Causways, and such like, he must necessarily confess, that never any Country had more advantages than this has had; infomuch, that the Gods and Muses seem to have been emulously concern'd to make it the Glory and Envy of the World in those days, as it is the Wonder and Admiration of all who fee it in thefe. 'And altho' the Art of War and Arms flourish'd more in this Country anciently than it does now, when the softer Arts, of Painting, Architecture, Musick, &c. seem to be the chief Study and Employment of the Inhabitants; yet it cannot be faid that the former has been quite neglected, or that the Muses have forsaken this Country. Thomas Aquinas, Bellarmine, and Baronius, were great Divines in their way: Rodolphus Volawere great Divines in their way: Rodolphus Vola-terranus, and Picus Mirandula, were good Hunna-nists; Ficinus, Cardan, Galileo, Torricelli, Malpeggi, Borelli, Redi, &c. good Mathematicians and Philo-fophets; Panigarole and Loredano good Orators; Guicciardine, Bentivoglio, Davila, and Strada, ex-cellent Historians; Tasso and Arosto, famous Poets, and Raphael, Michael Angelo, Titian, &c. admirable Painters.

As for the NAMES of this Country, it has had several, as, Hesperia, Saturnia, Aufonia, Oenatria, and Latium, which, tho' they were but the Names of particular Parts of it at first, were used by the ancient Grecians to fignifie the whole; and in that they were imitated afterwards by the Latin Poets. How it came to be call'd Italia, is much (and perhaps too nicely) disputed among the Antiquaries; fome deriving it from the Greek word 'Ima &, which fignifies the same as Taurus, a Bull; because this Country abounded with such, of an extraordinary size, and very beautiful. Others, with greater probability, bring it from one Italus, King of the Siculi, who first inhabited Sabina and Latium; and that this Name afterwards was given to the whole Country betwirt the Alpes and the Streights of Messina, or Il faro de Messina. There are several other Accounts of it, but we hope the Reader will excuse the omitting them here; or if he has a mind to know more of this Matter, he may consult Bochart and others, who have laboured abundantly in that fort of Criticism.

Nature seems to have had more than ordinary care of this Country, in giving it so convenient a Situation; it being bounded on the North with the Alpes, on the East with the River Arfa, in Histria, and the Gulf of Venice, on the South with the Tuscan Sea, on the West by the Alpes and the River Var. Its length (according to Cluverius) from Aouste, a Town at the Foot of the Mountain call'd Great S. Bernard, to Regio, and the Capo del Armi, is about 900 Miles. Its breadth is different, but under the Alpes it is about 560 Miles broad. It lies between 26 and 38 degrees Longitude, and 37 and 46 Latirude; the figure of it resembling a Man's Leg; and some, who trace this Comparison a little nicely say,

that the end of it serves to kick Sicily into the Sea; tho' indeed I should think this Island deserved better Treatment from Italy; for it was very useful to the ancient Romans, by reason of its Fertility and great Product of Corn; and the modern Italians, no doubt, are often beholding to it. They fay farther, that the Toes of it appear at the Faro of Messina, the Heel about Otranto, the Soal towards Mount S. Angelo, the Calf about Ancona, the Ham about Ravenna, the Knee towards Piombino and the Port of Lighorn, and the Thigh towards the Alpes.

The SOIL, generally over all *Italy* is very good, and watered with a good number of Rivers, whose Courses are not long by reason the Country is not very broad; and the Air (some Places in the Ecclesiastical State excepted) healthful and pretty temperate; but after hot Days the Nights are found to be very cold in comparison. The Product of Italy is, Corn, Grapes of several kinds, of which many forts of Wine are made, Oranges, Citrens, Lemons, Pomegranates, and Olives, whose Oyl turns to good account. And in the South parts of it, are fome Sugar, Almonds, and abundance of Mulberry-Trees, which have render'd that Country famous for its Silk Manufactories. Their Meadows are well stock'd with Buffles and other forts of Catele, as their Forests are with great variety of Game. There are likewise in this Country Rocks of Alabaster, and a rich kind of Jasper; also Mines of Iron, Allom. Sulphur, Gold and Silver.

The most considerable Rivers are, the Po, the Tyber, the Arno, the Adige, the Adda, and the Tesin. The chief Lakes are those of Como, Isco, Luzano, Garda, that of Trasimenus, Vulsin, Braciano, Tusinas, Fundi, Lago di Castello, Gendalpho, Celano, Andora, Varam, Lersine, and that of Bolfano. The most remarkable Mountains are, the Alpes, the Appennines, Mount Masso, Mount Barbaro, Vesuvius, and Mount

Italy hath been differently divided by the Ancients, according as Nations shifted their Habitations or mingled with one another. After vast Numbers of the Gauls, who liv'd betwixt the Ocean, the Rhine, the Alpes, the Mediterranean Sea and the Pyrenees, had cross'd the Alpes, and taken Possession of that part of Italy which lies between the Aples and the Appennines, as far as the River Æsis, or Esino, the Romans call'd that Country Gallia Italica, and Gallia Citerier, and Cifalpina, and Gallia Circumpadana, and also Togata, because they had assum'd the Roman Habit as well as their Customs; whereas that on the other side was call'd Gallia Comata, because the Inhabitants used to wear their Hair long. The Emperor Augustus, as Pliny relates, divided Italy into 1t Regions, viz. Liguria, Hetruria, Latium, Campania Felix, Samnium, Picenum, Umbria, Gallia Togata, Gallia Transpadana, Venelia and Istria. Strabo divided it into 8 Regions or Parts, viz. Venetia, Liguria, Picenum, Lucania, Tuscia, Roma, Campania, and Apulia. Antoninus the Emperor in his Itinerary, divides it into 16 Provinces; and Ptolomy into 45 Nations or People. After the Dignity and Seat of the Roman Empire was translated to Germany, Italy was at several times strangely harass'd and torn in a great many little Pieces, which were establish'd into Principalities, Dutchies, Counties, establish'd into Principalities, Dutchies, Counties, and Marquisates, as the Marquisare of Isiria, the Dutchy of Friuli, the Dutchy of Milan, the Dutchy of Mantua, and a great many more. Italy, as it is now, may be very fitly divided according to the several Sovereignties in it; of which we shall treat afterwards.

Who the first Inhabitants of Italy were, is a very hard matter to tell, it being so long ago fince it was first peopled. Whether any one People sometime after the Flood came into this Country and in time spread themselves over it all, or whether different People at different times came into it and possess'd themselves of such Parts of it as they found unin-habited, and gave different Names to the Places where they settled, is more than can be well determin'd. The Ausones are said to be the most ancient, and to have posses'd the most Southern Parts of Italy, where the Brutii and Lucani liv'd afterwards; next to these the Opici and Osci, who liv'd in Campania and Samnium; then the Siculi, in Sabina and Latium; the Umbri, whose Territories reach'd between the Mare Superum, or Hadriatick, and Inferum, or Tyrrhenian Sea; next to these the Tusci, whose Country reach'd as far as the Alpes; and next to them again the Ligures, whose Dominions reach'd as far into Gallia as the Rhone; beyond these were the Veneti, whom some will have to be come from Illyricum, others from the Hereti, a People in Paphlagonia. The Gauls drove out the Tusci, as these did the Umbri out of their Territories. A certain People, call'd Oenotrii from their Leader, drove the Aufones out of their foresaid Habitations, and forc'd them to feek themselves a new Seat as far North as the River Luis or Borigliano, and Vulturnus, or Volterno; and not farisfied with that, they likewise expell'd the Siculi out of their Country, and affum'd the Name of Aborigines, as they did afterwards that of Latini. The Sabini were descended from the Opici, of those came the Picentes, Vestini, Marsi, Prentani, Peligni, Maruccini, Samnites, and from these the Campani Lucani, and the Brutii. In the mean time several Families arriving from Greece, at different times, filled all the Sea Coast along the Mare Superum and Inferum, and built many good Towns; and by this means, as Strabo and Trogus relate, Italy and Sicily came to be call'd Magna Gracia. But other People having expell'd the Grecians out of most of their Possessions, forc'd them to confine themselves within that which afterwards was call'd Magna Gracia, and is now call'd Calabria Superior. But after the Roman State was become powerful, and had subdued all Italy, it continued under the Roman Jurisdiction, divided and distinguished into Regions and People, as we've said already, 'till the time of Honorius the Emperor; when the Goths, Vandals, and Heruli, People of Germany, and the Huns passing the Alpes, invaded this whole Country, and divided it into several little Kingdoms and States. Justinian having driven our all these, establish'd the Exarchat of Ravenna, whilest Rome lay in its Ruins. At last the Longobards having taken Ravenna, establish'd their Kingdom in Gallia Togata; but they were rooted out by the Va-lour and Conduct of Pepin King of France, and his Son Charlemaign, who had been call'd into Italy for that end by the Pope; to whom he gave a great part of the Revenues of that Country, referving to himself the Sovereignty. Pepin died in the Year 768. and Charlemaign was Crown'd Emperor in 800.

I am hopeful the Reader will not think himself

I am hopeful the Reader will not think himfelf abused, or look upon it as a thing foreign to a Work of this Nature, if we refresh his Memory a little here with some sew Hints concerning the Rife, Progress, and Fall of the Roman Empire. Every Body almost knows that the sirft Inhabitants of Rome were a forry Rabble of indigent People, and the very Dregs of Italy; who might justly be call'd a Den

of Wolves, fince they liv'd by continual Robberies and thirsted after their Neighbours Goods and Blood. The hand-breath of Ground which they first posfess'd, was too little to maintain a considerable number of People; and therefore they must either have always remain'd Beggars, or cut out their Forunes with their Swords. As mean and inconsiderable as their beginning was, by the Valour of some of their Kings, and prudent Management of others, and afterwards by the good Qualifications of their Generals, and Wildom of their Senate, they grow up to such a Pitch of Power and Glory, that never any State on Earth was able to equal, much less to excel them. One good Politick of theirs was, that they no sooner conquer'd a Nation, than they tran-splanted the best and richest Men of it to Rome, and fent Romans in their Places. Athens and Lacedemon seldom naturaliz'd Strangers; but Rome observ'd that good Politick; Romulus its Founder having set the Copy; for its said of him, That he us'd to re-ceive as Citizens of Rome in the Evening, those with whom he had fought in the Morning. Servius Tullius did prudently correct a considerable Mistake in the former Reigns; for under them it was allow'd that every Body without distinction should serve in the Wars; whereas he ordered that only the ablest and most wealthy Citizens (except upon extraordinary Occasions) should serve as Soldiers, who were to equip themselves according to their Ability; wisely considering, that their Wealth was a Pledge of their Fidelity; and by fighting valiantly for their Country, they fecur'd their private Poffeffions; whereas a poor Man carries all his Wealth with him; and if he has a Prospect of being better with the Enemy, 'twill be no hard matter to persuade him to desert his own Party. And after this Custom grew our of fashion, in the time of the Emperors, yet they used to keep part of the Soldiers Arrears behind, to secure the Fidelity of the Army, which was never clear'd 'till they were dismis'd. Never any but Porfenna and the Gauls were able

to bring them to dishonourable Conditions of Peace; the first having oblig'd them to give Hostages, that they should make no Iron-work, but what was requisite to Till the Ground; the other, forcing them to prevent the utter Ruin of Rome by a Sum of Mo-For the Story of Camillus's coming up just at the time of weighing out of the Gold, and driving the Gauls from the Capitol, is look'd upon by many as fabulous. The former of these the Roman Writers have cautiously avoided to speak of, as they have taken care to disguise the other. These, I think, are the only Instances. Upon all other Occasions they did bear their Misfortunes and Losses with the greatest Fortitude and Constancy imaginable, and fometimes rather deliver'd up their Generals, and fuffer'd their Soldiers to be made Slaves than agree to base and disadvantageous Conditions. It is very well known that their Form of Government was various. They began with the Kingly, which lafted 242 Years, till Sixtus Tarquinius gave fome fort of Pretence for altering it, by his ravishing Lucretia. The Fact was abominable, 'tis true, and Junius Brutus had good reason to be angry; but whether his and the Peoples Resentment ought to have been carried so high, is more than I will say. For (as the judicious Puffendorf observes) a Fact, tho' never so criminal, committed by a Son, without the Knowledge and Consent of his Father, ought not to be prejudicial to the Father and Family; much less could be a pretence to depose a King from a Throne which

he lawfully posses'd; especially since to take Vengeance of Criminals belongs to the King, and not to the Subjects. After the Expulsion of the Kings, an Ariftectarical Form of Government was intro-duc'd, which prov'd as heavy a Yoke to the Necks of the People as the former. For at that time there were no writen Laws in Rome; and the Nobility being in Possession of all publick Offices, give Sentence more according to Favour and Affection than Justice. And the Citizens being obliged to serve in the Wars at their own Charge, became miserably exhausted, and were forc'd to borrow from the richer fort; and not being able to pay their Debts, were grievously oppress'd by their Creditors, and at last reduc'd to that degree of Despair that they unanimously left the City. Neither could they be perfuaded to return, before the Senate had agreed to constitute Magistrates, call'd Tribunes of the People, who were to protect the Commons against the Nobility; which, as it form'd a new Division in the State at that time, did afterwards afford perpetual Fewel for Civil Diffentions, 'till at last they broke out into Civil Wars, and sheath'd their Swords in each others Bowels.

Afrer this Common-wealth, notwithstanding all those intestine Commotions and Divisions, had arriv'd to its highest Pitch of Greatness, it return'd again to a Monarchy, tho' not of the best kind. Augustus, as he laid the Foundation of it, so by his wise and prudent Management he seem'd to have settled it pretty well; but the Nobility not being able to brook the Government of one Person, who was rais'd by the Soldiers, without their Consent, was always for recovering their ancient Liberty; which obliged the succeeding Emperors, first to weaken, and afterwards extinguish the Power and Splendor of this Order, insomuch that within the space of 200 Years, few of 'em were lest, and upftart Favourites put in their Places. Thus the Senate and People became empty Names; and the Emperors were no more than the Creatures of the Army: And as double Pay and great Presents purchas'd them the Favour of the Soldiers, and procur'd them the Title; so the want of Mony to support themselves withal, was thought sufficient ground for taking away their Lives, to make way for another whose Coffers were fuller. Hence came nothing but Milery and Confusion in the Roman Empire: And oftentimes the bravest Princes were basely murder'd, and some of the lowest Rank and meanoff Capacity fer up in their Room: And sometimes two or more were declar'd Emperors, by several parts of the Army, who made horrid slaughter a-mong the Citizens in deciding their Titles to the Empire. As this did mightily weaken the Strength of this vast Body, so Constantine the Great hasten'd its Fall, by transferring the Imperial Court to Constantinople, and sending away the veterane Legions which guarded the Frontiers of the Empire along the Danube and Rhine, to the Eastern Parts, whereby the Western Provinces, destitute of their Guards, became a Prey to other Nations. After the Western Empire had fallen into the Hands of the Germans, Goths, Vandals, Suevians, Franks, and others, the Eastern Provinces remain'd for a great many hundred Years after, 'till at last the City of Constantinople being storm'd and taken by the Turks, in the Year 1453. this part of the Roman Empire also was brought to its fatal Period, and Constantinople made the Place of the ordinary Refidence of the Ottoman Emperors.

.The Roman Emperors who refided in Italy.

3918. 1. Julius Cafar, the last Dictator, and first Emperor.

3923. 2. C. Octavius Cafar Augustus, in whose time J. Christ was born.

A.C.

17. 3. Tiberius Nero, Augustus's Son-in-Law.

39. 4. Caius Caligula. 43. 5. Claudius Cæfar.

57. 6. Domitius Nero, the last of the Cafars, and first publick Persecutor of the Christians.

70. 7. Sergius Galba.
 8. Salvius Otho.
 9. Aulus Vitellius.

71. 10. Flavius Vespasianus.

80. 11. Titus Vespasianus, the brave and fortunate Conqueror of the Jews.

82. 12. Flavius Domitianus, the second Persecutor of the Christians.

13. Nerva Cocceius, the first Emperor that was not a Roman born.
 29. 14. Ulpius Trajanus, a Spaniard, and Perse.

cutor of the Christians.
118. 15. Ælius Adrianus, who continued the Persecution.

138. 16. Antoninus Pius.

162. 17. Marcus Antoninus, the Philosoper, who affociated L. Verus in the Government, and persecuted the Christians.

181. 18. L. Antoninus Commodus.

194. 19. Ælius Pertinax, made Emperor against his Will.

20. Didius Julianus.

195. 21. Septimius Severus, the fifth Persecutor of the Christians.

213. 22. Basianus Caracalla. 220. 23. Opilius Marinus. 221. 24. Varius Heliogabalus.

225. 25. Alexander Severus.

238. 26. Maximinus, a Man meanly born, and fixth Perfecutor of the Christians.

241. 27. Gordian, elected by the Senate against
 Maximinus.
 247. 28. Philip, an Arabian, suppos'd to be a Chri-

ftian.
252. 29. Decius, the seventh Persecutor of the

Church. 254. 30. Gallus Hostilianus.

256. 31. Emilianus, the Moor.

256. 32. Valerianus, the eighth Persecutor of the Church.

33. Gallienus, Son to Valerianus.

271. 34. Claudius II. who abdicated in favour of 272. 35. Quintillus, his Brother, who reign'd but 17 days.

272. 36. Valerianus Aurelianus, a great Persecutor of the Church.

279. 37. Annius Tacitus.

38. Florianus, who reign'd only 2 Months.

280. 39. Valerius Probus.

286. 40. Aurelius Carus, with his Sons Carinus and Numerianus.

288. 41. Dioclefian the tenth, Perfecutor of the Church, refign'd the Government and liv'd a private Life at Salona.

308. 42. Constantius Chlorus, with Galerius, Severus, Maximianus, &c.

310. 43. Confiantine, the Great, the first Christian Emperour, who removed the Seat of the Empire from Rome to Confiantinople, and divided the Empire into feveral Independent Sovereignties, among his three Sons, alloting to Confiantine Greece, Thrace and all the Provinces of the East; to Confians, Italy, Illyricum and Africk; to Constantine, Gaul, Spain and Britain.

The Western Emperours,

341. 1. Conftans, the youngest Son of Constantine the Great, sole Emperour of the West, after the Death of his Brother Constantine.

354. 2. Constantius, who after the Death of both his Brothers reunited the Empire.

3. Valentinian, Emperour of the West, while Valens ruled the East.

4. Valentinian the II.

399. 5. Honorius the II. Son of Theodofius the Emperour.

425. 6. Valentinian the III.

455. 7. Maximus, who kill'd Valentinian the III.

and was himfelf fton'd to Death by
his own Soldiers.

456. 8. Avitus.

457. 9. Majoranus. 461. 10. Severus.

467. 11. Anthenius:

471. 12. Olybrius, who reign'd only 4 Months.

472. 13. Glycerius. 14. Julius Nepos.

473. 15. Augustulus, vanquish'd by Odoacer King of the Heruli, &c.

As to the Forms of Government and Administration of Justice in *Italy*, the Reader is to expect that in the particular Descriptions of the several Sovereignties in it; and so we go on to the

GENIUS and CUSTOMS of the Italians. They are generally very Ingenious, ready Witted, and of great Application in Study and Business: Of a middle Temper, between the Starcht Gravity of a Spaniard, and the Levity of a French Man. They have a great Sense of Gratitude, and are willing and ready upon all Occasions to return a Favour done them, tho' never so inconsiderable; but on the other Hand, they are revengful in the high-est degree, and cannot forget Injuries. They have a great Affection towards their Kindred and Alliance; and are very Ambitious of Honours and Preferment. To keep the World and themselves in Mind that they are the Successours of the old Romans, they mightily affect their ancient Names with a little variation, as, Camillo, Scipione, Julio, Mario, Pompeio, &c. For all their Gravity, there's no People on Earth that can Act a Buffoon, Mimick or Scaramouch, comparable to them. They shun all occasions of Quarelling, especially with Strangers; to whom they are very Civil and Courteous, after once you have got their Acquaintance. They are great Lovers of Liberty; and therefore in many They Places Discourses and Books about former Revolutions are forbid. The Italian Nobility and Gentry live most in Towns, and lay out their Mony more upon fine Houses and Gardens, Pictures, Statues, and fuch Things as may contribute to the adorning

their Houses: And upon fine Coaches and a handfome Retinue of Servants (who are for the most part on Board-wages) than on luxurious Tables and strong Liquors; which is too common in other parts of Europe. If there are two or more Brothers in a Family, it often happens that only one of them Marries, commonly the Eldeft; and the rest live upon Purchase. In many Places they have Hospitals for entertaining Pilgrims and poor Travellers; and others for Nursing and bringing up Children, whom Fear or Shame obliges the Parents to expose. When they lay them down, they have no more to do but ring a Bell, and tell the Officer that comes for the Child, whether it be Baptized or not. Italians are the most scrupulously nice upon all the little Punctilios of Civility of any People in the World, and profulely lavish of their Complements and high Titles: And know exactly how to receive and entertain Persons of all Ranks and Conditions. They never Whisper in a Company, or Talk in another Language, or interrupt any Man before he has done what he had a mind to fay; and nothing is thought more odious among them than Slandering and Backbiring. They never vilit Perions of Note without first sending them Word. The right Hand is more Honourable than the Left, when two Walk together, and the middle when Three. Their Conversation is very Civil and Obliging, nor does the greatest Familiarity make them forget their courteous Carriage. They have some Customs more peculiar to them-

Sleep commonly two Hours after Dinner. They make their Children go Bare-headed till they are five Years old, to harden them and prevent Catarrhs when they come to be old. Their Women affect yellow Hair, as the Roman Ladies and Curtezans did of old, and have a particular Wash for it. After the Men have been abroad visiting or so, they . throw off their Hat, Bands and Cuffs; and put on a Gray Coat and a Cap, which they commonly Dine When they call one at a distance, they point to him with their Finger downwards, looking upon's as an Affront to do it upwards. At their Meals, they begin with their roaft Meat and end with their Pottage; and roast their Meat very dry. Boy'ld Snails ferv'd up with Pepper and Oyl, and fry'd Frogs ferv'd up the fame way, are in great esteem. They commonly eat Kites, Hawks, Magpies, Jackdaws and several other lesser Birds which are not us'd here: And drink their Wine in Winter as well as in Summer out of Snow.

The Italian Language is the old Latin corrupted by the Gosls, Vandals and other Nations. In Savoy and Piedmont the French is generally Spoke. There are in Italy above 30 Archbishopricks; and the inferiour Bishopricks, as they are generally Imall, so they are almost innumerable. There are also 12 Universities, viz. Padua, Venice, Turin, Pavia, Siema, Bonvina, Rome, Ferrara, Maccrata, Fermo, Naples and Salerno. Bononia was formerly Famous for the Study of the Roman Laws, as Salerno was for that of Medicine. There are several of the most considerable Cities and Towns in Italy that have peculiar Epithets commonly given them, as, Rome, the Holy, because it is the Seat of the Pope; Naples the Noble, because of the great Number of Nobility and Gentry that are in it: Florence the Fair, because of the statelines of the Houses, and the broadness and cleanness of its Streets; Venice the

Rich,

Rich, because of its power and great Riches; Genoua the Stately, because of its Magnificent Buildings; Milan the Geat, because of its largeness and great number of Inhabitants; Ravenna the Ancient, be-cause it is so; Padua the Learned, because there Learning flourish'd; Bononia the Fat, because of the Excellency of the So'l about it; Leghorn the Merchandizing; Verona the Charming; Lucca the Folly; Cafal the Strong, &c.

As we have faid already, Italy cannot be more fitly divided, confidering the prefent State of it, and by whom it is now possess'd, than according to the feveral Dominions and Sovereignties that are in it, viz. Those of the King of Spain, the Pope, the Republick of Venice, the Great Duke of Tuscany, the Republick of Genoua, the Duke of Parma, the Duke of Savoy in Piedmont, the Swiffers beyond the Lakes of Maggicre and Como. The Grifons in the Alpes, the Arch-Duke of Austria in Tirol, Friuli and Istria, the Duke of Modena, the Duke of Mantua, the Duke of Ubino, the City of Lucca, the Count of Mirandula, and the Republick of S. Marino. But because, throughout all this Work we have observed one Order of describing the Kingdoms and Countries according as they are fituated next to one another, (tho' perhaps describing the Dominions of particular Princes all together, however they may be dispersed, as those of Spain are in Italy, would be no ill Method) we shall begin with that part of Italy that lies next to France, and so go on to the most southern Parts of it, in the same Order as you see in the following Table.

I. The Dominions of the Duke of Savoy in Piedmont. II. The Coasts of Geneua.

III. The Marquisate of Montferrat.
IV. The Durchy of Milan.
V. The Dutchy of Parma.
VI. The Dutchy of Modena.

VII. The Durchy of Mantua.

VIII. The Republick of Venice.

IX. The Republick of Lucca.

X. The Dominions of the Duke of Tuscany.

XI. The Ecclefiastical State. XII. The Republick of S. Marino.

XIII. The Kingdom of Naples. XIV. The Islands of Sicily, Corfica, Sardinia, &c.

Which are subdivided thus,

I. Piedmont divided in ten Parts. Chief Town. 1. Piedmont proper, whereof the Ch.T. is Turin. 2. French Piedmont. Pignerol. 3. The Lordship of Verceil. Verceil. The Principality of Masseran.
 The Marquisate of Jurea.
 The County of Asti. Masseran. Jurea. Asti. 7. The Marquisate of Susa.

8. The Marquisate of Saluzzo. Sufa. Saluzzo. 9. The Valleys of the Vaudois. Pragelas. 10. The Principality of Boglio. Boglio.

II. The Coasts of Genoua comprehending, The Dominions of the Republick. Genoua. The Principality of Monaco. Monaco. Several Towns belonging to other States.

III. The Dutchy of Montferat, divided between The Duke of Savoy,

Alba,
The French King (till the late Peace) possess d Casal. The Duke of Mantua.

IV. The Dutchy of Milan.
V. The Dutchy of Parma.
VI. The Dutchy of Modena.
VII. The Dutchy of Maneua. Milan. Parma. Modena. Mantua. VIII. The Republick of Venice, divided into The Terra Firma. Venice The Territories of Paduano, Veronese, &c. Several Towns on the Coast of Dalmatia. Several Islands in the Adriatick Sea, Several Islands in the Archipelago.

IX. The Republick of Lucca.

X. The Dominions of the Great Duke of Tuscany. Divided into the Territories of Florence. of Pifar Sienna.

XI. The Pope's Dominions, which contain, Viterbo. The Compaign of ROME. St. Peter's Patrimony. Orvieto. Sabina. Magliana. Ombria or the Dutchy of Spoleto. The Country of Perugia. The Marquisate of Ancona. The Dutchy of Urbino. Ravenna. Bologna. Romandiola or Romagnia, CFerrara.

XII. The little Republick of St. Marino.

XIII. The Kingdom of Naples divided into 12 Parts. The Province of Lavaro. Naples. The farther Principality. Benevento. 2. The higher Principality. 3. Salerno. Basilicata. Acerenza. 4. Cofenza. The higher Calabria. The farther Calabria. Regio. The hither Abruzzo. Chieti. The farther Abruzzo. Aquila. 9. The County of Molife.
10. The Province of Capitana. Bolano. Manfredonia. Bari. 11. The Province of Bari. 12. The Province of Otranto. Otranto.

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in Number.

Seromboli.
Lifca Bianca.

Lift Bianca. Islands lying along the Capri.
Coast of Italy, be- Islands Capraia.
tween the Liparean Ponza.
and Genoa.

Giblio.

Elba.
Capraia.
Gorgona,
Gorgona,

and Genoa.

CHAP. II. PIEDMONT.

ledmont, Pedemontium, owes its Name to its Situation, at the foot of the Mountains. It was anciently called Gallia Subalpina, and is bounded (according to Baudrand and others) with the Dutchy of Milan and Monferrat on the East, the Genousis and the County of Nice on the South, Dauphiny and Savoy on the West, and the Dutchy of Aouste and a small part of the Dutchy of Milan on the North: And divided into two Parts by the River Po. It is about 140 Miles long South and North, and 100 broad East and West. Charles Emanuel, Duke of Savoy, divided it into 12 Parts or Provinces, to which his Successour Duke Victor Amadee added 4 more: So that now (according to Franciscus Augustinus, Bishop of Saluzzo) it is divided into 16 Provinces.

Theodorick, King of the Goths, having vanquish'd Odoacer King of Italy, gave this Country to the Hevuli; who were subdued by the Lombards; whose 17th King, Aripert, gave it to the Church of Rome; but it lying far off, and not being confirmed by his Successions, at the Subversion of that Kingdom, it fell into the Hands of the Kings of Italy, of the House of Charles the Great. Thomas and Peter, Counts of Savoy, made themselves Masters of the greatest part of it by force of Arms; the former in the Year, 1210. the latter in the Year, 1256. fince which time the eldest Son of Savoy is stil'd Prince of Piedmont. The Marquisate of Saluzzo (which we shall have occasion to speak of afterwards) was annex'd to it by the Marriage of a Daughter of this Family, with Charles Duke of Savoy, An. 1481.

Piedmont as it is a very fertile and rich Country, so it is also one of the most pleasant and plentiful in all Italy. It produces plenty of Corn, Wine, Fruit, Hemp, Flax, Metals, and affords good store of Cattle, and every thing fit for the use and delight of Man; and is so populous, that the Italians us'd to say, That the Duke of Savoy had but one City in Italy 300 Miles in Compass. Notwithstanding the different Divisions that have been made of this Country at feveral times, as we faid before, it may not improperly be divided now into 10 Parts: Although one of them, call'd the French Piedmont, was restor'd to the Duke of Savoy by the Treaty of Peace at Turin, An. 1696. The 10 Parts are,

1. Piedmont, properly fo 7. The Marq. of Susa. Call'd. 8. The Marq. of Sa-

3. The Lordth of Verceil.
4. The Prin. of Masser of 2000.
5. The Marg. of 2000.

of Boglio. 5. The Marq. of Jurea.
6. The County of Afti.

Piedmont, properly fo call'd, is bounded with Montferrat on the East, the Territories of Genoua on the South, the Marquisate of Saluzzo on the West, and that of Susa and a part of Montserrat on the North. The principal Cities and Towns in it

Turin, Ch. Seva. Schieri. Moncallier. Mondovi. Sconi. Corbasson. Vigon.

Turin, Augusta Taurinorum, and Taurinum. Pli. ny and Ptolomey place it in Gallia Subalpina. and Appianus Alexandrinus call it Taurasia, and Stephanus Taurenia. This City is seated at the end of a Charming Plain, upon the River Po, which furnish it abundantly with all Necessaries and Conveniencies of Life. It is enclosed with strong Walls. and furrounded with broad, deep, and well lin'd Ditches. The Cittadel is a Master-piece of Fortification; and the prefent Duke has done all he can to make it Impregnable. The Streets of the new Town are broad and flraight, but the old Town is very irregular, the Streets narrow and crooked, and the Houses not worth looking at. The publick Places in the new are Spacious, the Palaces are the noblest Improvements of Architecture, the Paintings, Guilding and other Ornaments of the Churches are fuitable to the beauty of the Buildings, the Shops are all well Furnish'd, and the Academies for Riding, Dancing and Martial Exercises, well provided with Masters; and in short, hardly any thing wanting to make it a most glorious City. And to compleat the Glories of the Place, there is a Court, that, notwithftanding its smallness, may be justly reckon'd the Seat of Gallantry and Politeness. All the Orna-ments of this City are Modern; except what's to be feen in the Duke's Gallery, there's scarce any thing of Antiquity here. It is full of all Sorts of fine Paintings, rate Manuscripts, Medals, Vases, and other Curiofities of that Nature. There is lately added to the Cathedral Church, dedicated to St. John, a Chappel of furprizing Beauty and Riches. It was Built on purpole in Honour of the Holy Sheet, or Cloth (as they fay) in which our Saviour was wrapt at his Burial, and upon which the Image of his Face was miraculously Stampt. The University was erected here under the Pontificat of Benedict XIII. An. 1405. and the Cittadel built by Emanuel Philbert, Duke of Savoy, An. 1565. which, not-withstanding its great Strength was taken by the French, under the Command of Count Harcourt, An. 1640. It stands in the Lat. of 44. 40. about 12 Miles from Pignerol to the North East, 76 from Vercelli, 27 from Afti to the West, and 80 from Genoua to the North West, 70 from the Mediterranean Sea to the North, and 100 from the Lake of Geneva to the South East.

Fossano, Fossanum, so call'd from the wholsome Springs that are in its Neighbourhood. It was built in the Year, 1236. and stands upon the River Stura, between Saluzzo to the West, and Mondovi to the South West, 6 from Coni, 24 from Turin to the South, and 26 from Pignerol to the South East. Pope Gregory XVIII. founded an Episcopal See here, under the Arch-bishop of Milan.

Mondovi, Mons Realis, or Mons Vici, stands at the Foot of the Appennines, 2 Miles from the Ri-ver Tanaro, 13 from Coni to the East, 26 from Final to the North West, and 37 South from Turin. It was once a part of the Marquisate of Montferrat; till at the Solicitation of Theodore II. Marquis of that Name, it was erected into a Bishoprick, An. that Name, it was creeted into a Turin. Pope 1388. Subject to the Archbishop of Turin. Pope Pint V.

Pius V. was fometimes Bishop here, call'd then Cardinal Michael Gisterius. There was formerly an University here, which was translated to Turin. In the beginning of the Year 1699. the Inhabitants of the flat Country, about Mondovi, join'd with the Banditi, who were the Ringleaders of it, formed a formidable Rebellion against the Duke, and in several Skirmishes wasted his Forces, and killed several Officers of Quality, and a great many of his Soldiers. 'Tis true, the Mondovi in general, are no better than the Banditi; but whether His Royal Highnes's Rigour toward his Subjects was to blame for this, or no, we leave to others to decide: He at last extinguish'd this Flame, by the Blood of such of the Offenders as were taken.

Carignano, Carinianum, stands on the Po, about 5 Miles from Turin to the South, and near as much from Carmagnole; and did bear the Title of a Principality, with which Thomas Francis of Savoy, fifth Son of Charles Emanuel 1. and Catharine Michelle of Austria, was honoured, as he was likewise with that of Great Master of France. It is desended by a strong Castle, and has the Advantage of a stately Bridge over the Po. It was taken by the French, An. 1691. and regain'd the same Year by the Duke

of Savoy.

Ceva, Ceba, or Ceva, stands upon the River Tanaro, near the Confines of the Dutchy of Moneferrat, about 7 Miles from Mondovi to the East, and 40 from Turin to the South East. It had for merly Marquesses of that Title, and from it the neighbouring Country was call'd the Marquisate of Ceva.

Savillano, or Savigliano, Savillanum, stands upon the River Magra, in the middle between Fossino to the East, and Saluzzo to the West, about 5 Miles from either, and 20 directly South from Turin. It is most advantageously situated between 2 Rivers, insomuch that 'tis said that Philbert Emanuel, Duke of Savoy, design'd to make it the Metropolis of his Dominions.

Coni, or Cunio, Cunenum, is a strong Town and Castle built on a Hill, at the Constuence of the Rivers Stura and Ges. It held out against Francis I. King of France; but was taken by Count Hurcourt in the Year 1641. in the Reign of Lewis XIII. of France. In the Year 1691, the French attempted to take it; but were forc'd to raise the Siege. It stands about 11 Miles from Fossano, and 30 from Turin to the South, and is said to have been builtin the Year 1150.

Cherasco, Carrea, stands in the County of Asti, upon the River Tanaro; but this old Name, according to Francis Augustin Bishop of Saluzzo, belongs rather to Chieri in Piedmont; which was once a confiderable free Town, before it sell into the Hands of the Duke of Savoy. It stands about 5 Miles from

Turin to the East.

The Country which of late has been call'd FRENCH PIEDMONT, does not now deferve that Name; fince by the Treaty of Peace between France and Savoy, concluded at Turin, Antego. it was agreed, That the City and Cittadel of Pignerol, after the Fortifications should be demolished, at the King's Charge, together with the Forts of St. Bridget, the Perouse, &c. as well as the Territories and Dominions comprised under the Name of the Government of Pignerol (which did belong to the House of Savoy, before the Cession or Surrender, that Vistor Amadeo, the first Duke of that Name, made to Lewis XIII. of France) should be

reftor'd to the Duke of Savoy. This Country lies between Piedment properly so call'd, and the Vallics of the Vaudois; and contains these Places,

Pignerol, Cap. Perouse, Briqueras.

Pignerol, or Pinarolo, Pinariolum, stands upon the River Chifius, commonly by the Italians call'd Il Chiese, at the Foot of the Alpes, near the Confines of Dauphiny. It was lately a very well fortified Town; and the Cittadel, as it was before the de-molishing of it, might have been justly reckon'd one of the Strongest Places in Europe; and a terrible Thorn in the Duke of Savoy's Foot while it remain'd in the French King's Hands; which one day might have made him halt, if he had not taken care to pluck it out by the late Treaty. It was formerly under the Jurisdiction of Savoy, and was commonly an Appenage of the younger Sons of that Family, till it was taken by the French Forces, under the Conduct of Armand John de Plessis, Cardinal of Richelieu, in the Year 1630, and asterwards fold by Duke Victor Amadeo, together with the Fort and Valley of Perouse, for the Sum of 494000 Crowns to the King of France; who, besides this Sum, resign'd to the Duke the City of Alba in the Dutchy of Montferrat, with the adjacent Territories, by a Treaty concluded at Cherafeo, 31 March, 1631. In the Year 1693, the Duke of Savoy, at the Head-of the Confederate Forces, laid Siege to it; but afterwards his Royal Highness thought fir to leave it and go meet General Catinat, who then lay encamp'd with 12 or 14000 Men between the Mountains of Fenestrelle and Bossa, about 20 Miles North West of Pignerol; but finding it hard to come at him, went back and opened the Trenches before Pignerol, in September. In the mean while Catinat's Army was re-inforc'd with feveral Detachments from Germany and Catalonia; and the Confederates raited the Siege, blew up the Fortress of St. Bridget (which has a Communication with the Cittadel by a cover'd Way, and a Passage under Ground) and set forward to meet him, near Orbeffan in the Plains of Marfeillane; where a bloody battel was fought on the 4th of October, 1693. in which the French won the day, but lost above 6000 Men, and the Consederates about 5500. The City of Pignerol (as we said before) was furrendred to the Duke of Savoy, and all its Fortifications demolished, by the Treaty of Turin, 1696. It stands about 20 Miles from Turin to the South West, 24 from Susa to the South, 15 from Saluzzo to the South, above 40 West from Cafal, and 350 from Paris to the South East. Perusa, (or Perouse by the French) Perusa, stands

reruja, (or Perouje by the French Peruja, italus near the River Clurius, or Il Chicle, at the Foot of the Hills, and gives Name to a Valley. It belong'd formerly to the Duke of Savoy; but fell into the French King's Hands, An. 1631. and was reftor'd by the Treaty of Turin, 1696. It thands 4 Miles from Piguerol to the North; and must not be confounded with another Town in the Pope's Dominions, which the French call Perouse, but the Italians Perussia; in Latin Perussia, of which we shall have occasion to treat afterwards.

Briqueras, or Bricherasco by the Inhabitants, Briquerascum, stands near the little River Peles, on the Consines of Dauphiny, about 5 Miles from Pigneral to the South. In the Year 1592, it was taken by the French, under the Command of M. de Lesdiguieres, who caus'd it to be well fortified, but Charles

Emanuel Duke of Savoy afterwards re-took ic.

The Lordship of VERCEIL, or the Vercellese, Vercellense Dominium, is bounded on the North and East with the Dutchy of Milan, on the West with the Biellese and Canavese, and on the South with Monsferrat. By the Treaty of Turin, 1427. Philip Marias Duke of Milan resign dit to Amadeo Duke of Savoy, reserving to himself only that part that lies between the Novaressa and the River Sosia. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Verceil. Bielia. Santia.

Verceil, or Vercelli, Vercella, stands on the Confines of the Dutchy of Milan, upon the River Sesia, or Sessive, which 10 Miles below, falls into the Po, about 12 Miles from Casal to the North, in the midst between Milan and Turin, about 40 Miles from each, and 30 from Jurnea. It is the Seat of a Bishop, Sustragan to the Archbishop of Milan. It has a Castle and Cittadel, and is pretty well fortied; and contains several sine Churches, and a good Hospital. Pope Leo IX. conven'd a Council in this Town against Berengarius Arch-deacon of Anger, who was cited, but did not appear. The Spaniards made themselves Masters of the Town, An. 1638. and reftor'd it to the Duke of Savoy by the Pyrenean Treaty.

Bielia, Bielia, and Bugella, stands at the Foot of the Mountains, 25 Miles from Verceil to the West, about 12 Miles from Jurea to the North East, and gives Name to the adjacent Country, call'd the

Bielese.

Santa, Fanum Sancie Agathe, gives Name to the adjacent County, in the Vercellefe; and is distant about 16 Miles from Vercelli to the West, and 20 from Jurea. Francis d'Este, the second Duke of Modena, that samous Warrior died here, 14 Octob. 1658.

The Principality of MASSERAN, or Masserano. Masserani Principarus, lies near the Confines of the Dutchy of Milan, between the Vercellese and the Biellese. It had formerly Princes of its own of the Family of Flisca; but by Adoption sell into the House of Ferrera, and so now its Princes are call'd of the Family of Ferrera Flisca. It is a Vassalage of the Pope's, and has under its Jurisdiction Crevacore adjacent to it, and some other Places of little moment. The only remarkable Town in it is,

Messeran, or Messerano, Messeranum, seated on a Hill, in the Consines of Milan, about 18 Miles from Jurea to the East, about 20 to the North West of Vercelli, and 36 from Turin to the North East.

The Matquisate of FURE A, Eporrediensis Marchionatus, was anciently a considerable part of Gallia Subalpina. About 400 Years ago it was a considerable Country in Italy, lying along the Foot of the Mountains, between them and the Po, and was under the Jurisdiction of its own Marquesses; but afterwards came to be divided into several Parts and so lost its old Name, as Baudrand says; who mightily blames some modern Geographers, for placing this Marquisate in part of Italy, now call'd Il Canavesse. The only Town of Note in it is,

Jurea, a Town anciently belonging to the Salassii, which Pliny calls Eporredia, Strabo, Eporadia and Antoninus, Eporedia, stands on the River Derea Baltea, where there is a stately Stone Bridge; and was built, as some say (particularly Buno) about 100 Years before the Birth of Christ. It is an Episcopal. See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Turin, and is a Place of great Importance to the Duke of Savoy, into whose Hands it came, according to Baudrahd and others, in the Year 1313. being well defended by a Cittadel and Castle. It was taken by the French, An. 1554. and restor'd sometime after. It is distant from Turin about 25 Miles to the North, 30 from Aouste to the South, and as many from Vercelli to the West. It is famous for the excellent Checses that are made in and about it.

The County of ASTI. Contado d'Asti, Astensis Comitatus, anciently a part of the Dutchy of Milan; but has been subject to the Duke of Savoy since the Year 1531. by the Concession of the Emperor Charles V. who had taken it from the Fiench two Years before. It is bounded on the West by Piedmont, and on all other Parts by the Dutchy of Montferrat. The Towns of any Note in it are,

Asti. Verrua or Verua.

Asti, Aste, by the French, Asta. Peolomy makes it the Name of a Town and Colony of Gallia Cislipine in Ligaria. It stands on the River Tenaro, about 15 Miles from Alba to the North East, 16 from Casal to the South West, and 26 from Turin to the East. It was once a considerable Republick, but afterwards fell into the Hands of the Viscounts, and so became a part of the Dutchy of Milan; from which, after many Turns and Revolutions it fell in to the Duke of Savoy, by the Gift of the Emperor Charles V. to Charles III. Duke of Savoy, Anzisti. It consists at present of several Parts, vizithe City, the Burrough, the Cittadel, the Fort and Castle of St. Peter; all which are pretty well fortified. The neighbouring Fields are very Fertile, and produce, particularly, a fine fort of Melon, very much esteem'd.

Verrua or Verua, Veruca, is a Fortress, built on a Rock, on the Banks of the Po, over against Crefeentino, near the Confines of Montferrat and the Canavese, about 16 Miles from Turin to the East, and somewhat less from Casal, and 12 from Ast to the North. It was strongly fortisted by Charles Emanuel, Duke of Savoy, and in vain attempted by

the Spanish Forces, An. 1625.

The Marquifate of SUSA. Segufinus Marchionatus, lies along the Foot of the Alpes, between Pickmann, properly so call'd, on the East, and Dauphiny on the West. It was formerly of greater Extent and inhabited by the Segufini, according to Cluverius; and is now subject to the Duke of Savoy.

The only Town of Note in it is,

Sufa, Sufe by the French, Segurium. Is a little City feated among the Mountains, by which it is commanded almost on every side, on the River Doria. It gives Name to the Marquisate; and is distant about 3 Miles from the Consines of France and Dauphiny, 24 from Turin to the West, and as many from Brianzen. Here, they say, is to be seen a Triumphal Arch erected in Honour of Augustus, A. U. C. 740. (which Mr. Misson, I think, takes no notice of) And some think this is the Town where that Emperor set up his Trophy 14 Years before the Birth of Christ; tho others are of opinion it was not here, but at a Place call'd Tourbie at the Foot of the Maritime Alpes, because there is a Stone to be seen in that Place with this Inscription, Senter Alpina device. At this Place was found the Se-

pulchre of Cottus, from whom the Alpes Cottia of Saluzes on the South, and is commonly divided took their Name. The French took this Place, An. into 5 remarkable Vallies, viz. 1630. and fortified it strongly; but afterwards reflor'd it. They took it again in the Year 1690. and restor'd it, An. 1696.

The Marquisate of SALUCES as the French call it, and the Italians Saluzzo, Salutiarum Mar-chionatus, lies at the Foot of the Alpes, having Piedmont on the East, Dauphiny on the West, and the County of Nice on the South. It formerly belong'd to France, 'till Henry IV. gave it to Charles Emanuel, Duke of Savoy, in Exchange for Bresse, Bugey, and other Places on this side the Rhone, in the Year 1601. That River takes its Rise near this Country, from the Mountain Viso, which is thought to be the highest of the Alpes. The Marquesses of Saluzzo have caused a famous Vault 4 Miles long to be hewed out of the Rock, near this Place, through which Mules may easily pass with Goods from Italy into France. This Family deserves its Original, they fay, from one William, an Italian Count, who flourished about the beginning of the tenth Century. The most remarkable Towns belonging to this Country are,

Carmagnialo Cental.
Roquifpariero.
Birgues.
Staffords.

Saluzzo, or Saluces, Salutia, and Augusta Vagiennorum, stands on a Hill, at the Foot of the Alpes, about a Mile from the River Po, 10 from Foffano to the West, 24 from Turin to the South, and 12 from Pignerol. It has been an Episcopal See, under the Archbishoprick of Turin since the Year 1511. and the Cathedral Church is very Magnificent and Rich. It was taken by the French, An. 1691. and re-taken the same Year.

Carmagniola, Carmaniola, is feated above 2 Miles from the Po, and 8 from Turin to the South. It was taken in the Year 1588. during the Civil Wars of France, by Charles Emanuel Duke of Savoy, and had it confirm'd to him by a Treaty of Peace, 1600. The French took it in the Year 1691. but lost it again that same Year.

Stafforda, is a small Town, no other way remarkable than for the Victory which the French obtain'd near it over the Duke of Savoy, in the Month of August, 1690. where the French were said to lose 500, and His Royal Highness near double that

Cental, Centale, is a little Town, not long ago fortified, upon the Rivulct Malea, in the midst between Coni and Savigliano.

The Country commonly call'd the THE VAL-LIES OF THE VAUDOIS, fies between French Piedmont on the West and North, Piedmont properly so call'd, on the East, and the Marquisate into 5 remarkable Vallies, viz.

Pragelas or Cluson \ Lucern. St. Martyn.

The People commonly call'd the Vaudois, owe their Name, as it is faid, to one Peter Valdo or Vaud, a rich Merchant of Lyons in France, about the Year 1160, who seeing a Friend of his die suddenly, became mighty ferious upon't, and fell a reading the Bible; and by that means discover'd the Errors of the Church of Rome, and communicated what he had learned to a great many of his Friends and Neighbours, who very quickly grew up to a confiderable Party. Whereupon Peter was excom-municated by the Clergy, and feveral of his Disci-ples persecured; which obliged them to retire into the Vallies of Piedmont. They have suffer'd many Persecutions, and particularly in the Year 1688. the Duke of Savoy persecuted the poor Inhabitants of those Vallics; who having in vain endeavoured to preserve their Religion and Liberties, many of 'em were made Prisoners, and the rest, at the Solicitation of the Protestant Cantons, permitted to go where they would. In the Year 1689, a great many of them put themselves in Arms in the Cantons of Bern and Switzerland, and with a Secrecy that prevented even the Suspicions of their Enemies, form'd two Bodies, one of 1200 and the other of 3000 Men; and imbarking on the Lake of Geneva, forc'd their way through Savay into their own Country, in spite of the united Forces of France and Savoy, who oppos'd their Passage, and obliged them to five or fix little Battles, in which the Vaudois had still the Advantage: And all this without any Officers, except one Mr. Arnaul, a Minister; and under him a Mason, nam'd Turel, for their Lieutenant General. In the Year 1690, the Duke of Savoy, by the Mediation of King William, re-call'd these Resugees, and restor'd them to their former Privileges and Immunities. But by the Treaty of Peace between the King of France and the Duke of Savoy, concluded at Turin, 1696. it is agreed, That the Inhabitants of the Vallies of Lucern call'd the Vandois, shall have no Communication in Matters of Religion, with that King's Subjects: Nor shall His Royal Highness suffer any of His Majesty's Subjects to make any Settlement in the Protestant Vallics, under Colour of Religion, Marriage, or any Pretence whatsoever; nor any Protestant Ministers to come from thence into any of His Majesty's Do-minions, without incurring the severest Corporal Punishment. Since which time His Royal Highness has been very severe upon those poor People, and driven them all out of his Dominions into the Protestant Countries of Europe, and England since the beginning of this Year 1699. has had its share.

As to the Counties of Boglio, Oncile and Tende, they are treated of already in our Description of Savoy.

CHAP. III.

The Coasts of Genoa, or Genoua, Ora Genuensis.

THEN we speak of the Coasts of Genoua, we do not mean only the Places and Towns on those Coasts belonging to that Republick, but also several other little Towns and Countries along the Coast of that Sea, commonly call'd the Sea of Genoua, in the Possession of several Princes and States: Extending in length from the River Var that separates Provence from Italy, to the Magra, which falls into the Mediterranean Sea near the Ruins of the City Luna, now call'd Luna Destrutta. Its length is computed to be about 150 Miles, from West to East, and its breadth about 30 at the broadest, and not above 6 or 7 at the narrowest. It is bounded on the South by the Mediterranean Sea, on the North by the Dutchies of Parma, Milan and Montferrat, on the East by Tuscany and Massa, and on the West by the River Var and Provence. It makes up the greater part of the ancient Liguria; which was divided into Liguria, Littorea and Liguria Mediterranea; the former of which seems to have been the Country we are now treating of; which (as we faid before) comprehended feveral Places befides what belong to the Republick of Genoua, as you may fee in the ensuing Table.

Nice, Villefranche, belonging to the D. Maro, Of Savoy.

Monaco, to the Prince of Monaco.
Final, to the King of Spain.

St. Remo.
Ventimiglia.
Albenga.
Noli.
Savano.
GENOUA.
Sarzana.
Brugnetto.
Rapallo.
La-Vegna.
La-Pegaa.
Torreglia.

We have already treated of Nice and Villefranche in the Description of Savoy; Donas and Maro are so inconsiderable that we find very little said concerning them, only that the latter is both the Name of a Town and a Marquisate, belonging to the Duke of Savoy.

Monaco, Herculis Monaci Portus, call'd by the People of Provence, Mourgues, is a little Town, but well fortified, with an old Caftle, and a very fafe Harbour. It stands upon the Confines of the County of Nice, 6 Miles from the Town of that Name towards Albenga. This Town gives Name to a little fort of Principality, governed by its own Princes of the Family of Grimaldi, who are also Peers of France; and having expell'd the Spaniards in the Year 1641. were obliged to crave Protection of the French King, and receive a Garrison of his Soldiers. This Principality is so little that besides the Town call'd Monton, and a Village Roccabruma. The present Prince is the French King's Minister at the Court of Rome.

Final, Finalium or Finarium, stands in the midst between Savona and Albenga, on the Coasts of Genoua, and is dignified with the Title of a Marquifate. It was formerly govern'd by its own Princes of the Family of Carrelo; but has been under the Jurisdiction of Spain since the Year 1599, that Andreas Sforza, the last Marquis, sold it to the Spaniards. The Town is at present pretty well fortified, and hath a strong Castle on the top of a Hill; the Avenues of which are guarded by 2 Forts.

San Remo, Fanum Romuli, stands on the Coast of Genoma, (to which Republick it belongs) about 9 Miles from Vinimiglia to the East, about 30 from Nice, and 15 from Monaco. It is a Place of Importance, and stands in a very fertile and pleasant Valley, that produces Oranges, Citrons, Olives and other

Fruits.

Vintimeglia, Albintemelium, (the same with Vintemelium and Albintimilium, mentioned by Tacirus, Varro, and other Authors) stands on the Sea-Shear, near the Frontiers of Savoy and the County of Nice, 14 Miles from the Town of Nice to the East, 7 from Monaco, 30 from Coni to the South, and 80 from Genoua to the West. It is an Episcopa! See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Milan, and has been under the Jurisdiction of Genoua ever since the Year 1238.

Albenga, Albigaunum, or Albingaunum, stands on the Sea-Shoar, on the West part of the Coast of Genoua, over against a little Island, or rather a Rock in the Sea, call'd Fyolotto d'Albenga, 50 Miles to the West of Genoua, 35 from Ventimeglia, and 40 from Alba to the South. It was erected into an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Genoua, in the Year 1179. It was formerly a considerable and rich Town; but of late has begun to decay.

Noli, Naulum or Naulium, stands in a pleasant Plain on the Coasts of Genoua, not above a Mile from Final, between Savona to the North East, and Albenga to the South West, 10 Miles from the former, and 12 from the latter. It is a Bishoprick, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Genoua, and was formerly a free Town, but is now under the Jurisdiction of Genoua; and has not the advantage of a Harbour.

Savona, Savona stands on the West Coasts of Genoua, about 3 Miles from Vado to the North East, 8 from Noli, 30 from Albenga, as many from Genoua, and 22 from Acqui to the South. It is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Milan, and is defended by a Cittadel and 2 Fortresses. It had once a very large and good Harbour, but it was stopt up by the Genouse, upon jealousse of its being too much savoured by Francis I. King of France.

Genoa or Genoua, Genua, is a very ancient Town in Liguria in Gallia Cifalpina, according to Pliny, Strabo, and others. It was fack'd by Mago the Carthaginian, 549 Years after the building of Rome; and afterwards re-built by the Romans. There has been a great deal of Dust rais'd about the Etymology of this Word, some maintaining it came from double-fac'd Janus; others, that it was derived from Janua, because it was, in a manner, a Gate into Italy; some from Janus first King of Italy, or Janus King of the Teians; but 'tis not worth the

while to examin who has the most Reason for his Affertion, only this is plain, that the fore-cited Authors call it Genua, and so does T. Livius, and a Stone that was found by a Peasant as he was Tilling the Ground, An. 1507. has an Inscription on it, where the Genoese are call'd Genuates. It was dignified with the Title of an Archbishoptick, by Pope Innocent II. An. 1132. It was burnt by the Saracens in the Year, 935. all the Citizens being either Kill'd or carried away Prisoners; but they were brought back by the Means of the Doge of Venice, ind the Town Rebuilt, and made more Magnifi-cent than it was before. It is now the Capital City of Liguria, and Head of a Republick; and Seated at the Botrom of a little Gulf, on the declivity at the Foot of a Hill, seeming to consist of several Stories. The Port lies very open towards the Sea, and therefore cannot afford fafe Anchorage for Ships. The City contains 35 Parishes, the Streets are for the most part uneven and very narrow; and the Houses are fix or seven Stories high in the lower part of the Town; but by degrees as the Ascent rises, he Houses are lower, and built at a greater distance. The Situation of it affords a very fine Prospect; but is very inconvenient for those that would ride in Coaches; and therefore Persons of Quality use Litters and Chairs. It is absolutely falle that this Litters and Chairs. It is absolutely falle that this City is built of Marble as most People believe; Brick and Stone, or both mixt together, are the ordinary Materials of its Houses; and the Walls are generally covered with Plaister. There are some Houses, among those more lately Built, that are richly adorn'd with Marble; but there's as good Reason for saying London is built of Stone, as Genoua is built of Marble. But tho' the City is not built of Marble, it may justly boast of some very Beautiful Structures; for the Houses are extreamly large and fair in five or fix Streets that are of a confiderable Breadth, and in the Magnificent Suburb of S. Pietro d' Arena. This City suffered very much by the Bombardment in the Year, 1684. but few of the most beautiful Edifices received any great hurt by the French Bombs, private Persons, and those of inferiour Rank having suffered most by it.

The Government of this Republick is Aristocratical. The Doge (whose Government lasts two Years) is the supream Magistrate, assisted by 8 Senators or Governors, a certain Number of Procurators, and a Grand Council confifting of a certain Number of the Nobility, who are in all 700. The Doge cannot be continued above two Years, but may be Chosen again five Years after the end of his Government: And none of his Relations can be elected immediatly after him. He is stil'd His Screnity, as the Senators are Their Excellencies, and the Noble-The Power and Grandeur men Most Illustrious.

of this Republick is extreamly decreased since those glorious Days, when they extended their Conquests to the Tanais, and made themselves Masters of all the Coasts of Asia, and the Islands of Cyprus, Scio, Lesbos, &c. They still retain the Island of Corfica, with the Title of a Kingdom, and are extreamly proud of it; for the Doge is crown'd with a Royal Crown of Gold, and a Scepter is put into his Hand, because of it. The Trade of Genoua is very much decay'd. It confifts particularly in Velvet, Point, Gloves, Dry Confections, Anchoves, and feveral forts of Fruits. There are fome private Perfons very Rich, but the Republick is Poor. Neither Corn or Wine are Sold in the Markets; for the Govern-ment referves that Trade for it felf, and the Bakers must fetch their Corn from the Publick Granaries. This City stands 270 Miles from Rome to the North West, 75 from Turin, 135 from Florence to the West, 220 from Venice to the South West, and 80 from Milan to the South. Latit. 44. 50. Longit. 27 0.

Sarazana, Serezana or Sergianum, stands near the Mouth of the River Magra, in the midst between Massa and Spetoia; about 34 Miles from Lucca to the North West, and 18 from Brugnetto. It is defended by a strong Castle, and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Pisa. It's rise is from the Ruins of a Neighbouring Town called Luna; and Pope Nicolas the V. a Native of this Place, translated the Bishoprick of Luna hither, with the Title of

both Sees, in the Year, 1450.

Brugnetto, Brunetum, or Bruniacum, stands upon the River Verra, at the foot of the Appanines, nine Miles to the West of Pontiermoli, as many from Spetoia to the North, and 50 from Genoua to the East. It is but a small Town, and not well inhabited, but is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of

Rapallo, Rapallum, is a little Town, under the Jurisdiction of Geneua, upon that Coast, with a Harbour, about 23 Miles from Genua to the East, and 3 from Portofino. Near to it is the little Bay call'd Golfo di Ripallo, The Reader must take notice that Rapolla in Basilicata in the Kingdom of Naples sounds very like this, tho' the Latin Word for that is Rapollo, as Rapallum is for this.

Lavagna, Lavania, or Lebonia, a little Town on the Coast of Genoua, at the Mouth of the River Entella, belonging to the Republick of Genoua, between Chiavari to the West, and Cestre di Levante to the

La Spezza, or La Spetia, Spedia, is a little Town, belonging to the Republick of Genous, standing at the bottom of the Golfo della Spetia, 7 Miles from Sarazana to the North West, as far from Lunade-Struttar 4 from Porto Venere, and 11 from Brig-

CHAP. IV.

The Dutchy of Montferrat.

and riling Grounds in it, as if it were Monsferax, is bounded on the East by the Dutchy of Milan, and a part of the Dominions of Genua, on the North by the Vercellese and Bugellese and the

Ontferrat, Monsferratus, or Monsferranus, Canavese, on the West with Piedmont, properly so so call'd from the fruitful Soil of the Hills call'd, and the County of Asti, and on the South by the western Dominions of Genua, from which it is separated by the Apennines, and comprehends a great part of the ancient Liguria Mediterranea. fell into the House of Maneua, in the Year, 1535by the Martiage of Margaret, Wife of Frederick I. Duke of Mantua, after the Death of Boniface her Brother, Iast Marquis of the Family of the Paleologi. It was formerly of greater Extent, comprehending a part of the Canavese, and of the Higher Langbe; which were given to the Duke of Savoy by the Treaty of Cherasco, in the Year 1631, together with a part of Montserrat beyond the Po; so that after that it was divided into twoparts, viz. into Montserrat, properly so call'd, which lies to the East and South, and is under the Duke of Mantua, (except Casal; of which lies towards the West and North, under the Duke of Savoy. So that the whole of this Dutchy is now divided into three parts, as you may see in the following Table.

Cafal, belonging to Alba, the French.

Salugio, of Savoy.

Aequi, Ripalia, belonging to the Duke of Occimian, Mantua. Belzola,

CASAL, Cafale, called by the Ligurians Bodincomagus, by the Romans, Industria, afterwards Sedulia, as appears by the Annals of the City. It is also call'd Casale di S. Vaso, from S. Evassus, its Patron, to distinguish it from other Towns of the same Name.

It flands on the Po, 4 Miles from Trino, to the Eaft, 15 from Asli to the North, 40 from Train to the Eaft, and about as many from Milan. In the Year 1474, Pope Sixtus IV. erected it into a Bishoprick, under the Archbishop of Milan, at the Request of Gulielmus Paleologus Marquis of Montferrat. It is samous for the many Sieges which it has sustained. Gonzales at the head of the Spanish Forces Invested it in the Year 1629, but was forced to leave it in the Night time, on the approach of the French Forces. The Spaniards attempted it

next Year after, under the Command of Ambrofio Spinola; but the Marquis de Torias defended it so Vigorou-sly that they lost their Labour. In the Year 1640, they came before it again, under the Command of the Maiquis de Leganez; but Count Harcourt drove them away, taking several of their Standards, their Baggage and Ammunition, and above 2000 Prisoners, and Kill'd as many. In the Year 1652, the Spaniards taking advantage of the Commotions of France, made themfelves Masters of it, and afterwards Surrendr'd it to the Duke of Mantua; who kept a Garrison in it, till he Sold it to Lewis XIV. King of France, on 30 September, 1681. The Duke of Mantua receives still some inconsiderable Duties from it. It was lately a very well Fortified City, with a Castle and Citadel, which was of great Importance; The French having corrected all the Irregularities of the Fortifications, and added a great deal more to what there was formerly; but in pursuance of the Articles of Capitulation with the Duke of Savoy, who besieged it with the Confederate Army, 1695, it was Demolish'd.

Alba, Alba Pompeia, stands on the River Tanarvo, 12 Miles from Afti to the South, 7 from Cherafeo, and 28 from Turin to the South West. It formerly belong d to the Duke of Mantua, but was yielded to the Duke of Savoy by the Treaty of Cherafeo, Ann. 1631. It has suffered several Changes and Revolutions, and is in a Decaying condition, and indifferently Inhabited. It is however an Episcopal See, un-

der the Archbishop of Milan.

Acqui, Aquæ Statellæ, or Statellæ, or, according to Pliny, Aquæ Statyellæ, standson the River Barmio, near the Appennines, 16 Miles from Allessandinas della Paglia to the South, as many from Savona, somewhat more from Astito the South East, and Alba to the East. It is famous for its hot Sulphurious Waters, to which great Numbers of People come to be freed from their cold noxious humours, as Ferrasius relates; and to the Seat of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Milan.

CHAP. V.

The Dutchy of Milan, Mediolanensis Ducatus.

HE Dutchy, commonly call'd the Milanefe, is the North Part of Liguria, and was anciently Inhabited by the Infubres. The Longobardi, a People of Germany, having over-run Pannona, in the Year of Christ 526, made Incursions into Italy in the Year 552, and having expell'd the Goths in the Year 572, Establish'd a new Kingdom, which lasted about 206 Years, till Charles the Great abolish'd it. About the Year 1389, the French first laid claim to this Country; and upon this account, Lewis Duke of Orleans, Brother of Charles VI. Married Valentina, the Daughter of John Galeaceo, Viscount of Milan, with this condition, that he should receive immediately as a Dowry, not only a great Treasure of Money and Jewels, but also the County of Ast; and in case her Father should die without Iffue, the whole Countrey should be devolv'd to Valentina and her Children: Which Contract has not only furnish'd France with a pretension to Milan; but has also been the occasion of great Calamities. In the Year 1499, Lewis XII. pretending a Right to this Dukedom by his Grandmothers fide, Conquer'd it in 21 Days, and forced Lewis the Black to fly into

Germany; but the Inhabitants of Milan not being able to endure the too free Conversation of the French with their Wives, recall'd their Duke, who being affifted by an Army of Swiss, Regain'd the whole Countrey, except the Castle of Milan, and the City of Novaro; but Lewis fending timely Relief from France, and the Swiss proving Treacherous to the Duke, and refufing to Fight against the French, he was forc'd to endeavour his escape in a common Soldiers Habit: and being taken, was kept Priloner at Loches ten Years, where he died; and so the French were abfolute Masters of Milan ; but in the Year 1512, they were forc'd to leave Italy, and Maximilian, Son of Lewis the Black, was restored to the Dutchy of Milan by the help of the Swiss. Afterwards Francis I. Invaded Italy, and beat Maximilian, having Kill'd 10000 Swiss, with the loss of 4000 of his best French Troops. After which Maximilian furrendred himfelf and the whole Countrey to the King, on condition of an Annual Pension of 30000 Ducats to be paid him. In the Year 1521. Francis was led out of Milan and Francis Sforza Restor'd, by the means of the Emperor and the Pope; but at last after fo many Changes and Revolutions, by the Peace Concluded at Cambray, in the year 1529. Francis renounced all his Pretenfions to Milan, and afterwards the Emperor Charles V. annexed it to the

Crown of Spain for ever.

This Country is well Watered, and very Fruitful, producing abundance of Corn, Wine, Flax, and feveral forts of good Fruit. It is Ruled by a Governor tent from the King of Spain; who Rules the Inhabirants with absolute sway, and squeeses great Sums of Money out of them, belides the King's Revenue; which fome fay amounts to 3000000 Livers, besides a Million more in time of War. The Countrey is commonly divided into these Parts or Territorics, viz. il Territorio di Milano, il Pauese, il Novarese, il Comasco, il Lodegino, il Cremonese, il Tortonese, l' Alessandriano, il Contado di Aughiera, and la Laumellina: and the Chief Towns in it are,

Milan.
Aleffandria.
Bobbia.
Como.
Cremona.
Tortona.

Milan, Mediolanum, is Situated in a pleasant Plain, and Watered by the little River Olona, and has also the advantage of two Canals, one of which is call'd Novalia Delle Martezano, which begins at Trerra, and reaches in a strait Line, within half a Mile of Milan, being 20 Miles in Length; and supplied with Water from the Adda. The other is called Novalia Tessinello, and comes from the Tesin. This City is faid to have been Built by the Gauls, 395 years after the Building of Rome: and tho' it hath been often wasted, and even destroyed by the terrible Scourges of War and Pestilence, having been Befieged 40, and taken 22 times; and particularly Raz'd and Sowed with Salt, by Frederick Barbarofa, Ann. 1162; yet it is so well recovered at present, that it juffly deserves the Name of Great, and may be reckoned among the best and finest Cities in Enrope. Its Figure is round, its Walls are Ten Miles in Compais, and its Inhabitants are thought by some to be 250000, by others 300000. It is divided into 6 Parts or Regions, which have their Names from so many Gates. The Citadel is a regular Hexagon, well lin'd and stored with Canon, and surrounded with a great Ditch and Counterscarp. The Principal Buildings in Milan, without mentioning the Churches and Convents, (which are very many) are the Archbishops Palace, the Houses of the Marquis Homodeo, Count Barth, Arese, and Signior T. Marini; the Seminary, a noble Structure, Founded by Charles Boromeo; the Colleges of the Switzers of Breva, and of the Jesuits; The Town-house, and the Chief Hospital; The Lazaret, or place appointed for those that are Sick of Pestilential Distempers, begun Ann. 1489, by Duke Lewis Sforza, call'd the Moor, and Finish'd by Lewis XII. 1507, consisting of 4 Galleries joyn'd in a Square, each containing 92 Chambers, the Doors of which are fo contriv'd, that all the Sick Persons may see the Mass said from their several Beds; the Altar being in the middle of the Square, under a Dome, supported by Columns. The Cabinet of the late Canon Manfredi Settula, a Person of great Learning and Ingenuity, as well as a dextrous Workman in several things, is very well worth seeing; for there are several for sof very ingenious Machines, contriv'd for finding out the perpetual Motion, Looking-Glasses and Dials of all forts, Ancient and Modern, Musical Instruments, Books, Medals, Seals, Rings,

Pictures, Indian-works, Mummies, Arms, with an infinite variety of all forts of Antiquities, a great piece of Cloth made of the Stone Amianthus, and feveral Monsters, a Dish of yellow Amber, two Foot in Diametre; also several rough pieces of the same fort of Amber, enclosing Ants, Spiders, Grashoppers, Flies and other Infects, which appear distinctly in the middle of them; a piece of Crystal also, in which several forts of Substances are enclosed, particularly an Olive Leaf, and a drop of Water, which feems to move. The Cathedral Church likewife deferves the particular notice of a Traveller, being a prodigious Work, beyond St. Peter's in Rome, for the laboriousness of its Structure, tho' a Sixth part less. The Ambrosian Library, so Nam'd by Cardinal Frederick Boromeo, Archbishop of Milan, who Founded it, and Dedicated it to St. Ambrose, is said to contain 14000 Manuscripts, besides Printed Books; which some say are in Number 72000. There is alfo adjoyning to the Library an Academy for Painting, in which are a great many curious Pictures: Besides all these, there are an infinire number of Curiofities, and things worth an Ingenious Man's particular notice, too many to be inferted here, and therefore those who have not had the advantage of Travelling and feeing them, must have re-course to the late Travellers, for a more full account of them. This City is diffant 43 Miles from Cafal to the East, 55 from Genous to the North, 72 from Parms to the N. West, 80 from Turin, 28 much from Modens to the West, and 192 to the N. West of Rome.

Alessandria della Paglia, or Alexandria, Alexandria Statelliorum, is divided into two parts by the River Tanaro, above 52 Miles from Milan to the South West, and in the midst between Genous to the South, and Turin to the West 44 Miles from either, according to Philippus Ferrarius, who was Born in this place. The Emperor Frederick Barbarossa call'd it it Casarea; but Pope Alexander III. would have it nam'd Alexandria. "Tis false that ever any Empenam'd Alexandria. rors were Crown'd in this City with a Crown of Straw, (as Mr. Miffon observes) and it will be pretty hard to prove that Frederick in derifion call'd it Alexandria of Straw; However it retains that name to this Day. The City is but little, and the Fortifications at present are but indifferent. The foresaid Pope Erected it into a Bishoprick, subject to the Archbishop of Milan, in the year 1175.

Bobio, or Bobi, Bobium, is a little Town upon the River Trebia, Situated in a Plain, upon the Confines of the Dutchy of Parma, and not far from those of the Genuese. It was ancienty only an Abbey Built by St. Columbanus, through the Liberality of Theodolinda Queen of the Longobards; but afterwards grew up to a confiderable Town under those, the Monastery still remaining. It gives name to a Countrey call'd after it il Bobiese: and is a Bishops Seat Suffragan to the Archbishop of Genoua. It stands 35 Miles from Dertona to the South East, 35 from Geneua, 23 from Piacenza to the North, and 35 from Pavia.

Como, Comum, or Novocomum, stands upon a I ake of that name, about 25 Miles from Milan to the North, as many from Burgomo to the West, and 80 from Turin to the North East: and gives name to the adjacent Country, call'd il Comasco; the People of which Livy calls Comenses. Pomponius Trogus says it was Built by the Gauls, as Milan, Trent, Verona, and feveral other Towns were. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Milan, in the Patriarchat of Aquileia. This City has given Birth to several Illustrious Persons, particularly Pliny the younger,

Paulus Jovius, and Pope Innocent XI. of the Family

of Odeschalchi. Cremona, Cremona, is Seated on the left Bank of the Po, on the Confines of the Dutchy of Milan, in the midit between Povaia to the West, and Mantua to the Eaft, about 40 Miles from either, 50 from Milan to the Eaft, and 18 from Placenza. Tis a pretty large City, but Poorer and less Populous than Placenza. Their famous Tower, so much talk'd of, especially by some of their own Authors, is neither handsom nor very high. The Castle is an old, shapeless, and ruinous Mass; which never deserved the name of a Fort, tho' it might have fignified something in the days of Yore, when Cross-bows were in Fashion. The Tower is said to have been Built by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, Ann. 1184. The People of Cremona boast much of the Antiquity of their City, but want Proofs to confirm it. faid to have been Built the 445th year of the City of Rome, and afterwards made a Roman Colony. It hath suffered many Changes and Revolutions, and hath often changed its Masters. Hanibal Pillaged it in his Passage into Italy, the Goths committed horrible outrages in it, and the Slavonians and Lombards entirely ruined it; and Frederick Barkarossa Rebuilt it. It was once Govern'd by its own Viscounts, but the French, Venetians, Duke of Milan, and the Spaniards have at different times been Masters of it; the last of which is still in possession of it. It is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Milan.

Tortona, Dertona, or Tordona, which Strabo calls Derton, is a Little, Ruinous and ill Fortified City, upon the River Iria, or il Staffora, about 8 Miles from the Confines of the Dominions of Genoua to the North, as far from the Po, 10 from Alessandia to the East, 25 from Pavia, and 45 from Placenza, It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Milan. It is defended by a Citadel, which is regular and naturally Strong, but not kept in very good order. This Town as well as Milan, was destroy'd by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, and Rebuilt by the Milanese; but has never recovered its former greatness. It was taken by the French in the year 1642, and recovered by the Spaniards the year following. It gives name to the adjacent Country called it Tortonese. 'The ancient Dertone stood on the Eminency

where the Citadel stands at present.

Lodi, Laus Pompeia, was an ancient Town in Infubria, according to Strabo, and the name of a Colony. It is faid to have been Built by the Gauls, call'd Boii, when they came first into Italy, according to Pliny; and call'd Pompeia afterwards, because Pompeius Strabo, Father of Pompey the Great, carried a Colony thither. It stood on the River Silaro; but was destroyed by the Milanese, Ann. 1158, and is now only a little Village, call'd Lodi Vecchio and Lodive, by Abbreviation, that is, the old Laus. The new Lodi, which stands about 5 Miles from it, on the River Addua, in the Dutchy of Milan, was Built by Frederick Barbarossa, 46 years after the destruction of the other; and stands at the distance of 20 Miles from Milan to the West, and as many from Cremona: It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Milan.

Novara, Novaria, the Chief City anciently of the Lavi, in Insubria, stands about 25 Miles from Milan to the West, 16 from Casal to the North-East, and 14 from Verceil in Piedmont. There are several In-

feriptions on Marble, which plainly shew its Antiquity. It is an Episcopal See, (whereof Benedictus Odescalebi, afterwards Pope Innocent XI, was once Bishop) under the Archbishop of Milan. Lewis Sforza, Duke of Milan, was taken by the French before this place, Ann. 1500. and Petrus Lombardus, Master of the Sentences, (as he's continonly call'd) was Born here. This Town gives name to a very Pleasant and Fertile Country, lying about it, call'd ill Novarese by the Inhabitants.

Pavia, Ticinum, anciently Inhabited by the Infubres, and faid to have been Built by the Levi and Marici before Milan. It was afterwards call'd Flavia Pappia, and Papia by Paulus Diaconus, and other late Authors. It was Subdued by the Romans, Sack'd by Attilain the 5th Century, and at last Ruin'd by Odoacer. It was taken by Albinous, King of the Lombards; and in the year 774, Charles the Great Storm'd it, and carried Didier last King of the Lombards away Prisoner. In the year 951, it was taken by the Emperor Otho I. and in the year 1004, it was almost entirely laid in Ashes by an accidental Fire. In the year 1059, it entred into a bloody War with Milan; and after that time was subject to several Masters, till it was annex'd to the Territories of Milan. Francis I. King of France laid Siege to it, Ann. 15 25; but his Army years was Routed, and himfelf taken Prisoner: and two years after the French took it under the Command of Odede Lautre. At last the Spaniards made themselves absolute Masters of it. It is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Milan, but exempted from his Jurisdiction, and depends immediately on the See of Rome. The City of Pavia has loft all its ancient Lustre, infomuch that one who fees it now will hardly be perfwaded that it was once the Metropolis of a Kingdom, and the Refidence of 20 Monarchs. The Castle and Fortifications are in a very ruinous condition: and the University (which as they say, was Founded by Charles the Great) is Decayed as well as the Town. The Cathedral is an old dark Structure, Built awry; over against which there is a Figure on Horseback of Brass, said to be the Statue of Antoninus Pius. This City stands upon the River Tesin, 4 Miles from the Po, 150 from Genoua, and 34 from Placenza to the West, and gives name to that part of the Dutchy of Milan, which iscall'd il Pavese, or Territorio di Pavia. Vivegano, Viglebanum, is a little Town upon the

Fivegano, Figientum, is a little I own upon the River Tessin, with a Cassle, about 20 Miles from Milan to the West, as many from Casal, and 12 from Pavia. It is so call'd, as Gaudentius Merula, conjectures from Vilis Gleba, because of the bad Soil of the Neighbouring Country, to which it gives Name. It is an Episcopal See, of no long standing, under the Archbishop of Milan.

Mortara, Mortaria, is a pretty large Town and well Inhabited, upon the River Gogna, about 4 Miles from Vivegano to the South-Weft, 10 from Navara to the South Eaft, and 24 from Pavia to the Weft. It is the chief Town of a Country call'd Lumellina: and was anciently call'd Bell 1 Sylaa; but afterwards Mortaria, on the account of the fignal overthrow which the Lombards receiv'd by the Army of Charles the Great, when he took their last King Didier Prifoner, and put a period to their Kingdom. In the year 1658 it was taken by the French under the Command of Francis Duke of Modena, but reftor'd to the Spaniard by the Pyrenian Treaty, Ann. 1660.

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CHAP. VI.

The Dutchy of Parma. Ducatus, or Ditio Parmensis.

HE Dutchy of Parma, which the Italians call lo Stato del Duca di Parma, is Bounded with the Dutchy of Milan on the North and West, that of Modena on the East, and the Dominions of Genoua, and part of the Valley of Magra on the South: and was anciently Inhabited by the Anamani, a People of Gallia Cifpadana, and a part of the Boii. The parts into which it is commonly divided are, the Dutchy of Parma strictly taken, the Dutchy of Placenza, the State of Buffeto, and a part of the State of the Valley of Taro, and formerly comprehended also the Dutchy of Castro and the State of Ronciglione. After many Changes and Revolutions, this Country fell into the hands of the Pope. And Pope Paul III. before his Accession to the Chair, called Alexander Farnese, Created Pedro Luige Farnese Duke of Parma, in the year 1545. and so this Duke is a Vassal of the See of Rome, to which he Pays a yearly acknowledgment of 10000 Crowns. The Revenues of this Dutchy are faid to be about 400000 Crowns, and his ordinary Forces 5000 Men. Dutchy's being a Feif of the Pope's Demeans, had like to have prov'd Fatal to Prince Ramucio, Son and Heir to Alexander Farnese Duke of Parma, and Governor of the Netherlands; For Pope Sixtus V. having by repeated Orders forbid the carrying of secret Arms, was inform'd, that this young Prince ordinarily carried Pocket Pistols; and thereupon (this Prince being his Vassal) ordered him to be Arrested, and his Pistols taken from him in one of the Chambers of the Popes Palace, and afterwards to be carried to the Castle of St. Angelo. His Uncle Cardinal Farnese lest no means unessay'd to procure his Liberty, but allin vain; for the Pope sent an Order to the Governor of the Castle to cause him to be Beheaded; but the Cardinal coming shortly after, (as if he had known nothing of the Fatal Order) to tenew his Solicitations, the Pope to be rid of him, fent him away with a new Order to the Governor, to fet Rannucio at Liberty, not doubting but it would come too late. Cardinal having by Money procured all the Clocks in the Ciry to be kept back, except the Pope's, and coming to the Castle in all haste, found his Nephew all in Tears, in the Arms of his Confessor; but quickly producing his new Order, and the Governor concluding that the Pope had at last been prevailed with, delivered up his Prisoner, who by his Uncles Command immediately took Post, without staying to thank his Holiness for his Life; which by chance had been rescued from the Jaws of Death. This Country produces plenty of good Wine and Oyl, and was famous for excellent Cheese; which they say is not at present made here, but in the Mila-nese about Lodi. The most considerable Cities and Towns in it are,

Parma, 3 SBorgo S. Domino, Piacenza, 3 SFierenzuola.

Parma. Parma, Anciently a City Inhabited by the Boii in Gallia Cifalpina, according to Strabo and Pliny, ftands upon a River of the fame Name, which divides it into two parts, about 10 Miles from the Po to the South, in the midft between Modena and Placenza, 35 Miles East of the fift, and as many West of the o-

ther, 86 from Florence to the North-well, 60 South-East from Milan, and above 200 from Rome. It is a very pleasant City, and the Avenues to it are Broad and Straight. The most remarkable things in it are, the great Theatre, which is so rare a Structure, that neither Paris nor Venice, can boast of the like. It is extreamly large, but so contriv'd that the least whisper can be heard thro' all the Parts of it. Instead of Boxes, the Floor is furrounded with Benches, rais'd after the manner of an Amphitheatre. It may be filled with Water to the Height of above 3 Foot : and this little Lake is cover'd with Guilt Boats; which make a very charming Spectacle, by the help of a fine Illumination. The Ciradel of Parma was Built after the Model of that of Antwerp, and the Fortifications of the City are also very good. The Ducal Palace has nothing extraordinary in it; but that which was a building in the year 1688, is Larger and more Regular. Befides the ordinary Schools of the University, there is a large College, call'd the College of the Nobility: and not only the Sciences, but allo all manner of Exercises are taught here. There is abundance of good Company and Fine People, to be feen here at the Cours or Walk, especially handsom Women; but it is rhought as great a Crime, and would be as odd to see both Sexes in one Coach, as to walk naked about the Streets. This City is honoured with an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Bologna; but was formerly Subject to that of Ra-

Placenza, Placentia, Anciently a Town in Gallia Cispadana, Inhabited by the Anamani, now call'd by the Inhabitants Piacenza, stands upon a Plain, about half a Mile from the Po, 40 Miles from Milan to the South East, 35 from Parma, 30 from Pavia to the East, and 18 from Cremona. It is the chief Town of a Dutchy of that Name, Subject to the Duke of Parma, fince the year 1540. It is a very ancient Town, and was Burnt and Pillag'd by the Carthaginians, under the Command of their General Hamilear, (as Livy informs us) and afterwards did Bravely futtain a long Seige, which Attila King of the Goths laid to it. It is a pleasant Town, Bigger than Parma; the Houses are low and prettily Built. There is in the street which they call Stradon; a Foot-path next the Houses defended with Posts, as in London, about 10 Foot diftance from each other. The Town is thinly Inhabited: and the Houses are generally of Brick. The Fortifications are not very confiderable, tho' they The Starues of are very much extoll'd commonly. Alexander Farnese Governor of the Spanish-Netherlands, and of his Son Rannucio the First, are fer up in the great Place.

the great Flace.

Borgo S. Domino, Fidentia, Anciently a Town belonging to the Anamani, in Gallia Cifpadama, according to Antomins. It appears by an old Infeription that it was call'd Julia Fidentia; Livy calls it Fidentiala, and the Roman Martyrology Julia. It is now a little Difmantled Town on the Confines of the State of Buffeto, about 15 Miles from Parma to the West, and 20 from Piacenza. It had been an Episcopal See, and 20 from Piacenza. It had been an Episcopal See, but ceasing to be so for some time, was restor'd to that Dignity by Pope Chamer VIII. Ann. 1661.

lia Cispadana, Inhabited by the Anamani, stands in the Country of Buffeto, about 13 Miles from Piacen-74 to the East, 6 from Borgo S. Domino, and 22 from Parma; it is the name also of a pleasant Valley, in

Fierenzuola, Florenziola, Anciently a Town in Gal- a Barren and Defart Country, between Florence and Bologna. It was Built by the Florentines, Anno 1332. There are other Towns of this Name, viz. one in Tufcany, and another in Apulia.

CHAP. VII.

The Durchy of Modena. Mutinenfis Ducatus.

HIS Dutchy is made up of several little Durchies and Principalities, viz. The Dutchy of Regio, the Principality of Carpi, the Principality of Corregio, the Signiorie of Saffuolo, Frignana, and the greater part of Grafignana; and is Bounded on the North with the Dutchies of Mantua, and Mirandula, on the East with the Bolognese, and the Territories of the Church, on the South with the Dominions of Tuscany, and those of Luca, and on the West with the Dutchy of Parma. Its Length from South to North is about 60 Miles, (according to Baudrand) from East to West 45. It was anciently Inhabited by the Boii, People of Gallia Cifpadana; and was formerly Subject to the Dukes of Ferrara, of the Family of Efte; but the little Principality of Corregio was but lately annexed to the Dominions of Modena; being formerly Govern'd by its own The most considerable Towns in this

Dutchy of Modena are,

Modena.

Carpi.

Corregio.

Modena, Mutina, Anciently a Colony and Town in Gallia Cifpadana; but Ruin'd by the Goths, and Lombards, and afterwards Built at the Charge of the Citizens. During the diftractions of Italy between the Emperor and the Pope, Guido the Pope's Legat and Bishop of this Place, configned it to Azo, of the House of Este, Lord of Ferara, Ann. 1304. upon the Payment of 10000 Crowns a year; fince which time it hath for the most part continued in the Possession of that Family. It is Seated on a Plain, upon the River Sechia, about 20 Miles from Bologna to the West, 16 from Regio to the East, 20 from the Po to the South, and 40 from Muntua to the South East, It is at present destitute of Trade, and consequently Its Fortifications are in a decaying condition. The Portico's with which the Streets are Bordered are low andnarrow, neither are any of its Churches remarkable. In short, were it not for its ancient Reputation, and because it is the Residence of the Duke at present, it would hardly be taken notice of. It is an Episcopal Sec, under the Archbishop of Bologna, whereas formerly it was Suffragan to that of Raven-

Carpi, Carpum, Stands upon a Canal of the River Secchia, 12 Miles from Modena to the North, and near 4 from Corregio. It is but a little Town, with a pretty Strong Castle; but is Honour'd with the Title of a Principality, (which is no great matter in Italy) and was for a long time Possessed by the Fa-

mily of the Pio's ; but at last in the year 1550, it fell into the hands of the Dukes of Modena. The Collegiat Church in it was first Built by King Aistulphus, and afterwards Repaired with much Magnificence, by Albertus Pius, then Prince. It is in no Diocess, and is exempted from the Jurisdiction of the Neigbouring Bishops, by the Concessions, particularly of Pope Julius II. and Leo X.

Corregio, Corregium or Corrigium, is a pretty large and well Inhabited Town, with a Castle, about 10 Miles from Regio, and 13 from Modena to the West. It was formerly under Princes of that Name; but fince the year 1635, it has been Subject to the Duke of

of Modena.

Regio, Reggio, Regium Lepidi, to distinguish it from Regium Julium, another Town of that Name in Calabria ulterior, (of which afterwards in its due place) is Seated in a pleasant Country, between Parma to the West, and Modena to the East, about 20 Miles from either. Mr. Miffon tells us, that there is nothing particularly remarkable in this City, except that it is better Built, and more pleasant than Mode-Tho' they boast much of their Church of S. Profper; yet it is nothing in comparison with those at Rome or Naples. They strive also (says this Author) to gain some Reputation by making Spurs, and working in Bone; of which they make Rings for 6d. a Dozen, Deaths-Heads, Shrines for Relicks, Agnus Dei's, &c. all very course. It is an Episcopal See, formerly Suffragan to Ravenna, but now to Bologna.

Berfello, Brixellum, Anciently a Colony and City

in Gallia Cispodana, which Suetonius and Pliny call Brixillum, stands upon the Po, over against Viadana. 8 Miles from Parma to the North, 25 from Mantua, 28 from Cremona to the West, and 17 from Regio to the South West. The Roman Emperor Otho died here after the Battle of Bebriacum, (now call'd Corneto) which he Fought against the Forces of Vitellius, his

Rival for the Empire.

Mirandula. Mirandula, is the name of a little Dutchy, and also of the Chief Town in it; which is faid to have been Built in the time of Constans, Son of Constantin the Great. The Dutchy lies between that of Mantua to the North, and Modena to the South. The Town (which is Fortified and Defended by a Castle) stands about 10 Miles from the Po to the South, and 22 from Modena to the North. This Place with the adjacent Country, hath for a long time been subject to the Family of the Pici (of which was Picus Mirandula, that Famous Scholar.) as also the County of Concordia.

CHAP. VIII.

The Dutchy of Mantua. Mantuanus Ducatus.

His Dutchy is bounded on the East with the Dutchy of Ferrara, on the North with the Territories of Bresciano and the Veronese, on the West with part of the Dutchy of Milan, near Cremona, and on the South with the Dutchies of Modena and Mirandula; where anciently a part of the Cenomani dwelt. A great part of the Dutchy of Montferrat belongs to this Duke; who is descended from the House of Gonzagua, in whose Possession these Territories have been ever fince the Year, 1327 or 1328. that Lewis de Gonzagua a Noble-Man, with the affistance of the People, kill'd sheir Tyrant Passarino Bonecolsa, and took the Government upon him. The Emperor Sigismund created John Franch Gonzagua Marquis, Ann. 1431. and Charles the V. erected it into a Dutchy, Ann. 1530. This is a Fertile Country, affording Plenty of Corn and Pasturage, but the Wine is not so much commended: And the most considerable Towns in it

> Mantua, Ch. Guastalla. Castiglione delle Stivere.

Mantua. Mantua, a very ancient City, Built before Rome, anciently Inhabited by the Conomani in Gallia Cispadana. It stands on a spot of firm Land within a Marsh, made by the River Mincio upon a flat Country; which cannot properly be called a Lake; for in some parts of it the Water is always in Motion, tho' in others it Stagnates, which makes the Air so Insectious that few stay in the City during the great Heats, except such as cannot conveniently leave it. This City is not well Fortised, being only enclosed with a Wall, and defended by a Cittadel: The City is indifferently large, and the Streets are broad and straight; but the Houses are very indifferent, and generally unequal. The Dukes Palace is a large and commodious Pile of Building, but has very little else to recommend it. It is said to have been very richly furnish'd, before Colalto, General of the Emperor's Forces, pillaged it in 3uly, 1630. and however this Palace may be furnish'd at present, the Duke's Apartment is in very good

Order: And the Hall of Antiquities is full of rare and fine Pieces; and the Cabinet of Curiofities is pretty well furnish'd. The Duke has Seven or Eight Pleasure-Houses, most of which are very lovely Seats. Besides the Cathedral, the Churches of the Jesuis, St. Barnabas, St. Maurice, St. Sebastian, St. Ursula and St. Barbara, the Town-House, Theatre, Manufactories, the Mill of the 12 Apottles, Synagogue and Shambles are all very well worth one's feeing, as is also the Palace of Justice: Near this City, in the Village Andes was the immortal Virgil Born; which is one of the most considerable Things that render this City Famous. It is an Episcopal See, under the Patriarchat of Aqui'cia, but exempted from that Jurisdiction ever time the Year, 1453. and stands about 5 or 6 Miles from the Po, 75 East from Milan, 75 West from the Gulf of Venice, 90 North from the Mediterranean Sea, and 30 North

Guastallia, Guardistallum, or Vastalla and Guastalla, stands near the River Po, on the Borders of the Dutchy of Modena, in the midst between Mantua to the North, and Regio to the South. It, with a little Country about it, is honoured with the Title of a Principality. There was a Council held here, under Pope Paschalis the II. An. 1106. It has been subject to the Duke of Mantua ever fince the Year,

1677. that its last Duke died.

Cafiglione delle Stivere, Caftilio Stiverorum, is a little Fortified Town, with a pretty Strong Caftle, on the Confines of the Dutchy of Mantua, 12 Miles from, Pefchiera, and almost in the middle between Mantua and Brefeia. It gives Name to the adjoining Country, which together with the Town are subject to a Prince of the Family of Gonfagua.

Bozolo, Bozolum, is a little fort of a City, enclosed with certain Works, which pass for Fortifications: And stands 2 Miles from the River Olio, and almost in the middle between Manua and Cremona. It gives Title to a Duke, who besides this Place, is Sovereign of a Territory that extends sour or sive

CHAP. IX.

The Republick of Venice. Ditio Veneta.

THE Dominions of the Republick of Venice, or the State of Venice, taken in a large Sense, may be divided into three Parts, according to the distinct Countries in which they ly, viz. The Venetian Dominions in Italy, which they commonly call la Terra ferma, in Dalmatia, comprehending their Dominions on that Coast and some adjacent Isles: And their Dominions in the Ionian and Ægean Seas, which the Italians call il Levante. We shall treat particularly of the first Two in this Chap-

ter, and some of the Third, the rest being describ'd in that which treats of Turkey in Europe.

Whatever the Venetians may pretend for the Anriquity of their State, and the perpetual Freedom and Independency they have ever enjoy'd, this feems pretty clear, That their City, and confequently their State, owes its Original to that of Padua. For we are told by Authors of undoubted Credit, that the Sear of this City did belong to Padua before the Building of Venice; which was not till about the

Year, 420. and that Padua had a little fort of Colony there, for the Conveniency of Trade and Commerce, before ever one Stone of this City was laid, or before the coming of Attila, King of the Huntinto that Country. And in Testimony of Venice's depending on Padua, it is as certain that for a considerable time there were Consuls chosen in Padua, who were to go to Venice and there to exercise the Supream Authority: And not only fo, but as a further confirmation of this Dependency, they sent one Ægidius Fontana, a Man of singular Prudence, and eminently skilful in the Laws to frame such Laws and Constitutions for them, as he should think most fit and convenient for this Infant City; which (as we hinted before) ought to date its beginning to be a Town from the Day on which the Church of St. James de Rialta was Consecrated, which was (as Jul. Faroldus, a Man well enough affected to the Interest of Venice affirms) on the 25 of March 421. There is no Question but the number of its Iuhabitants were mightily encreas'd, and consequently the Bounds of their City enlarged after Attila's coming into that Country; for he having destroyed Aquileia, Altino, Oderzo, Concordia and Padua, the Inhabitants of those Cities fled to the little Islands upon which Venice now stands, about the Year, 453. which beyond all doubt as it did mightily encrease this City, fo in many respects it began to look quite another thing from what it had been formerly, and to grow in Riches and Trade as well as Extent of Dominion, till it has at last arriv'd at that pitch of Grandeur which we now see it. Whoever desires to have a full and distinct, and at the same time a brief Account of this Republick, as to its Antiquity and Independency, he may, I suppose, find Satisfaction in a little Book writen by Don Afonso de la Queva, (Ambaffador from the Court of Spain to the State of Venice) call'd originally Squilinio della Liberta Veneta: which tho' it may be thought the Product of his ill Will to that State, yet the Gentleman being one of the greatest Genius's of his Age, and a Man of Honour and Wildom, 'tis not to be thought that he would invent both Authors and Citations from them; which the Reader is particularly concern'd in in that little Treatife. He clearly proves, First, That Venice was not originally a free State, nor has always been so in any Sense, but has been Subject to another. Secondly, That it has been Subject to the Emperors, to Odoacer, and the Gothish Kings. Thirdly, That it came again under Obedience to the Emperor after the Destruction of the Goths, and continued so to be for the space of a hundred Years. Fourthly, That in process of Time it recover'd its Liberty in a manner; that is, not in respect of private Persons, but only of the Duke, in whose Hands folely the whole Administration was lodg'd. Fifthly, That afterwards it was restor'd to a full and intire Liberty, in which all the Citizens shar'd in common, and were equally capable of fitting in their Council. Sixthly, That afterwards this universal Liberty came to be restricted and confin'd to the Rank of those who now are only capable of holding the Reins of Government, that is, the Nobility, to the exclusion of all the rest of the Citizens. These Propositions being proved, as We think this Author does to the fatisfaction of any unprejudic'd Person, they must certainly be in a vast Mistake who do with so much Paffion and Heat maintain the original and perpetual Liberty of this State, as well as those who en-deavour to prove its present Freedom and Independencie, in a large Sense, that is, including the whole

Body of the Citizens, fince it is plain that the Nobility only are fo, the rest not having the least degree of Freedom, beyond what Padua, Verona, and the other Cities under the Obedience of this State

The first Government then of this City was Confular, which lasted about 40 Years, and then was chang'd for that of the Tribunes; then came in the Dukes or Doges, who for a long time were either appointed or confirm'd by the Emperor, or the Exarch, by whom also this State was confirm'd in its former Privileges, and allow'd to Coin Mony. Afterwards the Doges became absolute, and exercised arbitrary Power: And then the City was just as free as Rome was under the first Cafars; but now the Case is quite altered; for the Doge of Venice is no more than a meer gawdy Slave loaded with Fetters, which are not the less heavy because they are guilded; and his Authority extends no further than to nominate some Officers of the Palace, to have two Voices in the Great Council, and to create fome Knights of St. Mark. He is as much Subject to the Laws as the meanest Person: And the Inquisition of the State is more severe upon him than upon others. He is chofen by the whole Body of the Nobility, and enjoys
this imaginary Honour during Life. When he is Sick or Dies, a certain Counsellor takes his Place and represents his Person in publick Ceremonies, and other Occasions; but neither wears his Habit, nor fits in his Seat. The Doge cannot Pardon Criminals; nor take a Journy to the Continent without permission from the State; and when he goes, he leaves all his Honours behind him, and is no more than a private Nobleman: And the very Moment he's elected all his Relations who were in Offices are turn'd out. The Letters of Princes are directed and presented to the Doge, but he must not open them before they are communicated to the Council; that is, the Council receives them by his Hands. gives Answer to Ambassadors; but must not alter one Syllable of what the Council has put in his Mouth, otherwise he must expect a Reprimand on the very Spot. As to what concerns Acts of State, he is but the Herald; the Senate Enacts, and the Doge Publishes them. His Revenue (according to Mr. Misson) amounts to near 6000 Sequins or 2700 Pound Englift. He has fome Marks of feeming Honour put upon him; which in effect, are rather given to the Republick in his Person than to him. He is call'd Prince, and has the Title of Serenity bestowed on him. There are some Marks of Royalty in his Apparel also. When he marches in State he has a Torch carried before him, a Chair with two Arms and no Back, and a Cushion, 8 Silver Trumpers, fome Hautboys, and 8 Standards, and a kind of Canopy like an Umbrella carried hard by him; tho there's no Canopy in his Apartment, not even in the Hall where he gives Audience to Ambassadors. He never pulls off his Corno, but either at the Moment of the Elevation of the Hoft, or when he receives a Visit from a Prince of Royal Blood, or from a Cardinal.

As to the Nobility of Venice, tho' they all bear the fame Name, and are united into one Body, their Families are not equally Illustrious, The first Classis or Rank consists of those Families who founded the Republick and were Nobles before that Time. The Second comprehends those who were elected before the shutting up of the Council; which was call'd Il Serrar del Consistio. The Third contains those who obtain'd that Honour as a Recompence

for some eminent Services done to the State: And therefore call'd Gentlemen by Merit. The Fourth is made up of Nobili per Soldi, or Gentlemen by Purchase, who bought the Title. But notwithstanding these Differences, all of 'em, from the highest to the lowest, have an equal Right to give their Voices, and enjoy the same Privileges: All go to the Great Council, and are honoured with the Title of Excel-lency. The Order of Knighthood may be divided into these Classes or Ranks. The First comprehends the Knights of the Golden Star, who are all Noble Venetians, that owe their Dignity to their Merit, and wear a Stat bordered with a Gold Galoon. The Second Rank consists of the Knights of St. Mark, who are call'd Knights of the Scnate: And this Honour is usually confer'd as a Recompence, on Colonels, and even fometimes on Captains, who have fignaliz'd their Bravery in an extraordinary Manner, or rendered fome important Service to the Republick. The Captain-General recommends the Perfon to the Senate, who, if the balloting run in his Favour, receives the Order, and with it a Pension of at least a thousand Ducats a Year. These Knights wear a Medal at one of their Button-holes, with the Figure of St. Mark on one fide, and a Device on the Reverse, according to the Plcasure of the Senate. This Honour is indifferently bestowed on all, Noble or Ignoble. Venetian or Foreigner. The Third or Ignoble, Venetian or Foreigner. Rank is made up of the Doge's Knights, who confers this Honour on whom he pleases, and oftentimes on very mean Persons; who can buy it at any time for a hundred Chequins. This Classis consists cheifly of Foreign Officers, who besides the additional Respect it begets them, are by this means secured in their Places.

As to the Government and Administration of Juffice, we are told, that there are 5 Principal Councils or Courts established in this State. The First is the Grand Council, comprehending the whole Body of the Nobility, who are of Age to sit in Council, that is 25 Years old; whose Number is thought to be about 1400, tho' not above one half of 'em are at Home at one Time, being employ'd in other

Places, either in Civil or Military Offices, or on Embaffyes to Foreign States. The Second, call'd Pregadi, determines all Matters relating to Peace and War, Alliances and Leagues. The Third is the College, compos'd of 26 Noble-men, that give Audience to Ambaffadors, and report their Demands to the Senate, which alone hath Power to return Answers. The Fourth is call'd the Council of Ten, and decides all Criminal Matters. This Court is renew'd Yearly, and 3 Inquisitors of State are chosen from among them every Month. The Fifth is the Spiritual Council, in which the Patriarch of Venice presides; who is always a Noble-man, and is elected by the Senate, and confirm'd by the Pope. His Dignity is very eminent, but his Authority is extreamly bounded. He can only nominate to two Benefices, for the Clergy are chosen by the People, and can hardly be said to acknowledge any Superiority but that of the State.

The Forces of this Republick both at Sea and Land, hardly amount to four and twenty Thoufand, and of rhese there are usually twelve or fifteen Thousand in the Field. The Captain-General who Commands 'em, is always a Noble Venetian, and has under him a General of the Land Forces, Lieutenant-Generals, and Sergeant-Majors, who are almost always Foreigners; for the Noble Venetians are not very Ambitious of Military Employments, because they must come to the highest Poss by decrees; and a Noble Venetian can hardly find in's Heart to stoop follow, as to carry a Musket, or even to accept a Captain's Commission. A Foreign Captain's Pay is a hundred Ducats, or 250 French Livres a Month, a Lieutenant's 30, and an Ensign's 25, but the Italian Officers have but half so much. The Common Soldiers have but 3 d. a Day, and out of that must furnish their own Cloaths; but those who serve at Sea have Cloaths given them.

We faid before, that the whole Dominions belonging to the Republick of Venice, might be divided into 3 Parts, according to the several distinct Countries where they ly, as you may see in this

Table:

The Terra
firma, or
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of Venice
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taken,

The Terra
firma, or
Dominion
of Venice
Revigno.

Ifria.
Friuli.
Dutchy of
Venice
Revigno.

Paduano.
Veronefe.
Vicentino.
Brefciano.
Bregamofco.
Cremafco.

On the Coast Stara. Of Dalmatia, Nona. Spalato. Of Cattara. Sebenico. Sebeni

The Fortresses of Chonin, Sigu, Ciclut, Gabella.

III.

The Levante or Cephalonia.

Venetian Do-Corfu.
minions in Zant.
the East, the la Praga.
Illes of,

The Morea.

Cerigo.
Tine.
Kimolo or Argentava.
The Morea.

TERRA FIRMA.

THE first of these, viz. The Terra firma, or Dominion of Venice, strictly taken, was Anciently a part of Gallia Cifalpina, Inhabited by the Veneti, Carni, Isliri, and Euganei; and is Bounded on the North with the Valteline, County of Tirol, and Carinthia, on the West with the Dutchy of Milan, on the South with the Dutchy of Mantua, the Ecclefiaftical State, and the Gulf of Venice, which Bounds it also on the East. Its greatest Length from East to West is about 240 Miles and greatest Breadth about 100. but in some places it is very Narrow.

ISTRIA, was Anciently a part of Gallia Tranfpadana, on the Confines of Illyricum. It is bounded on the North with Germany, and the Dutchy of Carniola, from which it is separated by the Montidella Vena, on the East with the Golfo Carnero, on the West with the Gulf of Venice, with which also it is Bounded on the South. It is in Length from North-West to South-East, about 60 Miles, but not near fo Broad. The Air of it is not very Healthful, especially on the Coast, but the Country is abundantly Fertile, producing Corn, Timber, Grapes and Olives. The Senate of Venice sends a Governor to it, and receives a considerable Revenue from thence. The chief Towns in it under the Venetians are,

Capo d' Istria. ? SCito Nuovo. Prenzo. S Pola.

Prenzo. S Pola. Capo d' Istria, Justinopolis, from Justin the Emperor, who Rebuilt it, whereas formerly it had been call'd Æigida, according to Pliny. It stands in an Island, within three Arrow-shots from the Continent, to which it is joyned by certain Bridges, that may be drawn at Pleasure, which makes the place so strong that it is call'd on that account Castellum Leonis, or the Lion-Castle. It is an Episcopal See, under the Patriarch of Aquileia, and stands on the Coasts of the Gulf of Venice, about 28 Miles South from Trieste, and 78 from Venice to the East.

Parenzo, Parentum, which Pliny and Ptolomy make mention of, as a Town in Italy, is seated upon a Peninsula and Fortified, and has a pretty good Harbour; but is Inhabited by very few, by reason of the Unwholfom Air. It is however the name of an Episcopal See, under the Patriarchat of Aquileia, about 7 Miles diftant from Cita Nuovo, 28 from Capo d' Istria as much from Pola, and 80 from Venice to the East.

Cita Nuovo, Civitas Nova, is a little Town near the Gulf of Venice, that rose from the Ruins of the old Æmonia, which was destroyed by the Hungarians. It stands upon the River Quieto, about 3 Miles from the Ruins of Æmonia, 30 from Treiste to the South, and 8 from Parenzo. It has the name of an Episcopal Sce, under the Patriarchat of Aquileia; but the Air being so bad, no body lives in it but a few Fishermen in the Winter time; for in the Summer it is quite desolate and abandon'd.

Pola. Pola, was anciently call'd Julia Pata, according to Pliny, and Built by the Colchi. It is a little III-inhabited Town, near a Promontry of the fame name, about 88 Miles from Parenzo to the South, 60 from Treiste, and about 100 from Ancona, and is an Episcopal See under the Patriarch of Aquileia.

The County of FRIULI, Forum Julium, or Juliensis Provincia, was Anciently Inhabited by the Carni; and is Bounded on the South with the Adriatick Sea, and the Gulf of Treiste, on the West by the Marcha di Tervigiano, and a part of the County of Tirol, on the North by the higher Carinthia, and

the higher Carniola, and on the East by Carniola Sicca, and part of Istria. This Country comprehends leveral leffer ones, as il Cadorino, la Carnia, il Carso, which are Subject to the Venetians, the County of Goritia, and the Territories of Aquileia, that are Subject to the House of Austria. This Province was formerly given by the Emperors to the Patriarchs of Aquileia; from whom afterwards the Dukes of Aufiria and Carinthia took a great part of it: And after many bloody Battles between the Venetians and the Patriarchs of Aquilcia, at last by a Treaty of Peace, in the year 1455, the Province of Firuli excepting what we just now mention'd, was yielded to the Venetians. Besides Aquileia, which belongs to the House of Austria: The most Remarkable Towns in it, Subject to this State, are,

Udino. Venzona. Marono. Se Palma Nuovo. Civida di Friuli.

Aquileia. Aquileia, of old the Chief City of the Carni, according to Livy and Pliny, Stands upon the River Natisone, not far from the Shoar of the Adriatick Sea; about 50 Miles from Venice to the North-East, about 30 from Treiste to the West, and as many from Cencordia to the West. It was Anciently a Famous and very Rich City, by reason of its Commodious Situation for Trade and Commerce: and was the Bulwark of Italy on that fide; and therefore it was that two noble Romans who had been Consuls maintain'd it against Maximius, as Constantinus did against his Brother Constantinus, and afterwards Maximus endeavoured to possess himself of it against Theodosius the Emperor. Attila, King of the Hunns, after a Three years Seige, took and Sack'd it, in the year 452. Narfes afterwards Repair'd it; and in the year 590 it was reduc'd to Ashes by the Lombards; and afterwards Rebuilt by the Patriarch Pope; whose Successors were Possessors of it a long time, till at last it fell into the Hands of the Archdukes of Austria, who remain Masters of it. At present there's hardly any body living in it, except a few Fishermen, by reason the Air is so Unwholefome, and the Rubbish of the old City so lying scartered up and down. The Patriarch of it lives now at Udino.

Udino. Utinum, Anciently a City belonging to the Carni, Stands near the River Torre, 20 Miles North from the Shoar of the Adriatick Sea, as many to the North-west of Aquileia, 11 from Palma, 20 from Geritia to the West, and 8 from Ciaidal di Friuli. It is now the Chief Town of this Country, fince the Patriarch remov'd his Seat from Aquileia hither; whereas formerly it was an Episcopal See, but no great Town. It has been subject to the State of Venice, fince the year 1420.

Palma. Palma, is a Place of great Strength and Importance, being Built upon the Confines of the Austrian Territories, in a Plain near the River Natisone, where formerly the Church of St. Laurentius de Ronchi stood, about 10 Miles from Udino to the South East, as many from Aquileia, 18 from Marano to the North, and 15 from Goricia to the South-West. The Foundation of it was laid on the 7th of October, 1593. and was defign'd by the Venetians, as a defence to their Dominions against the Austrians.

Cividal di Friuli, Forum Julii, was Anciently a Colony and Town belonging to the Carni, according to Ptolomy and Tacitus, which Paulus Diaconus calls Castrum Juliense. It stands on the River Natizone, about 7 Miles from Udino to the East, and 15 from The Country of TREVIGIANA, or La Marca Trevigiana, lies betwixt the Territories of Friuli on the Eaft, and those of Vicentino and Tent to the West. It was formerly much larger; but now comprehends only the Territories of Trevisano, Bellunese and Feltrino, and is computed to be 48 Miles East and West, and 68 North and South. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Treviso, Cap. Conegliano,

Trevifo, Cap. Coneglian
Belluno,
Feltri,
Ceneda,
Saravalle,
Coneglian
Cadora.

Treviso, or Trevist, Tarvisium, Stands upon the Banks of the River Sile, about 18 Miles from Venice to the North-Weit, 15 from Oderzo to the South-West, and 20 from Padua. It is a pretty Large and Strong Town, especially on the account of its being almost surrounded with Water, which makes it almost Inaccessible and Impregnable. It has been subject to the Stare of Venice, since the year 1336; for tho' the Emperor Maximilian took it in the year 1509, yet it was restored to the Venetians shortly after. It is an Episcopal See under the Patriarch of Aquileia.

Belluno, or Croidal di Bel'uno, Bellunum, mentioned by Pliny and Prolomy, is a little Town, but well Inabited, on the River Plave, about 30 Miles to the North-West of Trevifo, and 50 from Venice; and gives name to the adjacent Country. It is an Episcopal

See under the Patriarch of Aquileia.

Feltri, Feltria, which Antoninus places in Venetia, in Gallia Cifalpana, Stands upon the River Afo, which a little below falls into the Piave, about 10 Miles from the Confines of the County of Ti of to the East, 15 from Ceneda, as many from Belluno, and 45 from Venice to the North. It is an Episcopal See and gives Name to the adjacent Country, and hath been under the Jurisdiction of Venice fince the year 1404.

Ceneda, Ceneta, or Ceneda Agathiæ, and Anciently Acedum, Stands at the Foot of the Hills, near the Spring-Head of Mottegamo. in the midit, between the Rivers Piave to the West, and Livenzo to the East, at the distance of 10 Miles from either, 13 from Belluno to the South, as much from Oderzo, and 15 from Trevigiana. It is a pretty little Town, and well Inhabited. The Episcopal See of Belluno, which was Subject to the Patriarch of Aquileia, was Translated hither; but the Bishop ordinarily Resides at Sarávelle, a little Town about 2 Miles from this Place.

Oderzo, Opitergium, which Strabo places in Venetia, of Gallia Transpadana, Stands upon the little River Mattegano, about 12 Miles from Treveziana to the North-East, 35 from Udino, as many from Ceneda to the South-East, and 24 from Aquileia to the West. It was formerly an Episcopal Seat; but was destroyed by Rotharius King of the Lombards, and the Bishops Seat Remov'd to Ceneda, under the Patriarch of

Aquileia.

The DOGADO or Dutchy of Venice, is a little Country lying along the Shoar of the Gulf; round the City almost, extending from the Mouth of the River Lifenzo, as far as the Adige, having Fruli, the Territories of Padua and Revigno on the West and South, and comprehends the Lagune di Venetia, Lagune di Morano, and all betwixt the Village call'd Capo d' Argere, or Cavarzere, as far as Grado, for the space of about 34 Miles Long, and 7 or 8 Broad. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Venice, .	Lio.
Chiozza,	Rebba,
Torceilo,	Morano,
Grado,	> Malamoco:
Castel-nicovo.	or the Port
Cahorle.	of Venice.
Loredo,) [

VENICE, Venetia, or Venegia, (of whose Beginning and Encrease we have spoken already, in our account of the Rife and Progress of the Commonwea'th, whereof this City is the Celebrated Seat) is commonly said to sand upon 72 Islands, (tho their number is much greater) but whether they are Natural or Artificial is not agreed among Travellers; fome thinking that the Venetians might dig their Chanels, for the more convenient Carriage of their Goods, which by this means are brought to their Deors: And for the Embellimment of the City; which is the only Town in the Worldthat can boalt of such a Situation; others maintaining, that if Nature had not done it, the Venetians would never have thrown away so much of their Ground, which they have always taken so much care to Husband. And besides, that if they had cut out such Chanels for their conveniency, why would they have left so many large fpots of Ground entire; for tho' it is commonly Reported that a Man may go in a Boat to any House in the City, yet we are not to take that in a strict sense, fince there are some Houses not within several Hundred Paces of a Canal. But whether this Account or that be the Truer, it is most certain, that no City on Earth affords a finer Prospect from without, or greater variety of diverting Objects within. At the distance of 30 Miles one begins to see the Spires of the Churches, and the Prospect is still enlarged the nearer one approaches, which gives the Ravish'd Spectator the Idea of a great City Springing out of the Water; nor can one get free of the delution before he has enter'd the City, for all the outer Houses of it are Founded on Piles in the midst of the Water, for it stands entirely separated from the main Land of Italy, but the distance is only Five Miles. And the Gondola's Pais from Mestre in the Paduano to Venice, in an Hour and half. The Port is a large Plain covered with Water, in which there are certain Islands, or Rising Grounds Level with the Water, on the biggest of which Venice is Built, most of the other Islands are covered with Buildings, and make particular Towns; the most considerable of which is called Judeca, or the Jews Quarter. These Islands are call'd Lacunes, or Lagunes. Two of them are set apart for the use of those who come from the Levant, where they are oblig'd to perform their Quarantain, in certain large Hospitals call'd Lazaretto's, one of which call'd Lazaretto Vecchio, is a Mile distant from Venice, the other 5. The defign of these Places is to preserve the City from contagious Distempers: and those who keep them are fo very nice and scrupulous, that they will not receive any thing from a Stranger that there's a Thread in, nor so much as a Letter till it be open'd and Smoak'd.

The City of Venice has neither Gates, Walls, nor Citadel, and yet cannot be juftly faid to be Weak. Many Authors have efteem'd it Impregnable: and the Venetians rhemselves have told Strangers the Story so often, that now they are fully convine'd themselves that it is so. The opinions concerning the extent of this City and Number of its Inhabitants are very different. It is commonly faid to be 3 Miles in Connections of the Strangers of the Stran

pass; but Mr. Miffon makes it pretty plain that it is The number of the Inhabitants have been faid to be 2 or 3 Hundred thousand Souls, and fome have advanc'd it to four; but whatever it might be when the Trade of Venice Flourish'd, it is thought at present not to contain above a Hundred and forty thousand Souls, comprehending the Isle of Guideca. The World has been impos'd upon by fome who have endeavour'd to make People believe that there were a vast number of Gardens and Places in Venice. As to the former, fetting aside that towards Santa Maria del Orto, and about twenty more less considerable ones, all the rest will not be one with another, above ten Foot Square; and as for the latter, properly fpeaking, there is but one Place in Venice, the Famous and Magnificent Place of S. Mark; which is really the Soul and Glory of that City. 'Tis Two hundred and fifty Paces Long, and eighty Broad, or according to others 280 Long, and 100 Broad. The Church of St. Mark faces one end of it, and that of St. Geminain the other. 'Tis Bordered on each fide with those stately Piles of Building call'd the old and new Procuraties, or Lawyers Offices and Lodgings. That on the right hand as you go to St. Mark's Church is call'd the new, and that on the left the old *Procuraty*. The first has two principal Fronts, one of which looks into the Place of St. Mark, and the other into the the Broglio, over against the Palace of St. Mark; which is an Ancient and Magnificent Structure, where all the Councils meet; fuch as the grand Council, the Council of Finances, call'd the Ceea, the Marine Council, &c. Here the Money is Coin'd, and the publick Treasure kept in great iron Chests, seeur'd with three Locks: the Keys of which are committed to three Procurators, who under pain of Death, dare not make the least attempt to open them till they are all met together. The Council fits twice a Week; which are the only days for all forts of Payments. All the Streets of the City, without exception are narrow and crooked; but to make amends for these Disadvantages, they are fo. clean that one may walk a whole year in them without meeting with any Dirt, and besides they are Pav'd with large square Stones; which always after a Shower grow as white as Marble. One may go to most Houses in Venice by Water, as well as by Land; there being about 430 Bridges over the Canals, the Principal of which is that of Rialto, an admirable Structure, confifting of one Arch Founded on Ten thousand Piles of Elm, and is said to have cost two hundred and fifty thousand Ducats. Mr. Misson gives us the exact measure of this Arch, whose words are these, viz. The compass of the Arch makes exactly the third part of a Circle, and the Breadth on the Level of the Water, from one extremity of the Arch to the other is Ninety five Foot, and the height twenty four Foot. The Air of Venice is pretty wholfome, but the Water not fo; for of an hundred and fifry Wells that are within the City, there are but two or three good for any thing; and the best they have is Rain-Water, which they preferve in Cifferns. Some have reckoned the Palaces in Venice, to be about 400. but tho' this is a bold Affertion, one may venture to fay that they are so numerous and Magnificent, that they are sufficient to Adorn Ten Cities; and the finest of them are upon the great Canal.

The most remarkable things in Venice, next to the Place of St. Mark, are, the Arsenal, which claims a particular observation. It is almost two Miles in compass; for within its inclosure are comprehend-

ed the Magazines for the Vessels, Melting-Houses, Rope-yards, Forges, Lodges for the Galleaffes, Gallies, and the Bucentaur, besides the Havens and Docks, for Building and Resitting of Vessels. The Ammunition with which the Arfenal is crowded, is faid to be sufficient to Arm and Equip 15 Gallies, 4 Galleasses, as many Ships, and 100000 Men. It is Govern'd by three Noblemen, and under them by the Pilot of the Republick, whom they call the Admiral, who is Entrusted with the Care and Inspection of the Stores; and Steers the Bucentaur on Afcension-day, when the Duke, accompanied by all the Nobles, performs the Ceremony of Wedding the The Treasury has been much Richer, but still contains a great deal of rare and valuable things, as the two Crowns of the Kingdoms of Candia and Cyprus, many fine Vessels of Agar, Emerald and Crystal, a Saphire of 10 Ounces, the Doge's Corno, Valued at 200000 Crowns, and many other rare and precious things, which the Reader may find in the latest Travellers. The Republick, as St. Didier says, had a Chain of Gold enough for 40 Men to Carry, to which there was a Link added every year and 15 Millions in Gold, which they kept as a referve for extraordinary occasions; but this Treasure was partly Exhausted by the War of Candie, and partly by fome Venetian Families, who have Enrich'd them-felves with the Spoils of it. The Palace of S. Mark where the Doge Lodges, is a large Building, after the Gothick manner, but Magnificent. It has been Burnt 4 or 5 times, and the various Reparations of it, have spoilt the Uniformity of the Structure. The Broglio is the Walk of the Nobles, who always take up one fide of the Place. This is the general Rendezvouz where Visits are made, and Business Dispatch'd. No inferior Person is suffer'd to Walk on that side where the Nobles are, but the other fide is free. When a Young Nobleman is come to Age, and puts on the Gown, and is fit to fit in Council, he is Introduc'd by some of his Friends with a great deal of Ceremony into the Broglio. St. Mark's Church is a large Structure, Square on the out-side, cover'd with 4 Leaden Domes, without any Spires or Steeples. The Top is surrounded with Stone Balisters, for the conveniency of Walking. The little Arlenal of the Nobles (which is the Parish of St. Mark) is full of the Noblemens Arms, which are always kept ready Charged, in case of a Surprize. The Library of the Procuratis, has several rare Greek Manuscripts in it, but no great number of Books, nor kept in good order, but has abundance of good Painting, of Titian's, and other Famous Masters doing; and several fine Greek Statues. There are several other good Libraries in Venice; and as many Paintings as there are at Rome.

The Carneval begins always the second Holy-day of Christmass, that is, from that time People are permitted to wear Masks, and to open the Play-Houses, and Gaming-Houses. There is then an Universal Change in the Habits, Customs and Laws. Allmarks of Distinction and Superiority are forgotten, or at least neglected; All Persons are, or seem to be equal; Respect, Constraint, Ceremony, Care and Business, are Banish'd from Society; and are succeeded by Joy, Liberty, and an agreeable fort of Folly. During the Fair, the whole Place of St. Mark, and part of the Breglio, is cover'd with Shops: the other part is full of Jugglers, Tumblers, Puppet-Players, Dancing Bears and Mountebanks; which are frequented by all forts of People, from the Nobleman to the Gondalier.

The Opera's and Comedies may be reckon'd one of they call Sestiers, viz. Sestier di Castello, Sestier di the Principal divertions of the Carnaval. All the Beauty of the Opera's confifts in Vocal Musick and Machines; for there is norhing in the Habits, Dancing, and even in the Plays themselves, that deferves a particular description. The Radotti or Gaming-Houses, are properly Academies of Baffer; and are opened at the same time with the Theatres: and none but Noblemen keep the Bank. There are a great number of fine Churches in this City, particularly that Dedicated to S. Mark: and one of the peculiarities of Venice is, that some of them are Dedicated to Saints that were never Canoniz'd fuch as Fob, Moses, Samuel, Jeremy, Daniel and Zachary, &c. There are also many rich Cabinets, particularly those of the Palace of Rosini, of the Procurator Justiniani, of the Fam ly of Capello, &c. There are a great many other Things which deferve particular Observation, but it would be tedious to infert them all; and therefore we must send the Reader to the latest and best Travellers to be more particularly inform'd.

The Noblemen of Venice are variously represented by Travellers; some making them a parcel of proud, insulting, and cruel Men; but we have good reason to believe that it is otherwise. 'Tis true, they take care to maintain the Honour of their Birth and their Authority over the Citizens and the rest of their Subjects; but they are so far from insulting or Tyrannizing over them, that they are always ready to grant their Protection to Honest Men: and as for Strangers, there is no City in the World where they meet with a kinder and more civil Entertaiment. And however that Barbarous Custom of employing Bravo's to Murder and Abuse People, might have for a long time been too much used; yet the Government has taken such effectual ways for removing them, that now the whole Race of them feems to be almost extinguish'd. The Noblemen never appear Publickly but in their Black Robes: nor must they meet in Cabals, or Converse with the Servants of Foreign Ambassadors. A Nobleman may Poison his Wife for Adultery, and cause her Gallant to be Poinarded, without fearing to be call'd in question for so Bloody a Revenge. Which cruel Custom, if it were in Fashion in some other great Cities of the World, the Prices of Poison would quickly Rise, and Dagger-making become a confiderable Trade. The Venerians in their Marriages regard only Kindred and Riches; and for the most part, the Persons to be Married never see one another till they come to be joyn'd in the Lawful Bond of Matrimony. It is ordinary here for Mothers to find out Concubines for their young Sons, to keep them out of Contagious Pits: and a Man that has a mind may have choice of handsom Girls, whom their Mothers expose to Sale as commonly, as Sheep with us in Smithfield. One may Purchase a handsom Maiden-girl for 150 Crowns in hand, and as much a Year for Entertainment, and for 200 one may have the choice of the Market.

St. Theodore was formerly Patron of Venice, but St. Mark has had that Office ever fince the Ninth Century; about the beginning of which, as the Story goes, the Merchants of Venice brought the Body of St. Mark thither, from the City of Alexandria. Greeks, Armenians, and Jews are allow'd the free Exercise of their Religion in Venice; but no Jesuits are allow'd to live there, except those that are Natives of the State, and their Superior must be one Born in the City.
The City of Venice is divided into 6 Parts, which

Men Marco, Sestier di Conarejo, Sestier di San Paulo, Sestier di Santa Croce, and Sestier di Do so-duro, was from the year 774 an Episcopal See, under the Patriarch of Grado: and then the Bishop was call'd Episcopus Olivulensis, and afterwards Castellanus. But in the year 1455 Pope Nicolas the 5th, Translated the Patriarchat from Grado to Venice; which is Situated 260 Miles from Rome to the North, 280 from Vienna, 100 from Ravenna to the North, 150 from Milan to the East, 70 from Palma, and 80 from Gra-

do. Latit. 45. 30. Long. 30. 20.
Chiozza, or Chioggia, Clodia Fossa, a Town of Venetia, according to Pliny, call'd by later Authors, Clugia, stands in a little Island of the Gulf of Venice, on the Coast of the Dogado, near the Lagune di Veneta, about 15 Miles from Venice to the South, towards Loredo, near the Mand Brondelo; and has a very good Harbour. It sprung from the Ruins of the ancient Motomaucum: and is the Seat of a Bishop, Subject to the Patriarch of Venice. It was heretofore famous for the Victory which the Genoese obtain'd at it, when they made themselves Masters of it, in the year 1380. but is now subject to the State of Venice.

Torcello. Torcellum, is a small Town, about 5 Miles from Venice to the North, near the Altino, from whence the Episcopal Scat was Translated hither, in the year 635. It is very ill Inhabited, by reason of the unwholsomness of the Air.

Grado. Gradus, or Aquileia Nova, stands in an Island of the Gulf of Venice, of the same Name, near the Borders of the Province of Friuli, but in the Dogado of Venice, (to which State it is subject) near the Continent, about 12 Miles from Aquileia to the South, and 50 from Venice to the East. It was Built by the Aquileians, after Attila had destroyed their City. It was for some time the Seat of the Patriarch; but he returning to Aquileia, the People of Grado, set up a Patriarch of their own, in the time of Charles the Great, as Eginhardus and Reginus relate, and so the Patriarchat was divided into that of Aquileia, and that of Grodo; but in the year 1455 Pope Nicolas the 5th Translated it to Venice, where it still continues.

Caborle, Caprule, is a little Ill-inhabited Town, because of the Unwholsomness of the Air, in an Island of the same Name, near the Confines of Friuli, about 4 Miles from the River Lemene, about 40 from Venice to the North-East, 30 from Aquileia, and 11 from Concordia to the South. It is the Name of a finall Bishoprick, under the Patriarch of Venice, to which State it belongs.

The Country call'd by the IT ALIANS Il Polesine di Rovigno, Rodigina Peninsula, lies East and West between the Po and the Adige, South and North between the Paduano, and the Durchy of Ferrara. It was formerly a part of Romandiola. Subject to the Duke of Fer-rara; but hath been under the Jurisdiction of Venice, ever fince the year 1500. The Towns of any Note in it are,

> Rovigo. Adria. Labadia.

Rovigo. Rhodigium, is a little City, Encompas'd with a Ruinous Wall, upon the Confines of the Paduane, 20 Miles from Adria to the Welt, 25 from Ferrarato the North, and as many from Padua. It belong'd formerly to the Duke of Ferrara, but is now subject to the State of Venice: and is the Residence of the Bishop of Adria. That Ancient and Famous City, which gave Nns

its Name to the Gulf, being now but a pitiful half

drown'd Village.

Adria. Adria, Anciently a Town in Gallia Transpadana, in the Country of Venetia, according to Strabo, which Mela calls Atria and Hadria, stands upon the little River Tart.tro, almost five Miles from the Confines of the Ecclefiastical Stare, and Dutchy of Ferrara, 50 from Ravenna to the North, 30 from Ferrara to the North-East, and 25 from Venice to the South. It was formerly a Bishops Seat, Suffragan to the See of Ravenna; but now a very inconfiderable Town, being almost destroy'd by the violence of the Waves of the Sea, so that the Bishop re-fides at Rovigo. Pliny calls it Atria: and the Sea had its Name from it; being first call'd Atriaticum Mare, afterwards Adriaticum: and by Horace Adri-

The PADUANO, Patavinus Ager, Anciently Inhabited by a part of the Veneti, is Bounded on the North with the Marca di Tervigiana, on the East with the Dogado di Veneta, on the South with the Country of Rivigno, and on the West with the Veronese. It ows its name to the Chief City of it: and has been under the Jurisdiction of Venice, fince the year 1403. The most considerable Towns in

it are,

Padua. Ch.
Efte.
Campo S. Pietro.
Pieve di Sacro.
Mirano.

Orago.
Cittadella.
Montagnana.
Caftelbanco,
Monfeace.

Padua, or Padoua. Patavium, Anciently a City in the Country of Venetia, in Gallia Transpadana, according to Pliny, Ptolomy and Mela, stands about 24 Miles from Venice to the West, 18 from Vicenza, and 48 from Ferrara to the North. It was anciently, according to Mela, one of the Richest and most Flourishing Cities in *Italy*; but is now (according to Misson) a Poor and Ill-peopled City. The Circuit Mission) a Poor and Ill-peopled City. of it is very confiderable (some reckoning it 8 Miles) but there's a great deal of Waste Ground, where there are no Houses, and many Houses wherein there are no Inhabitants. The Ancient Padua hath fill retain'd its first Walls; but the City falling into the Hands of the Venerians, in the year 1403, in 1519. they pull'd down the Suburbs, in which were 10 Monastries, 6 Churches, 7 Hospitals, and about 3000 Houses. There are Porches or Piaza's almost throughout the whole City, which are convenient to shelter People from the Rain, but make the Streets both Narrow and Dark, and give opportunity to those frequent Robberies and Murders, which they call in Padua, Qui va li. It is a fort of a Sport which the Students there have; who hiding themselves between the Pillars, watch the coming of some unhappy Paffenger, whom they immediately kill or lame, without the least hope of Redress. But the University has of late been in so Poor a condition, and the number of the Students so small, that People are not much afraid of the Qui va li. Some are of opinion, that Padua was Anciently a Sea-Port-Town; because the Ancients speak of it as a very Rich Place; and because when they dig Wells and Foundations of Houses, they find in several Places Anchors and Masts. But whether it has so, or Ships brought up there by a large Canal, we will not determine. Antenor is commonly been believed to have been the Founder of this City; but tho we are told that he came into this Country, and Built a City call'd Patavium, we are not very fure that this is the Place.

The most remarkable things in Padua, are, the Church of St. Anthony of Lisbon, whom they call St. Anthony of Padua, because (altho' he was a Francifcan of Lisbon) he Died and was Buried there. It is very large and full of fine pieces of Sculpture and Painting. Also many Magnificent Tombs, particularly that of Alexander Contarini, Admiral of the Republick, and Procurator of St. Mark: and that of Count Horatio Sicco, who was Kill'd at Vienna in the last Siege. In this Church are also the Chappels of St. Anthony and St. Felix, both yery well worth an Ingenious Man's Observation. The Church of St. Justina, is also a very fine one; and the Monastry is very Large and Noble. The Hall of the Town-House is very large, but Dark, being 256 Foot Long, and 86 Broad; and is of the Figure of a Rhomboides ; but Supported by no Pillars. Peter Aponus, who was the Architect, and a Famous Necromancer, fays Cardan, Adorn'd the Roof with Constellations, and Astronomical Figures, which are still to be feen. There is a Monument Erected in the Palace of Justice in Honour of Tit. Livius the famous Roman Historian, who was Born in this Place; for in the year 1413, there was found in the Gardens of St. Justina, a Coffin of Lead, which they prefently concluded to be that of T. Livius; and putting what was within it in a Coffin of Wood, the molt confiderable Persons of the City carried it to St. Justina's Church, where it lay till the year 1447, when it was remov'd to the aforesaid Palace, and the Monument Erected; to which they added an Infcription, which was found near the Place where the Temple of Concord stood; and Placed over the Inscription a Head of Marble, which had been in the Pofdession of a Gentleman of Padua, thought to be that of Lentulus Marcellinus. 'Tis true, both Head and Inscription are old, but by a late Differtation it appears, that this Inscription did not belong to the Famous Historian; but to one T. Livius, a Freed-Man of one of the Historians Daughters. There are in this City a great many knowing Antiquaries, and feveral Cabinets of Curiosities. The University is in a very mean condition; for of Ten Colleges there are Nine employ'd ro other uses; but that which remains is a fine Building. This University was Founded, or (as some say) Repair'd and Re-establish'd by the Emperor Frederick, Ann. 1222. The City was taken by the Emperor Maximilian 1509, but recovered not long after.

Este, Atteste, Anciently a Town in Gallia Transpadana, according to Pliny and Tacitus, upon the River Bachiglione, near the Hills call'd Monti di Padua; about 12 Miles to the South of Padua, 5 to Monselice, and 30 from Venice to the South-west. It was formerly a Bishops Seat under the Patriarch of Aquileia: and from hence the Princes of Este had their Name, in whose Possession the Dutchy of Ferrara was for a long time, as now Modena is.

The Country call'd VERONESE. Veronensis Ager, is Bounded with the County of Tirol in Germany on the North, the Vicentino and Paduano on the East, the Dutchy of Mantua on the South, and the Bresciano, and the Lago di Garda on the West: and was Anciently Inhabited by a Part of the Cenomani It lies South-East and North-West, for the Space of 56 Miles; and the Towns of any note in it are,

Verona. Paschiera. St. Bonifacio. SGarda. Chiusa. Legnago.

Verona. Verona, anciently a City of the Cenomani, in Gallia Transpadana, according to Strabo, Livy and Ptolomy; in Rhatia, according to Pliny, was built by the Euganci and Rheti, and afterwards poffers'd by the Cenomani. It has always been a famous City in many respects. The Situation of it is admirable, the Air good, and the City large: And affords a ravishing Prospect from any neighbouring Eminency. It is divided into two Parts by the Adige, over which there are Four stately Stone Bridges, which make the Communication between these Parts. The Castles of St. Felix and St. Peter, command the Town, but the other Fortifications of this Place are much neglected, and very irregular. The Amphitheatre in Verena is a most surprising piece of Antiquity: The outward Wall is almost destroy'd, but Care has been taken to repair and preserve the Benches, whereof there are 44. longest Diameter of the Arena is 233 French Feet, and the shortest or breadth 136. Every Step is one Foot 3 Inches of the same Measure, and about 2½ Foot broad. It is commonly believed that Augustus built it, tho' fome attribute it to the Emperor Maximin. The Cathedral is a little dark Church; in which is to be seen the Monument of Pope Lucius III. who, as well as his Predecessor Alexander the III. had great Broils with Frederick Barbaroffa. Church of St. Zeno is faid to be built by Pepin, Son of Charlemain, and King of Italy; who, as some believe, lies Buried here. Near the Church of St. Maria Antica, there are several Magnificent Tombs of the Scaligers, who were Princes of Verona, before that City belong'd to the Republick of Nenice. The Cabinet of Count Mafeardo is a rare and wonderful Collection of Pictures, Books, Rings, Animals, Plants, Monitrous Productions of Nature, and curious Works of all Fashions; but especially, a vast Number of old Instruments and Utinsels, which were used in the Pagan Sacrifices; above Five Thousand of all Sorts of Medals, great variety of Coins, some whereof are of Leather, and also a great Collection of Shells, Toffils, Lamps, Urns, and a Thousand other Things too many to be inserted here.

This City has been Subject to the Republick of Venice fince the Year, 1403. and in an old Infeription is call'd Colonia Augusta. It was the Birth-Place of the Poet Catullus: And was taken by the Emperor Maximilian in the Year, 1509. but reflor'd in the Year, 1516. to the Venetians. It is an Episcopal See, under the Patriarch of Aquileia: And is distant 35 Miles from Trento or Trente to the South, 22 from Maxtua, 40 from Brescia to the East, and 15 from Paschiera to the North-West.

Cliusa, Vernea, which Cassiodorus makes mention of as a Fortres of Rhetia, stands upon the River Adage, at the Foot of a high Rock, with a Passage leading to it, cut out of the same Rock, on the other side whereof is a Precipice, the bottom whereof is washid by the River Adage. Cluverius thinks that Vernea is rather the Name of a Fort, call'd il Cassiello della Pietra, in the County of Tirel, belonging to the House of Austria, about 4 Miles from Rovereid or Rovere to the North, and 9 from Trente. Legnago, Leonicum, stands upon the Adige, about

Legnago, Leonicum, stands upon the Marge, about 27 Miles from Verona, and as many from Ferrara: And is improperly taken by some for Liniacum.

The Country call'd il VIC ENTINO, Vicentinus Ager, is bounded with the Country of Tirol on the North, the Marca di Trevigiana on the East, the

Veronese on the West, and the Paduano on the South and partly on the East. The Towns of Note are Vicenza and Lonigo.

Vicenza, Vicentia, anciently a City in Gallia Cifalpina according to Tacitus, by Ptolony call'd Vicenta, and Vicetia by Pliny, stands at the Confinence of and Piceria by Ping, itands at the Confidence of the Rivers Bachiglione and Rerene, 13 Miles from Padua to the Welt, 30 from Vectora, and as many from Feltri to the South. It is about half as big as Vectora, and encompass'd only by old Walls; and the two or three little Rivers which meet here the they are very useful, yet are not Navigobie till they all meet. There are some pretty good Churches in it; but these, as well as other Things that are to be feen here, do not at all deferve the lofty Names the Inhabitants give them. The Church call'd the Coronate is well Pav'd and Wa'nicored: That of the Nuns of St. Catherine harh three fine Altars. Town-House is very indifferent, but they boast of it as a rare Piece. There are some Ruins of an ancient Amphitheatre at Vicenza; and the Theatre in the Academy of the Olympicks is the Work of the famous Palladio. The Triumphal-Arch without the Gates, at the Entrance of the Plain, which is call'd the Field of Mars, is in Imitation of the ancient way of Building, by the same Palladio. This City was taken by the Emperor Maximilian in the Year, 1509. but restored by a Treaty of Peace in 1516. and hath continued ever since under the Republick of Venice. It is an Episcopal See under the Patriarch of Aqui-

The Country of BRESCIANO, Brixianus Ager, which was formerly a part of the Dutchy of Milan, but subject to the Republick of Venice about 200 Years, is bounded on the North will the Valteline and the County of Tirol, by the Cremenese on the South, the Veronese on the East, and the Be.gomascon the West: And was anciently Inhabited by a part of the Cenomani and Enganci. The Towns of any Note in it are,

Brefcia.
Afala.
Montchiaro.
Salo.
Isfico.

Reca d' Anfo.
Ponte Vigo.
Orci Nuovi.
Orci Vecchi.

Brescia, Brixia, anciently a City and Colony of Gallia Transpadana, and Metropolis of the Cenoma-ni, according to Strabo and Pliny, and at present a well Inhabited Town, and of considerable Trafick, stands on the River Mela, 15 Miles from the Lake of Garda to the West, almost as much from that of Ifeo to the East, 30 from Mantua to the West, near as much from Bergamo, and about 50 from Milan. It is a fortified Place with a Cittadel upon an adjacent Rock. It is said to have been built by the Influbres or by the Senones, together with Cemo and Bergamo. It is a Bishop's Seat, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Milan. The Palace of Justice in this City is a great and fair Building of a certain hard Stone refembling Marble. Opposite to this Palace there is a Portico 500 Paces long, almost quite fil'd with Armourer's Shops. The Fire-Arms that are made here being famous over all Italy. In the Cathedral they preferve with great Veneration that which they call Confiantine's Oriflame; which they fay is a Blew Cross of an unknown Matter; but it, is never fully shown, and so we cannot describe it; only this much is certain, that this cannot be the Cross which appear'd to Constantine when he Fought

against Maxentius, fince that was only a Figure in

the Air, and not a palpable Substance.

Salo, Salodium, stands on the West side of the Lake Garda, between Brescia and Trente, 20 from the former, and 30 from the latter, and 30 also from Verona to the West.

Orci Nuovi, O ci Novi, is a place of considerable Strength, being upon the Confines of the Dutchy of

Milan, near the River Oglio.

The Country call'd BERGAMOSCO, Bergomense Territorium, anciently a part of Gallia Transpadana, inhabited by the Orobii, formerly belongd to the Dutchy of Milan, but in the Year, 1428. it revolted to the Venetians, who still retain the Poffession of it. It is bounded on the North with the Vaitelline, on the East by the Bresciano, on the South and West by the Dutchy of Milan, and contains these Towns,

Bergomo.
Martinengo.
Calepio. Clusano.

Bergomo, Bergomum, anciently a City in Gallia Transpadana, inhabited by the Orobii Cenomani, is at present a Strong To vn, and a Place of considerable Trafick, seated on a little Hill at the soot of the Alper. Besides its Fortifications, which are well lin'd, and in good Repair, it has a Cittadel with some Forts and advanc'd Works, which defend the rifing Grounds that Command it. It has also five Suburbs, every one of which is worth a little Town. In the Cathedral Church is to be feen the Tomb of the brave Barth. Coglione, Commander of the Venetian Forces against Milan, and who was the first General who brought Cannons into the Field. Ambrosius Calepinus, who was Born at Calepio, a Village neat this Place, lies inter'd at the Augustin's. The Bergomese Jargon is reckon'd so ridiculous, that the Italian Buffoons affect to imitate it; but that which makes them more disagreeable is the Wens or Lumps on their Throats, which dissigure rheir Countenances. These are natural to 'em, and they think it an Ornament rather than a Blemish. City was formerly Subject to the Duke of Milan, but after the Death of Duke Philip, the Inhabitants came under the Venetian Jurisdiction. Lewis XII. King of France, having beat the Venetian Army in the Battle of Agnadel, took Bergomo, but restor'd it to that Republick six Years after, by a Treaty of Peace, An. 1516. It is an Episcopal See under the Arch-bishop of Milan; and stands between the River Serio to the East, and that of Brembo to the West; 30 Miles from Brescia to the West, as many from Milan, and 30 also from Como.
Calepio, Calepium, is a little Town on the River

Oglio, near the Confines of the Bresciano, about 12 Miles from Bergomo to the East, and 3 from the Lake of Iseo. It gives name to the adjacent Valley, and was the Birth-place of that learn'd Man

Ambrosius Calepinus.

The Country call'd CREMASCO, Cremensis Ager, owes its Name to the Chief Town of it, and is surrounded by the Territories of the Duke of Milan. It is but of small Extent; but very Fertile, and well Watered. It formerly belonged to the Duke of Milan, but is now subject to the Venetians. The only Place of any Note in it is,

Crema. Crema, a Fortified Town on the River Serio, 9 Miles from Lodi Vechio to the North-West, 24 from Brescia, 20 from Piacenza, and 24 from

Bergomo to the South. It was formerly call'd Dinguntorum, according to Cluverius, and was erected into a Bishoprick, under the Archbishop of Bulognia, in the Year, 1579.

The Venetian Dominions on the Coast of Dalmatia.

D'Almatia, fo call'd either from Delmius or Delmi-nium, a City in Illyricum, was anciently the Eastern Part of Illyricum proprium. The Dalmitani having afferted their Liberty in the Reign of Gentius King of Illyricum, and having twenty Cities under their Jurisdiction, gave the Country the Name of Dalmatia: And having afterwards added sixty Towns more to their former Dominions, and extended their Conquests as far as to the Sea Shoar, began to make Incursions into the Territories of the Tragurini and Epetini; which was the Ground of the first Dalmatian War; at which Time the Roman's reduced that Country into a Province. afterwards, the Dalmatians having acquir'd the Western Part of the Country from the Liburni; as they did Illyricum proprium from the Romans, extended their Dominions all along between the Rivers Titius (now il Kerk) and Drilo (now la Drino) Liburnia being then included in Dalmatia. After the declining State of the Roman Empire its Limits were further extended: And a long time after it came to be confin'd within much narrower Bounds, fo that it bordered with Pannonia Savia on the North, the Upper Messa on the East, Istria on the West, and the Adriatick or Illyrian Sea and Macedonia on the South. It was otherwise divided into Dalmatia on the Coast, and Inland Dalmatia: And of all the Provinces of the Western Illyricum, Dalmatia alone retain'd its ancient Name; till it fell into the Hands of the Slavi, and then it was divided into Croatia, Servia, and Dalmatia. The Slavi (People who came from the Palus Meotis) were subdued by the Hungarians; from whom the Turks at last took the Inland Country of Dalmatia, and the Venetians posses'd themselves of a great part of the Sea-Coast, and are now Masters of these Places following.

Zara, Jadera, anciently a Colony and City in Illyricum, according to Pliny, and Metropolis of Liburnia, stands on the Adriatick Sea, or rather is almost quite surrounded with it, and join'd to the Continent by a Bridg. It formerly belong'd to the Kingdom of Hungary, till the Year, 1409. that King Ladislaus Sold it, together with Novigrad and some other Places, to the Venetians, for 100000 Ducats, as Joh. Lucius relates. It is now the Metropolis of Dalmatia, and the Seat of an Archbishop; and defended by a strong Castle. It stands in the Latitude of 44, 30, and is distant 180 Miles from Venice to the East, 100 from Pola in Istria, 40 from Sebenico to the North-West, and 116 from Ancona to the North-East; and gives a Name to the adjacent Country, vulgarly call'd il Contado di Za-Near this Place lies Zara Vecchio, where the Ruins of the ancient Jadera are still to be seen.

Nona, Ænona, or Enona, according to Pliny, stands on the Adriatick Sea, almost encompass'd with the Water, and well Fortified. It is no very large Town, but an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Zara. It stands over against the Island of Pago, from which it is divided by a Streight four Miles broad, about 10 Miles from Zara, and 35 from Seg-

na or Zeng.

Spalato, Spalatum, and Aspalathum by Constantinus Porphyrogennite, is a pretty large and strong Town, with a very safe and large Harbour; and was anciently Honoured with the Palace of the Roman Emperor Dioclesian, to which it is said to owe its Name. It owes its Rise to the Ruins of Salone, an ancient Town sour Miles to the North of it; in whose place it was made the Scat of an Archbishop. It has belong d to the Venetians since the Year, 1420. notwithstanding several services and the Turks to make themselves Masters of it. It is distant 10 Miles from Tram to the East, 35 from Schenico, and 15 from Almissa.

Schenico, Sehenicum, or Sihenicum (which some inconsideratly take for the ancient Sicum, the Ruins of which are to be seen on the Coast between Traw and those of Salona) is a fortified Town upon the Adriatick Sea, about 40 Miles from Zara to the East, 23 from Traw to the North-West, and 300 from Venice to the East. It has been under the Venetians Jurisdiction since the Year, 1412, and Pope Boniface the VIII. erected it into a Bishoprick.

Traw, Tragurium, which Strabo and Pliny make mention of as a Town in Dalmatia, is now a little but pretty strong Town, built upon a small Island, and join'd to the Continent by a Bridge, over against the Island of Bua, to which a Bridge likewise joins it, about 70 Miles from Zara, 12 from Salona, and as many from Spalato. It is a Bishop's Seat, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Spalato, and has belong'd to the Venerium Sirve the V

to the Venetians fince the Year, 1420. Cliss. Cliss. anciently call'd Andetrium, as 30b. Encius of Traw relates, is a strong Castle in Dalmatia, built on a Rock, about 6 Miles from the Shoar, as many from Spalato to the North, and 4 from the Ruins of Salona. It formerly belong'd to the Turks, but was taken by the Venetians in the Year, 1648, and confirm'd to them, together with a little part of the adjacent Country by the Treaty of Peace at Candia.

Cattaro, Cattara, stands on a Gulf of the same Name, and is defended by a strong Castle built on a Neighbouring Hill. It, together with 17 litle Villages, has been subject to the Republick of Venice since the Year, 1420, and is the Seat of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Bari, but somerly to Ragusa. Dominicus Niger takes this Place for the ancient Afrivium on Astrovium, mentioned by Pliny and Ptolomy, others think that Name belongs rather to Castle-Novo, on the same Gulf; and some to Melata Grande, a Fortress upon the Coast of the Adriatick.

The Island of CHERSO, which Pliny calls Crexa, Prolomy Crefps, is one of the Absprides, in the Golfo di Carnero, lies between Island and Morlachia, and is join'd by a Bridge to the Island Osero, whereof formerly it was a part. Upon this Island stands a Town of the same Name, about 12 Miles from Fiurme to the South, and as many from Fianano to the East.

The Island of OSERA, which Mela calls Abforus, Ptolomy Apforus, and Pliny Absprtium, is also one of the Absprtides, according to Strabo, and separated by a small Streight from Cherso, to which it is join'd by a Bridge; having upon it a Town of the same Name, dignified with the Residence and Tittle of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Zara. It lies 30 Miles from Senga in Morlachia to the South-West.

The Island of Vegia or Veglia, Curilla, lies in the Gulfo di Carnero, a few Miles off the Coast of Liburnia or Morlachia, which lies to the East of it, as

that of Abforus does to the West, and Arbe to the South: And is about 55 Miles in Circumserence. The Town of the same Name (Caricium) stands upon the West Side of the Island, and has the advanage of a good Harbour, and a Casse to defend it. It is about 16 Miles from Ofero to the East, and as many from Senga: It is an Episcopal See, and has been under the Venetian Jurisdiction since the Year, 143c.

The Island of Arbe, Arba, lies in the Golfo di Carnero, and is said to be 15 Miles East and West, and
about 4 from the Coast of Liburnia. The Town
of the same Name stands on the South side of it, and
is dignified with the Title of an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Zara. It stands over against
Senga, from which it is 13 Miles distant.

The Island of Pago or Gissa, lies on the West of Arbe, along the Coatt of Morlachia also, from which it is divided by a Streight 3 Miles broad. It is reckon'd 16 Miles long, and 46 in compass: And lies between the Island Arbe to the North-West and the Town of Nona, which is distant 4 Miles from it.

The Island of la Brazza, Bratia or Brachia, mentioned by Pliny and Antoninus, lies off the Coast of Dalmatia, between Spalato to the West and Narrenta to the East, not far from Traw and the Isle of Lesina, which lies on the South of it.

The Venetian Dominions in the Ionian and Ægean Seas

CEfalonia, Cephalenia, an Island in the Ionian Sea, between that of Leucada or St. Maura on the North, and Zante on the South, 12 Miles from the Former, and 20 from the other, and not above 24 Miles from the West Coast of the Morea. It has been by fome call'd Samos, Melana, Teleboa and Tapsus, and is 90 Miles in Compass. It is an Epsicopal See under the Archbishop of Corfu, and hath been Subject to the State of Venice these several Ages; and the Inhabitants observe the Rites of the Greek Church. There were formerly Four considerable Towns in it; but now only a few Villages, with a Fort, call'd Cefalonia, built on a Hill, about 6 Miles from which lies the Port of Argosoli, on the South side of the Island. It is said to have its Name from Cephalus an Athenian: And Homer reckons the Cefalonians among those who followed Ulysses in his Trojan Expedition. Antonius, Cicero's Collegue in the Consulate was banish'd to this Island: And began to Build a City, but never sinish'd it.

The Island of Corfu, Coreyra, mentioned by Pliny and Strabo, and call'd Pheacia by the Poets, lies off the Coast of Epirus, the North part not being above 4 Miles from the Continent, extended 50 Miles in length, from North to South, and is 120 in Compass, between Monte della Chimera, (Montes Acrocraunii) to the North, and the Island of Leucada to the South, from which it is 150 Miles distant, and 85 from Capo di Santa Maria di Luce (Japygium Promontorium) to the South-East. It has been under the Venetian Jurisdiction, since the Year, 1386, that the Coreyreans willingly offered themselves Subjects to that Republick; and in the Year, 1401, their Title was fully consirm'd, by Ladislam King of Naples, for 30000 Ducats. The Corinthians are said to have transplanted a Colony hither in the Reign of Numa. It was anciently Fanous for its Naval Force, and in it was Cassiepe (now Sant Maria di Cassiepe) where stood the Temple of Jupiter.

The Town of Corfu, Corcyra Urbs, standson that side of the Island that lies opposite to Epirus, from which it is distant above 12 Miles to the West.

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The Island of Zant, Zacynthus Insula, lies in the Ionian Sea, about 18 Miles from the Capo Tornese in the Morea, to the Weit, and 12 from Cephalonia to the South: And the Streight betwire these Two is call'd the Canal of Zant. It is divided into three Parts, viz. In Montagna, il Piedemonte, and la Pianiora; and contains near 100 Miles in compass, and produces great store of delicious Wines, both Muscadine and other Sotts. But since Italy is sufficiently stock'd with these Commodities, the Inhabitants dry most of their Grapes, and send 'em to England and Holland.

The City of Zant stands on the East part of the Island, which with the Harbour, are commanded by a very sine Casile, where the Proveditore, who is always Chosen out of the Principal Nobility of Venice, resides. The Ishabitants are Rich, and there are several Gentlemen among 'em. Those of the Greek Church abound most in this Place; but the Venetians have built several Churches for the use of those of the Romish Faith; and do what they can to establish that Religion, in opposition to that of the Greeks. Here, as at Venice, those that come from the Levant are not suffered to go ashoar till they have perform'd their Quarantain.

Millo is fully describ'd in the Account of Turkey in

Europe, and therefore we shall say nothing of it here. The Island of Cerigo, Cythera, anciently (according to Pliny) call'd Porphyris, and Porphyrufa' by Ariflotle, by others Scothera, is the farthest West Island in the Agean Sea, or Archipelago; and lies about eight Miles from the Capo Malio in the Morea, to the South. It has been subject to the Venerians, since the Lords of the Morea gave it them: And is reckoned to be about 60 Miles in compass. It is a Mountainous Country, but has a good Harbour towards the South Part of it: And is distant 15 Miles from the Island (or rather Rock) call'il Cecerigo, and 35 from the nearest part of the Island of Candia, to the North-West. There is a Bishop of the Greek Church in it.

The Island of Tine, Tenos, one of the Cyclades (according to Ptolomey,) and by Aristotle call'd Hydrussa, for its great Plenty of Water (as Pliny relates). It is said to be about 35 Miles in compass: And is distant 7 Miles from Andros, 18 from Siro, 12 to the North of Mycone, and as many from Delos. It has been subject to the Republick of Venice about 300 Years: And there is at present a Bishop of the

Latin Church in it.

Kimolo, or Argentara, Cimolus, is described in our Account of Turkey in Europe; whither we must refer the Reader for a full Account of the Morea, with all the remarkable Places and Things in and about it.

CHAP. X.

The Republick of Lucca: Lucensis Ditio.

THIS little State lies on the Coast of the Mediterranean Sea, between the Genouese on the West, Modena on the North, and the Dominions of the Great Duke of Tuscany on the East; is reckon'd to be about 30 Miles long, and 24 broad. It is a Fief of the Empire, and under its Protection. Its Government is purely Aristocratical, the Sovereignty being lodg'd in the Hands of 240 Nobles, who are divided into two Bodies; which fucceed one another every fix Months, with the Gonfalonnier, or Standard-bearer, at their Head. This Gonfalonnier, is their Chief Magistrate, and is affisted by nine Counsellors, call'd Anziani; but he enjoys the Supream Dignity but two Months, duting which time he has the Title of a Prince, and fo ftyl'd his Excellency; but all the Advantage he gets by it, is to have his Table maintain'd at the Publick Charge: And after an Interval of fix Years he is capable of being chosen again. The Publick Revenues are said to be about 100000 Crowns. How far this may go towards maintaining an Army, or supporting the Dignity of a free State; I will not determine : Some fay they can raife, upon occasion, 15000 Foot, and 3000 Horse, and others screw it up to 30000 in all; but that is to be understood, I suppose, in Cases of great Danger and Necessity, when they put all in Arms that are able to carry

The City of Lucca, Luca, (which is faid to have been built by the Tufcans, and owes its Name to Lucumo one of their Kings) stands in the midst of a fertile Plain about 15 or 20 Miles long, and is

furrounded with very rich and well-inhabited Hillocks, near the River Serchio, about 13 Miles from the Shoar of the Tuscan Sea to the East, 10 from Pi-Sa to the North, 45 from Florence to the West, 60 from Siena, and 30 from Luna. It gives Name to the adjacent Country call'd il Luchefe, and is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Pifa; from whose Jurisdiction it is now exempted. This City is not very large, fince one may walk round the Ramparts in an Hour. The Fortifications are pretty regular and well lin'd, but their Foundations are almost level with the Plain. The Things most remarkable in this Place, are, the Palace of the Republick, where the Gonfalonnier Lodges with his nine Counfellors: The Arfenal, where there is a confiderable quantity of Arms for so finall a State, and kept in very good Order. The Cathedral, Dedicated to Saint Martin, in which is the Chapel of the Volto Santo, where the famous Crucifix is kept, that the Angels finish'd after Nicodemus had for a long time in vain endeavoured to do it. The Church of St. Fredian, in which there is a Tomb-stone, with this Inscription, Hic jacet Corpus Sancti Riccardi Regis Anglie. Here lies the Body of St. Richard King of England; but it is hard to tell who this Royal Saint should be, since it is very well known that all the Kings of England of that Name died and were Buried essewhere. This is still a populous City; but several Noble Families, as, the Calendrini, Burlamachi, Turretini, Micheli, Minstoli and Diodati, and feveral others remov'd from this Place to Geneva, about the Time of the Reformation.

CHAP. XIV.

The Dominions of the Great Duke of Tuscany.

T is certain, that the Boundsof the Ancient Heeruria, were much larger than those of the Modern
Tuscany, this being but a part of that Herruria or
Etruria, was Bounded on the North and East, with
the Apenine Mountains, and the River Tyber on the
West, and South withthe Tyrrenian (now Tuscan) Sca,
from the River Magra, to the Mouth of the Tyber;
but the Modern Tuscany, which the Italians call Toscana, comprehending the greater part of the Ancient
Hetruria, is Bounded (according to Baudrand) with
the Appennines on the North, on the West and South
with the River Magra, and the Tuscan Sea, on the East
with the River Magra, and the Tuscan Sea, on the East
with the Rivers Tyber and Agno: and comprehends the
Territories of Florence, call'd il Fiorentino, those of Sicna, call'd il Sense, of Pisa, call'd il Pisano, and il Lucas,
call'd Luchese, (now afree and separate State) with sevecall other Countries and Places belonging to the Duke of
Modena, the State of Genoua, and the King of Spain.

The Dominions of the great Duke of Tuscary, are Bounded on the North and East with the Ecclesiatical State, on the South with the Tuscan Sea, on the West with the Territories of Lucca, and Modena. It is a Pleasant and Fruissul Country, producing abundance of Olives, Citrons, Oranges, Sasron, Flax, and Wooll, and in several Places there are Mineral Waters, which effectually cure many dangerous Distempers. The Manusactures also of Serges, Woollen-Cloth, Silks, Tapestries, Gilded-Leather, Earthen Vessels and Persumes, contribute much to its

Riches. That the Reader may the more distinctly conceive the Constitution and Government of this Dukedom, it will not be amiss to refresh his Memory with some hints of its Rise and encrease; beginning from the very original of the City of Florence, and tracing it down to the present time. The City of Florence, (as Machiavel relates) was begun by the Merchants of Fiesole, (Fesulae) and Augmented by Colonies sent thither from Rome; for those Merchants finding it convenient for People to come to them, either to Buy from them, or Sell to them, by reasontheir Town flood on the Top of a Hill, appointed a place for them in the Plain, betwixt the Foot of the Mountains, and the River Arnus, so that what was at first but Store houses for keeping Commodities, became afterwards a Town, and a place of Habitation. After the Civil Wars in Rome, first betwixt Marius and Silla, then betwixt Cafar and Pompey; afterwards betwixt the Murderers of C.efar, and the Revengers of his Death; by Silla first, and then by Casar Augustus, M. Antonius, and M. Lepidus, who Revenged the Affasination, and divided the Empire, Colonies were sent to Fiefoli; all or most of whom settled in the aforesaid Plain, where the Town was already begun; which did so mightily enlarge its Bounds, and encrease the number of its Inhabitants, that it justly might claim a place among the Cities of Italy. It was at first called Acnina, afterwards Florentia; but whatever might be the Original of that Name, whether from one Florinus the Chief Man of the Colony, or the Flourishing State of this Infant City, this is certain, that it was Founded under the Emperors of Rome, being mentioned in the History of the first Em-

perors: That when the Barbarians made Inroads into, and Ravag'd the Empire, Totila, King of the Oftrigoths, Demolish'd Florence. That 250 years after it was Rebuilt by Charles the Great, from whose time till the year 1215, it followed the Fortune of the rest of Italy, and was subject to those that commanded; first to the Successors of Charles, afterwards to the Berengarii, and last of all to the Emperors of Germany. In those days it was not in the Florentines power to extend the Bounds of their Dominions, by reason they were subject to a Foreign Power, unless in the time of an Inter-regnum, between the Death of one Emperor, and the Creation of another, when all the Cities were free; as in the year 1010. when they took Fiefoli, when the Inhabitants were employed about celebrating their Festival of St. Romulus. But afterwards the Popes assuming more Power, and the Emperors losing what they formerly had, the Cities began to disregard their Princes, and Italy feem'd divided betwixt the Emperors and the The Florentines in the mean time submitting themselves to the Conquerors, kept themselves quiet and intire, till the year 1215. After which, they fell into Divisions, and Civil Commotions were never long satisfied with any form of Government, but al-ways contriving new Models; which bred infinite Confusion in the State, (a thing unavoidable in a Society, where Restless and Turbulent Spirits are Sometimes the Nobles fell out among the People. Sometimes the Nobles fell out among themselves, sometimes these with the Citizens, and sometimes the Richest with the Inferior fort. In all which unreasonable Jars, no sooner was any Faction uppermost, than it fplic and divided again; and the true and na-tural effect of all this was, Murder, Banishment, and Dispersion of Families, where oftentimes the Wisest and best deserving had the hardest Fare, whilst those of no worth enjoyed what was only due to true Merit; which often happens where Pation prevails over Reason, or the unthinking Multitude meddles in the Affairs of State. Notwithstanding all those Divisions, and the innumerable Changes in their Form of Government, the State of Florence preserv'd it self, but was certainly depriv'd of vast Advantages it might have reap'd, had it been Managed by Wise and constant Politicks. Had the Florentines been so happy, after they thook off the Emperors Yoke, to affume fuch a form of Government, as would have preserved themselves in Unity; it is highly probable, that in process of timethey might have vey'd in Riches and Power, with almost any State, ancient or Modern: as we may see in this one Instance. For after they had expell'd the Ghibelins, who were so nu-merous as to fill all Tuscany and Lombardy, the Guelss and fuch as staid behind, in the expedition against Arezzo, were able to draw out of their own Citizens 12000 Foot, and 1200 Horse. And in the War against Philippo Visconti, Duke of Milan, being to try their Fortune rather with their Purses than their Swords, in the space of 5 years that the War lasted, the Florentines expended 5 Millions, and 5 hundred thousand Florins; and after all that, when the War was at an end, they March'd out with an Army, and

Befieg'd Lucca. Thus the Florentines continu'd in a free State, till about the year 1410. that John de Medicis, (whose Posterity are now Dukes of Florence) became so Rich, and acquir'd such Repute among them, by defending the People against the Nobles, that almost the Sovereignty of the City was put into his Hands. His Son Cofmo Reform'd the State, and enlarg'd its Dominions, by the addition of Cafentino, and several other Places. He Died in the year 1464, and left the Management of Publick Affairs to his Son Peter; who transmitted it to his Sons Larenzo and Julian; but the People growing jealous of their Liberty, and fearing left the Sovereignity should become Hereditary to this Family, put the Administration of the Government into the hands of that of the Sodoreni, whom they Entrusted with it, knowing how fickle the Multitude was, devolved all upon the 2 young Gentlemen : against whom the Pazzi conspiring, kill'd Julian, but Lorenzo Efcap'd; and afterwards went to Naples, where he enter'd into a perpetual League with King Frederick. After his Death his Son Peter fell in Difgrace with the Florentines, and was Banish'd with his whole Family, but was Reftor'd by his Kiniman Pope Lee the 10th. After whose Death they were again Banish'd; but Pope Clement 7. Son to the aforesaid Julian, prevail'd with Charles the 5th to Besiege the City, which yielded after two years Resistance. The Emperor then gave it to Alexander de Medicis, Peter's Grandchild, by his Son Lorenzo, Ann. 1531. but he was Murder'd by his Cousin Lorenzo de Medicis, who fled to Venice. After which the Family of Medicis sent to the Country for Cosmo, (who was then but 18 years old) to be their Prince, being next Heir to the Family, according to the entail made by the Emperor Charles. He was Crown'd with the Title of Great Duke of Tuscan, in the Court of Rome, by Pope Pius the 5th, Ann. 1570. By this the Reader may see how this State began, and advanc'd, and what the nature of its Government was, and how much different from what it is at present. The Duke of Tuscany is a Rich and Powerful Prince: his ordinary Revenue (as is generally reported) is about 1500000 Crowns, and some raise it to 2000000. and he is said to have in his Treasury 20000000 pieces of Gold, besides Jewels and other things of great Value. Which if it is so, 'tis no hard matter for him to Raise 40000 Foot, and 3000 Horse, and to put to Sea 12 Gallies upon occafion, 2 Galleasses, and 20 Ships of War.

We have already told what the Bounds of the ancient Hetruria was, and how different that was from the Modern Tuscany, whose Bounds are of a much narrower compass, and also what share of Tuscany, in a larger Sense, belongs to the great Duke 3 whose Dominions are commonly divided into 3 parts, as

you may see in the following Table.

TUSCANT Divided into 3 Parts.

The Territories | Piftoia. | Borgo S. Sepulchro.
ritories | Piftoia. | Empoli. |
Prato. | Arezzo. |
Fiefoli. |
Scarparia. |

The Territo-{Pifa. ries of Pifa. Legborn.} {Voltera. Campiglia.

The Ter- Siena.
ritories Pienza.
of Sie- Mont-Alcino.
ena, Piombino.

III.

Monte Pulciano.
Chiufi.
Maffa.
Graffetto.

{Orbitello. Port-Hercole. } belonging to the Spaniards.

FLORENCE, which the Italians call Fiorenza, Florentia, (of whose original and encrease we have spoke already, in our account of that State. whereof it is the Metropolis) stands upon the River Arno, in a delightful Plain, Surrounded with very ferril Hillocks, on all fides, except that which looks to Pistoia; which rise insensibly, and unite themselves to the Mountains. The vast number of Houses which cover both the Hills and the Interjacent Plain, make a most Ravishing Prospect, from any Eminence or Tower within the City. It is faid by some Travellers, to be 7 Miles in compass, by others but 6. According to one of our latest Travellers, it is said to contain within its Walls 8800 Houses, 60000 Souls, (tho others screw up their number to 70000) 22 Hospitals, 89 Convents, 84 Fraternities, 152 Churches, 18 Halls or Galleries, belonging to Merchants, 72 Courts of Justice, 6 Columns, 2 Pyramids, 4 Bridges, 7 Fountains, 17 Palaces or Courts, and 160 publick Statues. The Streets are all Pav'd with large pieces of gray Stones, call'd by the Inhabitants Pietra forte, brought from the Neighbouring Quarries: and the Palaces of Florence are reckon'd the handsomest Structures in Italy. The most remarkable things in this City are, the Celebrated Palace Pitti, where the great Duke Lodges, at the great Gate of which is a large Load-stone, said to weigh about 5000 Pound. In this Palace there are several Galleries, and other Rooms full of all manner of Rarities, both Ancient and Modern; the most precious and valuable of which are kept in the Octogonal Room, call'd the Tribune, Built by Buontalenti, which is 24 Foot in Diameter, and is cover'd with an Arch'd Dome. The Floor is Pav'd with several sorts of Marble, Artificially laid together, the Walls are Hung with common Velver, Beautified with an infinite number of rare Ornaments, the Windows are of Crystal, and the inside of the Dome is overlaid with Mother of Pearl. Nothing is admitted into this Place, but what is of great Value, and exquisite Beauty, the Chief of which is that lovely and famous Diamond, which Weighs 139 Carrats and a half, There is also an Antique Head of Julius Cafar of one intire Torquoise, as big as an Egg, a Cupboard full of Vessels of Agat, Lapis Lazuli, &c. A large Table and Cabinet, wholly made up of Oriental Jasper, Chalcedony, Rubics, Topazes, and other precious Stones, admirably well Wrought: A Collection of rare Medals, and a prodigious number of Antique Pieces of Carv'd and Engrav'd Work Select Pictures and Statues. The Cathedral is a very large and stately Building, tho' se-veral parts of it are of Gothick Architecture. It is all Cover'd over on the outside, and Pav'd within with Polish'd Marble, of several Colours. It is 490 Feet long, and 380 high, to the Top of the Cross on the Globe, and contains many pieces of fine Painting and Statues. S. Laurence's Church is very Large and Rich, and the famous Chappel, if Finish'd, is the finest Edifice of that nature in the World. The Library of St. Laurence is particularly Famous for its Manuscripts; among which there is one of Virgil's Works, of the Age of Theodosius, and a large Greek one, containing the Chirurgery of Hippcrates, Galen Asclepiades, and other Ancients. The Arfenal and Cittadel of St. John Baptift, is a Strong Place, and in very good order; but the 2 Forts of Belvedre and St. Miniato, are in a manner wholly neglected. This City as

we faid before was begun by the Merchants of Fiefoli, (then Fesulæ) enlarged by the Colonies sent thither by Augustus, M. Antonius, and Lapidus, Sackt by Totila, Rebuilt by Charles the Great, and again almost quite reduced to Ashes, (whether by Accident or done on purpose by a certain Nobleman is uncertain) in the Month of July 1304. made an Archbishoprick by Pope Martin the 5th 1420. and honour'd with a general Council, under Pope Eugenius the 4th, Ann. 1439. in which Johannes Paleologus, Emperor of Constantinople was present. It stands about 50 Miles from Bononia to the South, 60 from Modena to the South East, 90 from Parma, 104 from Mantua to the South East, 126 from Venice to the South, and 100 from Rome to the North-West.

Pistoia, which Pliny calls Pistorium, Antoninus, ad Pifores, stands in a Plain, on the Banks of the Rivulet Stella, in the midst between Lucca and Florence, about 30 Miles from each, 12 from the Borders of the Ecclefiastical State, and the Bolognese. It is at present (as Mr. Miffon Relates) a very Poor and Defolate City, quite deftitute of Trade, and subsifting meer-ly by the Fruitfulness of the Neighbouring Country. It is bigger then Lucca, and its Streets are large and ftreight, and the Remainders of its Ancient Beauty, are sufficient to convince one that it was formerly a fine City. Buno tells us that Desiderius King of the Lombards Builta Wall round it; and that the Florentines threw it down. It is an Episcopal See under the Archbithop of Florence: and the People are great Adorers of S. Fames, to whom they fay they are mightily beholden, and therefore preserve a great number of his Relicks.

Prato, Pratum, is a little Town in the midst be-

tween Florence to the East, and Pistoia to the West, and is the Seat of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Florence. Buno calls it one of the four strongest Fortresses in Italy, and Built by Frederick the 2d. and fays that here the Girdle of the Bleffed

Virgin is carefully preferved.

Cortona. Cortona, the name of a Colony, and one of the most Ancient Cities in Hetruria, according to Livy and Ptolomy, and call'd Cortynium, according to Polybius. Buno tells us, that it is a very Ancient Town, having been Built long before the Trojan War: and that the Pelasgi took it from the Umbri, under the Conduct of their Leader Tarco, and made use of it as a Bridle upon the Umbri; and that Herodotus fays, that in his days the Crotonians spoke the Pelasgi-an Language. It stands near the Confines of the Ecclesiastical State and Ombria, 4 Miles from the Lake of Perugiato the N. 45 S.E. from Florence, and 8 from the Lake of Chiana, and 35 from Sienatotothe East: and was made a Bithoprick by Pope John XXII. under the Archbishop of Florence, in the year 1325. but it depends now immediately on the See of Rome.

Burgo-San-Sepulchro. Burgum S. Sepulchri, little Town in the Ombria, on the Confines of Tuscany, near the River Tyber, about 50 Miles from Flo-rence to the East, and 8 from Citta di Castello to the North. It is the Seat of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Florence: and formerly belong'd to the Eccelesiastical State, before Pope Eugenius IV. Pawn'd it to the Duke of Florence. It was made a Bishoprick

by Leo X. Ann. 1515.
Empoli. Emporium, is a neat little Town, upon the River Arno, 20 Miles from Florence to the West,

and 30 from Pifa.

Arezzo. Aretium, according to Pliny, and by Ptolomy call'd Arretium, stands in a Valley, about 3 Miles from the Fenns of Chiana; which empty themselves into the Arno a little below, 28 from Siena to

the East, 30 from Perugia to the North-West, 40 from Florence, and 16 from Citta di Castello to the West. It is said to have been Built by Areta, the Son of Fanus, and was one of the first 12 Tu'can Colonies. It is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Florence, but exempted from h s Jurisdiction: and S. Donatus was Bishop, and Susfer'd Martyrdom here. The Vessels that were made in this Place. were in great efteem with the Ancients, as Martial in his 14 Book of Epigrams makes mention: and Guido the famous Mulician, who invented the Mulicial Notes, ut, re, mi, fa, fol, la, was Born here.

Fieofoli, which Pliny calls Fefulz, Prolomy Fefulz, and

Silius Fefula, was Anciently a Town of Nove, being a Place of Commerce and Trade, to which Florence ow'd its beginning as we have faid before in the description of that City. It was destroy'd by the Goths, afterterwards taken by Stratagem by the Florentines, Ann. 1010. who fent all the Inhabitants to Florence: and now lies in its Rubbish, nothing remaining except the Cathedral Church, a Monastry and some few dwelling Houses. It has however the Title of a Bishoprick under the Archbishop of Florence; from which

City it is about 2 Miles diffant to the North West.

P I S A. Pisa or Pise, (Anciently Holmia Julia Pifana) faid to have been Built by the Pifani, a People of Peloponesus, according to Strabo, stands in an even and level Plain, on the River Arno, 6 Miles from the Mouth of it into the Tuscan Sea, 54 from Florence to the West, 10 from Lucca, 14 from Leg-born, and 55 from Siena to the North-West. It is a great City, being the fecond of Tuscany, and the Streets are large, Straight and Pav'd with great Stones, and the Houses generally well Built; but at present it is very Poor and Ill-inhabited; which feems partly to be owing to the Mileries it suffer'd during the last War with the Florentines, partly to its to its Situation in the Neighbourhood of Leghorn, to which many Inhabitants have remov'd. It was once a Free State, and while it was fo, gave several Proofs of its Power; for it took Sardinia from the Saracens, made it self Master of the Baleares, subdued Carthage, and prov'd very useful to the Eastern Christians. But it was taken by the Florentines; and tho' Charles VIII. King of France, Restor'd it to its former Freedom; yet it fell again into the hands of the Florentines, where it still remains. It was made an Archbishoprick, by Pope *Urban II. Ann.* 1092. Adorn'd with an University, *Ann.* 1349. There was a Council held in it in the year 1400. where Alexander V. was created Pope. Pope Gregory VIII. Dicd there, in the year 1187. and the Knights of the Pope and Martyr S. Szephen, (whom the great Duke Const. I Lediunal Const. 187. Cosmo I. Instituted, on August 6. 1561. after he had won the Battle of Marciano) have their Residence here. The most remarkable Things in Pisa, are, the Cathedral Church, which was Finish d Ann. 1153. The Baptistery, which is 180 Foot round, and in which there was formerly a Pillar, on which were difcover'd all the private Machinations against the State, as in a Mirrour. The leaning Tower in shape of a Cylinder, Built by one Bonannus, 188 Foot high. The Burial-place call'd Campo Sancto, because the Earth of the Pisans brought from the Hoty Land, (whenthey affisted Fredrick I. call'd Barbarossa, who took Ferusalem) in the year 1228, is a kind of Cloyster, 190 Paces Long, and 66 Broad, comprehending the breadth of the Portico's: under one founds before it an Instruction, which is a Decree of of which there is an Inscription, which is a Decree of the City of Pifa. occation'd by the Death of Cafar, ordaining the People to wear mourning a whole year, and in the mean time to abstain from all Publick Diver-tisements.

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Leghern, which Polybius calls Liburnus, Antoninus, Liburni Portus, Cicero Labro and others Ligurnus, is a famous Sea-Port Town, standing in a Plain, about 14 Miles from Pifa to the South, 10 from the Mouth of the Arno, 17 from Vada, and about 60 Florence to the West. It formerly belong d to Piza, while that City Flourish'd, but being almost destroyed by the Genouese, while they were in Possession of it, it was afterwards by a Treaty of Peace, Ann. 1297, restord to Piza. Afterwards Charles VIII. King of France, took it from the Pizans, and gave it to the Great Duke, in whose Possession it remains : and is his only Sea-Port Town. It is furrounded with handsome Fortifications, lin'd with Brick. The Streets are large, straight, and Parallell; the Houses equally high, and for the most part Painted on the outside. The Harbour (tho' it is both large and safe) is not so well stor'd with Ships (as Mr. Misson relates) as several others; but the Trade of the Bank is very considerable: and it is the Station of the Great Duke's Gallies. The ancient Liburni were so dextrous at making light, and fwift-failing Gallies, that the Romans call'd all fuch Veffels, wherever they were made, Liburnice Naves.

Volaterra, Volaterra, the name of a very ancient City in Italy and one of the 12 first Colonies of Etruria, stands on a Hill near the right Bank of the River Cecina, 34 Miles from Florence to the South, and 37 from Leghorn to the East. There were a Company of People who had been proscrib'd by Sylla that fled hither, and having form'd a Body of 4 Cohorts of Arm'd Men, held out the Place for the space of two years, before they yielded it, and submitted to the Roman Government. Near to the ancient Vada Volaterrana, now Vada, and the Aque Volaterrane, which are very remarkable hot Springs, that fend forth fuch strong sulphutious Steems, (that as Buno particularly relates) the Birds whose hard Fate it is to Fly over these Waters, immediately drop down Dead: and so violent a motion there is in them, that they rise about 9 Foot high, and fall down with a great noise, and the Heat so great, that if one throws in the Carcass of any Creature, in a trice you shall see it thrown up, Boyl'd tothat degree, that the Bones are as bare of Flesh as a Cane is. Volaterra, is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Florence.

Siena, which Florus calls Sena, Ptolomy Sana, Pliny Colonia Senensis, others Sena Julia, and Sena, stands near the Confines of the Florentino, 32 Miles from Florence to the South, 107 from Rome, 26 from Mont Pulciano to the West, and 55 from Perugia. It wasa Free City, and Head of a Republick for feveveral Ages, but was taken by the Spaniards, in the year 1555. and restor'd to the Duke of Tuscany, 1557. together with the adjacent Country, excepting some sew Towns, which still belong to Spain. It is an Archbishoprick, and the third City in Tuscany, and one of the most pleasant Places in it. Its Situation being high and low (as Mr. Misson observes) makes it somewhat incommodious, but it enjoys a good Air, and its Streets are neat, and almost all Pav'd with Bricks laid fide-ways; befides, the Houses are handsom, and the Waters excellent: and here the Tuscan Language is Taught, and Spoke to perfection; which obliges those who would Learn the Italian to reside for sometime here. The most remarkable Things in this City, are, the Cathedral, which tho' it be of Gothick Work, yet is compleat in all its parts, the Walls being covered over withMarble, without and within; and the Pavement of Mosaick Work is very well worth Observation. The Place where the

Library was formerly kept, where are now those fine Pictures, which represent the whole Story of Pope Pius II. design'd by Raphael, but the Painting was perform'd by Pietro Perugin, his Master, and some others. The Cittadel of Siena is a very good one, and there are

also 15 or 20 square Towers like those at Viterbo.
This City bears for its Arms, the samous She-wolf giving Suck to the Royal Twins; which was often fet up (as appears by several Medals) in the Towns that were made Roman Colonies. The great Place of Siena is hollow, like a Boat or Scalop Shell, and may be fill'd with Water when any Fire happensinthe City.

Pienza, Pientia, anciently Corfinianum, stands upon a Hill, about 30 Miles from Siena, and 55 from Florence to the South-East, and 10 from the Confines of the State of the Church. It was call'd Pienza by Pope Pius II. who before was call'd Æneas Sylvius, because he was Born there while his Father was in his Banishment : and afterwards Erected into a Bishoprick by him, under the Archbishop of Siena, in the year 1462.

Piombino, Plumbinum, is faid to owe its Rife to the Ruins of the ancient Populonium, which are to be feen not far from it. It stands on the Coast of the Tuscan Sea, in the midst between Orbitello to the South-East, and Legborn to the North-West, 50 Miles from either, as many from Siena, and about 10 from the Island Elba; which belongs to this little Principality, which is Govern'd by its own Princes, under the Protection of the King of Spain, who keeps a Garrison in this Place.

Monte Pulciano, Mons Politianus, is a little Town standing upon a Hill, near the Confines of the Pope's Dominions, about 28 Miles from Perugia to the West, as many from Siena to the South-East, and 12 from Chiufi. It is famous for the generous Wine that grows about it: and was Erected into a Bishop-

rick by Pope Pius IV. Ann. 1561.

Chiusi, Chissum, which was the name of an ancient City in Hetruria, according to Strabo, and Polybius,; and one of the first Tuscan Colonies, and ordinary Residence of old King Porsenna, stands on the Confines of the Pope's Dominions, in a little Country call'd Valle di Chiana, from a Lake of that name near to which this Town stands: about 40 Miles from Siena to the South East, 20 from Perugia to the West, and 10 from the Lake of that name. It is a small Town, and but indifferently Inhabited, by reason of the unwholesomness of the Air; but is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Siena.

Massa. Massa, or Massa Veternensis, is a small Ill-inhabited Town on the Coast of Tuscany, standing upon an height, 35 Miles from Siena to the South, and 18 from Porto Barato, where the Ruins of Populonium are. It has the name of a Bishoprick, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Siena; under the Jurisdiction of which are the Islands of Elba and Capraria. Onuphrius says, the Emperor Constantius Gallus was Born here. This is the name of several other Places, particularly of a Dutchy, belonging to the Family of Cibo, lying between the Territories of Genue, on the West, those of the Great Duke of Tuscany on the North, those of Lucca on the East, and the Tuscan Sea on the South.

Groffetto, Rosetum, or Groffetum, stands 6 Milcs from the Tuscan Shoar, about 3 from the River Ombrone to the West, 6 from the Lago di Castiglione, 30 from Piombino, and 40 from Siena. It owes its Rife to the Ruins of ancient Russelle, near to which it stands, and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Siena.

Orbitello, Orbetellum, and Urbatellum, stands near the Tuscan Shoar, at the foot of the Mountain Arge-

natro, 35 Miles from Civita Vecchia to the West, and 50 from the Island Elba to the East; and depends on

Siena fell into the Hands of the Great Duke: then Orbitello came under the Jurisdiction of the the Abbot of le tre Fontane, in Spirituals, as it did formerly in Temporals. It owes its beginning to the Ruins of Coso, now lying in its Rubbish not far from this Place. This Town belonged to the State of Siena, from the Year, 1451. till the Time that

CHAP. XII.

The Pope's Dominions, Dominium Pontificis Romani.

HE Pope of Rome being no inconfiderable Temporal Prince, we shall take the same Method in describing his Dominions, as we have done in those of other Kingdoms and States. We have already, in our General Description of Italy, put the Reader in Mind who the ancient Inhabitants of those Parts were, and what were the most remarkable Changes and Revolutions that happen'd in them: As also hinted a little at the Beginning, Progress, and Decay of the famous Roman Empire: And therefore we shall now only confider briefly the Ways and Methods by which this Ecclefiattical Monarchy, has raifed it felf, from fo fmall a beginning to its present Grandeur: And what the Nature, Constitution and chief Pillars of it

The Increase of this Papal Monarchy is owing, First, to that Barbarity and profound Ignorance, which after the Decay of the Roman Empire did overspread the Western Parts of it: For bad Wares are best vented in the Dark, or at least by a dim Light. Those barbarous Nations no sooner invaded this part of the Empire than they destroyed the Schools, and sent the Teachers to shift where they best could: And wherever they set up, either out of Zeal for their Religion, or hatred of the Heathen Philosophers, who were no Friends to it, they were fure to endeavour all they could to extirpate and forbid the Reading of Heathen-Authors; as appears by an Act of the Council of Carthage 400 Years after the Birth of Christ: And the small Remnants of Learning that were left, were lodged among the Clergy, who were the only Instructers of Youth, and in whose Power it was to form their tender Minds as they thought fit. But afterwards the Popes, perceiving that some among the most considerable Nations in Europe could be no longer kept in this gross Ignorance, introduc'd into the Schools (over which they had affum'd an absolute and supreme Direction) the most miserable sort of Pedantry, that ever plagued the Reason of Mankind; and which some are mighty fond of to this Day. And being ambitious ro raise their own Authority and Power, did endeavour to lessen that of the Civil Magistrate, and breed a hatred of Monarchy in the Minds of those People over whom they had got an Ascendant; which the Emperors, by their Lives and tyrannical Proceedings

Rome's being the Residence of this Ecclesiastical Monarch, did not a little contribute to the advancement of the Papal Power and Authority; for this was the glorious Seat of the celebrated Roman Empire, and here the Christian Religion did first rise and mightily encrease in those Parts: And therefore the Bishops of Rome thought this a plausible Topick

for their having the first Place, as those of Corftan-tinople claim'd the Second, as Bishops of New Rome: And after the Western Empire had come to decay, and the City loft its primitive Lustre, difputed the Precedency with the Roman Bishop. The Emperor Phocas, out of Spite to the Patriarch of Constantinople, granted the Precedency to Boniface the III. the then Bishop of Rome; but this extended no farther than a bare Precedency, and imply'd nothing of Jurisdiction over the rest: Or if it did, it was owing meerly to the Emperor's Bounty, whose Laws were of no force without the Limits of his And admitting that other States have allowed the Popes a certain Power over the Churches in their Dominions: This being an Act of the State, and probably done for Reasons of State, may be annull'd when the same State in other Circumstances

fees good Reason for doing so.

The Emperors removing their Court from Rome gave the Popes a fair Opportunity: And the Bar-barous Nations, who had establish'd several new Kingdoms within the Western Empire, being converted to Christianity by the Church of Rome, which on that account commanded a great deal of Respect and Veneration from them, did mightily contribute to the Growth of this rising Sovereignty. And 'tis to be remark'd, that after the 5th Century, the Bishops that lived on this side of the Alpes, used to go to Rome, to pay their Devoirs to the Sepulchers of St. Peter and St. Paul; which Voluntary Devotion was by degrees made necessary, and the Bishops at last obliged to come to Rome for his Holines's Confirmation. It was usual also for some other Bishops and Churches, who were but Novices in respect of Rome, to come there for Advice in Matters of Moment, or when Debates happen'd (as 'tis natural for the younger to have recourse to those of greater Experience) which the Bishops of Rome so wisely improv'd, that they soon began to issue out their Decrees, before their Advice was desir'd, to decide Controversies, depose Bishops, and bring Causes before their Tribunals. In the 9th Century, an English Frier, whose Name was Winifred, before he changed it for that of Boniface, having a Zeal to reform the lew'd Lives of some Clergy-men, and establish the Christian Religion in Germany, the better to procure the Pope's Favour, became a vigorous Defender of his Authority; in recompence of which good Service, he receiv'd the Episcopal Pall, with the Title of Archbishop of Mayence: And was confitured Pope Gregory the III's Vicar, with full Power to call Councils, and constitute Bishops in those
Parts where he had planted the Faith. By which means, and the Affiftance of the French King, his Authority became so great, that he brought over

all the Clergy in Germany and France to the Papal Interest; and was the First who put it upon the German Bishops to receive the Pall from the Pope; who sent it to those of France without their Request, to unite them the more to the Chair. And this growing Customary, at length became necessary: And the Popes assumed a Power of translating Bishops, and annulling Acts of Provincial Synods: And Pope Gregory the VII. forced the Bishops to Swear Fealty to the Pope, and forbid all Condemnation where

Appeals were made to him. As this Ecclefiastical Sovereignty grew up and came to Perfection, the Wealth and Riches of the Church did increase in Proportion. The Foundation was laid by the Liberality and Charity of Princes and others, and the Superstructure advanc'd by those who believ'd it meritorious, as certainly it is, when confin'd within moderate Bounds. As Wealth encreases, so Avarice rises in proportion with it, and that finds out Ways and Means to encrease the Stock, without confidering whether these be just and reasonable or not. Then came in Masses for the Dead and Living, Purgatory, Indulgences, Dispenfations, Pilgrimages, Jubilees and the like, without Measure: and in the 11th and 12th Centuries Croifades too turn'd to very good Account. For in those Expeditions, after People had received the Sign of the Cross to affift in the Recovery of the Holy Land, the Popes pretended to the supreme Command and Direction; and took the Persons and Estates of such People under their Protection: And the Pope's Legats had the absolute Disposal of all the Alms, Collections and Legacies that were given for that Purpole: And under the same Pretext received Tithes from the Clergy, and even put their Commands upon Princes themselves to recieve the Cross.

In the 7th Century, Friers and Nuns (who first appear'd in the time of Persecution, and used to live by their Handy-work) were very much in Vogue, and multiplied exceedingly, by the Bounty of Princes and great Persons, who fill'd every Place with Monasteries and Nunneties; but at last, in the 13th Century, Charity began to cool, and even seeming almost exhausted: And then the Mendicant Friers were erected; who, as they were a Plague to the Laity, and a Curb on the Clergy, so they were of singular use to the Pope; who employ'd them as so many Spies upon the Bishops, who could no sooner think of attempting any thing against the Papal Chair than they inform'd their General at Rome of it: And he told the Pope, who was sure to take effectual ways for preventing any Designs the Bishockan and the state of the preventing any Designs the Bishockan and the prevention and the preventi

shops might have against him.

Thus the Wealth and Power of this Ecclefiaftical Sovereignty began and advanced, and Ecclefiafticks multiply'd exceedingly, but without an Independence from any Temporal Power this Monarchy could never have been abfolute: And therefore, First, it was necessary that he should reside at a Place free from all Subjection to any Civil Power, and be Master of an Estate sufficient to support his Grandeur: And which no pretext whatsoever could deprive him of. But this was hard to bring about, so long as there was an Emperor of the West, or the Empire of the Goths lasted in Italy. But this being destroy'd by the Emperor Justinian, and Rome made a Province of the Roman Empire; and the Emperor's Authority growing weak in Italy, partly by their own Fault, and partly by the Missanagement of their Governours at Ravenna, the Popes had a

fair Opportunity to bring about what they fo earnestly long d for. Besides, some of the Emperors being against the Adoration of Images, and Leo Isaurus, particularly, having thrown them out of the Churches, his Holine's was so nettled at it, that he stirr'd up the Romans and Italians to refuse to pay the Emperor his usual Tribute, and they kill'd his Governor at Ravenna, while he was endeavouring to maintain his Master's Rights. Whereby the Grecian Emperors lost all their Jurisdiction in those Parts, and the Cities and Countries began to fet up forfree and independant States. By these Means the Pope rid himself of the Eastern Emperor's Jurisdiction; but was very hard put to't by the Kings of the Longobards, till Charles the Great, having conquer'd these, gave to the Papal Chair all that Tract of Land, which had been formerly under the Eastern Emperor's Jurisdiction; which were held of the Emperors as Sovereigns, till the Reign of the Emperor Henry the IV. And tho' Henry the V. endeavour'd Pagibal a Prisoner, yet the Clergy created him so much trouble, that he was oblig'd to resign all into the Pope's Hands, about the Year, 1122. And the two Factions of the Guelfs and Gibelins (the former whereof was for the Pope, the other for the Emperor) arising, and growing so Powerful in Italy, created such Confusion, and gave the Emperors so much Work, that they were never able afterwards to reduce that Country to intire Obedience. the long vacancy happening after the Death of the Emperor Frederick the II. the Empire was put into fuch a confused State, and the succeeding Emperors found so much Work in Germany, that they had no leisure to mind Italy, and by this Means the Pope had a fair Opportunity to establish an Independent Sovereignty over the Dominions of the Church.

The Popes having by degrees rais'd themselves to this pitch of Power and Grandeur, they began to assume a Superiority over Princes, to decide Constroversies betwixt them, to relieve those that pretended to be oppress'd, to maintain Subjects in their Liberties and Properties, and free them from their Allegiance to their lawful Sovereigns, whom they sometimes Excommunicated; To forbid to Marry within the seventh Degree of Consanguinity, and the Fourth of Affinity, without a Dispensation from the Pope; which turn'd to very good Account both as to the encrease of their Riches, and creating Dependence on them: And they also took special care to have the ablest and wisest Men they could find about their Court, who were to be promoted according as they were able and diligent in advancing

the Papal Greatness and Power.

But after the Popes feem'd to have fix'd and establish'd a lasting Spiritual Sovereignty over Christendom, and a Temporal Jurisdiction over their Dominions in Italy, there happen'd several Things which had almost reduc'd this Monarchy to a tottering Condition. The Schisms that arose about the electing of the Popes, and their Anti-popes; who mutually revis'd and excommunicated one another, were like to prove very pernicious; and laid open to publick View Things which they had no mind to discover. Clement the V's. transferring the papal Seat from Rome to Avignon weaken'd their Power in Italy, and prov'd very prejudicial to their Revenues there: And Rome it self grew Disobedient; but at last submitted, and suffer'd Boniface the IX-to put on the Bridle, by Building the Castle of St. Angelo. Afterwards when the Papacy seem'd to

have recover'd its former Grandeur, Luther stood up, and in all appearance would have given it a fatal Blow, had not the Divisions among the Protestants, and the licentious Lives of some of 'em prevented it. And now the Chair feems to be pretty well fix'd, that Church having in a great measure either quite abolish'd such Things as Luther most upbraided it with, and would have done it most Mischief; or Matters are transacted in a more decent Manner, and with greater Art and Cunning. Princes are treated more Civilly, the Clergy are more Learn'd, and lead better Lives. They are active and diligent in the Conversion of Heathens, and bringing Protestants over to their Church; tho by different Methods; Violence and Perfecution being used where they safely may, and softer ways where they may not: And the Riches of that Church enable them to provide a fuitable Maintenance for those who want Bread, or would have more plentifully.

As to the Nature and Constitution of this Papal Sovereignty (which is certainly the most artificial Fabrick of this kind in the World) it is Monarchial: And a Monarchy it must be, fince no other Form would have been confiftent with its Constitution. It is also an Elective Monarchy, and no other it could be; for if it had been Hereditary, Minors might fometimes have mounted the Chair, and then it would have been very unfeemly to fee the Head of the Church, and Christ's Vicar on Earth, under Tutors, and perhaps riding a Hobby-Horse. Nor must this Spiritual Monarch be Married, for then there must have been a vast Train of Ladies and Women about the Court; which would have been very unfuitable to the Gravity and Sanctity (tho' it had been but feeming) of such a Court: And besides, the Dominions of the Church must have been entail'd on a Family, and divided into several Appenages of the younger Sons.

The College of Cardinals is as it were the stand-

ing Council of the Ecclesiastical State, as the Chapters of Cathedrals are to Bishops. In the time of Pope Paschal the 1st, about the Year, 817, the Parish Priests in Rome, by reason they were near and ready at every Election, to adorn their Power with a more illustrious Title, began to be call'd Cardinals, affuming to themselves (after they had banish'd the popular Election) the fole Power of creating With Popes: And that out of their own Number. these Cardinals the Pope advises concerning Matters of the greatest Moment, only sometims, he with his Nephews do Bufiness without them, Their Chief Prerogative is that they have the Power of Choosing a Pope, and that out of their own Body, as being best acquainted with the Affairs of that Court. Their ordinary Number is 70; but that Number is seldom compleat. Their Title formerly was that of Illustrious; but that growing too Common in Italy, they have now that of Eminence. Election of them depends absolutely on the Pope; who in that Matter is often influenc'd by France, Spain, or some other State. They pretend to have the Precedency before the Electors of the Empire: And some of the Court Parasites maintain that their Cap is not inferiour in Dignity to the Crown of some Sovereign Princes. Since the time of Pope Orban the VIII. a Custom has been introduc'd to make one of the Pope's Nephews Chief Minister of the

Ecclefiastical State, whom they call Cardinal Patro-

no, or Patroon.

By what has been faid, we may confider the Pope in two Respects, viz. as he's Spiritual Monarch of Christendom; and Secondly, as a Prince in Italy. In the First, his Subjects may be divided into Two feveral Sorts; the First of which comprehends the whole Clergy, the Second all the reft of Christendom, as far as the same professes the Roman Catholick Religion. The First may not unfitly be compar'd to the standing Army of a Prince, who thereby maintains his Conquests; the rest are to be deem'd as Subjects that are Tributaries to the Prince, and are obliged to maintain those Forces at their Charge. One may guess how vast the Number of the Clergy is, from what is related of Pope Paul the IV. who used to brag that he had 228000 Parishes, and 4400 Monasteries under his Jurisdiction, if he did not mistake in his Account, especially as to the Monasteries. In the Second Place we may consider the Pope as a Potent Prince in Italy, (whose Sovereignty is principally supported by a Jealousie and even Ballance betwirt the Crown of France and Spain) tho in no ways to be compared with the other Princes in Europe. The Popes Revenues (which we will not particularly determine) are very confiderarable, and out of them a good Number of Souldiers could be maintain'd; but his Military Force is scarce worth taking notice of, since he uses means to maintain his State quite different from those of other He maintains about 20 Galleys; which Princes. have their Station at Civita Vecchia. The Countries under his Jurisdiction are, the City of Rome, with her Territories, situated on both sides of the Tyber, the Dukedom of Benevento in the Kingdom of Naples, the Dukedoms of Spoleto, Urbino, and Ferrara, the Marquisare of Ancona, several places in Tuscany, Romaniola and Flaminia, where are fituated Bologna and Ravenna. In France the Country of Avignon belongs to him. Parma is a Fief of the Church, which Paul the III. granted to his Son Lewis Far-

The Pope's Dominions, call'd by the Italians lo Stato della Chiefa, lies about the middle of Italy, and is bounded (not including the Territories of Benevento in Naples, and Avignan in France) on the North with the Venetian Dominions, and the Gulf of Venice, on the East with the Kingdom of Naples, on the South with the Tuscan Sea, and on the West with the Dukedoms of Tuscany and Modena: And is in length (according to Bandrand) from North to South about 240 Miles, in breadth from East to West, at the broadest, that is, between Ancona to Civita Vecchia 120, but in other Places much less, as in Remaniola: And comprehends the abovesaid Countries, as you may see more plainly in the following Table, according to the forecited Author.

The Campaign of Rome, comprehending the Campagna di Roma, properly to call'd, and la Marina.

St. Peter's Patrimony, comprehending the Dutchy of Cafiro, the Territory of Orvieto, and the County of Ronciglione.

Sabina.

Ombria, or the Dutchy of Spoleto, comprehending the Territories of Perugia, and the Contado di Citta di Castello.

The Marquifate of Ancona. The Dutchy of Urbino.

The greatest Part of Romandiola, comprehending Romandiola, properly so call'd, or Romagna, the Bolognese and the Dutchy of Feyrara.

The Campaign of ROME, Campania Romana, which comprehends the greatest part of the ancient Latium, where the Latini, Æqui, Hernici, Rutuli, and most part of the Volfei dwelt, is bounded on the West with the Province of the Patrimony and the Tyber, on the North with Sabina, and the River Anio, now Tiverone, on the South with the Tuscan Sea, and on the East with l'Abruzzo Oltra, and the Tarra di Lavaro, Provinces of Naples: And is divided, as we faid, into la Campagna, properly fo call'd, which lies most northerly, between the River Anio, and the Mountains call'd, Mons Lepinus, or la Montagne di Segni, and is a very Mountainous Country; and la Marina, which lies between the foresaid Mountains and the Tuscan Sea extended from East to West; which tho it be a plain Country is but indifferently Inhabited, because of the unwholsomness of the Air, and the neighbouring Lakes. The most noted Cities and Towns in the Campagna di Roma (as the Italians call it) are,

Rome.
Tivoli.
Frescati.
Ostia.
Palestrina.

Ratestrina.

Terracina.
Veletri.
Segni.
Anagni.
Albano.

ROME, Roma, (once the Mistress of the World, and for several Ages last past the Seat of the Spiritual Monarch of Christendom) is said to have been founded by Romulus and Remus. It was anciently call'd Septicollis, because it stood on seven Hills or rifing Grounds of an easie and almost insensible Ascent. Before the Reign of Servius Tulius, the number of these Hills was no more; but since that time it has been much enlarg'd, and at present contains 12, viz. Monte Capitolino, Palatino, Aventino, Celio, Esquilino, Viminale, Quirinale or Monte Cavallo, Janiculo, Pincio, Vaticano, Citorio and Giordano. What-ever Vopiscus (who liv'd under the Reign of Dioclesian, and who positively afferts that the Walls which Aurelian built round this City were 50 Miles in compals) and others may lay, it is certain (as feveral later Authors have demonstrated) that these Walls, which are almost the same with those which 'Tis true Aurelian built, do not exceed 13 Miles. the Suburbs extended very far on all fides, and made the City in a manner infinite; but we are not to imagine that all these were within the Walls. At present there is not above one third of that which is comprehended within the Walls inhabited; the other Two being fill'd with Gardens and Ruins. 'Tis as hard a matter almost to determine the exact number of the present Inhabitants of this City (which as some say are about 200000 Souls) as to reconcile the accounts of ancient Authors concerning it; for some tell us that under the Reign of Augustus there were 3001037, others 4000000, others 5000000; and Suetonius computes that in the Reign of Tiberius, who was the immediate Successor of Augustus, there were only 1600000.

It is not to be expected that in a Work of this Nature we should give the Reader a full and particular account of the ancient and present State of this famous City, especially considering that many learn'd and judicious Writers, as Onuphrius Panvinus, Boissard, Justus Lipsius, Phil. Cluverius, and some late Travelers have done that to so good purpose already; that it would only be repeating, and perhaps consounding, what they have said so well on the Subject, and swelling this Work beyond its design'd Bounds, if not altering the Nature of it.

We shall therefore confine our selves to that which is more properly our Business, and only take notice of such things as are most remarkable in and about this City, and refer those that have a Mind to be further inform'd to the fore-cited Authors, and the latest and best Travellers, particularly M. Misson, who seems to be a diligent and curious Enquirer into such Things.

The City of Rome stands on the River Tyber (which hath received more Honour from the City; than the City from it) about 12 Miles from the Sea, 120 from the City of Naples, 60 from Terracina to the North West, 140 from Florence, 300 from Genoua, 135 from Ancona, and 120 from Loreto to the South. About 365 Years after the Building of the City, and 3d of the 97th Olympiad, it was taken by the Galli Senones. In the Year of Christ, 410. by the Goths under their King Alaricus. In the Year, 455. by the Vandals, under their King Geinsericus; 18 Years after by the Heruli; 14 Years after that by the Oftrogoths; 12 Years after that by the Goths under their King Totila; and at last on the 6th Day of May, 1527. it was raken, and miserably plundered by the Emperor Charles the V's. Army, when his Holiness was besieged in the Castle of St. Angelo, and forc'd by Famine to surrender, and comply with the Emperor's Conditions. There are above 300 little Towers upon the Walls of the City, but many of 'em are gone to Ruin. It is divided into 14 Parts or Regions call'd li Rioni, and has 20 Gates, and 5 Bridges over the Tyber, one of which is ruinous. The Houses are, for the most part, built of Brick, plaistered and whited over on the outside: And the Roofs of cm are ridgd; but the That part of the Angle at the Top is very obtuse. City which stands on the Right Bank of the River is not above a fifth or fixth part of the other: And is called Traffevere. 'Tis impossible (says Mr. Miffon) to walk fifty Paces in or about this City without observing some Remainders of its ancient Grandeur. The Statues of Rome have been call'd a Great Nation, and the Coloffes might not unfitly been call'd the Giants: And besides these, the City was wonderfully adorn'd with Temples, Palaces, Theatres, Representations of Sea-Fights, Triumphal-Arches, Cirques, Columns, Fountains, Aqueducts, Obelisks, Mousolæums, and other magnificent Structures; which the at present they lie almost buried in their own Ruins, seem still to discover a great deal of their ancient Splendour. If we consider the Magnificent Monuments of Antiquity, and the modern Structures and Ornaments of this City, we shall find it much easier to admire than form a right Imagination of it: And to frame an Idea of it than represent it distinctly to others. The Pantheon, tho' it hath lost much of its ancient Magnificence, is still one of the most entire and beautiful antique Edifices in Italy. Whether it was anciently so call'd because its figure refembled that of the Heavens, or because Agrippa consecrated it to Jupiter and all the Gods, is uncertain; but at present the Common People call it Rotunda from the Roundness of its Figure. Pope Boniface the IV. dedicated it to the Virgin, and all the Martyrs, and call'd it Santa Maria ad Martyres; but some of the succeeding Popes would have all the Saints come in for a share in the Dedication with the Martyrs. There are said to be 300 Churches in Rome, the greatest and most magnificent of which is that of St. Peter, the most noble and majestick Structure of that kind in the World. The Harmony and proportion of the Architecture are so judicioufly observ'd, the sinenetsand great variety of Guiltwork, rare Pictures, Embos'd-work, Statucs of Brassand Marble, &c. all so happily contriv'd and regularly dispos'd, that one can no sooner see this glorious Structure than he must indispensibly be struck with an agreeable Admiration and Astonishment. It was first built by Constantine the Great, and begun to be repair'd by Pope Julius the II. the Reparation was carried on by some of the succeeding Popes, and Paul the V. sinish'd it; so that it was the Work of a whole Age, or 100 Years, as appears by this Inscripti-

on in the Church. *

We will not determine

what the Charge of

Building and Adorning this Church was;

but this is certain that

it must have amounted

to a vast Sum, since as

Charles Fontana in his

Tempio Vaticano, proves

by an abstract of Re-

gifters that the adorn-

* Paulus V. Pont. Max.
Varicanum Templum
a Julio II. inckoatum.
Es ufiz, ad Gree, & Clement.
Sacella
Affiduo Centum. Amorum
Opificio Produltum.
Tanta Mollis Accofficae
Universum Constantiniane
Basilica Ambitum includens.

Confessionem B. Petri exornavit Frontem Orientalem & Porticum Extruxit.

ing of St. Peter's Chair cost 107551 Roman Sir P. Rycaut's Lives of the Popes, p. 264. Crowns, each Crown being worth 5 s. 6 d. The Measure of this Church, according to the latest Travellers is thus: The Length within fide 594 Foot, the length of the Cross from North to South 438 Foot; the breadth of the Body of the Church 86 Foot, the heighth of the Body of the Church 144 Foot, the heighth of the Cupola, with the Lantern, to the very Top of the Cross is 432 Foot, whereof the Ball and Cross may be reckon'd to take up the odd Feet; for the Diameter of the Ball alone is 8 Foot, and then the Cross which stands upon it, must needs be at least 3 times as high, the Circumference of the Cupola, without-side is 620 Foot, its Diameter within 143 Foot; The Portico or Entrance is a large Plain, Surrounded with a Piazzo of Circular Form, having in the midst an eminent Obelisk, and two large Fountains. The Palace of the Vatican is adjacent to St. Peter's Church; and is said to contain 12500 Chambers, Halls, and Closets. It is not a regular Building, but rather a heap of Beautiful pieces of Architecture ill tack'd together, and spoils in some Meafure, the Prospect of St. Peter's. The Vatican Library has receiv'd confiderable additions, (particularly by that of Hydelberg, and of the Duke of Urbino) but the opinions about the number of Books in it are so different, that we must leave it undecided. The Arfenal is faid to be furnish'd with a sufficient number of Arms, for 20000 Horse, and 40000 Foot; but this is what many doubt. As his Holiness may conveniently descend from the Vatican Palace to St. Peter's Church, fo on the other fide, he may go without being seen to the Castle of St. Angelo, through a Gallery which Alexander VI. Built for this purpose. Urban VIII. Fortified the Castle with four Bastions, and thought fit to give them the names of the four Evangelists. In a little Arsenal within this Castle the Popes Triple Crown is kept, as also an Armory of Prohibited Arms, taken from such as used them after they had been forbid. The Capitol is a

Modern Structure rais'd upon the Ruins, and even upon the Foundation of the ancient Edifice; and is full of remarkable and rare pieces of Antiquit; as the She-Wolf of Brafs fuckling Romalus and Remus: the famous Courier pulling a Thorn out of his Foot, a

Statue of Cafar with his Cuirass, another of Augeflus, and a great many more. The fan.ous Rupes Ta jeia, (so call'd from Tarpeia, a Roman Damsel, fian in this Place by the Sabines) is at present (say Mr. Miffon) an inconfiderable Rock about 20 Feet high. The prodigious Amphitheatre, call'd Collifeum, 18 round on the outlide, but the Arena or place of Combat is oval. It contain'd 85000 Spectators, without reckoning the Excuneati, who flood in the passages to the number of 20000. The Church of St. John of Lateran is very Large and Magnificent, and pretends to be Head and Mother of all Churches. wasRepair'din a great measure by Pope Innocent X. and ows its name to a certain Roman Nobleman. whose Gardens lay near that Place, call'd Plancius Lateranus, who had been nominated Contul, and was Kill'd by Nero's Order. There are a great many Cabinets of Rarities and Libraries at Rome, but fince they frequently pals from the Possession of one to that of another, 'ris almost to no purpose to name the present owners of them. There are still many of those ancient Vaults, known by the name of Catacombs, in and about Rome; but the Earth has fallen in and Stopped up the Entries of many of them. Some of 'em are like fo many Lanes, which turn, wind, and cross one another like Streets of a City, and spead themselves under all the Suburbs. The Romanills pretend these Vaults to have been the Sepulture of the Primitive Christians, which Furnishes them with an opportunity of making great Market of the Relicks drawn thence, but with much more reason they are believ'd to be only the Burying-place of the Roman Slaves. The Statues of Pasquin and Marjorio must not be omitted; fince many more hear of these two names than know the meaning of them. The former is an old maim'd Statute, leaning against the corner of a House, where several Streets meet, and ows its name to a Witty, Jovial and Satyrical Taylor, call'd Pafquin, who liv'd near this Place. His Lampoons were usually call'd Pafquinades; and to periwade the World that he was the Author of all the witty and cutting jests that came out in his time, they took care to affix them to this Statue, which was at his Gate; and which by degrees came to be known by the name of Pasquin. Marferio is another maim'd Figure, standing in one of the Courts of the Capitol, representing the Rhine, as some say, or the Nera, or as others say, Jupiter Panarius: and ows its name to the Place call'd Forum Martis, where it stood. 'Tis probable (fays Mr. Miffon) that it was formerly the Mode to affix the Pasquinades on the Statue of Pasquin, but that Custom is laid aside; and he only answers the Questions that Marforio proposes to him. These are only very short and imperfect accounts of a few of the most considerable Places and Things about Rome; for if we had attempted to describe all that's worth a curious observers while, this Description of the City would have fwell'd up to a large Volume: and that's not our present business.

Tivoli, Tibur, which Ovid calls Tybur, Procepius Tiburis, and Tibur-Herculeum in some ancient Inscriptions, is a little Town, Seated on a Hillock, 18 Miles from Rome to the East, 12 from Frescari to the North, and as many from Palestrina. It is a Bisthop's Seat, and the Duke of Modena has a Pleasure-house in it, which is commonly call'd the Cardinal d' Estats Palace, because it is set apart for the use of the Cardinals of that Family when there is any. The Palace is large and makes a handsom Show; but neither Apartments nor Furniture are fine. The Gardess are not large, but are thought to excell all the Works

of that nature in Italy. The Cafcade of the River Anio or Teverone, is the most remarkable thing in this little Town. This River (says Mr. Misson) forms a very large and pleatant Sheet, but the Fall is not very high. The Hill of Tivoli has Furnish'd time out of mind, the greatest part of the Stones that are used at Rome. The Colliseum or Amphitheatre was cover'd over with it, and the front of St. Perer's Church

is Built of the same.

Frescati, Tusculum, which Livins, Strabo, Pliny and others, make mention of as a very ancient Town in Latium, and which Kircher fays was Built 300 years before the Trojan War, is now a very imall Town, Seated on the Brow of a Hill, 12 Miles from Rome; in which there are several Houses of Pleasure, belonging to some Roman Princes, as, the Monte Dracone, belonging to the Prince Rorghese, Belvedre, to the Prince Pamphilio, and the Villa Ludovisia, to the Dutchess Guadagnola, the Constable Colona's Si-There are some who think that not the Town of Tusculum, but Tusculanum, Cicero's Country-House, where he wrote his Questions, stood formerly where Frescati is now; but both the Situation of Frescati and Strabo's Description of Tusculum contradict this opinion; for the Tusculanum Ciceronis, where there are a great many Ruins to be feen still, and where now the Grotta Ferrata stands, is 16 Miles from Rome, whereas Frescati (as we have faid) is but 12, and the great plenty of Water, and standing near a high and steep Rock, agrees with the latter, but not at all with the former. The ancient Tusculum was quite demolished in the time of Pope Celestin III. and Frescati was erected into a Bishoprick by Pope Paul III. in the Year 1537, the Bishop of which is call'd Episcopus Tusculanus, and is one of the 6 eldest Cardinals.

Ostia. Ostia, anciently a Town and Colony of La. tium, 12 Miles from Rone, near the Mouth of the Tyber, and therefore call'd Oftia Tiberina by Strabe, Pliny and others, and said to have been Built by Ancus Martius. It was destroyed by the Saracens, and now lies almost Buried in its Ruins, and Inhabited by few or none because of the unwholesomness of the Air. It still retains the Title of a Bishoprick, which is joyn'd to that of Veletri, and its Bishop is always Dean of the College of Cardinals. Here Moni-

ca St. Augustine's Mother Died.

Palestrina, Praneste, anciently a Town in Latium, on the Confines of the Country of the Equi, according to Ptolomy and Strabo, and call'd fometime Stephane, according to Pliny; and from a Colony made a Free Town by Tiberius Augustus, as Gellius relates, stood anciently, partly on the Top of the Hill, and partly on the Valley, where there are still to be feen the Ruins of some old Walls, and Subterraneous Passages, through which C. Marius when he was Besieged by Lucretius Asella, one of Sylla's Faction, in vain endeavouring to make his Escape, with Pontius Telefinus, who was in the fame Circumstances. They both drew their Swords, and the former Kill'd the other: and afterwards procur'd the favour of his Servant to dispatch him. Here stood the famous Temple of Fortuna Primigenia, where the Sortes Prænestine were kept. The old Town of Preneste was Demolish'd by Pope Boniface VIII. and the new one Built in the Valley, near the River Ofa, about 22 Miles from Rome to the North-Eaft, 12 from Tivoli to the South-East, 16 from Agnani, and 12 from Segni. It is the Title of a Bishoprick, which is commonly bestowed on one of the eldest Cardinals: and is dignified with the Title of a Principality, be-

longing to the Family of the Barbarini. Whoever has a mind to be further inform'd concerning this Place may consult the description of it written by Jeseph Maria Saarese a Frenchman.

Terracina, Anxur, Terracina or Tarracina, anciently a Town belonging to the Volfci, and sometime call'd Thrachne. The old Castle stood on the Top of an Hill, where the Ruins are still to be feen, of a square Figure, but the greatest part of the Town was Built in the Plain where Terracina now stands. On the Top of this Hill stood the Temple of Jupiter Anxur, and the Vestiges of the Harbour of Terracina are still to be seen in the Sea. We find mention made of the Aque Terracinenses, which were very wholfom Waters, and the Fons Neptunius, of which (as Vitruvius says) whosoever had the ill luck to Drink, shortly after lost their lives. Solinus and Martianus Capella are mightily mistaken who think that Terracina was sometime an Island; but it is certain, that all that Plain, about Veletri, Cori, Norma ruinata, Sermoneta, Sezze and Piperno, as far as Terracina, was call'd Campus or Ager Pomprinus, from the Lake Pomptinus, which Julius Cafar defign'd to have drain'd, and Augustus accomplish'd. This Town stands near the Mouth of the River Ufens, now call'd il Portatore, 2 Miles only from the Confines of the Kingdom of Naples to the West, 15 from Gaeta, and about 50 from Rome; but is very Ill-inhabited because of the unwholesomness of the Air, which is occasion'd by the Neighbouring Lake now call'd Paludi Pontine.

Veletri, Velitræ, the name of a Colony, and very ancient Town belonging to the Volschi, according to Livy, Halicarnasseus, and Suetonius, said to have been taken by King Ancus Martius, and almost quite dis-peopled by the Plague afterwards (as Livy relates) in the Consulship of Furius Camillus and C. Manius Nepos, its Walls were demolish'd, because of its frequent Rebellions, and the Inhabitants fent to dwell on the other fide of the Tyber. It is an Episcopal See, joyn'd to that of Oslia, and is a pretty handsom Town, and well Inhabited, distant about 20 from

Rome to the East.

Segni, Signia, a Town anciently belonging to the Volsci, according to Strabo, Livy and Pliny, which ows its name to the Signa or Ensigns, which the Roman Soldiers let up there; for the Soldiers keeping the Winter Quarters there, did so fortifie themselves and dispose every thing for their convenience and accomodation, that the Camp differed very little from a Town, insomuch that King Tarquin led a Colony thither, as Dion Halicarn, relates. It is now an Epif-fcopal See, and Honour'd with the Title of a Dukedom, which one of the Family of Sforza enjoys: and is distant about 32 Miles from Rome to the East, Palestrina to the South.

Anagni, Anagnia, Anciently the Chief Town of the Hernici, and now an Episcopal See, Suffragan to none. It stands on a Hill, and is of no great Compass, but neat and well Inhabited, at the distance of 36 Miles from Rome to the East, 16 from Palestrina, 32 from Terracina. It was here that Marcus Antonius, after he had Divorc'd Octavia, Augustus's Sister, Married Cleopatra: and here were Born Pope Inno-cent III. Gregory IX. Alexander IV. and Boniface

VIII.

Albano, Albanum, Anciently call'd Villa Pompeii, (according to Baudrand) which afterwards became so considerable as to bear the Title of a Bishoprick, whose Bishop is subject only to the See of Rome, and one of the first fix Cardinals. Mr. Misson in his Travels, fays he visited this little Town of Albano, where

the famous City of Alba formerly stood: and that he faw there a kind of Ruin'd Mausoleum, commonly call'd the Tomb of Ascanius. This little Town is distant 14 Miles from Rome to the East, and about 2 from the Ruins of Alba Longa, which Tullus Hospilius Raz'd, and from the Ruins of which Albano sprung; it is mention'd by Horace, and was Famous for the Excellent Wine that grew thereabouts.

The PATRIMONY, or Province of the PATRIMONY of St. PETER, which the Italians call la Provincia del Patrimonio, makes a great part of the Dominions of the Pope, and was anciently the South part of Hetriuria. It was given to the Church of that Famous Woman Mathildis, and comprehends (according to Baudrand and others) the Country call'd il Orvietano, the Dutchy of Castro, and the Country call'd Lostaro di Ronciglione. It is Bounded on the North with Ombria, on the East with Sabina, and the Campagna di Roma, on the West with the Senese, in the South of Tuscany, and on the South with the Tuscan Sea: and the most considerable Towns in it are,

Viterbo.
Civita Vecchia.
Civita Caftellana.
Corneto.
Tofcanella.
Orti.
Nepi.

Suni.
Bracciano.
Caftro.
Corvieto.
Corvieto.
Aquapendente.
Bagnarea.

Viterbo, Viterbium, (sometimes call'd Tetrapolis, and the Inhabitants Quaterni Populi, because it was one of the four Cities which Defides last King of the Insubrians united under the name of Viterbo) is at present a City indifferently big. almost wholly Built of Stone, and enclos'd with a Wall, distant about 40 Miles from Rome to the North-West, and among other Things remarkable in this City, there are 8 or 10 square Towers, which are seen at a distance and make an odd kind of Prospect, and were a fort of Forts or Retiring Places, Built hard by the Houses of the Richest Inhabitants, during the sury of the Guelf, and Gibelin Factions.

Civita Vechia, Centumcella, a Town in Hetruria, (according to Pliny, Antoninus and Paterculus) on the Coaft of the Tyrrhenian or Tuscan See, formerly a Bishops Seat. It was destroy'd by the Saracens, and afterwards Rebuilt by Pope Leo III. on a Hill about 5 Miles distant, and call'd Cincelle; which now lies hid in its Rubbish, the Inhabitants having all return'd to their old City, which some of the late Popes, particularly Virban VIII. have been at the Charge to Fortifie, and make a good and large Harbour, which is the Station of the Pope's Galleys, and defended by a strong Castle. It is but Ill-inhabited by reason of the Air: and is distant about 40 Miles from Rome to the West.

Corneto, Cornuctum or Cornetum, stands on a Hill near the River Marta, on the Consines of the Dutchy of Castro, near the Ruins of Gravisca and Tarquinia, 4 Miles from the Tuscan Shoar, 22 from Viterbo to the South, and 46 from Rome. It is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to none; but is very Ill-inhabited because of the South-winds, which are great Enemies to

health in those parts.

Toscanella, Tuscania, is now but a small Town, on the River Marta, on the Confines of the Dutchy of Castro, and 15 Miles from Viterbo to the South-West. It was anciently call'd Salumbrona, afterwards Tyrrbenia, Tuscia, and Tuscana; and was then a very large and flourishing City; which probably gave the name of Tuscia to the Country; but it has been

fixteen times Taken and Ruin'd, and now lies in it's own Rubbish.

Orti, Hortanum, or Orta, (according to Paulus Diaconus) is a little Town in the Province of the Patrimony, itanding on the Tyber, where the River Nava falls into it, on the Confines of Ombria, near Oricoli, alout 34 Miles from Rome to the North, and 14 from Viterbo to the East. It has the Title of a Bishoprick, which in the year 1437, was perpetually united to that of Civita Castellana, by Pope Engenius IV.

Nepi, Nepet, which Livy calls Nepete, Proloney Nepeta, Strabo Nepita and Procopius Nepetes, stands on the Rivulet Pozzelo, between Rome and Viterbo, and has the Title of a Bishoprick, which has been united to that of Suri since the time of Pope Eugenius IV. An. 1436. and is Suffragan to no other Sea

but that of Rome.

The Dutchy of CASTRO, Cassrensis Ducatus, was formerly subject to the Duke of Parma, but has been in possession of the Pope since the Year 1649, and is bounded on the North with the Orvierano, on the East with the Province of the Patrimony, on the South with the Tuscan Sea, and on the West with the Senese. The chief Town of it was Captro; which now lies so hid in its own Rubbish, that one can hardly know that ever there was a Town there. It was a strong Town, and the Seat of a Bishop till the year 1649, that Pope Innocent X. canded it to be Razed, to avenge the Death of Christopher Giarda, last Bishop of it, who was Slain April 18, 1649, near Monterosi; and the Bishoprick was Translated to Aequapendente. It stood about 13 Miles from the Tuscan Shoar to the North, and as many from Toscanelle to the West; and sprung from the Ruins of a Neighbouring Town call'd Volscia.

The Territory of Orvieto, or il Orvietano, Trbevetanus Ager, is Bounded with Ombria on the East and North, the Seneze on the Welt, and the Parrimony, properly and strictly so call'd on the South. It was anciently a patt of Herruria: and the most considerable Places in it now are, Orvieto, Acquapenden-

te and Bagnarea.

Orvieto, Oropitum, or Orbs Vetus by Paulus Diaconus, Herbanum by Pliny, Orbevetanum by Procopius, and Orbiventum or Orbivetum by others, is a Town Built on a rifing ground, and naturally ftrong, being surrounded with high Rocks and Precipices; about 20 Miles distant from Viterbo to the North, 60 from Rome to the North-west, and about 15 from the Confines of the Duke of Tuscany's Dominions, and the Senese to the East.

Acquapendente, Acula or Aquila, stands on a rifing ground, about 40 Miles from Siena to the East, and 20 from Orvieto to the South-west. It was Erected into a Bishoprick by Pope Innocent X. in the year 1650 in the room of Castro, which he caused to be Raz'd, to punish the Inhabitants for Murdering their Bishop.

Bagnarea, Balneoregium, stands upon a Hill, between Orvieto to the North, and Montestifone to the South, about 6 Miles from either, and 10 from Fiterboth to the North. It is an Episcopal See, but a small and III inhabited Town: and by some thought to be Novempagi mention'd by Pliny.

Roneiglione, Roneilio, thands about 30 Miles from Rome, and 10 from Viterbo. It belong d formerly to the Duke of Parma, and gives name to the adjacent Country, which the Italians call lo Stato di Roneigli-

The Province of SABINA, Salvina, is Bounded on the North with Ombria, on the East with the far-

ther Apruzzo, on the South with Compagna di Roma, and on the West with the Province of the Patrimony, is of much narrower Bounds than the Country of Sabina formerly was, and has only one Town of any note, call'd Magliano, the Residence of the Bissop of Sabina, near the Tyber, and 30 Miles North from Rome.

Ombria, or the Durchy of SPOLETO, Umbria five Ducatus Spoletanus, feems to have had the latter of these names from those Dukes whom Longinus the Exarch appointed. The Longobards having made themselves Mastersofit, under King Alboinus, about the year 571, ir retain'd the name of a Dutchy, and wa govern d by 8 Dukes successively of its own, and 13 likewise descended from Charles the Great, till the year 1198. Afterwards it retain'd the same Name and Dignity under the Popes of Rome, till the year 1440, when it recover'd the ancient name of Umbria, or Ombria; but the ancient Umbria was of much larger extent than this Country is now. It lies on the North of the Patrimony and Sabina.

These are the Chief Towns.

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Spoleto.
Narni.
Orricoli.
Reati.
Foligno.

Todi.
Nocera.
Torni.
Affisi.
Amelia.

Spoleto, Spoletum, mention'd by Livy, Cicero and Ptolomy, as a City in Umbria, and the Chief one of the Dutchy of Spoleto, now of the Province of Ombria, is distant 40 Miles from Rome to the North, and as many from Perugia to the South-East. Baudrand fays it is a large Town, Built partly on a Hill, partly in the Valley, and Mr. Misson says, it is a poor City, thinly Peopl'd, ill Built, and in a very uneven Situation. The most remarkable Things in it are, the Cathedral, the Castle, which (as the latter of these two says) is only strong by its Situation, and has nothing in it to recompence the trouble of going up to it. About half a Mile from the City there is a Temple anciently Confecrated to Concord; which is now call'd the Chappel of the Holy Crucifix. There are also to be seen here, a Triumphal Arch half Ruined, some remainders of an Amphitheatre, and an Aqueduct, which joyns the Mountain of St. Francis, to that of Spoleto; which is intire, and has been in use ever fince it was first Built. 'Tis 350 Paces long, and about 700 English Foot high. Mapheo Cardinal Barbarini, afterwards Pope Orban VIII. was Bishop of this Place.

Narni, Narna, or Narnia, stands at the Foot of a Hill, on the River Nera, (from which it has its Name) near the Confines of Sabina, between Terni and Otticoli, 6 Miles from the former, and 8 from the other, and 40 from Rome. It was one of the 12 Towns which refus'd to assist the Romans against Hanibal: and was anciently (according to Pliny) call'd Nequinum from Nequitia, (frowardness) because when it was Besieg'd, the Inhabitants chose rather to kill themselves and their Children than Surrender. Ir is at present (as Mr. Misson relates) a desolare, dirry and beggarly Place; but that there are observable in it, 2 pretty handsom Fountains of Brass: and near it the Ruins of a stately Bridge, (Built as they say) by Augustus; which joyn'd the Mountain of Spoleto, to a Neighbouring Mountain; it is of an extraordinary height, but of its four Arches there remains but one intire. The Top of the greatest is broken; but he says he was credibly inform'd that the breadth of this Arch is 170 Foot.

Otricoli, Ocriculum, or Otriculum, stands in a Plain,

abour 2 Miles from the Tyber, about 3 from the conflux of that River with the Nera, between Narni and Civita Cafellana, and about 30 Miles from Rome. The ancient Octiculum is often confounded with the Ocrea or Interocrea of Antoninus; but most Authors believe that Orricoli stands now where the ancient Ocriculum shood, and that the Ruins that appear a little lower on the right hand towards the Tyber, are the remainders of Ocrea; but the conjecture would not be unreasonable if one should say that Ocriculum is only a diminutive of Ocrea, implying the Suburbs of it.

Reati, Reate, mentioned by Strabo and Ptolomy, as a Town in the Sabines, flands upon the River Velino, near a Lake of that name, upon the Confines of the Kingdom of Naples, and the farther Apruzzo, in the middt between Aquila to the Eaft, and Narni to the West, and 25 from Spoleto to the East. It is a pretty well Inhabited Town considering the Air; which is unwholsom by reason of the Neighbouring Marshes: and is an Episcopal See, subject immedia

ately to that of Rome.

Foligno, Fulginium, ftands at the Foot of the Appennines, in a Plain, 21 Miles from Perugia to the South Eaft, 10 from Affif, and 13 from Spoleto, and has the Title of a Bishoprick. It is Seated in a Terrestrial Paradife, (as Mr. Misson along else to recommend it, except that it is said to have a better Trade than most other Cities in the Ecclefialtical State. The Trade of it consists in Cloth, Gold and Silver Lace, some Silks, and Spicery. It was several times Plunder'd by the Goths, and there are no old Monuments remaining.

Todi, Tuder, or Turde, according to Peolomy, stands on a Hill near the Tyber, almost in the midst between Perugia to the North, and Narni to the South, about 20 Miles from either, and has the name of an Epis-

copal See.

Nocera, Nuceria, call'd Constantia Colonia, in the Itinerary of Antoninus, stands at the Foot of the Apennines on the Consines of the Marca d'Anchona, 16 Miles from Spoleto to the North, 15 from Camerino to the West, and as many from Foligno to the North-East: and is an Episcopal See, immediately subject to that of Rome.

Terni, Interamna, or Interamnia, stands in a Plain, on the River Nara, near the Consines of Sabina, about 12 Miles from Spoteo to the South, and 6 from Narni. It is a very ancient City, having been Built about 670 years before Christ, in the days of Numa Pompilius. It ows its ancient name to its Situation, between the 2 Arms of the River which waters it, and the Bridge, (as the Inscription which was put on it in the time of Pope Urban VIII. says) was Built by Pompey the Great. The whole Trade of this City consists in Oyl, of which (as they say) they make during Six Months of the year, 100 Charges every day, each Charge Weighing 600 Pounds, and is worth 12 English Crowns.

Affi, Affium, or Æfifum, ftands on a Hill, A Miles from the River Chiafeio, tt from Perugia to the East, and near 60 from Rome to the North-west. It is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to none: and the Birth-place of St. Francis, and St. Clara.

The Country of PERUGIA, Perufines Ager, call'd by the Italians il Perugino, is Bounded with the Tyber, and ancient Umbria on the Eaft, the Marthes of Chiana, and the Territories of Florence on the West, and the Territories of Ornieto on the South; and ows its name to the Chief Town in it.

Perugia.

Perugia, Perufia, Perufium, and Perræfium, was a very ancient City, and famous for the Calamity which befell it, when Odlavius Augustus block'd up L. Antonius, the brother of Marcus the Triumvir within it; and having forc'd him to furrender, let him go without any harm, pardon'd the Soldiers; but executed the utmost degree of Rage, not only on the Perusians, but also on the Romans, not sparing those of the first and second Quality, who were cruelly Butcher'd at the Altar of Julius Cafar, tho this feems to have been the effect rather of the brutal fury of the Soldiers than the Orders of the General. One of the Citizens of Perusia, having set fire to his House with all his Goods, and thrown himself into the Flame, it burnt fo violently that it quickly brought the Neighbourhood into the fame Calamity; and in a little time the whole Town, except the Temple of Vulcan, was reduc'd to Ashes. But not long after, a new City sprung up from these, which was call'd Angusta Perusia. Between this City and Cortona lies the Lacus Thrasimenus, or Perusinus, famous for the fignal overthrow which the Romans. under the Conful Flaminius, in the second Punic War, receiv'd from Hanibal the Carthaginian General, on the North Borders of it. It was one of the first 12 Tuscan Colonies, and is at present a large and pretty well Inhabited City, Situated on a Hill near the Tyber, about 28 Miles from Orvieto to the North, and 60 from Rome to the North-West, and 12 from Affesi, towards the Lake now call'd, Lago di Perugia, or Lugo di Castiglione, which is about 9 Miles from the City. It has the Title of a Bishoprick, and is adorn'd with an University, and defended by a strong Cittadel.

Cita di Castello, Tifernium Tiberinum, is a Fortisied Town, and well Inhabited, on the Confines of Tuscany, near the Tyber, 25 Miles North from Perugia, and gives name to the Country about it, call'd

il Contado di Citta di Castello.

The Marquisate of ANCONA, or Marca d'Ancona, Marchia Anconitana, which anciently made up the greater part of Picenum, is a Fertile and Pleasant Country, producing particularly abundance of Wax and Flax; only the Air is bad. It is Bounded on the North with the Gulf of Venice, on the East with the Dutchy of Urbino, on the West with the farther Apruzzo, and on the South divided from Umbria, by the Apennines. The most considerable Towns in

Ancona. Cosmo. Recanati.

Macerata. Camerino. Tolentino. Sermo.
Loretto. San Severino. Ascoli.

Ancona, Ancona, is a very ancient City, faid to have been Built by the Syracusians, who left their Country to avoid the Tyranny of Dionysius. It stands on the Adriatick Shoar, over against Dalmatia, near the Promontory, anciently call'd Crumerum, now, il monte S. Ciriaco, about 30 Miles from Fermo to the North, 15 from Osimo to the North-East, between Loretto to the East, and Sinigaglia to the West, and 110 from Rome to the North. It has a very good Harbour (as Mr. Miffon relates) but the Trade is quite ruin'd. The unevennels of its Situation, renders it very incovenient. The Streets are narrow and dark. There are neither fair Houses, nor fine Churches in it. The Cittadel commands both the City and Haven; and at the entrance of the Mole or Peer, there is a Triumphal Arch of very fine white Marble; which was Erected for Trajan by order of the Scnate. The fore-cited Author fays, that Victuals are very dear and scarce in this Place: Infomuch that a Fricasse of 3 Eggs, or as many Pilchards, was brought them for a Supper to serve 6 Persons; and that you must fight for them too before you can have 'em.

Macerate, Macerata, Itands on a Hill, not far from the Ruins of Helvia Recina, in the midst between Recanati to the East, and Tolentino on the West, and 20 Miles South from Ancona. It was Built (as fome fay) from the Ruins of Hebria Recina, Ann. 410. Pope Nicholas IV. Erected its University in the year 1290. and Pope John XXII. made it a Bishoprick in the year 1586.

Ascoli, Asculum Picenum, stands on a Hill, near the River Tronto, on the Confines of the farther Apruzzo, and was anciently the Chief Ciry of Picenum. It is divided (as Baudrand fays) into 4 Parts, has two old Castles, 100 old Towers, 6 Bridges and 9 Gares; and is distant 20 Miles from the Adriatick Sea to the West, 9 from Montalto to the South, 18 from Fermo, and 20 from Aquila: and is a well inhabited and Fortified Town.

Osimo, Auxumum, or Oximum, stands on a Hill, about 10 Miles from Ancona to the South, and about as much from Jesi to the West, and Loretto to the East: and is in a decaying condition, tho' it has the name of a Bishoprick; which in Italy are generally small,

as they are very numerous.

Camerino, Camorinum, is Situated at the Foot of the Apennines, on the Confines of Umbria in the midst between Macerata to the North-east, and Spoleto to the South-west, and 60 from Rome to the North. It is an Episcopal See, subject to none but the Pope, and formerly was govern'd by its own

Fermo, Firmium, mention'd by Strabo, Mela and Cicero as a Town and Colony of Picenum in Italy, is pretty well Inhabited, and Built on the rifing ground, near the Coast of the Adriatick Sea, 30 Miles South-East from Ancona, and 90 from Rome to the North-East. It was Dignified with the Title of an Archiepiscopal See by Pope Sixtus V. who had formerly

been Bishop there.

Loretto, Lauretum, stands about 3 Miles from the Shoar of the Adriatick Sea, 10 from Fermo 10 the North-West, 20 from Ancona to the South-East, and near 100 from Rome to the North-East. It is a little Place, but very well Fortified, and has the Title of a City and Bishoprick, Erected by Pope Sixtus V. Anno. 1586. to which the See of Recanati was united Anno 1591. Loretto has been a famous Place for a long time, but because every body does not particularly know the reason why it is so, they must be put in mind, that it is pretended that the House in which the Virgin Mary is faid to have been Born, where the was Betroth'd and Married to Fofeph where the Angel saluted her, and where the Son of God was Incarnated, was brought by the Angels from Nazareth to Dalmatia, and plac'd on a little Mountain call'd Terfatto, on 12 May 1291. That 3 Years and 7 Months after it was remov'd thence, and brought by them to a Forest in the Territory of Recanati in the Marca d' Ancona; from whence after it had been 8 Months there, it was remov'd a Mile further to the same Hill where it now ftands. But a difference happening between 2 Brothers, to whom the ground belong'd, it was remov'd fome Paces from thence, and fet down in the midit of a High-way, from whence it has never stirr'd fince. To prevent inconveniences that might happen, particularly a new removal, they Built a Magnificent Church,

Church, in the midst of which it remains secure against all Assaults; about which they have since Built 4 Walls. The Sacra Cafa confifts of one Chamber, 44 Spans Long within, 18 Broad, and 23 High; 12 Palm, being 13 Inches English Measure. The Holy Tabernacle stands East and West, and over the little Chimney in the Chamber, in a Nich, stands the great Lady of Loretto, about 4 Foot High, made (as they fay) of Cedar-wood, and Wrought by St. Luke. The Ornaments with which the is usually deck'd, especially the Mantle, which is Adorn'd with an infinire number of precious stones, are of an inestimable Value. She has a great number of Robes for change, and 7 different Mourning Habits for the Holy Week. Her Triple Crown was presented her by Lewis XIII. of France, who also gave a little Crown to the Infant Jesus, both wonderful Rich, the former being all cover'd with precious stones. The Altar made by the hands of the Apostles, and the Stone upon which St. Peter celebrated his first Mass, were Transported at the same time with the House. All round the Statue there is nothing but Lamps, Statues, Bufts, and other Figures of Gold and Silver; 28 Candleflicks of Silver and Vermilion, 12 of Maffy Gold, Weighing 37 Pound each. 'Tis incredible what va't numbers of Pilgrims come here to pay their Devotion, especially at Erster, and the Virgins Nativity; (which is Solemniz'd in the Month of September) infomuch that in the years of greatest concourse, they have counted 200000 Pilgrims and upwards, during these 2 Festivals. The Treasury-Chamber is a spacious Room, having 17 large Presfes with Folding-Doors, instead of Wainscot to the Walls; which are fill'd with pure Gold, Jewels of the greatest Value, and Vessels and Ornaments more precious than Gold; for Silver is not admitted into these Presses, but lies in confus'd Heaps, in several Places, till they have occasion for't. 'Tis impossible to imagine the vast quantity and variety of Riches that are amass'd here; and it would be in vain to attempt a particular account of them. They have been bestow'd by Princes, States, and People that own the Papal Supremacy, who have emulously strove who should out do one another. Nor is the Treasury all the Riches that belong to this Place, There are settled Revenues, and Lands Purchas'd out of Sight, and they have Built not only a stately Church, but also a Magnificent Palace, and no doubt have Chests full of Money. There is also an Arsenal; but not very considerable. In the publick Place an admirably beautiful Fountain of white Marble. enrich'd with Statues of Brass, and a fine Statue of Pope Sixtus V. Erected by the Inhabitants of Loretto, in acknowledgment of the Privileges they received from him. The principal Trade of this little City, consists in Medals, Rosaries, Sanctified Beads, Images Agnus Dei's, and such like Commodities.

Recanati, Recinetum, is a little City on the Top of a Hill, near the River Potenza, about 4 Miles from Loretto to the South-welt, 10 from Macerata; and 13 from Ancona to the South. It has been an Episcopal See, since the year 1240. but in the year

1591. it was united to that of Loretto.

Tolentino, Tolentinum, is a little Town, Situated on a rifing Ground, about 25 Miles from Ancona to the South, and 15 from Camerino to the North-East. It was made a Bishoprick by Pope Sixtus V. Ann. 1596. under the Archbishop of Formo, but it is now united with the See of Macerata.

San-Soverino, Septempeda, is a little Town, on the Banks of the River Potenza, 6 Miles from Tolentino to the West, and 12 from Camerino to the North The ancient Town of Septempeda was destroyed by the Goths, in the year 543, and from its Ruins Sep-tempeda Nova did arife, or Fanum Sancti Severini (from whence the Modern Italian name San Severino) in the year 1198. where formerly a little Castel stood, call'd Castrum Regale, near the Ruins of the old Town. It was Erected into a Bishoprick by Pope Sixtus V. Ann. 1586. whereas formerly it was in the Diocess of Camerino.

The Dutchy of URBINO, Urbinus Ducatus, is a part of the ancient Umbria, beyond the Apennines, where the Vilumbri dwelt of old; and is Bounded on the North with the Gulf of Venice, and Romandiola, on the East with the Marca d' Ancona, on the South with Ombria, and on the West with Tufcany. It had formerly Dukes of its own : and the Family of Ravero was the last that had it; for the Male Race failing in the Person of Francis Maria Ravero, he sometime before he died, to prevent all discords that might happen after his Death, gave it to Pope Urban VIII. in the year 1631. It may be divided into these Countries, the Dutchy of Urbino, the County of Montefeltro, the Territory of Gubio, the Signiory of Posaro, and the Vicariate of Senigaglia; and comprehends these Towns,

Cagli. Sinigaglia.
Gubio. Vrbania.

Urbino, Urbinum, stands on a Hill near the Head of the River Foglia, about 20 Miles from the Adriatick Shoar, 80 from Florence to the East, and 100 from Rome to the North. It was Erected into an Archbishoprick by Pope Pius IV. Ann. 1563. and was the Birth-place of Polydore Virgil, and the famous Lainter Raphael.

Gubio, Eugubium, anciently call'd Iguvium, stands at the foot of the Apennines, on the Confines of the Marca d' Ancona, 26 Miles from Urbino to the South, and 16 from Perugia. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Urbino, but not subject to his

Jurisdiction.

Fossombrone, Forum Sempronii, stands near the River Marro, about half a Mile from the old Town, 10 Miles from Urbino to the East, in the midst between Pefaro to the North, and Cagli to the South, about 15 Miles from either. It was Sold to Frederick Duke of Urbino by Galeazo Malatesta, Lord of it, for the Sum of 13000 Florins of Gold, in the

time of Pope Sixtus the IV. Pefaro, Pifaurum, the Name anciently of a Town and Colony of Umbria in Italy, according to Pliny and Ptolomey, is at present a large, well built and pleasantly situated Town, on the River Foglia near to where it empties it self into the Adriatick Sea; in the midst between Sinigaglia to the East, and Rimini to the West, and 20 Miles from Urbino to the North-East. It was rais'd by Totila King of the Goths, and rebuilt by Belifarius (as Procopius relates) and is an Episcopal See Suffragan to the Arch-bishop of Urbino. It is tolerably well Fortified, tho' somewhat after the old Fashion, and the Houses are generally handlome: And it is excellently provided with all the Conveniencies of Life. The best Meat (as Mr. Misson says) costs not full two Far-Bread, Wine and other Things are proportionally cheaper: But the Air is very bad in Summer, and extremely dangerous in July and August.

Sinigaglia,

Sinigaglia, Senogallia, anciently a Town of Umbria in Italy, according to Pliny, Strabo, Paul. Diaconus and others. Peolomey calls it Sena Gallica: And it is mentioned by Livy, Polybius and Stephanus. It was built by the Galli Senones, in the 396th year of the City of Rome: And is now a little but delightfully fituated Town in a Plain, near the Adriatick Sea, and on the Confines of the Marca d'Ancona, in the midst almost between Ancona to the East, and Pesaro to the West, 22 Miles from cither, and 34 from Urbino to the East. It belong'd formerly to the Family of Malatesia, afterwards to the Dukes of Urbino, till it fell in to the Church in the time of Pope Urban the VIII.

Urbania. Urbania, a little, and no very old Town, distant about 7 Miles from Urbino to the South-West, and 8 from Citta di Castello. It was formerly call'd Castel Durante, from William Durant, a Frenchman, Bishop of Mande, who built it, An. 1280. Pope Urban the VIII. erected it into a Bishopick, under the Archbishop of Urbino, and call'd the Town after himself Urbania, An. 1635.

ROMANDIOLA Propria, or ROMAGNA, anciently call'd Æmilia Regio, is bounded on the West with the Bolognese, on the North with the Dutchy of Porrara, on the South and West with the Dutchy of Urbino and Tuscany. A great part of it towards the Apennines is subject to the Duke of Tuscany, and therefore call'd Romandiola Florentina. The most considerable Towns in that part of it which belongs to the Church are,

Ravenna. Sorli.
Facnza. Bertinero. Scepina.
Imola. Rimini. Sarfina.

Ravenna. Ravenna, anciently a City of Gallia Cifpadana, according to Pliny, Strabo and Ptolomy, was one of the chief Cities in that Country we now call Italy, and the Residence of the Exarch or Governour fent by the Emperour of the East to govern that It was formerly the Principal Haven Country. that the Romans had on the Adriatick Gulf: And its situation is represented by the ancient Geographers like that of Venice; but the Case is quite altered now; for not only the Lagunes are dried up, but the Sea has retir'd almost three Miles from it, and those Plains that were formerly under Water, are now the most fruitful Fields in Italy. There are to be seen in the Walls towards the Sea, great Rings of Iron, which served formerly to fasten the Vessels, and the Remainders of the *Pharos* are still visible. By reason of the many Disasters which this City of Antiquity left in it. Without the Walls, near the ancient Haven, stands the Maufoleum which Amalasuntha erected for her Father Theoderick, King of the Oftrogoths, who kept his Court at Ravenna, which they have turn'd to a little Church, and call it Rotunda; and which is covered with a Stone 38 Foot in Diameter and 15 thick. The Cathedral is an old Church, the Nave or Body of which is supported by 56 Pillars of Marble, of the Archipelago. There are several other fine Churches, as, that of the Theatines, St. Vitalii, St. Apolinarius, St. Romal-dus, St. Andrew, St. Celsus. In the Great Place stands a fair brazen Statue of Pope Alexander the VII. and at the other end of it are two Columns, upon which were the ancient Patron, and the Arms of Venice, while Ravenna belong'd to that State; but fince it belong'd to the Church, the Pope has plac'd on these Pillars, the Statues of Victor and

Apolonarius, who are the Patrons of Ravenna. It was taken by the Longobards in the Year, 744, and is now the chief City of Romandiola, diffant about 45 Miles from Bologna to the Eaft, 102 from Anexa to the North-Welt, 60 from Forence to the North-Laft, and 42 from Ferrona to the South-Eaft,

Paenza, Faventia, anciently a Town in Gallia Cifalpina, according to Livy and Pliny, upon the River Anemo, now Lamone, in the midth between Innolato the Welt, and Forli to the East, and 3 from the Confines of the Great Duke of Tuscany's Dominions, 25 Miles West from Ravenna to the North. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Ravenna.

Imola or Jumola, Forum Cornelii, anciently a City belonging to the Lingones in Gallia Cifpadana, fone-times call'd Connelium, and Sylle Forum, is at present a pretty neat Town, and well Innahited, diftant about 20 Miles from Bologna, to the Eaft, 10 from Facenza, 15 from Ravenna, and 16 from the Confines of the Dominions of Florence to the North: and is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Revenna.

Forli. Forum Livii, anciently a City of the Sensnes, in Gallia Cispadana, Situated in a Plain marche Mountains, 15 Miles from Ravenna to the South, and 4 from Citta di Sole, and the Confines of Thesaux 5 and is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Ravenna.

Rimini, Ariminium, stands in a Plain, on the Coast of the Adriarick Gulf, at the Mouth of the River Ariminus, now la Marecchia. Baudrand, (who Travelled that Country not very long ago, and is reckon'd a pretty good Geographer) calls it culta & elegans; but Mr. Misson Pesaro to the North-West, 25 from Ravenna to the South-East, somewhat less from Orbino to the North, and in the midst between Bologna to the West, and Ancona to the South-East: it was Fortisted by Sigismundus Pandolphus Malatesta, but at present it has only a Wall, and that in no good condition. The Bridge of Marble, Built by Augustus and Tiberius, and the Triumphal Arch Erected by Augustus, the Ruins of an Amphitheatre, the Tower of Brick, which was anciently the Pharos, but now encompass'd with Gardens (since the Sea has fallen back half a Mile) are the only Monuments of Antiquity now remaining. Its an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Ravenna.

Cervia. Cervia, anciently call'd Phicocle, Ficocle, and Ficode, stands in the midth of a Boggy Country, near the Coast of the Adriatick Gulf, about 12 Miles from Ravema to the East, and 15 from Rimini. It is but thinly Inhabited, by reason the Air is very bad, insonuch (as Baudrand relates) there are not above 400 Inhabitants in it; but it has the Title of a Bishoprick, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Ravema.

The Country call'd BOLOGNES E, Bononienfis Ager, was anciently Inhabited by a part of the Boit,
and Lingones in Gallia Cifpadama; and is Bounded
on the North with the Dutchy of Ferrara, on the
East with Romandiola, properly so call'd, on the
West with the Dutchy of Modena, and on the South
with Tuscany, from which it is separated by the Appennine Mountains. It's Soil is very Fertile and
well Improv'd: and it was given to the Church by
Pepin King of France, and Charles the Great. The
most considerable Places in it are, Bologna, and Bentiveglio, the' there are several others of less Note.

Religenta.

Bologna, Bonoina (commonly call'd the Fat) is plac'd in Gallia Cifpadana by Pliny, Livy and Tacitus: and was at first call'd Felsina, from Felsinus a Tuscan King, by whom it is faid to have been Built. It ftands on the little River Reno, 25 Miles from Ferrara, and 92 from Venice to the South, 54 from Florence, and 192 from Rome to the North-West, between Milan to the West, and Ancona to the East, 125 from the former, and 135 from the other. It has been the Seat of an Archbishop (who has also the Title of a Prince of the Empire) fince the year 1582, that Pope Gregory XIII. Erected it: and is Greater and Richer, as Mr. Miffon relates, than Florence, and containing more Inhabitants by a third part. All the Fortification of this City is a fingle Wall; for when it submitted it self to the Pope, Ann. 1278. (Nicholas being then in the Chair) they made an Honourable Composition with his Holinels, viz. That he should never Bridle them by a Cittadel, or Conficate their Estates upon any pretext whatsoever; and that they should have an Auditor of the Rota, and an Ambassador at Rome. The Houses are generally Built of Stones or Brick, Plaister'd over, and the Streets are pretty streight. The University was Founded by Theodofius the younger, Ann. 425, but it ows most of its splendor to Charlemain. There are several fine Churches in this City, particularly that of St. Petronius which is the greatest; and in which is to be seen Caffini's Meridian Line, drawn on a Copper Plate, fer in the Pavement, and is 220 Foot long. Church of the Dominicans, in which are the Chappel and Tomb of St. Dominick, is very magnificent. There are also several stately Palaces in this City, whereof that which belongs to General Caprara is the finest. The Cardinal Legate, and the Gonfalonier with his Counsellors Lodge in the Publick Palace, above the Gate of which there is a Statue in Brass of Gregory XIII. which weighs 11000 Pounds, and on one lide of the Gate, that of Boniface VIII. There are likewise in this City several Cabinets of Curiofities, particularly that of Aldrorandus. It is alfo worth ones while to observe the great Tower Asinelli, which was Built by Gerrard Afinelli, Ann. 1 109. It is 376 Foot high, as that of the other Tower near to it, call'd Garifenda from its Founder, is 130, The latter was Built by Otho, and Philip Garifendi, Ann. 1110. and leans to one fide like the Tower of Pifa: and its inclination is about 9 Foot. The shining Stones, known by the name of Bononian Stones, are found on the Hill Paderno, about 3 Miles from the City. There are in this City 400 Silk-mills: and the Trade consists chiefly in Wax, Hemp, Flax, Hams, Sauciges, Soap, Snuff and Persumes: and sometimes their little Dogs rays id and Perfumes; and sometime their little Dogs turn'd to a very good Account.

Bentivoglio, Bentivolium, formerly call'd Pons Poledranus, stands about 10 Miles to the North of Bogona, towards Ferrara. It was formerly a very fine Place, but now is almost quite Ruin'd. From hence the Bentivoglio's had their name, who had the

Jurisdiction of this Place many years.

The Dutchy of FERRARA, properly so call'd, hecame a part of the Ecclesiastical State, after the Death of Alphonsus II. Ann. 1598. and is Bounded on the North with the Polesine di Rovigno, on the West with the Dutchy of Mantua, on the South with the Bolognese, and Romandiola properly so call'd

and on the East with the Gulf of Venice. It is divided (by Baudrand) into these following Patts, il Polesine di Ariano, il Polesine di Ferrara, il Polesine di S. Georgio, la Valle di Commachio, la Valle di Marrara, la Valle di Maremora: and the most considerable Towns in it are, Ferrara, Comachio, and Cento.

Ferrara, Ferraria, anciently call'd Forum Asieni, stands on a little Branch of the Po, call'd Po Morto, from whence there is a Canal made to Francolino, about 6 Miles long, for the conveniency of Commerce. It stands in the midst between Mirandola and Comachio, and about 28 Miles from Bologna to the North-East, 30 from the Adriatick Sea to the West, and 60 from Venice to the South: While it remain'd in the Hands of the Princes of the House of Este, it might justly have been reckon'd one of the most flourishing Cities in Italy; but fince it became a part of the Ecclefialfical State, it has mightily decayed, insomuch that at present the it be a large and pretty handsom Town, it is very Ill Peopl'd, Poor and almost Defolate. In the year 1570, in the space of 40 Hours, it suffer'd 160 jolts of a dreadful Earthquake, which had well nigh reduc'd it all to Rubbish. The Cittadel, which was Built by Clement VIII, and which they fay, cost 2000000 Crowns, is still in good order; but the other Fortifications are quite neglected. The Ducal Palace, the Marquiss de Villa's House, the Cathedral and feveral other Churches and Convents, are worth a Traveller's Notice; but do not deferve a particular description.

Comachio, Comalchum, or Comacula, is a little Town standing in a Marish Ground, about 3 Miles from the Adriatick Shoar to the West, 20 from Revenua to the North, and 35 from Ferrara to the East. It is Inhabited only by a few Fishermen, by reason of its unwholsom Situation; but has been mightily distressed by the Venetians, who in the year 932. almost quite destroy'd it. It is however an Episcopal See under the Archbistop of Ravenua.

The Republick of St. MARINO has its name from a Mountain in the Province of Romandiola, and a Town of that same Name; which is so call'd from a certain Holy Man call'd Marinus, who liv'd a Hermit there in the time of the Emperor Dioclesian. It has been a free State ever fince the year 600. and has under its Jurisdiction feveral little Towns and Villages in the adjacent Country; for in the year 1100. in the time of the Emperor Otho the III. it Bought the Castel of Pennarossa from the Count of Montferrat; and that of Cafolo, in the Reign of the Emperor Frederick Enobarbus; each of which places is about a Mile distant from St. Marino. In the year 1463. Pope Pius II. gave them the Castels and Villages of Serravalle, Faento, Mongiardano, and Fiorentino, and the Village of Piagge. It had feveral others, but the Dukes of Orbino have taken them from this State: fo that the whole Inhabitants of this little State, are not thought to be above 6000. The Town of St. Marino (Titanus) stands on a fleep Hill, and is pretty well Fortified. It is Govern'd by 2 Officers, call'd Captains, who are chang'd twice a year, viz. in the Months of March and September. This Town is distant above 30 Miles from Ravenna to the South-East, 20 from Urbino to the North-East, and about 60 from Florence to the East.

CHAP. XIII.

The Kingdom of Naples, Regnum, Neapolitanum.

HE Kingdom of Naples, which comprehends those Parts of Italy, that were anciently call'd Samnium, Campania, Apulia, and Magna Gracia, ows its Modern name to the City of Naples; it having been formerly call'd the Kingdom of Sicily, on this fide the Pharo, (viz. of Messima) It came to be reduc'd into the form of a Kingdom (as Cluverius and others relate) in this manner. the year of Christ 1000, the Saracens being in posfession of this Country and the Island of Sicily, one Tancred a Norman, who had 12 Sons, and not overmuch to give them, came together with them into Italy, and offer'd his Service against the Saracens; who being happily expell'd Italy and Sicily; he and his Sons had large Possessions affign'd them, both in the Kingdom of Naples and Sicily. After which his Son Rebert was made first Duke of Apulia and Calabria; whose Son Roger was Created King of Sicily and Naples; and both together were call'd the Kingdom of the 2 Sicily's; for that which is now call'd the Kingdom of Naples, was then call'd Sicily on this fide the Pharo, and the Island it self Sicily beyond the Pharo. Roger was succeeded by his Son William, Ann.
1135. His Son William, firnam'd the Good, (as his Father had been call'd the Bad) Succeeded him. Ann. 1166. who left both the Kingdoms to his Bastard Son Tancred: against whom the Pope conceiving a mortal hatred, and resolving to do him a Mischief, caus'd Henry VI. Son of the Emperor Frederick I. Duke of Swaben to Marry one Conftantia, whom he brought out of a Nunnery, and declar'd him Heir of those Kingdoms. The Emperor Frederick II. Henry the VIth's Son by that Marriage Married Iole, John of Brenne's Daughter, King of Jerusalem, and by that means laid claim to the Title, and therefore the sucfeeding Kings of Sicily were likewise call'd Kings of Ferusalem. The Popes still entertaining an inveterate hatred against this Frederick and his Posterity, Pope Urban VIII. prevail'd with Charles I. Earl of Anjou, to come from France and Invade Manfred; and having first Kill'd him, and then Conradin Frederick the IId's Grand-child, he took Possession of the Kingdom. But he did not enjoy it long; for he with his Frenchmen did so oppress the Sicilians, that they form'd a Conspiracy against them, and on Easter Eve, Ann. 1282. upon a Signal given as was agreed, put all the French to the Sword; which Action is still known by the name of the Sicilian Vespers. Peter of Arragon, who had Married Constantia, Manfred's Daughter, and whom Conrad a little before his Death had appointed his Heir, deliver'd the Sicilians from the Tyranny of the French, and having made Charles II. who had been beat at Sea, his Prisoner, did not dismiss him before he had consented to content himself with Naples, Calabria, Apulia, and Tarentum, and refign Sicily and Sardinia to the Arragonians. Robert who in vain attempted to recover Sicily, Succeeded Charles, to whom Succeed Foanna I. After her Charles of Durazzo, then Ladislaus, next Joanna II. who first nam'd Alphonsus of Aragon her Heir, but repenting of that before 2 years were at an end, She nam'd Lewis IV. Duke of Anjon, who disputed the Kingdom of Naples with Alphonfus, till the year 1434. that both

he and Joanna Died. Afterwards Alphonfus did expel Rene, who pretended to succeed his Brother: and by his latter Will appointed Ferdinand I. his Bastard, his Heir: with whom John Duke of Lorrain, Rene's Son, difputed the Title, and was Crown'd by Pope Pius II. But after feveral Battels, fought with various fuccefs, was forc'd to leave the Kingdom; Charles VIII. King of France claiming the Crown as Heit to the Earl of Anjou. Charles did also drive Ferdinand II. out of the Kingdom, but shortly after, Charle's Affairs obliging him to return to France, Ferdinand was call'd home by the Neapolitans. At last Frederick, Ferdinand's Uncle, being at once attack'd by Lewis XII. of France, and Ferdinand the Catholick, and not being able to make head against both, furrender'd himself to the former, and let his Kingdom sall to the Conquerors; but a strife arising about the dividing of it, they went by the Ears, and the Spaniards drove the French clear out : and Ferdinand united Sicily, and Naples to his other Dominions. And fo ever since the year 1504. it hath been subject to the King of Spain, who pays a certain acknowledgement of Homage due to the Pope, as a white Genner, and a Sum of Money, presented with great Cca remony every year, in Testimony of this Kingdom's dependence on the Holy Sec.

This Country has been variously divided at different times. Under its first Kings, it was divided into 4 Parts, viz. The Provinces of Lavaro, Abruzzo, Apulia and Calabria: afterwards into 7 Provinces, and at last into 12 of which we shall treat particularly hereafter. It is Bounded on the North with the Gulf of Venice, on the South with the Tuscan Sea, on the East with the Mouth of the Gulf of Venice and the Ionian See, and on the West with the Ecclesiastical State: and is in length (according to Cluverius) from the River Tronto, to the Promontory now call'd Capo Spartivento, 360 Miles, in Breadth, from the Promontory Massa Monte di St. Angelo,

The Air in some places is excessively hot, especially on the South-side of the Apennines, but on the other Temperare, except in Apulia. It is almost every where well provided with Springs and Rivers, which show from both sides of the Apennines. The Soil produces Wine and Oyl, and pretty good Pasture: and the Neopolitan Horses are in great estrem. Also good store of Almonds, Olives, Figs, Citrons, Oranges, Grapes, Corn, Hemp, Line, Pulse, Annifested and Coriander Seed. There are said to be no Venomous Creatures in this Country, except the Tarantula and Chersfores, an amphibious kind of Serpent; and the Locust that sometimes annoys the product of the Ground. The Soil of Campania, is so Fertile, that it produces the same Flowers twice a year. The Air of the hither Principality is reckon'd very temperate, and the People live to a great Age. The farther Principality abounds in Cattle, and several forts of good Fruit. Basilicate produced Sastron, and plenty of Hony and Wax. Calabria, especially affords good fiere of Manna. The hither Calabria, produces Corn, Oyl, and Mulberries, the farther excells in good Hories, and fine Hony. Apulia

pulia, by reason of the excessive Heat, is so plagued with Flies, that it is a common Proverb, If one would have a fore-taste of Hell Torments, let him go spend a Summer in Apulia. In Capitanata, the Soil is dry and sand, and the Grass short, but very good. In Bari, the Air is pretty Temperate, but the Tarantula is very Troublesom, and so are some other little Serpents, whom the Stork is a great Enemy to. Orranto is said to produce as much Oyl as might serve all Italy. In Molife there's so great plenty of Venison, that it is much cheaper than Beef or Mutton. The hither Abruzzo is the coolest place of the Kingdom, yet produces plenty of Corn, Wine, Oyl and Safano.

As to the Genius and Manners of the Neopolitans, we shall only tell you the Proverb that passes commonly in Italy, viz. The Kingdom of Naples is a Paradise, but the Inhabitants Devils. They are naturally Seditious, and abominably unclean. They are very Sumpruous in their Apparel, especially on Sundays and Holidays, insomuch that its hard to di-

stinguish a Lady from a Cobler's Wife.

It is very well known the Kingdom of Naples is Govern'd by a Viceroy sent by the King of Spain, whose Government is commonly for 3 years: He is commonly one of the Grandees of Spain; and the People have no great reason to brag of the Gentleness of his Government. The Revenues of this Kingdom are said to be about 300000 Ducats, and if we may believe Mr. Lassels, the Kingdom is able to raise 150000 Foot, and 100000 Horse. The number of Cities and great Towns in this Kingdom are said to be 438. Archbishopricks 20. Bishopricks 128. and the number of Princes, Dukes, Marquesses and Earls is incredible.

The latest and most common division of the Kingdom of Naples, as we said before, is into 12 Provinces, as you may see in the following Table.

I. The Province of Lavaro.
II. The farther Principality.
III. The hither Principality.
IV. Bafilicata.
V. The hither Calabria.
VI. The farther Calabria.
VII. The hither Abruχχο.
VIII. The farther Abruχχο.
VIII. The County of Molife.
X. The Province of Capitanata.
XI. The Province of Bari.
XI. The Province of Otranto.

The Province of LAVARO, Terra Laboris, comprehends a part of the ancient Campaniana, Fælix, (focall'd by Pliny for its fruitfulnes) and Latium Novum; and is Bounded on the North with the Country of Abruzzo, on the East with the Country of Molese, and the farther Principality, on the South with the hither, and on the West with the Tyrrhenian Sea, and the Champaign of Rome. It is watered by the Garigliano, and the Voltorno: and is said to be about 74 Miles long, and 40 broad. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Naples.
Puzzoli.
Capua.
Sora.
Sora.
Caffino.
Nola.
Avefa.
Cajazzo.

Naples. Neapolis, which Cicero, Pling and Strabo, place in Campania Falix; was anciently call'd Parthenope, from the Sea-Nymph, or Cirene of that Name, whose Inchantments, as the Story goes, Ulyfes and his Companions had enough to do to escape: or from Eumelus the King of Theffuly's Daughter, who is faid to have brought hither a Colony. Some are of opinion that the Grecians Built it, and call'd it Neapolis; others affirm that Augustus gave it that name; but however that may be, it is certainly one of the noblest and finest Cities in the World, distant about 100 Miles from Rome to the South East, 200 from Palermo to the North-east, 200 from Florence to the South-east, and about 300 from Venice Lat. 410. Long. 3240. It is seated on a Gulf of the same name with the City, and has a large and safe Harbour to the Mediterrannean Sea. It is a large and well Peopl'd City, and is reckon'd nine Miles in compass round the Walls, and 18 if you include the Suburbs It is divided into 29 Parts, call'd Ottine, and is Pav'd throughout with large square Stones, Chequer-wise. The Houses are high and uniform, and have flat Roofs, and are generally very beautiful. The Sea washes it on the South-side, on the North there are little Hills, that rise insensibly into Campania Falix, on the East, a Plain which leads to Mount Vesuvius, and on the West the upper Town. There are in this City many very fine Palaces, viz. that of the Viceroy, those of the Dukes of Matalone, Gravina, Airola, and de la Tour, &c. The three Castels which defend the City; the Academy, which they call Studii Nenovi, the Academy for Riding the great Horse, the Convents, Arsenal and Magazines for the Galleys, are all very fine Buildings. There are also many Fountains, which are very convenient, and serve to adorn the City. But above all, the Number and Magnificence of Churches surpasses imagination. Frontispices and Gates, the Chappels, Altars and Tombs, seem to be pieces of the finest Architecture in the World. One that would see the rarest Pictures, Sculptures, and Vessels of Gold and Silver, must go to the Churches. The Roofs, Wainscots, Walls are all cover'd with pieces of precious Marble, most Artificially laid together, or with Compartiments of Bass Relievo, or Joyners Work, Guilded and Enrich'd with the Work of the most famous Painters. There is nothing to be seen, but Jasper, Porphyre, Mosaick of all Fashions, all Master-pie-In a Cloyster belonging to the Carthusians is to be seen, the famous Crucifix of Michael Angelo, drawn as they say, after the Life from a certain Peasant, whom that Painter Crucified for the purpose. The Picture is upon Wood, and is not above half a Foot high. Mr. Misson finds fault with Michael, for he fays the Crucifix holds his Head exactly ftraight, which is not like a Man expiring on a Cross.

Altho' the greatest part of the Antiquities of this Place be buried in the Ruins, yet there are several to be seen still. The Front of St. Paul major, one of the Theatine Churches, is the old Frontispice of the Temple of Apollo. The Columns of San. Restituta are said to have been taken from Temple of Neptune. There are also some remains of an Amphitheatre, and a Statue of the Nile, Supported by a Crocadile: Also the Head and neck of a large Brazen Horse, without a Bridle; which formerly stood in one of the Publick Places of Naples, as an Emblem of its Liberty, when it was a Common-wealth; but King Comrad caus'd a Bit to be put in the Mouth of

it, to fignifie they had now loft it. In this City, as in most places of Italy, the Women are all hid. The Habits and Equipages of this City are of Black and Dark Colours. They are forbidden to Wear Gold or Silver, or Silk upon Silk, and the Spanish Dress is generally used. The greatest Lord can keep but 2 Staffers, or Footmen, and their Coaches are for the most part drawn by Mules. The Trade of this City is much decayld; and consists at present in Soap, Snuff, Stockens, Wastcoats of fine Naples Silk, Go.

It will not be improper to subjoyn to this short Description of Naples, a brief account of those Things that are most Remarkable in the Neighbourhood of it. In the first place the famous Mount Vesuvius, to which the Ancients gave different Names, but all ending or founding very like this. It is now call'd by the Italians Vefuvio, or Monte di Somma, and is diftant about 8 Miles from the City of Naples. During the first 4 Miles along the Coast, there are many good Villages, and a very well Manur'd Country, which feems to have receiv'd little or no Dammage by the Eruptions; but the one may travel on Horseback 2 Miles further, it must be through loose Stones, and Heaps of burnt Earth, which the Mountain hath vomited up: and the further one advances, he finds the Ground Crack'd, Dry, and Cover'd with calcin'd Stones, and the Channels of Sulphur and Bitumen, which have run down the Mountain. To omit the less formidable and more recent Eruptions, since the Birth of Christ it is said to have had Twelve dreadful ones, particularly that in December, 1631. when the Sea retir'd several times, and left the Ships dry on the Shoar, and the Floods of Fire ran in great Streams into the Sea, many Villages were turn'd ropfy turvy, and above 30000 Persons, with an infinite number of Cattle Perish'd; and the Beautiful City of Naples was threatned with its last Calamity. But we must refer the Reader to be more fully and particularly inform'd, concerning the more ancient Eruptions before Augustur's time, and those that have happen'd fince the middle of this Age, with the feveral Alterations they have made on the Mountain, to those Authors who have wrote fully and Learnedly on the Subject, particularly Julius Cafar Recupitus, and Mr. Miffon; the latter of which tells us, that the Country about it is very Rich, and that the Eastfide of the Mountain it felf bears abundance of good Vines; and 'tis from hence we have the famous Greco, Malateste, and Lacryma Christi.

Between the Suburbs of Naples and Puzzols, there's a little Hill call'd Pausilypus; which has a most charming Situation, and is all cover'd over with Houses of Pleasure, and abundance of excellent Vines, and is very well cultivated. The Ascent to it is not very difficult, and might have been easie, but out of an extravagant humour, they have Pierc'd the Mountain, and made a Hole, which is a shorter, but much more troublesom Passage. This Cave is call'd the Grotta of Puzzoli, and is in some Places cut through the Rock, in other Places thro' the Sand. It is almosta Mile Long, between 30 and 40 Foot high, and about 18 Broad. It has no light but at the ends, and thro' a little Hole in the middle, over an Oratory which is made in the Rock, by enlarging that part of the Way a little. This is an ancient Work, and Seneca makes mention of it. It is faid to have been made by one Cocceius; but whether he was a Prince of that Country, or only the Undertaker, is no easie

matter to tell.

A little beyond Paufylipus is the Lake Agnano, be-

tween two little Hills. It is round, and about a Mile in Circumference. On the Banks of it are two Caves, which deserve to be taken notice of, viz. the Caves call'd the Bath of S. German, and the Grotto del Cane. The former of which is faid to be an excellent Remedy for the Gout, and several other Distempers; for you no sooner go down 3 or 4 Stairs, than you are Sciz'd with a Heat, which smells of Brimstone, and puts one into a sudden Sweat. The other is as it were the beginning of a Cave, at the Foot of a Hill, and is 9 or 10 Foot Long or Deep, 42 Broad, and 5 High. There arises out of the Earth in this Grotto, a thin and piercing Exhalation, without any Smoak, which Seizes on the Breath, and choaks one in a Moment; but two Foot or less from the Earth there is no danger, because the Spirits or Steams, grow thin, andare dispersed. The Experiment has been tryed on Dogs, and other Animals, and sometimes on Malefactors; who in an instant lost their Breath, and seem'd to be quite Dead, and would really have been so, if they had not immediately been put into the Lake, (which is not above 20 Paces from this Grotto) where in a Minute they resume their Spirits, and come to themselves again; which effect the open and free Air

has often produc'd. Puzzoli, Puteoli, Anciently a great and famous City, which Pliny says was formerly call'd Dicearchia, and Delos Minor, according to Festus, because there was a Temple there Dedicated to Apollo, after the manner of that at Delos. It was Built by the Samii, (according to Stephanus) and is faid to owe its name to the word Putor, Stink or Rankness, because of the Sulphurious Exhalations that arise near it. It was anciently (according to Strabo) a Haven belonging to the Cumani, and that which is now call'd the Gulf of Naples, was then call'd Sinus Cumanus. It was the most famous Port on all that Coast, for the Corn and Goods brought thither from Egypt: And here were the Houses of Pleasure, and delightful Retreats of the Roman Emperors; but now it is a very inconfiderable Place, about 8 Miles from Naples to the West, and 3 from Baia. Wars, Earthquakes, Insults of the Sea, and Time, that brings all things to Destruction, having almost reduc'd it to nothing. The great quantity and variety of stately Ruins that are to be found about it, do evidently demonstrate its former Magnificence. There are the Ruins of an Amphitheatre, the Arena of which was 172 Foot long, and 88 broad : near to which there are other Ruins, almost quite Buried, which they say was anciently a Labyrinth, but it looks like those of a Fish-pond. The Cathedral is Built on the Ruins of a Temple of Jupiter. Betwixt the City and the Amphitheatre, are to be seen the Ruins of a Temple of Diana: and when the Sea is Turbulent, it throws out several marks of the Magnificence and Richnels of the ancient Palaces of this Place, among which are oftentimes Cornelian Stones, Agats, Jasper, Amethysts, &c. and between this and the Lake Lucrin, are to be seen the remains, as they call 'em, of the famous Bridge, which Caligula Built between Baia and Puzzoli; tho' there is better reasons for believing that Caligula's Bridge was of Boats, and not of Stone or Bricks.

The Lake of Lucrin is about 2 Miles from Puzzoli, and is now but a little Pond (as Mr. Miffon fays) Mile long, 100 Paces broad, and about 70 from the Sea; to which it was formerly joyn'd, but feparated from it by Art. The Waters of it are Salt; and the Oysters found in it were anciently reckon'd the best. The new Mountain, call'd Monte Navyo, hath almost fill'd Monte Navyo, hath fill the fill of the

fill'd it up. This Mountain was brought forth in the Night, between the 19th and 20th of September 1538. Its perpendicular Height is about 400 Fathoms, and its Circuit about 3000 Paces. On the other fide of the Lucrin Lake stands another Mountain, call'd Monte di Cloristo, and about a large Mile from it, is the Lake of Averno, that other Gulf of Hell; which is as big almost as that of Agnano. Whatever Virgis, Lucretius, Silius Italicus, Pliny, and others have written concerning the deadly Vapours that ascended from it, and Choaked those poor Creatures, whose hard Fate it was to sty over it, it is certain (says Mr. Misson) that now Birds sty over it, and swim in it, without any harm.

Near to this, is the Cave which they call the Grotto of Sybill, the principal Entry to which, they fay, was near Cume, but is now fill'd up. It has been about a League long, 10 Foot broad, and 12 high; and does not at all feem to be the Lodging of Sybil, it being too large for her either to have Made, or Liv'din. The Italian Cimerians, who liv'd between Baie, and the Lake Averno, were norrious Robbers and Murderers, feem rather to have been both the Work-men and Inhabitants of it. Read

Mr. Miffon's Discourse concerning it.

Capua. Capua, anciently a famous City in Campania Fælix, standing in a Plain, near the River Vulturnus, and Built by the Ofci, according to Halicannassus. It Revolted to Hanibal in the second Punick War, which so enraged the Romans against it, that they laid Siege to it, and having taken it, put 80 of their Senate to Death, made 300 of their greatest Men of their City Prisoners, and Sold a vast num-ber of the Inhabitants. It was Raz'd by Genfericus, King of the Vandals, Rebuilt by Narfes, and afterwards destroy'd by the Longobards. From its Ruins there arose another Capua, upon a Neighbouring Hill call'd Pifiscus; but it being often almost quite destroy'd by Fire, Count Lando, and Landulphus the Bishop remov'd it to the Place where New Capua now stands, about the year 856. It is Situated in a most fertile Plain, on the River Voltorno, 2 Miles from the Ruins of the ancient City of Capna, 16 from Naples to the North, as many from Seffa to the South-East, and 12 from the Tuscan Shoar. Pope John XIII. made it an Archbishoprick, in the year Conrad, Son of the Emperor Frederick IL did almost quite Ruin it; which with several other Calamities it hath since suffered, have put it in a Decaying condition, infomuch that at present (as Mr. Mission Relates) it is a very small and inconsiderable City in all respects.

Sorrento, Surrentum, mention'd by Pliny, Strabo, and Livy, as a Town in Campania, stands on the Shoar of the Gulf of Naples, in a pleasant Plain, on the Confines of the hither Principality, 24 Miles from Naples to the South, and 6 from il Capo Campanello, or Promontorium Mineroc. It is thought by some to owe its name to the Sirenes, who had their Residence near this Place. The Surrentini Colles, (now la Montagna Sorrento) were famous for the excellent Wine

that grew upon them.

Nola, Nola, anciently the name of a Town and Colony in Campania, stands about 14 Miles from Naples to the East, and somewhat nearer to Sarno and Acerra. It is pretty we'll Inhabited, and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Naples. Augustus Casar Died in or near this Place, and St. Paulinus its famous Bishop was Born in it.

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Aversa, or Adversa. Aversa is a little City; Situated in a delightful Plain, in the midst between Capua

to the North, and Naples to the South. It is said to have been Built from the Ruins of Atella, or S. Arpino, by Robert Guiscard Duke of Normandy. It was destroyed by Charles I. King of both Sicilies, and afterwards Rebuilt. The Bishoprick of Atella was Translated hither by Pope Leo IX. and tho the Bishop Lives within the See of Naples, he is not under that Archbishop's Jurisdiction.

Gaeta, Caieta, anciently a City belonging to the Aurunci in Latium Novum, according to Ptolemy, is Situated on a Rock, on the Tyrrhenian Shoar, about 40 Miles from Naples to the West, 155 from Rome, and 15 from the Confines of the Pope's Dominions to the East. Between this Town and Formie, (now Mola) stood the Villa Ciceronis, call'd also Formia-num, where Cicero was Murder'd by an Order from Antonius, by Herennius a Centurion, and Papilius a Tribun, (for whom he had once Pleaded when he was Try'd for Murder) in the 64th year of his Age. Here are to be feen, the Tomb of Charles of Bourbon, Constable of France, who was Kill'd at the Sacking of Rome: and an ancient Mausoleum of Minutius Plancus, now call'd the Tower of Orlando, or della Guardia. The Cathedral Church, (the Steeple of which they fay, was Built by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, by way of Pennance for his Sins) is very well worth the feeing. There is a Pillar in it, which they pretend belongs to Solomon's Temple, and an ancient Vessel in form of a Bell, made of white Marble, which serves for a Font in the Baptistry of the Church: and is a curious piece of Work. This Place is defended by a Garrison of Spaniards; and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Capua, but not subject to his Jurisdiction.

Aguino, Aquinum, anciently the name of a Town and Colony, on the Confines of Campania, stands on the Rivulet Melfa, not far from the Liris or Garigliano, and about 5 Miles from the Borders of the Pope's Dominions, and 45 from Naples. It was Sack'd by the Emperor Conrad, and is at present a place of no great note; but an Episcopal See, and the Birth-place of Thomas Aquinas, that samous

Schoolman.

Sora. Sora, stands on the Liris, or Garigliano, about 16 Miles from Aquino to the South, 28 from Gaeta to the North, and 55 from Rome to the East. It is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to none; and the Title of a Dutchy, impropriated to the Family of Boxcompagno, and the Birth-place of the Learned Cardi-

nal Casar Baronius,
Cassino, Cassinom, anciently a City of the Volsci, in
Latium Novum, on the Confines of Campania, but
now lying in its Rubbish: from which hath arisen
the Town of S. Germano, distant about 48 Miles
from Naples to the North, towards Aquila, 5 from
the River Gariglione, 6 from Aquino to the NorthWest, and 12 from the Confines of the Pope's Dominions. Near to this Place is the Hill call d Monte
Cassino, upon which stands the fair Monastry of the
Benedictines, where their Founder Liv'd many years,
and where he also Died.

Venafro. Venafrum, is a little Town Situated upon a rifing Ground, near the River Voltorno, 26 Miles from Gaeta to the South-Eaft, and 22 from Capua to the South-West. It is Honoured with the Title of a Principality, which one of the Family of Sabelli in Rome enjoy, and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Capua.

Teano, Teanum Sidicinum, is a small Town, Situated on a Hill, in the midst between Sessa to the West, and Calvie to the South-East, 6 Miles from

either

either, 12 from Capua, and 20 from Cassino. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Capua.

The Farther PRINCIPALITY, Principatus Ulterior, anciently Inhabited by the Hirpini, lyes towards the Appennine Mountains, between the Capitanata to the North and East, Campanio Falix to the West, and the hither Principality to the South. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Benevento.* (St. Agatha. Monte Morano.
Conza. Trevico. Monte Verole.
Avellino. Bifaccia. Nufco.
Ariano. la Cedogna.

Benevento, Beneventum, anciently a City and Colony of the Samnites, Bordering upon the Hirpini. Pliny fays it was formerly call'd Maleventum, and Ptolomy calls it Venchentus. It is faid to have been Built by Diomedes, and is distant 28 Miles from Capua to the East, as many from Salerno to the North, and 32 from Naples to the North-East. It stands at the Conflux of the Rivers Sabato and Calore, and call'd by Frontinus Concordia Colonia. It was given to Pope Leo IX. by the Emperor Henry III. in the year 1053. for Bamberg, a Town in Germany, and is an Archie-picopal See. Near to this Place Manfred, King of both the Sicilies, was Defeated and Kill'd by King Charles of Anjou, Ann. 1266. It gives name to the adjacent Country call'd by the Italians, il Territorio di Benevento; but the Dutchy of Benevento was of much larger extent, comprehending all Apulia, Sannium, Campania, and a small part of the Country of the Brutii. It was Erected by Authoris King of the Longobards, and lasted till about the year 850. Confult Camillus Peregrinus of Capua's Differration on this Subject.

Conza, Compsa or Consa, stands on a rising ground, at the Foot of the Appennines, near the Springs of the River Aufidus, or Ofanto, on the Confines of the Capitanata, and the hither Principality. 50 Miles from Naples, 25 from Salesno, and 30 from Beneven-to to the South-East. Baudrand says, there is not now above 70 Families, and 120 Souls in it; fo'.

small a Town is it at present.

Avellino, Abellinum, anciently a Town belonging to the Hirpini, stands about a Mile from the River Sabato, in the midst between Renevento to the North, and Salerno to the South, 16 Miles from either, and 40 from Naples to the East, and 4 from Monte Vergene. It is Honour'd with the Title of a Principality, Enjoy'd by the Family of Caraccioli, and is an Epilcopal See, under the Archbishop of Benevento, but united to that of Fricenti.

Ariano, Arianum, stands on a steep Hill, at the Foot of the Appennines, 12 Miles from Benevento to the East, and 30 from Salerno to the North-East. It is a pretty neat Town, subject to the Duke of Bovino. who is Count of this Place, and an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Benevento. There is another Town of this name in the Dutchy of Ferrara, near the Confines of the Venetian Dominions.

Sant. Agatha di Goti, Agathopolis, or Fanum S. Agatha Gothorum, stands near the Confines of the Terra di Lavaro, in the midst between Benevento to the East, and Capua to the West, 14 Miles from either: and is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of

La Cedogna, Laquedonia, or Aquilonia, anciently Town of the Hirpini, in Samnium, according to Livy and Pliny, but destroyed a long time fince. Cluyerius thinks this ancient name belongs rather to

Carbonara, a little Town in this Principality, near the River Aufidus or Ofanto, in Capitanata, between the ancient Alcidenia to the West, and Monte Verde to the East, and as many from Benevents, but the former opinion feems more probable. It is an Epifcopal See, under the Archbishop of Conza.

Monte Marano, Mons Maranus, is a very small Town, on the Banks of the River Calore, about 10 Miles from Avellino to the East, and 6 from Nusco. It is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of

Benevento.

Monte Verde, Mons Viridii, a small Town, on the Banks of the Aufidus, or Ofanto, on the Frontiers of the Capitanata, and Bafilicata, between Melfi and Cedogna, 13 Miles from Conza to the East, and 23 from Acerenza to the North-West: and is an Episcopal Sce, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Conga.

Nufco, Nufcum, is a very little Town, at the Four of the Appennines, between Monte Marano, and St. Angelo, 18 Miles from Benevento to the South-East,

and 25 from Salerno to the North-East.

The hither PRINCIPALITY, Principatus Citerior, comprehends that part of Italy which the Picentini anciently Inhabited, and the West part of Lucania: and is Bounded on the North with the farther Principality, and part of Campania Falix, on the West with the Tyrrhenian Sea, and on the South and East with the Province of Basilicata. It reaches from North-West to South-East, for the space of 70 Miles; and the most considerable Towns in it are,

Salcrno. Campagna.
Amalfi. Scala.
Acerno. Policaftro. Capaccia.
Sarno. Marifco Nuovo. Caggians.

Salerno, Salernum, anciently a Town and Colony of the Picentini, stands on a Bay of the same name, near the Coast of the Terrhenian Sca, 24 Miles from Naples to the South East, as many from Capo Capanello, and 30 from Benevento to the South. It is the chief City of this Province, and was formerly the Title of the eldeft Sons of the King of Naples. It is an Archipiscopal See, and has a very good Harbour, and strong Castle, and is pretty well Inhabited. On a Hill hard by it, there are to be seen several Vestiges of a Town; which has made fome People think that Salernum stood formerly there. The University of this place has been famous for the study of Physick.

Amalfi, Amalphis, anciently a Town belonging to the Picentini, now a little and III-inhabited one, on the Bay of Salerno, (the West part of which is call'd la Costa d' Amalfi) 11 Miles from Salerno to the South-West, and 24 from Naples to the South-East. It is an Archipifcopal Sec, and Honour'd with the Title of a Dutchy. The use of the Seamans Compass is faid to have been first found out here, by one Flavius Blendus, or Gioia, about the year 1300. and here they say, the Body of Se. Andrew the Apostle is kept.

Acerno, Acernum, anciently a Town belonging to the Picentini, is now a very small one, (tho'a Bi-shop's Seat, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Salerno) flanding at the Foot of the Hills, about 15 Miles to

the North-East of Salerno.

Sarno, Sarnum, stands partly on a Hill, and partly on a Plain, about 13 Miles from Salerno to the North, 8 from Nola, and 5 from Nocera, and the Source of the River of the same name. It is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Salerno, and belongs to the Family of Barberini.

Campagna, Campania, stands near the Rivers Acro and Tenza, 16 Miles from Salerno to the East, and 11 from the Sca-Coast. It is an Episcopal Sec, under

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the Archbishop of Conza, and formerly belong'd to

the Prince of Monaco.

Scala. Scala, anciently call'd Cama, stands about 2 Miles from Amalfi to the East, and as many from the Bay of Salerno. It feems by the Ruins and Vestiges that are still to be feen, that it was formerly a great Town, but at present it is a very inconsiderable one, not containing above 150 Houses. It is an Episcopal Sec, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Almalfi.

Policastro. Policastrum, or Palaocastrum, is a small Town, almost deserted, and no better than a Village, on the Coast of the Tuscan Sea, 8 Miles from the Confines of the Province of Bafilicata, 17 from the Promontory of Palinuro to the East, and 55 from Salerno to the South-East. It is an Episcopal Sca, Suf-

fragan to the Archbishop of Salerno.

Marsico Nuovo, Marsicum, is so call'd to distinguish it from Marsico Vecchio, in the Province of Basilicata; and is a pretty little Town standing on a rising Ground, at the Foot of the Appennines, near the Source of the River Agri, on the Confines of the Basilicata. 6 Miles from Marisco Vecchioto the Northwest, 55 from Salerno, and 10 from the Gulf of Policastro to the North; and is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Salerno.

Nocera, Nuceria, anciently a Town of Campania Falix, by Livy, call'd Alphaterna, and mention'd by Silius in his 8th Book, stands between Sarno and Cava, 10 Miles from Amalphi to the North, 8 from Salerno to the North-West, and 22 from Naples. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Salerno, and Honour'd with the Title of a Dutchy, enjoy'd by the Family of Barberini. There is another Town of this name in Ombria, within the Pope's Dominions.

Capaccio, Caput-aqueum, a Town of no great Note, which sprung from the Ruins of the ancient Pastum, or Pesti; which was Raz'd by the Saracens, Ann. 930. and stood 3 Miles from Capaccio; which for-merly stood on a Neighbouring Hill, and was defended by a strong Castle, before it was destroy'd by the Emperor Frederick, Ann. 1249. but was afterwards Built on a Plain at the Foot of the same Hill, and lies now in Ruins, about 22 Miles from Salerno to the South; and retains the Title of a Bishoprick under the Archbishop of Salerno.

The Province of BASILICATA, which formerly comprehended the greater and better part of Lucania, is Bounded on the North with the Province of Bari, and a part of Otranto, on the East with the Bay of Tarento, on the West with the 2 Principalities, and on the South with the hither Calabria: and is a Barren Country, and no ways improv'd or well Inhabited. The Towns of any note in it are,

> Acerenza. Melphi.
> Potenza. Rapolla.
> Tricarico. Venosa.
> Lavello. Lavello.

Acerenza, or Cirenza, Acherontia, or Acherontus, is the chief Town of Basilicata, and stands at the Foot of the Appennines, 10 Miles from Venofa to the South-East, and 28 from Matera. It is a little Town, and in a decaying condition, but has the Title of an Archbishoprick, to which the See of Venose is united.

Potenza, Potentia, stands at the Foot of the Apennines, about 15 Miles from Acerenza to the South-West, and as many from Marsico Nuovo to the South: and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of

Aceronza.

Lavello, Lavellum, or Labellum, is a little Town. on the Confines of the Capitanata, about 3 Miles from the River Aufidus or Ofanto, between Melfi to the West, and Minervino to the East, and 20 from Accrenza to the North-West. It is subject to the Prince of Minervine, and an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Bari, and there are several pieces of Antiquity to be feen about it.

Melfi, Melfis, stands upon an uneven Height, on the Rivulet Melfa, on the Confines of the Capinata. and the farther Principality, 4 Miles from the River Ofanto, 65 from Naples to the East, and 40 from Policastro. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Acerenza; and has been united with the See of Rapolla, fince the year 1528. It is a pretty large and well Inhabited Town, and is honoured with the Title of a Principality, enjoy'd by the Family of

Rapolla, Rapolia, is a little Town, almost desolate? about a Mile from Melfi to the East, 20 from Conza to the East, and 30 from Policastro to the North. It is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Siponto, but was united to the See of Melfi, by Pope Clement VII. in the year 1528.

CALABRIA, which was otherwise call'd Mefapia, was quite different from the Country that bears that name now. It was Bounded on the North and East with the Adriatick Sea, on the South with the Salentini, and on the West with Apulia Peucetia. The Country that bears that name, now lies towards the South, over against Sicily, and is that part of Magna Gracia, which the Brutii anciently Poffes'd. It has the Title of a Dutchy, which formerly the Eldest Sons of the King of Naples used to have: And is Bounded with the Province of Bafilicata on the North, with the Ionian Sea on the East, the Tyrrhenian Sea on the West, and on the South with that of Sicily; and sometime comprehended the Country of Basilicata. Also Calabria strictly taken, is divided into the hither and farther Calabria. The former of which lies most Northerly, and comprehends these Towns, viz.

> Cosenza. Amantea. Martera no. Rossano. Casano. Cariati. Bisignano. Umbriatico. M Cirifano. Strongoli.

Casenza, Consentia, anciently a City belonging to the Brutii, according to Pliny, Strabo, and others, stands on a Plain near the River Grati, where the Vasento falls into it, about 12 Miles from the Shoar of the Tuscan Sca to the East, 40 from the Ionian Sea, 60 from Policastro, and 150 from Naples to the South-East. It is the chief Town of the hither Calabria, and an Archbishoprick. Isabel of Aragon, Philip the Hardy's Queen Died here in the year 1270. as did also Alaricus King of the Visigoths.

Rossano, Roscianum, or Ruscianum, is a pretty large and well Inhabited Town, Built on a Hill, Surrounded almost with high Rocks, about 3 Miles from the Gulf of Tarento, 16 from that of Bifignano, 35 from Cosenza to the North-East, and 12 from the Ruins of the ancient Thurium. It has the Title of a Principality, and is an Archiepiscopal See.

Cassano, Cassanum, or Cosanum, is a little Town, near the River Bano, about 10 Miles from the Apennine Mountains, as many from the Gulf of Tarento, and 20 from Rossano to the North. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Cosenza. Bisignano,

Bisignano, Besidie, or Desidie, aciently a Town belonging to the Brutit, stands on a Hill, and is defended by a Castle, distant 15 Miles from Rossant to the West, as many from the Coast of the Tuscan Sea, and 36 from Cofenza to the North. It has the Title of a Principality, belonging to the Family of San Severino, and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbi-

shop of Rosano, but exempted from his Jurisdiction.

Amantea, Amantia, or Adamantia, anciently a
City of the Brutii, stands on the Coast of the Tuscan Sea, near the Golpho di S. Euphemia, and 15 Miles from Cosenza to the South-West. It belongs to the Prince of Besigano, and was once a Bishoprick, under the Archbishop of Regio.

The Farther CALABRIA, Calabria ulterior, makes up the South part of the Dutchy, and is wash'd by the Sea on the East, South and West. There are few Towns of any Note in it, but the most considerable are thefe,

Regio. Taverno. Melito. Nicastro.
Monte. Sooa. S. Severina. Cotrona. Ifola. Leone. Givia. Beleaftro. Seminara. Se Squillaci. Nicotera.

Regio, Rhegium Julium, anciently a City belonging to the Bruti, stands over againt Siely on the opposite Coast of the Pharo of Messina, 28 Miles from the Zephyrium Promontorium, now Tarsu, and about 90 from Cosenza to the South. It is said to have been Built by the Chalcidenses, and is at present pretty well Inhabited, confidering how oft it has been Pillag'd by the Turks.

San Severina, Siberena, a small but well Built City, and the See of an Arch-bishop, stands on the Confines of the Hither Calabria, near the Coast of rhe Ionian See, 40 Miles South-East from Rossano, and as many East from Cosenza.

Cotrona, Croton, anciently a Town in Magna Gracia, belonging to the Brutii, and more lately call'd Crotona, stands at the Mouth of the Esaro, on the Coast of the Ionian Sea, about 6 Miles from the Promonrory call'd Capo delle Colonne to the North, and 50 from Cosenza to the East. It is said to have been Built by Miscellus, 80 years after the Building of Rome, and was anciently a great City, 12 Miles in Compass, (as Baudrand, from Livy relates) the River running through the middle of it. The best Wrestlers and Boxers used to be brought from this Place, among whom Milo call'd from hence Crotoniates, was very famous. The Emperor Charles V. Built a Fort, and put a good Garison in it, for a Guard to that Coast, but this Place is now dwind-led into a little Town, and but indifferently Inhabited, and nothing like what it was formerly.

Nicotera. Nicotera is a little Town, which sprung from the Ruins of Medama or Rossarno, about 10 Miles from the Mouth of the River Marro to the North, and as many from Tropea. It stands on a Hill, and was almost reduc'd to Rubbish by an Earthquake, in the year 1638. but still retains the Title of a Bishoprick, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Re-

Taverno, Taberna, stands at the Foot of the Appennines, near the Ruins of the Trischene, from which it took its rise, about 8 Miles from Catanzaro to the North, 15 from Squillaci, 37 from Rossano, and 14 from Nicastro to the East. It was formerly an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Regio, but in the year

1122, Pope Califtus the IId. remov'd it to Casan-

Squillaci, Scyllacum, anciently a Town and Colony in Magna Gracia, according to Mela and Solinus, stands on a Hill, near the Rivulet Favelone, about 3 Miles from the Coast of the Ionian Sea, 18 from that of the Tyrrhenian, 75 from Regio to the North, 45 from Palepoli, or the Ruins of the ancient Locri, and 36 from Cofenza. It is at present a little ill Inhabited Town, confifting of about 300 Houses, but is Honour'd with the Title of a Principal ty, and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbissop of Regio.

Biva. Bova, anciently a Town belonging to the Brutii, stands on a very high Hill, Surrounded with Rocks, about 5 Miles from the Shoar, 7 from the Capo di Spartivento, ancientis call'd Herculis Promontorium to the West, and 22 from Regio. It is an Epi-

fcopal See, under the Archbishop of Regio.

Having now passed Naples from West to East on the South-fide, we shall return back to view the Provinces on the Adriatick Coast, beginning in the West

as before.

ABRUZZio. Aprutium, taken in a large Sense, comprehends the County of Molese also, and was formerly Inhabited by the Frentani, Marrucini, Marsi, Peligni, Vestini, and a great part of the Samnites; but taken strictly, it contains only the farther and hither Abruzzo.

The farther ABRUZZO, Aprusium ulterius, where the Marci Vestini, and a part of the Picentini anciently dwelt, is Bounded on the North and West with the Pope's Dominions, on the South with the Campagna di Roma, and Torra di Lavaro, on the East with the Adriatick Sea, and the hither Abruzzo, and is almost divided in two by the Appennines. Towns in it of greatest note are,

Aquila, } { Teramo. Atri. } { Civita di penna.

Aquila. Aquila, the chief Town of this Country, flands near the River Pefcara, about 60 Miles from Rome to the North-East, 70 from Ancona to the South, and 90 from Naples to the North-West. It was either Built or Enlarged by the Longobards, from the Ruins of Amiternum and Forcenium, and Fortified by the Emperor Frederick II. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Chieti; Pope Alexander IV. having Translated the See of Forconium hither, in the year 1257.

Atri, Atria, Adria, or Hadria, the Birth-place of

the Emperor Hadrian, and anciently a Town and Colony of Picenum, is Situated on a Hill, about 4 Miles from the Adriatick Sea, and 30 from Aquila to the North-East. It is Honour'd with the Title of a Principality, belonging to the Family of Aquaviva, and is an Episcopal See, immediately subject to that

of Rome, Erected by Pope Innocent IV. Ann. 1232-Teramo, Interamnia, anciently a Town belong-Teramo, Interamnia, anciently a Town belong-ing to the Samnites, stands near the River Trentino, 20 from Aquila to the North, and 14 from the Adriatick Sea to the West. It is an Episcopal See, under

the Archbishop of Chieti.

Civita di penna, Pinna, anciently a Town of the Vestini, is Situated 20 Miles from Aquila to the East, and 10 from the Adriatick Sea to the South. It belongs to the Duke of Parma, and is an Episco-pal See, under the Archbishop of Chiesi: and was united with the See of Atri, by Innecent IV. 1252.

The Hither ABRUZZO, Agrusium Citerius, anciently Inhabited by the Frentani, Marucini, and

Peligni, is Bounded on the North with the Adriatick Sea, on the East with the Province of Capitanata, on the South with the County of Molefe, and part of the Terra di Lavaro, and on the West, divided with the farther Abrazo, by the River Pescara. The Towns of greatest note in it are,

Chieti, or Civita di Chieti. Pefcara. Lanciano. Sulmona.

Civita di Chieri, Teatea, or Theatea, anciently the chief City of the Marneini, according to Strabo and Ptolony, is now the chief Town of this Province, and the Residence of the Governor. It is large and well Inhabited, and Situated on a Hill, near the River Pescaya, on the Consines of the further Abruzzo, in the midst between Lanciano to the South-East, and Atri to the North-West, 14 Miles from either, soo Miles from Rome to the North-East, and 25 from Aquila to the East, and as much from the Adriatick Sea. The order of the Theatines have their Names from hence; for John Peter Caraffa, Archibíshop of this Place, afterwards Pope Paul IV. was their chief Founder. Pliny relates, l. 2. ch. 83. that about the latter end of Nero's Reign, there happen'd a Prodigy near this Place; for a whole Olivegarden is said to have risen up, and plac'd it self on the other side of a High-way, the Fields on the other side shifting to the Place where the Garden had been.

Lanciano Anxanum, anciently the Town belonging to the Frentani, according to Ptolemy, is a large well Inhabited Town, and famous for its Fairs, to which People come, from both fides of the Adriatick. It is distant a few Miles from the Adriatick Sea, 60 from Naples to the North, and 90 from Rome to the NorthEast, and has the Title of an Archbishoprick, since the

year 1562.

Sulmona, Sulmo, anciently the chief City of the Peligni, according to Livy and Strabo, stands on a Plain that is surrounded with Mountains between two Rivulets, that rise in the Apennines, about 3 Miles from the Consines of the farther Abruzzo to the East, and 26 from Aquila to the South-East. It has the Title of a Principality, belonging to the Family of Borghese: and is an Episcopal See, within the Archbishoprick of Chieti; but exempted from that Jurisdiction. It was the Birth-place of the Poet Ovid, who makes mention of it in his lib. 2. Amor. as Silius does, lib. 3.

Pefcara, Alternum, anciently a City of the Marrucini, stands on the Confines of the farther Abruzzo, at the Mouth of a River of the same name, 16 Miles from Lanciano to the North-West, 12 from Civita di Penna to the East, and 8 from Civita di Chieti to the North. It is a Fortisted Town, with a Castle, and is the Title of a Marquis, to whom it be-

longs.

Ortona, Ortona, anciently a Town belonging to the Frentani, in Samnium, according to Pliny, is call'd Ortona a Mare, to diftinguish it from another place in that Province, call'd Ortona di Marsi. It is distant about 8 Miles from Lanciano to the North, and has a very safe Harbour, but is thinly Inhabited: and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Chieti.

The County of MOLISE, Molifinus Comitatus, anciently Inhabited by a part of the Samnites, is Bounded with the hither Abruzzo on the North, the

the Capitanata on the East, and the Terra di Lavaro on the West: and comprehends these Towns,

Bolano. ? S Trivento. Molife. S 2 Ifernia.

Bolano, Boianum, or Bovianum, a Town and Colony, anciently of the Sammites, according to Strabo, stands at the Foot of the Apennines, on the River Biferno, 23 Miles from Capua to the North, and 40 from Sora to the East. It is a little Town, and thinly Inhabited, but has the Title of a Bishoprick, under the Archbishop of Benevento.

Molife, Molifia, is a place of fome Strength, but in a decaying condition, diftant 10 Miles from Bo-

lano to the North.

Trivento, Triventinum, is a very little Town, ftanding on the River Trigno, upon a Hill, 17 Miles from Balano to the North, and 20 from the Adriatick Sea. It is an Epifcopal See, under the Archbishop of Benevanto.

Isernia, or Sernia, Æsernia, anciently a Town and Colony in Samnium, now a pretty large and well Inhabited one, stands 4 Miles from the River Voltorno, and 30 Miles from Sora to the East, and as many from Capua to the North: and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Capua.

The Province of CAPITANATA, formerly call'd Apulia Daunia, is Bounded on the North and Baft with the Adriatick, on the West with the County of Molife, and on the South with the hither Principality. The Country is very Fertile and well Watered, and comprehends these Towns,

Manfiedonia.
Monte S. Angelo

Stucera.

Viefte.

Manfiedonia.

Viefte.

Manfredonia, Manfredonia, or Spontum Novum, becanle it stands near the Ruins of the ancient Siportum, which was Raz'd by the Saracens, in the time of Charles the Great, and whose Ruins are still call'd Siponto. It is Seated at the bottom of a Bay of the Adriatick Sea, 75 Miles North-East from Naples, 50 North from Cirenza, and 85 from Taranto to the West. It has the Title of an Archbishoprick, to which it succeeded in the place of Sipontum.

Monte S. Angelo, so call'd from the Apparition of Michael the Arch-angel. Some give this as a general name, to the whole Mons Garganus, which (as Baudrand says) makes the greater part of the Capitanata, and is about 80 Miles in Circumference, taking in that part of Apulia which juts out into the Adriatick Sea, between the Bays of Siponto and Rodi. But the Town of Monte S. Angelo stands on Mount Gargano, about 7 Miles from Manfredonia to the North.

Troja, Troia, formerly call'd Æcæ, Æcana and Ecana, is a little Town, with the Title of a Bishoprick, under the Archbishop of Benevento, but exempted from his Jurisdiction at the Foot of the Apennines, 25 Miles from Benevento to the East, and somewhat more from Manfredonia to the West. It was Built in the year 1008. and has the Title of a Principality.

Ascoli, Asculum, Apulum, stands on the Confines of the farther Principality, at the Foot of the Apenines, 35 Miles from Benevento to the East, 16 from Conza to the North East, and 30 from Mansfredonia to the South. The old Town was laid in Rubbish by an Earthquake, in the year 1399, but the Inhabitants Built the new one in the year 1410, nor far from the former. It is an Episcopal See, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Benevento.

The Province of BARI. Barianus Ager, a great part of the Country formerly call'd Ajulia Peucetia, is Bounded on the North and East with the Adrianick Sea, on the West with the Capitanata, from which it is divided by the River Ofanto, on the South with the Province of Bufilicata, and the Province of Otranto; comprehends these Towns.

Bari.
Andria.
Graviano.
Graviano.
Trani.
Bisonto,
Molfetto.
Polignano.
Canofa.
Bari, Barium, Baris Varia, stands on the Adriatick

Bari, Barium, Baris Varia, stands on the Adriatick Sea, in the midt berween Polignano to the East, and Trani to the Weit, 20 Miles from either, 35 from Mansfredoni and 120 from Naples to the East, and (according to Festus) has its name from Bara, a little Island near Brindiss. It has the Title of an Archbishoprick.

Andria. Andria, is a pretry large and well-inhabited Town, Situated in a Plain, 4 Miles from Barletta, 6 from Tiani, and 25 from Bari to the West. It is an Episcepal See, under the Archbishop of Trani, but a very little one, for it reaches no farther than

the Town.

Minepolis, Menopolis, is a little but finely Built
Town, 25 Miles from Bari to the East, 25 from Tarento to the North, and 40 from Brindis to the
North-West. It stands on the Gulf of Vence, and
is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Bari,
but has little or nothing under its Jurisdiction
without the Town.

Trani, Tranium, stands on the Coast of the Adriatick, in a fruitful Country, about 6 Miles from Andria, and 24 from Bari to the West. The Inhabitants pretend that it was anciently call'd Trajanum, from the Emperor Trajan, who they say, Built it. It is an Archiepiscopal See, and once had a very good Harbour, but now 'tis fill'd up with stone.

The Province of Otranto, Hydruntina Provincia, where anciently the Salentini and Calabri dwelt, is almost in form of a Peninsula, and is Bounded with the Adriatick Sea on the East, and partly on the North, the Gulf of Tarento on the South, the Province of Bari on the North, and Bassicara on the West. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Otranto, SCassellaneta. S Matera. Brindisi. SGallipoli. Nardo. Lecce. Ostuni. Tarento.

Otranto, Hydruntum, anciently a City Inhabited by the Calabri, stands on the Adriatick Sea, and is a Place of Strength with a Castle, which Mabemet II. Emperor of the Turks, Took and Pillag'd in the year 1480. but was retaken by the Christians, and is possessed by the Spaniards. It was formerly the chief City of this Province, but is in a decaying state. It stands on the Sea-shore, on the extreme South part of Italy, 40 Miles from Brindist to the South, 20 from Lecce, 24 from Gallipoli to the East, about 20 Leagues from the nearest part of the Coast of Epirus, and 19 from Capo d'S. Maria di Leuca to the North, and has the Title of an Archbishoprick. Brindist, Brindussum, anciently a City of the Sa-

letini, call'd otherwise Brendisam, by Ptolony, and Brentesiam by Stephanus, is a Town with a large and safe Harbour, on the Adriatick Sea, 36 Miles from Tarento to the East, 40 from Oranto to the North, and 64 from Bari to the Last. It is said to have been Built by the Adi, Diomedei's Companions: and here Casar Octavius, and M. Antonius lay Encamp'd, the latter being nearer the Town, because he had invested it: and Servisius designing to go over from hence to Casar, with a Body of 700 Horse, was surprised by Antonius with a handful, and routed near (Oria) before they were quire awake. Casar in the 1st Book of his Comment, gives a description of the Harbour of this Place.

Lecce, Alexium, and Litium by latter Writers, anciently a Town belonging to the Salentini, is a large and well inhabited Cuy, and one of the most Populous in all the Kingdom of Naper, the City of that name only excepted. It flands between Brindift to the North, and Orranto to the South, at the distance of 20 Miles from either, 7 from the Adriatick Sea to the Welt, 15 from Nardo, 50 from Tare 10. It is an Epifcopal See, under the Archbishop of Orranto.

Gallipeli, Gallipelis, or Callipelis, anciently belonging to the Salentini, stands on a Rock in the Gulf of Tarento, and tho' it be little, is a very strong and well inhabited Place; being surrounded by the Sea, except at one Place where it is joyn'd to the Land by a Bridge, which is defended by a strong Fort; which with its Scituation makes it almost impregnable. It is distant 25 Miles from Otranto to the West, 36 from Tarento to the South-East, and 24 from the Promontory call'd Capo di S. Marcadi di Leuca, and is an Episopal See, under the Archbishop of Otranto, but the Bounds of the Dioces, are the same with those of the City.

Tarento, Tarentum, anciently a City of the Salenti-ni, call'd Taras by Strabo, and Oebalia by Virgil. It was Built by the Lacedemonians, and was once the Head of a Republick, which made War against the Romans, in the year of their City, 472. After Pyr-rhus, whom the Tarentines had invited over to their Affistance, was defeated, the Romans became Masters of it. In the Punick War, Hanibal Took it, but it was Retaken by Q. Fabius Maximus, who brought away their famous Coloffus of Herenles, made of Brafs, and the Workmanship of Lysippus, and fet it up in the Capitol at Rome. In the year of the City, 631. Tarentum was (according to Velleius) made a Roman Colony. It is now a little Town, but well Inhabited, and defended by a Fort, in which there are a strong Garrison of Spaniards. It is Situared in a Peninfula, in the bottom of the Gulf of Tarento, near the Mouth of the River Tara, 32 Miles from Brindisi to the West, 20 from the Ruins of Metapontus, 90 from Premontorium Japrgium, now il Capo di S. Maria di Leuca to the Welt, and 35 from Matera to the East. It has the Title of an Archbishoprick: and had once a very large Harbour, but it is now so stopp'd up with great Stones, and spoil'd, that none but very small Vessels can come into it.

CHAP. XIV.

The Islands on the Coast of Italy.

State or another in the Continent of Italy, cannot be more properly plac'd than after the description of that Country. We shall Treat of them according to their Dignity, and in their particular descriptions inform the Reader, in whose Posession they are at present. The number and order of them are to be seen in this short Table.

Sicily.
Sardinia.
Corfica.
The Isles about Sardinia.
The Isle of Elbe, &c.

Capri.
Pouza.

The Island of Sicily and Silicia.

SICILY, is the Largest and most Fertile Island in the Mediteranean Sea; and if we will believe the ancient accounts of ir, once a part of the Continent of Italy. We shall not trouble the Reader with a tedious Enquiry into the Etymology of its Name, only putting him in mind that it was call'd Silicia from the Siculi, a People in Italy and Sicania, from a King call'd Sicanus, who before the time of the Trojan War, Landed there with a great Body of Iberians or Spaniards, and call'd both the Island and People after his own Name. It has also been call'd Trinacria and Triquetra, from its Triangular Form. It lies between 35 Deg. 40 Min. and 38 Deg. 30 Min. Latitude, and 33 and 39 Longitude. Its greatest Length (according to Cluverius) between Pelorum, or the Capo di Faro, and Lilybaum, or the Capo Boco, is 200 Miles; its Breadth from Pachinum, or il Capo Pessaro, to the Town Cephalidis, or Cefalu, 180. and its Circuit 600.

The Air of Sicily is very Good, and Healthful, and

The Air of Sicily is very Good, and Healthful, and the Soil fo Fertile, that this Island hath been deservedly call'd, the Store-house of Italy; for it abounds in Corn, Wine, Fruits, Sugar, Honey, Wax, Oyl, Saffron, and Silk. It affords also some Mines of Gold, Silver, Iron and other Metals; Salt Agates,

Emeralds, Jasper, Porphyry, &c. and on the Coasts towards Trapano, the Inhabitants find a good deal of excellent Coral.

The first Inhabitants of this Island (according to Cluverius) were the Cyclopes and Lestrigones, Barbarous and Savage People. After these came the Iberi from Spain, under the Conduct of Sicanus, as we said before. Next came the Siculi from Sicily in Italy. After these came the Phænices from Tyre and Sidon, and Posses'd themselves on the Coast of this Island; but the Grecians drove these away, and introduc'd their own Language.

The Form of Government that was first used here was Monarchical; which continu'd till the Carthaginians had made themselves Masters of the greatest part of the Island. But the Romans having Defeated these, became Masters of it, and reduc'd it into the Form of a Province, which was the first they ever made. In the time of the Emperor Justinian, the Vandals from Africk, took Possession of it; but Belisarius, General of that Emperor's Forces, having driven them out, the Saracens afterwards Invaded it. At last Tancred the Norman Expell'd them, and his Grandchild Roger was declar'd King of Apulia and Sicily. Afterwards the Suevi from Germany, became Masters of Sicily; but were Expell'd by the French; who being all cut off, at the samous Sicilian Vespers, the Island fell first into the hands of the Kings of Aragon, and at last into those of the Kings of Castile.

This Island is govern'd by a Viceroy, sent from

This island is governd by a Viceroy, sent from the King of Spain, and the yearly Revenue Paid to His Catholick Majesty, is said to be about Four Millions of Crowns; the Inhabitants (as Puffendorf observes) are an ill fort of People, who must be kept under, according to the old Proverb, Insulani quidem mali, Siculi autem pessimi.

Sicily has been variously divided at different times, but is now commonly divided into 3 Parts or Provinces called Valleys, as you may see in the following Table.

Sicily divided into Three Parts or Provinces.

	Palermo. 7]	Messina.		Neto.
I.	Montreal.	II.	Catania.	III.	Syracufe.
	Mazara.		Cefalu.		Augusta.
Valley	Gergenti.	Valley	Pati.	Valley	Iarratana.
of Ma-	Palymita.	of De-	S. Marco.	of Note,	Castro Giovani.
	Marfalla.	moni, in	Melazzo.	in which	Calata Xibeta.
which	Castella Mare.	which <		>are these *	Modica.
are these			Termini.	Cities	Birtera.
Ciries	S. Vito.	Cities	Centorvi.	and	Terra Nuova.
and	Trapani.	and	Nicofia.	Towns.	Alicata.
Towns.	Xacca.	Towns.	Randazzo.		Calcata Giorne.
	Castel Veterano.	1	1		Ragusa.
	[Salemi.	J	i. J	j '	Mazarino.

Palermo, Panormam, or Panormus, is a large and well Built City, on the North-Coast of the Island, distant about 60 Miles from the Promontory, anciently call'd Lilybaum Promontorium, now il Capo Baeo to North-East, 4 from Mont Real, 140 from Messina to the West, and 150 from the Promontory, now

call'd Capo di Faro, anciently Pelorum Promontorium. It was Built by the Phenicians, about the time of the Grecians coming into Sicily, and made the Metropolis of the Island, in the time of Roger Count or Earl of Sicily: and is now the ordinary Residence of the Spanish Viceroy. It has a large and safe Harbour,

and

and is defended by a strong Castel, call'd Castel a Mare, with a Garrison of Spaniards. It is an Archie-piscopal See, and near it the Spaniards and Dutch were soundly Beat by the French, in the year 1676.

Montereal, Mons Regalis, is a little Town standing on a Hill, about 4 Miles from Palermo, where William the Ild. King of Sicily, Bulk a Magnificent Church, and Endow'd it with large Revenues, and procur'd the Title of an Archbishoprick to this Place, from Pope Lucius the IIId. in the year 1182.

Mazara or Mazera. Mazara, stands on the Southfide of the Island, at the Mouth of a River of the fame Name, with a Large, Sase, and well desended Harbour, in the midst, almost between Termini to the East, and the Capo Raeo to the West, 24 Miles from Trepani to the South-East, and 55 from Gergenti to the West. It was formerly the Residence of the Saracen Princes, and is an Episcopal See, under the

Archbishop of Palermo.

Gergenti, Agrigentum, call'd Agragas by the Grecians, was anciently the Greatest and Richest City in all this Island: and no less Famous for its Hospitality to Strangers, than 'twas Infamous for its Luxury. It was Built by the Gelenses, near the River Agragas, now call'd, (according to Baudrand) il Finne di S. Biagio, or Gergenti. It stands about 3 Miles from the Sea, 55 from Palermo to the South, 64 from the Capo Baco to the East, and 72 from the Capo Peffaro, or Pachynum. It was anciently to Miles in Compass, but is now much decayed. On the North fide it is defended by a strong Fort, and there is but one Passage into it. It was formerly remarkable for the Cruelty of the bloody Phalaris, who used to torment People in his Brasen Bull, which Perillus made; and had the first Experiment of it try'd upon himself. It is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Palermo. Marfalla, Marfala, stands on the West side of the Island of the Promontory, call'd il Capo Baeo, and has risen from the Ruins of the Town of Lilybeum. It was so call'd by the Saracens, and had once an excellent Harbour, before Charles the Vth. caus'd the Mouth of it to be stop'd up with great Stones, lest the Africans should make use it.

Trapano, Drepanum, anciently a famous Mart-Town, with an excellent Harbour, on the West side of the Island, about 15 Miles from Lilybeum promon-zorium to the North, 22 from Mazara, and 55 from Palermo to the South-West, near the Foot of the Mountain Eryx, now il Monte di Trapano, where there was a Temple of Venus, and Anchise's Burial Place. It was well Fortised by Hamilear, Hamibas's Father, who kept it a considerable time, and made it the Seat of War against the Romans, till by an Order from Carthage, he made a Peace with Luta-

Messian, Messiana, Mesene or Messiane, anciently called Zanche is a large and fine City, and the greatest Mart-Town in all the Mediterranean Sea, having a very large and safe Harbour, about 6 Milcs from the Coast of the Fatther Calabria to the West, 12 from Resio, about 140 from Palermo, 12 from the Capo di Faro to the South, and 60 from Catania. The private Houses in it are very fine, and the publich Buildings Magniscent, especially the Viceroy's Palace, and the Arsenal, which is very well Furnish'd with Arms and Ammunition. It has 4 Suburbs, call'd Zacra, San Filippo, San Deo, and Porta Imperial, which lye stretch'd along the Shoar for a great way, and its Situation between the Mountains, and the Sea makes it a very long City. The Emperor Charles the Vth Fortified it with 14 Eastions, and 4 Forts, in the year 1535

whereof one is within the Town, the rest without for the Desence of the Port. This City was recovered from the Saracens by Roger the Norman, in the year 1060. and alterwards Governd by the Kings of Sicily, now by a Spanish Officer, whom they call it Stradigo. But being mightily gall'd by the Spanish Yoke, it was provoked to shake it off, on the 7th of July, 1674, and maintain'd its Liberty, with the A-shistance of the French, oil the 16th of March, 1673, when it willingly return'd to its former Allegiance. Its chief Trade consists in Silk, with which it turnishes a great part of Europe: And it is an Archiepisco al Sec.

Catania, Catana, or Catina, stands on the Coast or Ionian Sea, on a Gulf of the same Name, near the little River Judicello, 40 Miles from Sy a.use to the North, and 50 from Messina. It was Bullt by the Chalcidenses, as Eusebius Relates, and was Fortified by Charles the Vrh. It is the great Unhappine's of this Town, that it stands so near Mount Eina, which is now call'd Il Mon-Gibello, whose fiery streams have often prov'd fatal to the Neighbouring Country. This Mountain is reckon'd 9 Miles High, but not of Perpendicular Height, and in Compass 50. The South fide of it is almost cover'd over with Vines, and the North fide with other Trees and Shrubs, and no part of it is Barren and Unmanur'd, except the Top. The most considerable Eruptions that have happen'd, were in the years 1169, 1329, 1408. 1444. 1447. 1536. 1554. by the last of which, Catania and the adjacent Country were well nigh destroy'd, as they were also in the year 1669. But we must refer the Reader for the causes of those Eruptions, and a particular account of them to those who have written fully on the Subject, particularly Thomas Fazellus, and Philippus Cluverius.

Patti, Patte, or Patta, a pretty well Inhabited little Sea Town, on the North-Coast of the Island, near the Ruins of Tyndaris, now call'd S. Maria di Tyndaro, 48 Miles from Messima to the West, and ½ a Mile from the Tyrrhenian Sea. It has the Tutle of a Bishoprick, under the Archbishop of Messima.

Noto, Netum, or Nea, from which the third Division or Valley of Sicily has its Name, is a large and well Inhabited Town, standing on a high Hill, Surrounded with High and Steep Rocks, in the South part of the Island, 8 Miles from the Sea, 15 from Capo Pessaro to the North-West, and 25 from Syracuse to the South.

Syracuse, or Saragosa, Syracuse, anciently a famous and great City, said to have been Built by Archias a Corinthian, confisting of 5 Parts, viz. Acradina, Tycha, Neapolis, Infula, and Epipole, and 180 Stadia, or 22 2 Miles in Compass. It was first grievously oppress d by the Dionylis, asterwards by Agathocles and others. It suffer'd a Siege of 3 years, by the Romans, in the first Punick War, when its holding out so long was owing to the fingular Art of that famous Mathematician Archimedes, who was unhappily Murder'd by a barbarous Soldier, contrary to the express Orders of the Roman General Marcellus, when he took the City. It has now lost much of its ancient Splendour and Greatness, being confined within the Island Ortzgia, but has 2 Harbours, which the Inhabitants call il Porto Maggiore, and il Porto Piecolo, and one Gate on the little Isthmus, defended by 2 Forts. It is distant 40 Miles from Catania to the South, 23 from Augusta, 38 from the Caps Peffaro, and 60 from the little Town, now call'd Ca-firo Joanni. It was formerly an Archbishoprick, but is now under the See of Montreal. Augenfis, Rr 2

Augousta, Augusta, a little but well Inhabited and ftrong Town, Built at first in a Peninsula, on the East side of the Island, about 18 Miles from Catania to the South, and 24 from Syracuse. It was Built by the Emperor Frederick, in the year 1229. who also Built a Fort which commands it, in the year 1232. Above an hundred years since it was Fortisted, and the Peninsula on which it stood made an Island, and joyn'd to the Continent by a Wooden Bridge. It was taken by the French, after a vigorous Resistance, in the year 1675. and deserted by them 3 years ascret. It has a very large and safe Harbour, and as Cluverius says, was anciently call'd Xiphonia.

The Island of Sardinia.

The Island of Sardinia, which the Grecians call'd Sardon and Jebnusa, lies North and South, between the Tuscan Sea on the East, and the Sea of Sardinia on the West; between 37 Deg. 20 Min. and 40 Deg. 10 Min. Lat. and 31 Deg. 10 Min. and 33 Deg. 15 Min. Long. It is in Length from Calaris or Cagliari, to the Channel betwixt Sardinia and Corfica, (according to Cluverius) 180 Miles, and in Breadth from the Capo di Monte Falcone, and Capo di Argentera, to the Capo Sarda, 104. But Baudrand, who makes it 500 Miles, in Compass, will have it to be only 170 in Length, from South to North, and 90 in Breadth, and others less, as to both. We shall not trouble the Reader with the various conjectures about the Etymologies of its name, and the first Inhabitants of it; but only put him in mind, that anciently the Carthaginians were Masters of it; next them the Romans, who kept possession of it, rill the declining State of that Empire, when it fell into the hands of the Saracens; who were expell'd by the Genouese and Pisans. At last in the year 1326. Pope Boniface the VIIIth. gave it to James the IId. King of Aragon, who after a great deal of strugling made himself Master of it, and handed it down to his Posterity. It is now subject to the King of Spain, who governs it by his Viceroy.

The Air of this Island is very Unhealthful, but the Soil is good, and fit to produce Corn, Wine, and Oyl; but the Inhabitants, being for the most part Barbarians, are Lazy, and do not Cultivate and Improve the Ground as ir ought to be, which is the reason why this Island tho' it be large, is not very Rich. It was formerly divided into 4 Parts, which were subject to their respective petty Princes; but now it is divided into two Parts or Provinces, call'd il Capo di Caplari, and il Capo di Logudori; which with their several Towns are to be seen in the follow-

ing Table.

I. Cagliari.
Capo di Cagliari, Villa d'Iglefias.
in which are
these Towns. S. Pietro.

II.
Capo di Logudori, in which are these
Towns.

Saffari.
Caftel Aragonefe.
Algheri.
Sardata.
Terra Nuova.

Cagliari, Calaris, is the chief City of Sardinia, and gives Name to a Province, a Gulf, and a Pro-

montory, and is the Residence of the Spanish Governor. It is said to have been Built by the Pheniciancs, and afterwards Inhabited by the Carthaginians. It was destroyed by the Arabians, and afterwards Rebuilt by the Pisans. It was taken by James the IId. King of Aragon, in the year 1330. Since which time it, together with the whole Island, has been subject to Spain. It is a pretty large City, having 3 Suburbs, viz. Estampache, Villa Nova, and la Marina, and is distant 30 Miles from Orifiagni to the East; and has the Title of an Archbishoprick.

Oristagni, Arborea, stands in the West part of the the Island, 6 Miles from the Sea, 60 from Sassari, and 30 from Bosa. It has the Title of an Archbishoprick, as also that of a Marquisate, which was formerly govern'd by its own Princes, call'd Judges, who are famous in the Histories of those times, when the Aragonians Invaded this Island; but at present it is very thinly Inhabited because of the Unhealthful-

ness of the Air.

Sassari, or Sacer, Sassaris, is a pretty large Town, in the North part of the Island, about 12 Miles from the Ruins of Turritana, or Turris Libissonis, (which the Longobards Raz'd, in the year 596.) to the South, as many from the Sea, and 18 from Algheri. It stands in a Plain, but is well Fortised: And the Archiepiscopal See of Turritana, was Translated hither, by Pope Eugenius the IVth. Ann. 1441.

Cassel Aragonese, Castrum Aragonense, is a little well Inhabited and Fortified Town, with a Castel, in the North part of the Island, standing on a Rock, and having the advantage of a good and large Harbour, at the Mouth of the River Coquinas. It is distant about 100 Miles from Caligari to the North, 80 from Oristagni, and 24 from Sassari. The See of Emporie was remov'd from thence to this Place, in the year 1503. and is under the Archbishop of Sassari.

Bofa. Bofa, stands on the West part of the Island, on the Coast of the Sea of Sardinia, at the Mouth of the River Bofa, 30 Miles from Oristagni to the North, and 35 from Sassari. It has the advantage of a large Harbour, and a Fort call d Saravalle.

Algheri, or Algher, Alerium or Algaria, is a little but well and Foify'd Inhabited Town, in the North-West part of the Island, about 16 Miles from Sassari to the South, and as many from Bosa. Cluverius says it was anciently call'd Coraxa; but Franciscus a Vico, a Sardinian, says, it sprung from the Ruins of a Neighbouring Town, call'd Tylium. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Sessari.

The Island of Corsica.

The Island of Corfica, call'd also Cyrnus by Ptolomy and Strabo lies between 40 Deg. 20 Min. and 42 Deg. 15 Min. Lat. and 31 Deg. 20 Min. and 32 Deg. 30 Min. Long. It is in Length according to Cluverius, from the Sacrum Promontorium, now Punta di Marono, or Capo lorfo, to the Promontory Granianum, or Capo di Manza, 120 Miles; in Breadth, from the Promontory call'd Capo di Foro, to Aleria Destruta 80. But Baudrand, who makes it 280 Miles in Compass, allows it only 110 of Length, and 50 of Breadth.

It has been subject to the Republick of Genoua, fince the year 1144. that they expell d the Saracens out of it; notwithstanding the several attempts that have been made by the Pisans, and the Kings of Aragon to take it from them, particularly in the years 1320, and 1433, and the Doze of Genoua is Crown'd

with

with a Royal Crown of Gold, and a Scepter put in good Harbour, on the West side of the Island, on a Bay of its own Name, about 40 Miles from Bnifa-Govern'd by one fent thither every 2 years from that State, who is affisted by a Lieutenant, and several Commissaries.

The Air of this Island is very unwholsom, and the Soil for the most part but indifferent, the Country being Mountanous and Woody, and the Ground Stony. In some Places however, it brings forth good Corn, Vines, and feveral forts of Fruits, as Figs , Almonds and Chefnuts; not are the Forests and Pastures unprovided of Venison, Cattel and Wild-Fowl. The Natives of Corsiea are said to be Revengeful, Cruel and Unciviliz'd, and some are of Opinion that the Word Corfairs, which fignifies Pyrass, or Rovers on the Sea, has its Original from them.

The Island of Corfica is computed to be about 100 Miles from Genoua to the South, 60 from Legborn to the South-West, and 65 from Piombino to the West. It was formerly divided into 2 Parts, viz. South and North, but is now (according to Baudrand) divided into 4. viz. Di quo di Monti, or on this side the Mountains; Il lato di dentro, or the inner fide; Di la di Monti, on the other fide of the Mountains; and Il lato di fuori, or on the outer fide: And the Towns that are now, or have been of any Note in it, are,

Baftia. Ajazzo. Bonifacio. St. Fiorenzo. Nebbio. Mariana. > Calvi. Aleria. Sarteni. Sagona. St. Pietro.

Bastia. Bastia, or Bastila, is the chief City of this Island, Situated in the North part of it, with the advantage of a good Harbour, and a Fort, distant about 20 Miles from the Capo di Corfo to the South, and 70 from Bonifacio to the North. It stands where the Town of Mantinum formerly stood, and is the ordinary Residence of the Genouese Governor.

Corte, Cenestum, a small City next Bastia, reckon'd the chief of the Island, it stands in the very Centre

of it, and is an Episcopal See.

Nebbio, Nebbium, a Ruinous and Decay'd Town, in the North part of the Island, about a Mile from the Sea, not about a half from St. Fiorenzo; which some think arose from its Ruins, and 9 from Bastia to the South-West. It was the Seat of a Bishop, who now Resides at St. Fiorenzo, and is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Genoua; but at present there are

not above 15 Houses, and about 70 Souls in it.

Mariana. Mariana, was anciently a considerable Town, and the Name of a Roman Colony, and Adorn'd with feveral Magnificent Buildings, and a Colossus; but is now lying in its Ruins, which are call'd le Rouina di Mariana, nothing remaining but the Cathedral Church, and some other Buildings, without Roofs. It stood upon the River Eolus, which divided it into 2 Parts, viz. the South, call'd Cafinea, and the North, call'd Mariana: And is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Genoua. It is distant 20 Miles from the Ruins of Aleria to the North, and 15 from Bastia, where its Bishop hath Resided since the year 1575.

Aleria and Sagona, have scarce any thing but

their Names left.

Ajazzo, Adjacium, anciently call'd Urcinium, is a pretty well Inhabited Town, with a Fort and a

cio, to the North-Well, 40 from Calvi to the South, and about one from the Ruins of the old Adjactum. It is subject to the State of Geneua, but its Bishop is under the Archbishop of Pifa.

Benifacio, Bonifacium, is a Fortified and well Inhabited little Town, on the South Coast of the Island, Situated on a Rock, which is almost Surrounded by the Sea; and from it the Channel which separates this Island from Sardinia is call d, le bocche di Bonifacio, formerly Fretum Taphres.

Calvi, Calvium, stands on the West fide of the Island, with a very strong Fort, in form of a Peninfula, which makes it only accessable at one Place, where the Franciscans Convent stands. It has been several times in vain attempted by the Saracens and French; and is distant 35 Miles from Bastia to the West, and 30 from Ajazzo to the North.

Several other Islands of less Note.

The Liparean Islands which Pliny calls the Æolia, and Vulcania, and the Grecians Hephassiades, lie off the North Coast of Sicily, in the Tyrrhenian or Tufcan Sea, where as the Poets fay, blustring King Aolus Reign'd of old. These Islands did anciently belong to Sicily; but afterwards the Kings of Napies unjustly wrested them from it, and Charles the Vih. confirm'd the Possession of them to Naples, till at last, in the year 1609, they were restord to Sicily, to which they are still subject. They are in number 7. viz.

Lipara, now Lipari. Hiera, now Volcano Strongylæ, now le Saline. Evonymos, new Lifea bianca. Didyme, now Stremboli. Ericusa, now Paschu. Phenicusa, now Felicur.

Lipari, Lipara, is the biggest of all the Æolian or Vulcanian Islands, being 18 Miles in Compass; and distant about 40 Miles from the North Coast of Sicily, and 50 from the nearest part of the Farther Calabria. This Island did formerly Vomit up Fire, as may be seen still by the Vestiges and Marks of it, and its Baths were very wholfom. There is a Town in it of its own name, which was almost destroyed by Barbarossa, the Turkish Admiral in the year 1544. but afterwards Repair'd and is now Fort, call'd la Pignatara. Pope Engenius the Illd. Erected this Place into a Bishoprick, in the year t 1 5 1. and fince the year 1 6 2 7. it has been exempted from the Jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Messina, till of late, that it owns its subjection to that Metropolitan.

The most considerable of those little Islands that

lye about Sardinia, arc,

Di Toro. Tavolato. Afinaria. St. Pietro. St. Antiocha. Di Vaccha.

The most considerable of those that lye along the Coast of Italy, between the Lyparean Islands and Genoua, are these,

Capri, Jishia. Ponza. Gianuti. Giglio. Elba. Monte Christo. Formiche. Pianosa. Capracia. Maloria. Gorgona.

Capri,

Capri. Capreæ, an Island in the Tyrthenian Sea, belonging to the Kingdom of Naples, in the Province of Terra di Lavaro, at the entry of the Gulf of Naples, near the Capo Campanello, from which it is divided by a Channel 3 Miles Broad, call'd le bocche di Capri. It is about 12 Miles in Circuit, and has a little Town in the South part of it, of its own name, which has the Tirle of a Bishoprick, the Revenues of which are Paid in Quails, which at two Seasons of the year are catch'd in vast numbers in this Island. This Place was once the delightful Retreat of the Emperor Tiberius Augustus: and the Island is call'd Telonis by Silius. It contains at present about 1500 Souls, who are exempted from all manner of Taxes.

Ischia, or Iscla, Ischia, otherwise call'd Inarime, and Enaria, lies in the Tyrrhenian Sea, off the Coast of Naples, in the Province of Terra di Lavaro, from the Coast of which it is distant 2 Miles, as many from the Capo Miseno, and one from the Island of Proebita It is about 20 Miles in Compass, having a Town of its own name, with a strong Fort, on the South side of it, joyn'd to the Island by a Bridge. Ferdinand King of Naples made this his Refuge, in the time of Charles the VIIIth. King of France, who in a few Days over-ran that whole Kingdom, in the year 1495. This Town has the Title of a Bishop-

rick, under the Archbishop of Naples.

Ponza, Pontia, is an Island in the Tyrrhenian Sea, reckon'd a part of the Kingdom of Naples, but belonging to the Duke of Parma, 13 Miles from the Circeton Promontorium, now Monte Circella, 20 from Terracina, and 8 from Pandatara, now Santa Maria. There was a Colony fent into this Island (as Livy Relates) in the year of the City 441. and a Town Built in it by the Volfei; but being quite dispeopl'd afterwards, there were new Inhabitants sent into it, in the year of Christ, 1583. It was anciently a

Place where many Banish'd Romans were oblig'd to go, particularly Caligula's Sisters, whom he sent thi-

Giglio, Ægilium, or Iglium, is an Island in the Tuscan Sea, off the Coast of the Sinese, of which it is a part, and subject to the Great Duke of Tuscans, 10 Miles from the Shoar of Cosano, and as many from il Monte Argentario. It is subject to the spiritual Jurisdiction of the Abbot of Tre-sontane, near Rome, and

about 25 Miles in Compass.

Elba, Ilua, or Æthalia, is an Island in the Tuscan Sea, over against Piombiono in Tuscany, from which it is distant about 10 Miles. It is about 40 Miles in Compass, and abounds in Iron, belonged formerly to the Republick of Siena, but is now a part of the Principality of Piombino, under the Protection of the King of Spain, who has a Fort in it of considerable Strength, call'd Porto-longone, and the Duke of Tuscany has another, call'd, Porto-Ferraro.

Capraria. Capraria, so call'd, from the great abundance of Goats which used to be in it, is an Island in the Tuscan Sea, lying between the State of Tuscany to the East, and Cossica, son which it depends to the West. It is very Mountainous, and about 1 Miles in Compass. It belongs to the Coast of Genoua, who have a Fort and a Garrison in it, to defend it from the Pyrats, and contains about 600 Inhabi-

tants.

Gorgona, Gorgon, or Urgo, according to Pliny, is a little Island in the Tuscan Sea, between the Coast of Tuscany to the East, and Corsica to the West, and about 25 Miles from Leghorn to the South-West. It was formerly subject to the Pisans, but belongs now to the Great Duke of Tuscany. It is to Miles in Compass, and has only one little Town, and a fort of a Fort in it.

SPAIN.

SPAIN and PORTUGAL



PAIN, is the Western Part of all the Continent of Europe, environ'd on all sides with the Sea, except towards France, from which it is separated by the Pyrenean Mountains. It is Bounded on the East and South with the Mediterranean Sea, the Streights of Gibralter) anciently call'd Fretum Gaditanum) and a part of the Atlantick Ocean; on the West with the same Ocean; and on the North with the Bay of Biscay, and the Pyrenean Mountains, by which it is separated from France. It is Situated betwixt 37 and 44 Degr. of Latitude, and 8 and 20 of Longitude. It is in form of a Peninsula, and commonly compared to an Oxes Hide, the Neck making the Ishmus, which separates it from France, and is said to be (according to Cluverius) in its greatest Length, from the Sacrum Promontorium, now call'd

Cabo de S. Vincente, to Fons Salfula, or Salfas, on the Confines of France, on the Mediterranean Sea, 760 Miles. Its greatest Breadth from the Promontorium Celticum, or Cabo Finis terra, to the Promontorium Saturni, or Cabo de Palos, 600.

The Romans anciently divided it into 3 Provinces, viz. Batica, Lustania, and Tarraconenss. Betica, was Bouned on the North and West with the Rivet Anas, or Guadiana, on the South with the Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, and on the East with the Tarraconenss. Lustania was Bounded on the North with the Rivet Durius, or Duero, on the West with the Ocean, on the East with Tarraconenss, and on the South with the River Anas, or Guidiana. Tarraconenss comprehended all the test of Spain; which was otherwise divided into 4 Parts; viz. Citerior and Ulterior, or the

the Hither and Farther; and from hence it is, that we sometimes find Hispanie, in the Piural number, put 10 signifie Spain. Hispania Citerior, was the same with Tarraconensis, the Ulterior comprehended the

Provinces of Betica and Lusitania

As to the different names that have been given this Kingdom at feveral times, tho' 'tis hardly worth the while to account for them, it being a thing full of uncertainty and conjecture; yet because 'tis usual, we shall put the Reader in mind, that we find it fometimes called Hefperia, either from Hefperia, a fup-pos'd King thereof, or from Hefperia the Evening Star, under which the Ancients, they fay, suppos'd it Situ-ated; and call'd it Olima, to distinguish it from Italy, which they likewise call'd Hesperia, with the addition of Minor. It was also call d Iberia, either from the famous River Iberus, now Ebro, or the Iberi, a People Inhabiting Georgia in Asia; and Celtiberia, from the Celts in Gaul's mixing with these Iberi. But how it came by the name of Hifpania, is what the Criticks have warmly disputed, and are never like to agree upon. Some maintaining that the Grecians call'd it En v a, from the thinnels of its Inhabitants, and dryness of its Soil: Others, especially Bischart, from the Punick Word Spanija, which fignifies a Conie, because the Country abounded with such. Justinus will have it call'd Hispania, from a certain King call'd Hispanus, and Cluverius is of Opinion, that it ows its name to Hifpalis, the chief City, anciently of the Kingdom; But we leave the Reader to choose which he likes best, having given him

variety of conjectures concerning it.

As to the first Inhabitants of Spain, we will not trouble the Reader with the dispute concerning Tubal, Noah's Grandchild's coming into it, not long after the Deluge, or whether the Coltie, the Offspring of Asche-naz, were the first that Peopl'd it, and several other Countries in Europe; only put him in mind that Spain was in ancient times divided into a great many States independent of one another; which was at that time the condition of most other Countries of Europe. And by reason of this Division, and their scarcity of good Commanders, it was, that they were neither formidable to their Neighbours, or able to defend themselves at home. For not to mention how the Celts pass'd out of Gaul, and the next adjacent Parts of Spain, who being mix'd with the Iberians, were from thence call'd Celtibereans; neither how the Rhodians Built Rofes: The Citizens of Zant, Zaguntum; the Phenicians, Cadiz, Malaga, and other Cities: the Carthaginians above the rest, immediately after the first Punick War with the Romans, began to Conquer a great part of Spain. Wherefore in the second Punick War, the Romans did at first fend their Forces into Spain, where they Fought fo long with the Carthaginians, till at last Scipio Africanus, made a great part of it a Roman Province; the the other parts were subdu'd by degrees, till Augu-fus at last entirely Subduing the Cantabrians, who liv'd next to the Pyrenean Mountains, joyn'd all Spain to the Roman Empire, under whole Protection it was peaceably Govern'd for a considerable time, except that the Spaniards now and then were drawn in to take a part in the Civil Wars among the Romans. But the Western parts of the Roman Empire declining, the Vandali, Suevi, Alani, and Siligni, Invaded Spain, and divided it among them, but did not enjoy it long; for the Vandals passing over into Africk, the Suevi Routed the Alani, and Subdued the Silingi; and by that means were in a fair way to make themselves Masters of all Spain, had they not been prevented by the Goths; who having under their King Alarick, Ranfack'd Italy and Rome it felf, fettled themselves upon the Borders between France and Spain; Possering themselves first of Catalonia and Languedock, and not long after of other Provinces of Spain. About the year 586, the Empire of the Goths was arriv'd at its highest pitch of greatness, as comprehending not only some Neighbouring Provinces of France, and a great part of Mauritania, but also all Spain, except a small part Possess'd as yet by the Romans; from whence they were Chas'd afterwards by King Suinthila, about the year 646. Afterwards the Goths degenerating from their ancient Valour, and Roderick having provok'd Julian, his Governor of the Gothith Mauritania, and that part of Spain, that lies about the Streights, by Ravishing his Wife; Julian to revenge the Affront, fow'd Sedition among the Goths, and brought over vast numbers of Saracens from Africk, and gave his Mafter Roderick Battle; who being kill'd in the Flight, and his faithful subjects dispers'd, and left without a Head, all the great Cities fell into the Hands of the Enemy; Afturia, Bifcay, a part of Gallicia, and some Countreys lying near the Pyrences remaining to the Goths. Thus fell the Power and Splendor of the Goths, which had been famous in Spain for 300 years; and the Saracens became

Masters of it.

About the year 726. Pelagius descended from the Gothifh Kings, being chosen King, recollected the remaining Forces of this unfortunate Nation, and defeated the Moors, and took several Towns from the Saracens: And his Successors, (tho' most of them did nothing considerable) did several times deseat, and gain'd ground on the Enemy. Ramirius gave them a particular overthow, and Garfias was Victorious also, but Dyed soon : And his Brother transferr'd the Seat of the Spanish Kingdom from Oviedo to Leon, and Dyed in the year 932. About this time Garsias Semenus Erected the Kingdom of Navarr, as Aznar, Son of Eudo Duke of Aquitain, did the Earldom of Aragon: And Lewis Son of Charles the Great, constituted Bernard Earl of Barcelona. About the year 1025. Sanctius, King of Navarr, hawho was Murder'd by his own Vassals, took upon him the Title of King of Castile. Thus Castile and Navarr were united; and Leon shortly after was added to them by the Marriage of Ferdinand of Leon's Sifter and Heires. Thus all the Provinces of Spain which were possess by the Christians, were joyn'd in one House. But the division which Sanstius Major made among his 4 Sons, prevented the Expulsion of the Moors, which otherwife might have been easily brought about; for leaving to his eldest Son Gassas, Navarr and Biscay; to Ferdinand, Casile; to Gonsalvo, Suprarbe and Riparosa; and to Ramirius, Aragon, and to each of them the Title of King, they quickly fell by the Ears, all of them affecting to be Superior. Ferdinand Sirnam'd the Great, (who Dyed in the year 1065.) did also divide the Empire among his 3 Sons, to the great detriment of Spain, the same natural effect following, as after the former Division. Alonso VIII. about the year 1140. divided his Kingdom again, leaving to his Son Sancho IV. Castile, and to Ferdinand, Leon and Gallicia. In the year 1210, these Kings in Consederacy, Fought the mcmorable Battel of Lasa, against the Moors; where the latter were Beat, with the loss of 200000 Men; and by that means lost all their Strength; for in the year 1232. King James of Aragon took Majorca from them:

them: In the year 1234. Mino: ca, and in the year 1238. Tvica. In the year 1230. Ferdinand rook from them Merida and Bajadoz, and several other Places; and in the year 1236. the City and Kingdom of Corduba; and Murcia Surrendred it felf to the protection of Castile. In the year 1243. Faen, Sevil, and the greatest part of Andalusia. In the year 1324. the Moors receiv'd a great Reinforcement out of Africk: Nevertheless the Caltilians obtain'd a signal Victory over them, in the year 1340. where they loft 200000 Men, and the Spaniards 25000. In the year 1478. in the Reign of Ferdinand, (whom the Castill ans call the Vth. or the Catholick) the samous Inquisition was instituted against the Mocrs and Tews; and in the year 1492. an end was put to the Kingdom of the Moors in Spain, after it had stood there for above 700 years. And to prevent their ever encreasing again, there were 170000 Families of Moors and Jews Banish'd out of Spain; which despoil'd that Kingdom not only of a great number of Inhabitants, but also of vast Riches. In the year 1478. Ferdinand the Son of John II. King of Aragon and Navar, by a second Wise, Marrying Isabella, Sister and Heiress of Henry IV. King of Castile and Leon, united all these Dominions in one House, and by that means laid the Foundation of the Spanish Monarchy, and of the great Power of that Kingdom; which was mightily advanc'd and improv'd by his Grandchild, and immediate Successor Charles V. Emperor of that name.

Concerning the Genius of the Spaniards, we shall borrow almost the very words of the judicious Puffendorf. The Spanish Nation, says he, is commonly esteem'd to be very Wise, and to take remote Profpects, throughly weighing a thing before it undertakes it : Whereby nevertheless, the Spaniards being over cautious in executing their Counsels, do often lose the opportunities of Action. They are very constant in their Resolutions, and tho' they fail once in an attempt, they will try their Fortune again. They are very fit for War, and not only Brave at the first Attack, but will also hold out till the last; and their sober way of living, and spare Bodies, make them fit for hardship. They are grave in their Words, and proud in their Behaviour, to a Proverb, but some are of opinion, that this Gravity of theirs is not so much the effect of their Pride, as of a melancholy Constitu-tion and ill Custom. They are seldom fit for any Trade or Business, where any hard labour is required; fuch as Husbandry, or any other Handycraft Trades; wherefore these are chiefly manag'd among them by Foreigners. It is credibly reported, that in Madrid alone there are above 40000 Franchmen, being for the most part Merchants, Artists, Handycraftimen and Labourers; who go under the name of Burgundians, thereby to avoid the hatred, which the Spaniards naturally bear against the French. Altho' the Spaniards think such trifles as these below them; yet they think nothing to drudge all their life time under a Musker, in hopes sometime to be made an Officer. Their Pride, Cruelty, Covetousness, and rigorous Proceedings, make them hateful to all fuch as are under their Command : Spain at present has hardly a number of Inhabitants proportionable to its extent; for which several Reasons may be given. For the Women by reason of the Climate, and the thin constitution of their Bodies, are not so fruitful Whoring also being alas in the Northern Parts. low'd here, many choose rather to make shift with a Whore, than be at the trouble and charge of maintaining of a Family. Then, those who are in Holy

Orders must not Marry, which deprives the Nation of a vast number of People, these being very numerous. The Wars also, especially in Itay and Flanders, have devour'd a great many Spaniards. The Peopling of America, and Banderg so many lews and Moors out of Spain, (as we find before, have effectually contributed to the Dispeopling this Kingdom.

Concerning the Soil of Spain, it is not Fertile al.ke in all Places; the most remote Patts from the Sea-Coast being barren, and producing nothing it for the substitute of Men or Beatls; but nearer the Sea-shoar, for the most partit is very Fertile. There is abundance of Sherp here, and the Hories are very sine, but too sew to serve themselves withal. This Kingdom is very well fitted for Trade, being surrounded almost by the Sea, and having abundance of good Harbours. The product of their Ground, and Commodities fit for Exportation are, especially Wool, Silk, Wine, Oyl, Raisns, Almonds, Figs, Citrons, Rice, Soap, Iron, Salt and such like. In former times the Spanish Go'd Mines were most famous, but now-a-days, neither Gold nor Silver is digg'd out in Spain. Some will alledge for a Reason, that it is forbidden under severe penalties, to keep it as a referve, in case of great extremity, but 'tis more probable, that the Avarice of the Spaniards hath entirely exhausted the Mines long ago.

The greatest Revenue of Spain comes from the West-Indies, from whence Gold and Silver flow into it, and are from thence convey'd into other parts of Europe, in so great streams, that considering how much of it falls to the share of the Italian, French, English and Dutch Merchants, it will be found that the least part remains to Spain; so that the Spaniards (as a judicious Author observes) may be faid to keep the Cow, but others have the Milk; by which means other Nations are impowred to chastife the haughty Spaniard with his own Money. And 'tis bur just it should be so, considering the unparallell'd Cruelty and Barbarity by which they attain'd those Countries; which were possess'd by People not so Barbarous, as some imagine; there having been found among them such excellent Laws and Constitutions as would make some Europeans blush. But whether the pretended Barbarity of the People, or the Bull of Pope Alexander VI. or a Providential possession, (which some Christian Authors make a sufficient Title) makes the Spaniards Title to those Countreys good enough, we leave to others to

Confidering the many and large Dominions belonging to this Crown, Spain must be look'd on as a powerful Kingdom; for besides the Kingdoms of Peru and Mexico, and those vast Islands of Hispaniola, Cuba, and Porto Rico in America, there are under the Spainish Jurisdicton, the Canary Islands, Sardinia, Sicily, the Kingdom of Naples, the Dukedom of Milan, the Netherlands, and the Philippine Islands in the East-Indies. Nevertheless, this vast Kingdom has its Infirmities, which has brought it so low that it is scarce able to stand on its own Legs. Among those the want of Inhabitants in Spain is one, there not being a sufficient number in it to keep those great Provinces in obedience, and at the same time to make Head against a powerful Enemy. Another weakness is, that those Provinces are mightily disjoyn'd; which makes it a very hard matter to fend Succours to them when they are attack'd by any Neighbouring State; or to enquire into the Maladministration of the Governors or Grievances of the People; which may sometime provoke them to shake off the Yeke, when a fit opportunity is pur into their hands. Besides, America being the Treasury of Spain is divided by the vatt Ocean from the Court, whereby their Silver Fleets are exposed to the hazard of the Seas, and Pyra.s. And if it happen that tuch a Fleet is lost, the whole Government must needs suffer extreamly by it; the Inhabitants of Sp.iin being to exhautted, as not to be able to raife sufficient Sums to supply the publick Necessities. The Spaniards also are mightily deficient in regulating their Wift-India Trade; which is so ill manag'd, that the greatest part of those Riches are convey'd into other Nations: And the Nobles, partly by the carelessness of some of their Kings, and partly by the long Minority of the present, have so encreased their Power, that they have got all the Riches into their hands, and left very little to the Commonalty; nor are they over-forward in affifting the King, when the Necessities of the State require it. And should the present King, (as is more than probable) dye without Children, it is no hard matter to foresee the consusion and disinal consequences which must follow to that Kingdom.

The most considerable Rivers in Spain, are, t. the Ebro, which rifes near the Mountains of Asturia, and after it has received the streams of several other leffer ones, falls into the Mediterranean Sea, 9 Miles beyond Tortofe. 2. Guidalquivir, which rifes in the Mountains call'd La Serra de Cazorla, near the Confines of Murcia, and empties it felf into the Bay of Cadiz, near S. Lucar de Barameda. 3. The Tajo, which r ses from a double Spring, one of which the Inhabitants call Las veguillas de Tajo, the other Fuente Garcia, at the foot of the Mountains Vallezillo, in new Cafile, on the Confines of Aragon, near the Village call'd Frias; and falls into the Atlantick Ocean, 6 Miles below Lisbon. 4. Duero, which rifes near the Town of Agreda, in old Castile, near the Confines of Aragon, and empties it felf into the Atlantick Sea, near O Porto. 5. Minho, which rifes in Gallecia, near a Town call'd Castro de Rey. and empties it self into the Atlantick Ocean, 15 Miles below Tuy.
There are several others of less Note, most of whom joyn their streams with those above mention'd. most considerable Mountains are, 1. The Pyrenees, which divide France from Spain. 2. Those formerly call'd Idubeda, which have different names given them by the different People who live near them, as, in Biscay, Los Montes Segura, in old Castile, Los Montes d'Occa, on the Confines of new Castile, la Sierra d'Atienza, Los Montes de Toledo, &c. 3. Oroxopeda, or La Penna de los Enamorados. 4. Culpe or

Centa. 5. Ivi, near Barcellona.

The Univerlities, great and small in Spain, are those of Avila, Bacza, Erected in the year 1538. Zaragoza, by the Emperor Charles V. Alcala, by Francis Cardinal Ximeres, in the year 1517. Compostella; Granada, by the Emperor Charles V. Ann. 1537. Sevil, a very ancient one; Lerda, before the time of Pope Califlus III. Onnate, a very little one, in the year 1543. Huesa, an ancient one; Oviedo, by Ferdinand Valdes, Ann. 1536. Pacenza, Pampelona, Ann. 1608. Salamanca, by Alphonsus IX. King of Leon, Ann. 1200. Tarragona, under the Reign of King Philip II. Toledo, a very ancient one; Valencia, Ann. 1470. Valadolid, by Pope Clement VI. in the time King Alphonsus XI. Ann. 1346. and Ossana, Ann. 1549. There are 8 Archbishopricks, viz. Toledo, Burgos, Compostella, Sevil, Granada, Zaragoza, Turragona and Valencia; and 46 Bishopricks, without including those of the Kingdom

of Portugal. Of all which the Reader may find a particular account in the description of those Places.

The Christian Faith is said to have been Planted here by S. James the Apostle, about 4 years after the Death of our Saviour; but Baronius and others reject this Tradition. That S. Paul design'd to come hither is evident, and that he did actually come, is affirm'd by Chryfoftom, Theodoret, and several others: And tho' S. Peter did not accompany him in the Journey, yet he seconded the Preaching of that Apostle, by fending the Bishops and other Presbyters into those Parts, as appears from the Martyrologies. Since the year 1478, that the Inquisition was establish'd, no other Religion but the Roman Catholick is Profes'd or Tolerated here. This Inquifition was first Instituted against the Jews and Mcors, but hath fince been turn'd against Protestants, or indeed, against all who are not rampant Roman Catholicks. It is defervedly esteem'd an inhuman and excerable Tribunal among other Nations, and carries the greatest Injustice with it, in ordering the Children to bear the guilt of their Parents; not permitting any body to know his Accusers, to clear himself against them. The least suspicion of Herefie, or Commerce or Affinity with Hereticks, reproving the Lives of the Clergy, keeping prohibited Books, or even discourfing matters of Religion, are sufficient Crimes. If Witnesses cannot be found, Torture must be then used; and if neither Witnesses nor that will do, yet they must be under severe restraint, and endure great hardship for several years, to tetrifie others : And if they come off so, upon the first suspicion, the second infallibly brings present Death. A strange way for propagating the Christian Religion, which is gentle and full of Mercy, or for reclaiming those who are in errour; fince by fuch means Hypocrites may be made, but not sincere Christians.

All the Spaniards, (fays Mariana) at present use one Language, which we call Castilian, and is compounded of many other Tongues, especially the Latin, which appears by the name it bears, being call'd Romanæ; and its so great affinity, beyond the Italian; for that Latin, or Spanish, either in Prose or Verse, agree in the very words and manner of Composition. The Portugueses have a Language peculiar to themselves, being a mixture of the French, and Castilian. The People of Catalonia and Valencia, use a distinct Language, very like that of Languedoc: Only the Biscainers still retain their Mother and Barbarous Tongue, void of all Elegancy, totally different from any other in Spain; but the Ancientest, and that which was formerly used throughout the whole Kingdom, before the coming of the Romans, who spread their Language whereever they Conquer'd.

Most European Nations look on the Spanish Habir, as ridiculous, and they on the other hand look upon other Europeans as Fools for changing their Fashions of Cloaths. The Spaniards appear at Court in Black, which Colour is generally wore over all the Kingdom. Their Habit consists of a Doublet, streight Breeches, button'd down the Thighs, a short Cloak, and a Girdle about their Belly: Shoes cut out, and resembling those which Rope Dancers use, black Stockens, so like Net-work, that the white ones under are plainly seen: A Sword about four Foot and a half long on the left side, and a Dagger on the other. The finer fort of the Men have a little Hat lined with black Tasseta, and a Band of black Lace about it; and a Gonille or Russ about their Neck for a Cravat. They are sure always to have a little Pocket in their Doublet for

Snuff,

Snuff, without Snuff-box, or Paper about it; which they use very frequently, when they can't find one to borrow from. Their Complexion is Tauny, their Hair black and shorr, and their Mustaches in form of a Crescent, and with all these Accourrements they march along as grave as fo many Ofrages. Women also wear Black, with large Vertugadins, or Verdingales, as wide as the Hoop of a Tun; and they lay on the red and white Paint fo thick, that their Faces look as if they were plaistered. Among the other Customs which the Spaniards have singular to themselves from all Europe, their wearing of Spectacles is not the leaft; for not only old Men and Women, but also young People of both Sexes, firting at Table and walking in the Streets wear them, without any manner of Necessity, but only for Graviry; and the larger they are, the more honourable the Person that wears 'em is esteem'd. The Women never go to Processions; but are allowed to come to the Balconies, both to perform their Devoirs to these, and also to see and be seen by their The Jealousie of the Husbands seldom al-Lovers. lows the Wives to come abroad; and when they go to Church, they are under a large Vail, and guarded by an old Woman; but they find out ways to fee their Gallants now and then, either at a Friend's House, where they go to Visit, or fome other convenient Place. They have been very hard put to't of late, for formerly it was the Custom for the Men to stand by the Holy-water Pot, and present the Water to the vailed Ladics when they came into the Church; and by that means had a convenient Opportunity to give or receive a Billet; but the Nuncio has forbid that Custom some Years ago, under pain of Excommunication. The excessive heat in Spain obliges the Inhabitants to keep within Doors, either on their Beds, or in cool Rooms, from ten in the Forenoon to five in the Afternoon; insomuch that during all that time, you shall rarely see a Shop open, or any Body walking in the Street.

The Diseases that reign in most Spain, are, a Swelling in the Throat, which often degenerates into the King's Evil; a Rheumatism, which if neglected, quickly over-runs the whole Body and makes it impotent. The finess of the Air is commonly blam'd for this; for if they do not take special care to shut the Windows of their Bed-Rooms at Night, and cover their Stomacks well in the Morning, they are infallibly put in diforder. The Spaniards are temperate in their eating and drinking. The Peotemperate in their eating and drinking. ple of Quality have great Retinues of Servants, much Plate, but few and ill-fill'd Diffies. Bread is often very scarce among them; both because there is scarcity of Corn, and because they have few Wind-Mills, and their Water-Mills have oftentimes no Water by reason of the excessive Drought. Women never fit at Table, because, according to the Custom of Spain, they are not allowed to fit on a Stool, but on the Ground, with their Legs (unnaturally) a-cross, as our Taylors do. People rravel commonly in Spain, on Mules, who walk with almost as much Gravity as their Masters: And it is very feldom that one rides post, except the King's Courier, or those who have a Licence from the

Court.

Concerning the Mony of Spain, they have Pieces of Gold which they call Dub'one, that is, Piffols, others of Silver, call'd Reals, and Pieces of Eight Reals, about 58 Pence in value. That which they call Reals of Billon, are only imaginary Money, as Livres are in France, or Pounds in England. The

other Pieces of Mony are only Augmentations or Diminutions of Pistols or Reals, as double Pistol, Quadruple, Half, &c. and a fourth or eighth part of a Real. It is to be observed, that they do not weightheir Mony in Spain; and therefore the Jews who clip the Coin of that Country and send it elsewhere, make a vast Profit by it.

The Crown of Spain is Hereditary, descending to the eldest Son; and the prelumptive Heir is call'd Prince of the Assura's, because it was to that Part of the Kingdom that Pelagius retir'd with the handful of Christians, who would not acknowledge the Moors, after they had conquer'd almost all Spain; And because it was the first that shook off the Yoke of the Insides.

A Table of the Succession of the Kings of Spain.

The Kings of the Goths in Spain.

1.	Vallia.		17. Victoricus.
2.	Theoderick.	0	18. Gundebaris.
3.	Therifmund.		19. Sifebulus.
4.	Theodorick II.		20. Richard II.
5.	Euricus.		21. Suintilla.
6.	Alaricus.		22. Sifenanda.
7.	Gensaleric.		23. Suintilla II.
8.	Amalaric.		24. Tulgas.
9.	Theudes.		25. Vidisumdus.
Io.	Theologifdus.		26. Ricesuind.
If.	Agila.		27. Bamba.
12.	Athanagildus.		28. Ering.
13.	Luiba.		29. Egypea.
	Leonigild.		30. Vitiza.
15.	Richard.		31. Roderick.
16.	Luiba II.		

After the Gothish Splendor and Greatness in Spain had come to a Period in the Person of Rederick, who was kill'd in a Battel against the Saracens, who at that time made themselves Masters of Spain, about the Year 714. the first that undertook to recover the Liberty of that Country, was one descended from the Race of the Gothish Kings, call'd,

- Pelagius, who being chosen King by the Remnant of that unfortunate Nation, was victorious over the Moors and Saracens, and was succeeded by his Son
- 2. Favila, who did nothing worth mentioning, and was succeeded by his Son
- 3. Alonfo the Catholick, who died, Anno 757. and was succeeded by
- Favila, his Son, who, after he had been victorious over the Moors, was kill'd, Anno 768. and was fucceeded by his Brother
- 5. Aurelius, who died, Anno 774. and was succeed-
- Silo, Alonfo the Catholick's Son-in-Law, who died, Anno 783. and was fucceeded by
- 7. Alonso, the Son of Favila, who was driven out of his Kingdom by the Usurper Mauregatus, and died, Anno 788, and was succeeded by
- 8. Veremundus, who was succeeded by 9. Alonfo the Chaste, who died, Anno 844. and was
- fucceeded by
 to. Ramirius, an excellent Prince, who died, 851.
 and was fucceeded by his Son
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· 11. Ordenius, who died, Anno 862. and was fuccecded by his Son

12. Alonfo III. fir-nam'd the Great, who was fortunate in his Wars against the Moors, but dethron'd by his Son

13. Garfias, whose Reign was short, and who was succeeded by

14. Ordonius II. who transferr'd the Seat of the Spanish Kings from Oviedo to Leon. He died Anno 923. and was succeeded by his Son

15. Favila, a bloody Tyrant, who was succeeded

16. Alonfo IV. who furrender'd the Government to his Brother

17. Ramirius II. who died, Anno 950. and was suc-

ceeded by his Son

18. Ordonius III. who was a valiant Prince, but his Reign was short, and he was succeeded by his Brother

19. Santius Craffus, who was succeeded by

20. Ramirius III. who was succeeded by

21. Veremundus II. who died about the Year 999. and was succeeded by his Son

22. Alonso V. to whom succeeded his Son

23. Veremundus III. in whose time Garsias, Earl of Castile, being murdered, and Castile falling to Sanctius King of Navarre, who had married Garsias's Sister, he assum'd the Title of King of Castile, and was call'd

24. Sanctius Major, and obliged Veremund to give his Sister and Heiress Sanctia in Marriage to Ferdinand his Son; by which means, Leon, Navarre, and Castile, were united in one House. He died, Anno 1035. having divided his Dominions among his three Sons; the eldest of whom was

25. Sanctius III. who, having taken Possession of the Territories belonging to his Brethren, was slain in the Siege of Camora, and was succeeded by his

Brother

26. Alonfo VI. who died, Anno 1109. and was fuc-

ceeded by

27. Alonso VII. King of Aragon, who had married Urraca, Daughter and Heiress of Alonso; but was

forc'd to part with the Kingdom to

28. Alonso VIII. Son of Urraca, by Raymund of Burgundy, her first Husband. He died, Anno 1157. having divided his Dominions betwixt his three Sons, giving Castile to the eldest, who was call'd 29. Sanstius IV. who died, Anno 1158. and was suc-

ceeded by his Son

30. Alonfo IX. in whose time the samous Battle of Lasa was fought against the Moors, where 200000 of 'em were kill'd. He died, Anno 1214. and 48. Charles II. being then a Child of four Years was succeeded by his Son

31. Henry, who dying without Issue, Anno 1217.

was succeeded by

32. Ferdinandus Sanctus, Son of Berengaria, Henry's Sifter, who was married to Alonfo King of Loon; by whose death Leon and Castile were reunited, under Ferdinand, who died, Anno 1252. and was fucceeded by his Son 33. Sanctius V. in whose Reign, Anno 1282. hap-

pened the Sicilian Vespers. He died, Anno 1295.

and was succeeded by his Son

34. Ferdinand IV. who died in the flower of his

Age, and was succeeded by his Son

35. Alonso XI. in whose time the Castilians obtain'd a fignal Victory over the Moors, (Anno 1340.) where 200000 of 'em were kill'd. He died in the Siege of Gibralter, Anno 1350. and was succeeded by his Son

36. Peter, sir-nam'd the Cruel; who was kill'd in a Battle, Anno 1369. by his Bastard-Brother,

37. Henry II. whom the Castilians, having rebell'd against Peter, had set up for their King. Anno 1374. and was lucceeded by his Son

38. John II. who died by a Fall from his Horse, Anno 1390. and was succeeded by his Son 39. Henry III. who died, Anno 1407. and was fuc-

ceeded by his Son

40. John III. a Child of two Months old, who di-

ed, Anno 1453. and was succeeded by his Son 41. Henry IV. whom the Castilians deposed, and set

up his Brother Alonfo; who dying during the Intestine Wars, Ferdinand Son of John II. King of Aragon, married Isabella, Henry's Sifter. Henry, at last, after much ado, being reconciled to them, died in the Year 1472. and was succeeded by 42. Ferdinand V. call'd the Catholick, and Isabella,

in whom the Kingdoms of Castile and Aragon, were united, and under whom the bloody Inquifition was establish'd, Anno 1478. and the Kingdom of the Moors in Spain brought to a Period after it had flood 700 Years. Isabella dying, Anno 1504. and Ferdinand returning to Aragon, they were fucceeded by

43. Joan, Princels of Castile, and Philip the Netherlander; but he happening to die soon after, and the not being in her right Wits, the Administration of the Government was committed to Ferdinand, who dying, Anno 1516. was succeeded

by his Grand-son
44. Charles V. Emperor of that Name; who vo-Iuntarily abdicated the Government, leaving the Imperial Crown to his Brother Ferdinand, and all his Kingdoms and Territories, except those in Germany, to Philip. He died in the Convent of St. Justus, in Spain, Anno 1558. and was suc-

ceeded by

45. Philip II. whose Invincible Armado (with which he made no doubt to destroy England) confisting of 150 Sail of Ships, which carried 1600 great Pieces of Brass Cannon, and 1050 of Iron, 8000 Seamen, 20000 Soldiers, besides Volunteers; and whose Preparations cost twelve Millions of Ducars, was almost destroyed, few returning home, and those in a miserable condition. He died, Anno 1598. and was succeeded by his Son

46. Philip III. who died, Anno 1621. and was fuc-

ceeded by his Son

47. Philip IV. who died, Anno 1665, and was fucceeded by his Son

The King of Spain's Dominions being very large and scattered, is the reason why he appoints so many Viceroies and Governors of Countries. Of the former there are nine, viz. those of Naples, Sicily, Sardinia, Aragon, Valencia, Navarre, Catalonia, Peru, and new Spain. The principal Governors are those of the Netherlands, Milan, Galicia, Bifcay, the Isles of Majorca and Minorca; and in the Indies, Lima, Castra, St. Michael, Plata, &c. Those in Europe are for three Years, and those in the Indies for fix.

The Cortes (which is somewhat like our Parliament) is the High Court of the Nation; but (according to a Regulation made by Charles V.) only fixteen Towns and two Burroughs have a Privilege of sending Deputies to it, viz. Burgos, Leon, Gra-

nada, Sevile, Cordoua, Murcia, Jaen, Toledo, Segovia, Salamanca, Havila, Toro, Zamora, Cuenza, So-ria, Guadalaxar; and the two Burroughs are, Validolid and Madrid, because they are not enclosed with Walls. There are several forts of Councils that sit within the Palace at Madrid: As 1. The Council of State, whose number is not fixt, but meets every Menday and Thursday, and twice on Sa-eurday. 2. The Council Royal of Castile, consisting of 48, which meets every Friday for deliberating about the Affairs of Castile, 3. The Council of War, which was establish'd in the Year 720. and meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, about the Affairs of the Army; but the number of Counfellors is not fixt. 4. The Council of Inquisition, which (as we faid before) was instituted by Ferdinand and Habella, Ann. 1478. 5. The Council of Orders, which was established, Ann. 1489. for confidering of Affairs relating to the Knights of Calatrava, Alcantara, and St. Jago. 6. The Council of Aragon, established by Ferdinand, Ann. 1494. and confirmed by Charles V. for judging in the Assairs of Aragon, Valencia, the Isles of Majorca, Minorca, and Sardinia. 7. The Council of Italy, crected by Charles V. for considering Affairs of the Spanish Dominions in Italy; and consists of a President and fix Counsellors. 8. The Council of the Indies, erccted in the Year 1511, which takes Cognifance of the Affairs of the new World. 9. The Council of Finances, or the Hazienda, erected by Philip III. in the Year 1602. for inspecting of the Royal Revenues; and it confifts of a President and eight Counsellors. 10. The Junta de Millione, erected by Philip IV. Ann. 1653. to ease the Council of Finances, when they had too much, or too weighty Business on their Hands; and is properly a General Court for receiving all the Duties upon Goods; and because the greatest Sums pass through their Hands, this Court is call'd that of Millions. 11. The Council of the Croisade, establish'd, Ann. 1509. by vertue of a Bull of Pope Julius II. which allowed the King of Spain a Privilege to raise a Tax upon Ecclesianicks, on Condition that the same should be employed against such Infidels as infested the Coasts of Spain. This Council gives Orders for publishing of Jubilees, Licenses for printing of Books, and eating of Meat, &c. 12. The Council of Flanders, erected by Philip IV. Ann. 1628. for taking Cognifance of the Affairs of the Netherlands. 13. The Council d'Aposento, establish'd by Don Alenso, Ann. 1341. for ordering the Lodgings of the Officers of the King's Houshold, and Cognoscing of the Right which his Majesty has in all the Houles of Madrid. 14. The Council of the Chamber of Castile, erected by Charles V. Ann. 1518. to give an account to the President of Castile of all the Posts and Offices that were vacant in the two Castiles. 15. The Junta de Bosques Reales, erected by Charles V. to have Inspection of the King's Woods and Forests.

As to the Revenues of the Crown of Spain, if his Catholick Majesty did not draw vast Sums from the Indies, all that he has from the Low-Countries and Italy, would prove little enough for maintaining a fuitable number of Men for the security of those Countries. And his whole Revenues from Spain, the Indies, the Netherlands, Naples, Milan, Sicily, &c. are thought to amount to no more than Twenty Four Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty Two Thousand Livers, one Year with another in time of Peace; so that it seems pretty clear that he could not

by his own Forces maintain his Dominions abroad, if his Neighbours and Allies did not affift him. These Revenues arise principally from the Duties on all manner of Commodities Exported and Imported, and the Imposs on Bread and Wine, and all sorts of Provision; which are only Sold by Commissioners appointed by the Farmers of these Duties. His Majesty also receives considerable Profit from Stamp'd Paper; the Tax upon which is in proportion to the use they make of it, or according to the Importance of the Subject that is written on it.

Concerning the Forces of Spain, this Monarch is not much to be Feared either by Sea or Land; and his Preparations are always very flow. Eight Thoufand Men together at once make a great Spanish Army, and Twenty Five War Ships are feldom seen under the Command of one Admiral. The Spanish Infantry is thought generally very good, but the Cavalry indifferent.

There are three forts of Grandees in Spain, distinguished by certain Priviledges. The first are those who are cover'd before they speak to the King; the second are those that are covered after they have begun to speak; and the third those who are not coverd before they have done speaking, and return'd to their Place: And this Honour being formetimes annexed to certain Lands and Seigniories, falls ofren to Daughters, who confer it on their Husbands. There are also some who enjoy it only for themselves, but cannot transmit it to their Posterity: And neither one nor the other put on their Hats before the King makes a fign to them, which he never fails to do. The Spanish Nobility are not very much esteem'd, unless they be dignissed with some Military Order, or Cloath'd with the Title of Duke, Count or Marquis; however they enjoy a certain Priviledge. call'd Mayozango, by which, if their Creditors should happen to Arrest their Rents, the Judge is obliged to alor them a fuitable maintenance for themselves and their Retinue; which sometimes exceeds the yearly Rent of their Estate: For the Spaniards keep a great many Servants; and the Custom among them is, that when a Master dies, his Servants pass into the Service of his next Relations; which, as it mightily encreases the number of their Domesticks, so it quickly empties their Coffers; because these are all at Board Wages, and ly out a Doors.

In the Beginning of our Description of Spain, we put the Reader in mind of the Ancient Divisions of it, and now we come to those that have been made by late Geographers; who generally agree in dividing it into fifteen Parts, commonly call'd Kingdoms: As you may fee in the following Table; where we have plac'd them as they ly from North to South, in the same order as we design to Describe them.

The Kingdom of Spain divided into Fifteen

1. Biscay.	110. New Castile.
2. Asturia.	11. Extremadura.
3. Galicia.	12. Andalufia.
4. Navarre.	13. Murcia.
5. Old Caftile. > viz.	14. Granada.
6. Leon.	15. The Islands of Ma-
7. Catalonia.	jorca, Minorca, Ivica,
8. Aragon.	and Formentera.
9. Valencia. J	L

BISCAY, Biscaia, is bounded on the North with the Sea of that Name, anciently call'd Mare

Alast and Guipuscon; on the South, with Old Castile; and on the Weit, with Austuria. It was anciently Governed by Princes of its own, of the Family of Haro; who failing, in the Siege of Algezira, ir fell in to John King of Cafile. It is faid to be about 100 Miles long, but not near fo broad; and is divided into feveral Parts, call'd Merindada's, viz. Garnica, Busturia, Uribe, Arratia, Bedia, Corzona, Du-rango, Murguina, and Prestamero Major. There are in this Country feveral good Mines of Iron and Steel; which turn to good account to the luhabirants, there being (as is computed) about 30000000. pound weight Exported from thence into other Countries every Year. The most confiderable Towns

Bilbao.

Divarro.

S. Sebaftian, in Guipuscoa.

Laredo.

Biibao, thought to be the ancient Flaviebriga, a Town Inhabited of old by the Autrigones, in Cantabria, formerly call'd Portus Amanus, is now the Chief City of Bifcay, and a famous Mart-Town, standing on the River Nervio, about 6 Miles from the Mouth of it, and about 50 from S. Andero to the East. Lat. 43. 30. Long. 14. 30. Jo. Mariana says that this Town is not so ancient, it having been built by Didacus Lupus of the Family of Haro, Lord of Bifcay, about the Year 1298, in the place where Portus Amanus formerly stood. But whether this or that be the true Opinion, it is at present a Place of great Trade, and one of the most considerable Ports in Spain, tho great Veffels cannot come up so far, but must ly at a place half a League nearer the Sea. It's Trade confills chiefly in Swords and Armour; the former of which are famous over all Europe.

Durango, Durangum, is a pretty well Inhabited Town, about 12 Miles from the Sea, 16 from Bilbao to the East, and 24 from Placentia, and is the

Title of a Family in that Country.

S. Andero, Andreapolis, Anciently call'd (according to fome Authors) Flavionavia, stands on the Bay of Biscay, on the Confines of Asturia, and has a very Commodions Harbour, defended by an old Castle, distant, about 50 Miles from Bilbao, and 24 from Laredo to the West, and as many from Sant Illana. It was formerly destroyed, but afterwards Rebuilt by Alonfo IX. King of Castile, in the year 1174, and was formerly well Inhabited, and neat, but is now in a decaying Condition. It is in the Diocess of Burgofs; and has been lately Honoured with the Title of a Bishoprick.

Laredo, Laredum, is a little Town on the Coast of Bifcay, but has a large and fafe Harbour, and reckon'd one of the four Principal Sea Port Towns of that Country. It stands among rugged Rocks and Hills, about 30 Miles from Bilbao to the West, and 6 from

S. Andero.

Ordunna, Ordunia, is a little Town, fituated near the Mountains, about 36 Miles from Bilbao to the South, and 5 from the Sea of Bifeay: And was formerly (according to Gregorius de Argaiz) call'd Dar-

The Country call'd GUIPUSCOA, is a Province of Spain, and a part of Biscay, taken in a large Sense; but was formerly a part of the Kingdom of Navarre; and was anciently Inhabited by the Varduli and Cavisti. It is bounded on the North with the Sea of Bifcay; on the West with Bifcay properly

Contebricum; on the East, with the Provinces of fo call'd; on the South with the Province of Alava; and on the East with Naverre, and part of France. Alonfo IX. King of Caftile, took it from Sancho the last of that Name, King of Navarre. The Towns of greatest note init are,
S. Schastien. 7 STolosa.
Fuentaravia. S Plasencia.

S. Sebastien, or Donastien, as the Inhabitans call it. Sebastianopolis, or Fanum Sebastiani, is a Fortified Town, ficuated at the Foot of the Mountains, on the Coast of Biscay, at the mouth of the River Orio about 10 Miles from the Borders of France to the West; and has the advantage of a commodious and large Harbour. It is reported of this Town, That no Stranger is allowed to higher a House for himself but must Lodge with some of the Burghers, ever since the Flemings began to Trasique here; for to oblige the Inhabitants at first, they voluntarily allowed their Landlords one in the hundred of all the Goods they Sold there; and now the Spaniards have brought that Custom into a fort of a Law.

Fuentaravia or Fontarabia, Fons Rapidus, is a For-tified Town upon the Coast of the Sea of Guienne, at the Mouth of the River Bidaffoa, on the very Confines of France, near the Ruins of the ancient Ola fo, or Aifo, about 12 Miles from S. Sebastien, and 24 from Bayone. It was Built by the Goths, in the year 625, and was formerly included within Aquitain, it lying on the French fide of the Pyrenees; and belonged to the Diocels of Bayone; till the year 1571, that Philip II. King of Spain, separated it from thence. The River upon which it stands separates France from Spain, Fontarabia being on the Border of Spain on one fide of the River, and Andaya on the Border of France, opposite to it, on the other. The French exact Custom from those that go into Spain, and the Spaniards from those that go into France. This River also Forms that little Island, call'd by the French Isle de Faisens, where the Peace was concluded between the two Crowns, in the year 1659.

Tolofa, Tolofe is a pretty handsom Town, standing near the River Orio, near the Foot of the Pyrenees, about 16 Miles from the Sea of Bifcay to the South, as many from S. Sebastian, and about 2s much from Monte de S. Adrian. The French call it Tolosette, to distinguish it from Tolouse in Lan-

guedec.

Plasencia, Placentia, is a little Town in this same Province, first begun by Alonso IX. King of Castile, in the year 1343; and is Famous for the Arms of all forts that are made there.

The little Province of ALAVA, which was formerly of much larger extent, is bounded on the North, with Guipuscoa; on the East, with Navarre; on the West, with Bifeay; and on the South, with Ruconia or La Rioja. It was once a part of Navarre, till the year 1342, that Alonso IX. King of Castile took it from Sancho, the last of that Name, King of Navarre, and for ever United it to the Kingdom of Castile. The Towns of greatest Note in it are,

Vitoria. 3 { Salvaterra. Trevinno. }

Vitoria, Victoria, is the Chief Town of this Province, Situated at the Foot of the Mountain call'd Monte de S. Adrian, near the Province of Biscay, about 60 Miles from Pompelona, to the West; 48 from Bilbao, to the South; and 80 from Burgos to the North East. It was Built (according to Mariama) by Sancho, King of Navarre, about the year 1180, where formerly stood a Village call'd Ga-

Trevinno and Salvaterra, are so inconsiderable that they hardly deferve a particular Description; The former of which flands about 20 Miles from Vitoria, to the South West. The other about 12 to the East, near the Province of Guipuscoa.

ASTURIA, Lyes on the West of Bijeay, be-tween that and Galeeia; The former of which Bounds it on the East; the latter on the West; Old Caffile and Leon on the South; and the Sea on the North. It is about 140 Miles in Length, from East to West; and about 60 Broad, South and North. It is commonly divided into Afturia de Oviedo, that lyes next to Galecia; and Afturia de Santillana, which is the East part of it, and Iyes next to Bifcay: And is otherwise divided into 7 parts call'd Merin-dada's. The little Province of Liebana, which lyes among the high Mountains call'd Europæ, (and of which we shall take eccasion to speak afterwards,) is a part of it. It was into this Province that Pelagius the famous Maintainer of the Spanish Liberty, Fled, with the other Christians who would not submit themselves to the Moors, when they Conquered the rest of Spsin: And it is the Title of the Presumptive Heir of Spain. The most considerable Towns in

Oviedo. S Santillana, Aviles. S. Vincent de la Varquera, Gijon.

Ovetum, is the Chief City of this part of Asturia, distant about 20 Miles from the Sea of Biscay to the South; 70 from Astorga, and about 60 from Leon to the North West. It was formerly the Seat of the Kings of Oviedo, and gave Name to the Kingdom. It is now neither in good Condition, nor well Inhabited; but is an Episcopal See, under the Arch-Bishop of Compostella, and has a fort of an University, Erected in the year 1580.

Aviles, Avila, is a little Town in this Asturia, near the River Nalon, and not far from the Sea of Biscay, about 36 Miles from Oviedo to the North; and 12 from Cabo de Penas; and is by some thought

to be the ancient Flavionavia P.esscorum.

Gijon, Gigia, is a little Town Seated in a Plain, near the Cabo de Penas, about 20 Miles from Oviedo to the North; 60 from Leon; and near 50 from the Confines of Galecia to the East. It is almost surrounded by the Sea, and has the advantage of a Harbour and a Caftle; and was formerly the Chief Town of the Province.

Sant Illana, Fanum Sancta Juliana, is a little Town, but the Chief one in that part of Asturia to which it gives Name. It stands about 3 Miles from the Sca of Biscay, and 20 from S. Andero to the West; and is thought to have been formerly call'd Con-

cana.

The little Province of LIEBANA (as we faid before) is Situated among the high Mountains of Asturia, cass'd Europæ, or los Montes de Europa, in Assuria Santillana, and is above 30 Miles Long, and near 20 Broad; and is divided into 5 Vallies, call'd, Cillorigo, Voldeprado, Vahebaro, Cereceda, and Polanes; in which they reckon 366 Villages and Hamlets, but very little ones, and indifferently Inhabited. The Chief Town of it is Potes, a little Town about 30 Miles from Santillana.

GALLICIA, or Galizia, according to the Spanish Pronunciation , Gallecia, is the most Westerly Province of Spain; anciently Inhabited by the Callaici Lucenses, and a part of the Callaici Braccarii. It is Bounded on the North and West by the Atlantick Ocean, on the South by Portugal, and on the East by Asturia and the Kingdom of Leon. It is about 180 Miles Long, and 150 Broad. There are in it feveral Springs of hot Waters, which make the Air somewhat unwholsom. There are also several Mines of Gold, Copper, Lead, Iron and Vermilion; and the Sea Coast is plentifully provided with many forts of good Fishes. It had formerly the Title of a Kingdom, but is now by most Authors reckon'd a part of that of Leon, and entirely Subject to the King of Spain. It is a very Mountainous Country. And the most considerable Towns in it are,

Compostella.) C Mondonnedo. Tuy. S. Maria Finis Terre. Mongia. Rivadeo. Corunna. Lugo. Orenfe. Baiona.

Compostella. Compostella, the Capital City of Galicia, stands on a riling Ground, about 36 Miles from Corunna to the South, and 50 from Cabo Finisterre to the East. It was built by King Alonfo the Chafte, Ann. 835. from the Ruins of Iria Flavia, which flood about 10 Miles to the South of the place where Compostella now stands; and is now call'd Padron. This City is chiefly famous for the great number of Pilgrims that refort bither to pay their Devotions to St. James; for they fay, that this Apostle being sent into Spain to preach the Gospel, suffered Martyrdom at Compostella; that in the year 835 his Body was found in this Place: And that in the year \$44. he appear'd to King Ramirius, and affur'd him of certain Victory over the Moors, on Condition he would refuse to pay the yearly Tribute of an Hundred Christian Virgins, which Mauregatus King of Leen, had formerly undertaken to pay them. Since which time Spain has Honoured this Apostle as their Patron. But whatever may be of that, Alonso caus'd a stately Church to be Built at Compostella, and obtained a Bull from Pope Leo III. for transfering the Episcopal Seat of Iria Flavia hither. It was made the Seat of an Arch-Bishop by Calixtus II. in the year 1124 in the place of Emerita Augusta, or Merida, which was then miserably oppress'd by the Saracens. The Spaniards commonly call it Santiago, and some give it the Name of Iria Nova, for the reason above mentioned. There are here a fmall Castle and an University; and this was the Birth-place of Alonfo I. King of Castile and Leon.

Corunna, Coronium, which Ptolomy makes mention of as a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, stands upon the North Coast of this Province, between the two Promontories of Cabo Finisterre, and Calo de Ortegal, about 30 Miles from Compostella to the North, and 360 from Lisbon; having the advantage of a large Harbour, and is defended by two Neigbouring Forts. It is a place of great Riches, and good Trade, and by the English commonly call'd the Gropu: And is an Episcopal See, Subject to the Arch-Bishop of

Compostella.

Lugo, Lucus Augusti, mentioned by Pliny, as the Chief Town anciently belonging to the Cassaci Lucenses, in Hispania Tarraconensis, is now a little Town, Situated among the Mountains, near the Head of the River Minho, about 70 Miles from Compostella to the East, 30 from the Confines of Assuria de Oviedo, as many from Modonnedo to the South;

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South; and about 50 from Orense. Alonso recover'd it from the Moors, Anno 753, and it is an Episcopal See, under the Arch-Bishop of Compostella.

Orenfe, Auria, or Aque Calide Cilinorum, mentioned by Ptolomy, as a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, call'd Aque Celine by Antoninus, and Amphilochia by Strabo, Stands upon the River Minho, about 56 Miles from Compostella to the South East, as many from Lugo to the South, and near as much from Tuy. It has its ancient Name from its excellent hot Baths, which prove an effectual Cure for several forts of D. seases: And it is an Episcopal See under the Arch-Bishop of Compstella. Some are of opinion, that these old Names belong rather to Baiona, a Town on the Coast of this Province, at the Mouth of the River Minbo; but the other feems to have a berrer Title to them.

Mondennedo, Mindonia, or Mindon, thought to be the ancient Ocelum, is a little Town that ows its rise to the Ruin of a Neighbouring one, called Bretonia, or Bretagna, in the same Province: And stands about 16 Miles from the Sea of Biscay to the South; 33 from Lugo to the North; and 24 from Rivadeo, a little Town in this Province. It is fituted in a Valley call'd Valdeabria, and is an Episcopal See, under the Arch-Bishop of Compostella; but is at present very inconsiderable and thinly Inha-

Tuy, Tyde, is a little Fortified Town, in this Province, on the Confines of Portugal, standing on the River Minho, about 24 Miles from the Mouth of it; 48 from Orenfe to the West; and above 60 from Compessella to the South; and is an Episcopal See, under the Arch Bishop of Compostella.

S. Maria Finisterre, is a little Town about 40 Miles from Compostella to the West; near the Promontory call'd Cabo Finisterre, anciently call'd Artabrum, and Celticum by Pliny, and Nerium by Ptolomy and Strabo; which juts out into the Sea to the West; and is very well known by the European Petrus de Medina thinks these old Names belonged rather to another Promontory call'd Cabo Tourinhan, 20 Miles to the North of Finisterre.

Navarre, Navarra, And Navarræ Regnum.

NAVARRE, which is the North East part of the Kingdom of Spain, was anciently Inhabited by the Vascones; and is bounded on the North with France; on the East and South with Aragon; and on the West with Old Castile; and is divided by the Pyrenean Mountains in two parts, viz. the Higher and the Lower: The former of which is much the larger, and belongs to Spain; The other belongs to France, and lyes on the French fide of the Mountains. Navarre was formerly Govern'd by its own Kings, for feveral Ages, untill the year 1512 that Ferdinand V. King of Aragon, Invaded it, and drove out its Lawful King, John Albret, without any Cause of Offence given, or any Allowance from the Pope; tho the Spaniards pretended a Bull granted by Julius II. for that end; but the French alledge, and Mezeray, particularly, proves, that this Bull was afterwards procured by the folicitation of the Spaniards. But whether of the two be in the right, we will not now enlarge upon it; only this is certain, that fince that time, the Higher Navarre has been subject to Spain, as the Lower has been to France, fince the time of Henry the Great. The Higher Navarre is a

Dry, Barren, and very ill Cultivated Country; infomuch that the King of Spain does not Receive fo much Revenue out of it as maintains the Troops he is oblig'd to keep there: But the Lower is both well Watered, Improved and well Inhabited. The Higher is divided into Five Diffricts, call'd Merindada's, viz. Merind. de Pamplona, Merind. de Olite, Merind. de Sanguesa, Merind. de Estella, and Merind. de Tudela. And the most considerable Towns in it

Pampelona. SEftella.
Olite.
Sanguefa. Tudela.

Pampelona, Pampelon, and Pompeiopolis, anciently a City in Hispania Tarraconensis, belonging to the Va-Scones, according to Strabo and Ptolomy, is the chief Town of this Province, and a place of great strength, with a strong Cittadel to bridle the French, built by King Philip II. It hath been subject to Spain fince the Year 1512. that Ferdinand of Aragon invaded this Country. It stands upon the River Arga, in a Valley surrounded with high Mountains, about 60 Miles from Baiona to the South, 75 from Bilboa, and 110 from Burgos to the West. It is said to have been built, or at least repair'd, by Pompey the Great, who, together with Metellus, obtain'd several Victories over Sertorius in this Country; and therefore Strabo calls this place Pompeii Torpea. In the Year 735. King Alonso, having driven out the Moors. rook this Town and feveral others in this Country from them; and here Ignatius Loiola valiantly fighting, was fo wounded, that he was obliged to lay aside the Sword, and betake himself to a Monastick Life, and afterwards instituted the famous Order of the Feluits.

Olite, Olitum, or Oligitis, the chief Town of the Merindada or District of that name, stands on the little River call'd Cidacos de Navarra, near Tafalla, 24 Miles from Pampelona, to the South, and as many

from Tudela.

Tudela, Tutela, is a fine and well fituated Town, standing on the River Ebro, where the Rivulet Queiles falls into it; 24 Miles South from Olice, 16 from Tarazona to the North-East; and 60 from Zaragoza; and gives name to the District in which it lies.

Old Castile, Castella Vetus.

OLD CASTILE, which was anciently inhabited by the Avevace Murbogi, Vaccai, and part of the Celtiberi, is bounded on the North, with Afturia Santillana and Biscay; on the East, with Navarre, and part of Aragon; on the South, with New Castile; and on the West, with the Kingdom of Leon. It is divided into seven Districts, call'd Merindada's; and taken in a large fense, comprehends Alava, Biscay, both the Asturia's, and Guipuscoa; but otherwise Old Castile is Castile properly so call'd, and known by this name for two Centuries, before the Kingdom of Toledo was call'd New Ca-Old Castile was formerly a Kingdom by it self, but was united with Aragon by the Marriage of Ferdinand and Isabella, in the Year 1474. It is a mountainous and barren Country, except in the little Vallies and Dales, which produce Corn and Wine, and feveral forts of good Fruits. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Serma, Frias, Burgos, Segovia, Valadolid, Avila, La Calzada, Sosma, Soria, Nagera.) Soria,

Burgos, Burgi, the chief City of this Province, stands among the Mountains, near the River Arlanza, upon a rifing Ground, about 140 Miles from Madrid to the North; 60 from the Coast of the Sea of Biscay to the South; 160 from Zaragoza to the West; and Placentia to the East. It is said to have fpring from the Ruins of the ancient Auca, now call'd, Nuestra Sennora de Occa, and was formerly the Seat of that little Kingdom. It was made a Bishop's Seat in the Year 1075. and an Archbishoprick, in the Year 1571. by Pope Gregory XIII. And the yearly Revenues of that Prelate are faid to amount to 40000 Ducats. It claims the first place in the Estates of the two Castiles, tho Toledo disputes it. It has an excellent Bridge over the Duera, which joins the City to the Suburbs; but the Streets of it are narrow, and the Houses ill Built. The Cathedral Church is very Magnificent; and the Abby of las Hueglas, wherein are maintain'd 150 Nuns, all Daughters of Noblemen, is a large Pile of Building. There is also a Royal Hospital, the yearly Revenues of which amount to 80000 Livers, a College of Jesuits, a Monastry of Augustines, and another of Dominicans. This City is also adorn'd with several Palaces and many Fountains. Alonfo the VII. King of Aragon, recovered it from the Saracens, Anno 1106 and not far from hence, there is said to be a Well whose Water effectually cures Fluxes.

Avila, Abula, mentinned by Ptolomy, in Hispania Tarraconesis; and by some call'd Arbacula and Albucella, stands on a little Hill, hard by the Rivulet Adaia, Surrounded with Hills and Rocks, and enclosed with very good Walls: In the midst between Madrid and Salamanca, about 60 Miles from either; and 100 from Burgos to the South. It is an Episcopal See, under the Arch-Bishop of Compostella; and is reckon'd famous for being the Birth-place of S. Teresia: And is the Title of a Noble Family.

Calaborra, Calaguris, a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, according to Pliny; otherwise call'd Caligurris, by Livy; and Calagorina by Ptolomy; stands near the River Ebro, where it Receives the Rivulet call'd Cidacos de Castilla, on a rising Ground, on the Confines of Navarre, in the midst between Logrono to the West, and Tudela to the East, about 24 Miles from either, 90 from Burgos to the East; and as many from Pamplona to the South. Afranius (as Mariana Relates) did so closely Besiege this place, that the Townsmen lived for some time, upon the Flesh of their Wives and Children; which gave occasion to the Romans, to call any great Famine, Fames Calagurritana; but at last the Town was taken and demolish'd, and the Inhabitants put to the Sword. It was first made an Episcopal See, under the Arch Bishop of Tarragena, by Pope Alexander VI. Anno 1498, but is now under the Arch-Bishop of

Calzada, Calciata, call'd also Dominicopolis, and fometimes by the Inhabitants Domingo de la Calzada, is a little Town in the Province of Rioja, standing on a River, in a Plain surrounded almost with high Hills, distant about 48 Miles from Calaborra to the West, and 12 from Najora. It was anciently only a Monastary, but is now an Episcopal Sear, under the Arch-Bishop of Burgos, and since the year 1236, its See has been united with that of Alava; which was transfer'd to Calaborra by Pope Alexander VI. in the year 1498.

Segovia, Segovia, or Segulia, according to Ptolomy, anciently a Town belonging to the Arevaci, in Hispania Tarraconensis, stands in a pleasant Valley, at the foot of the Mountains, the North tide of it being wash'd with the little River Erefina, into which two Torrents fall, call'd Clamores and Frio Miles South from Burg s; and 37 North East from Avila. It is a large, fine, and well Peopled Town; and is call'd Laberiofa, because there's no Body to be there seen either Idle or Begging, except such as Age or Sickness have rendered unfit for Work or Business. There are two things principally remarkable in this City, the first is an Aqueduct of a prodigious length, confifting of two Rows of Arches, the one above the other, which carry's Water to Serve the whole City; but they are not agreed by whom it was made, some giving King Hipfalus the Honour of it; others, the Emperor Trajan; others, Lacinius Governor of Spain, under Vefpasian; and others, the Moors; but these seem to have no Title to it, since it is probable that it was Built before they had any footing in Spain. The second thing is the famous Mint-House, where the Mony is struck by a Machine managed by the force of Water: Every Body is free to Coin their Mony here, of the fame Weight, and with the same Impression as the King's has, provided only they furnish the Silver or Gold, and pay a small Duty to the King; which is entirely laid out upon the House, so that the King has no profit by it. This City is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo, and is famous for its Woollen Manu-

Valadolid, Pintia, anciently a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, belonging to the Vaccai, is a large and fine City, but without any Walls, standing in a Plain, on the River Pifuerga; which a little below falls into the Duero, on the Confines of Leon, 45 Miles South from Burgos, and 50 North from Segovia. It hath sometime been the Residence of the Spanish Kings, and there is still a Palace Royal in it; where were born, Henry IV. King of Ca-file, Ann. 1425. Philip II. King of Spain, Ann. 1527. Philip IV. Ann. 1605. and Anna of Austria, Queen of France, Ann. 1601. Its Situation is very de-lightful, being in a plentiful Country; and the Inhabitants, for Civility and Politeness, are said to be inferiour to none in all Spain. It was made an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo, by Pope Clement VIII. on the 25th of November, in the Year 1595. and the King soon after gave it the Title and Privileges of a City.

Osma, Uxama, the name of a very ancient Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, destroy'd by Pompey the Great, afterwards rebuilt, and at last sack'd and raz'd by the Moors, and now confifts of a few forry Houses, which stand upon the Duero, where the Rivulets Avion and Uxero fall into it; but near to it, on the other fide of the River, there is a place call'd el Borgo d' Ofma, where the Bishop resides; and there is a fort of an University, founded in the Year 1550. and is distant, 40 Miles from Signenza, to the North West; So from Burges, to the South East, and 42 from the Rubbish of Numentie, now call'd Garay.

Soria. Soria, is a Town standing near the Head of the River Duero, 3 Miles from the Ruins of Numantia, cali'd Garay, 30 Miles above Ofma, and 100 East from Valadolid, and 32 from Tarazona, to the South West. It is situated among Hills, and is well inhabited, and has Jurisdiction over a great many neighbouring Villages. Nagera,

Nagera, Nagara, stands on a Rivulet, at the Foot of the Mountains, in the Province of Rieja, (which is a part of Old Caftile) and has the Title of a Dukedom; but its Episcepal See was removed to Calzada. It stands between Logronno to the West, and Calzada, to the South West; and is remarkable for a memorable Battle, sought between Peter the Cruel, and Henry, Kings of Castile, in the Year 1367.

The Kingdom of Leon, properly fo call'd.

Legionense Regnum proprie dictum.

The Kingdom of LEON, taken in a large fense, is of much greater Extent than that we are now treating of; for Gallicia, Asturia d' Oviedo, Asturia Santillana, the Province of Estremadura, and likewife Old Castile, were all anciently under the Dominion of the Kings of Leon, Which Kingdom, as the Spanish Writers say, did begin, under King Pelagin, in the Year 717. But the French Historians are of another Opinion, and say, That the Kingdom of Leon had not Kings of its own, of the Race of Pelagius, till a great many Years after; and that at last, in the Year 1230. it was for ever united unto that of Castile, under King Ferdinand. But however that may be, Leon, which we are now describing, is of much leffer Exrent, comprehending only that part of Spain that lies Arerched towards the North; which was anciently inhabited by the Aftures Cismontani, a part of the Vaccai, and some of the Vettones; and which is bounded, on the North, with the Principality of Afluria; on the East, with Old Castile; on the South, with Extranadura Legionensis; and on the West, with Portugal and Gallicia, and is about 150 Miles long, and 120 broad. It is divided into two Parts by the River Duero, viz. Leon on this fide the Duero, which lies most Southerly; and Leon beyond the Duero, which lies most Northerly. This Country is Mountainous, but in some places produces good increase of Corn, and near Zamara there are abundance of that precious Stone call'd Turquoife found. It was fubdued by Augustus C.esar; and after it had been subject to the Romans for the space of about 500 Years, the Goths made themselves Masters of it; who about 400 Years after, were expell'd by the Moors and Saracens; who possels'd it till the Year 722. that Pelagius, a Prince of Gothick Extraction, recovered this Province from them. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Leon.
Palencia.
Salamanca.
Civilad Rodrigo.
Medina del Campo.

Tordefillas.

Leon, I egio Germanica, and Septima, anciently a City of Hispania Citerior, according to Prolomy, is feated at the Foot of the Mountains of Asturia, near the Source of the River Esla; in the midst between Valadolid and Oviedo, 70 Miles from the former to the North West, and 50 from the latter to the South East, and 70 Miles from Burgos to the West. It was built (according to Mariana) under the Emperor Trajan, by the Soldiers of the seventh Legion, call'd Gemina, after they had quitted Sublancia in Assurias, because it stood on the Ridge of a Hill. It was taken from the Moors by Pelagius, in the Year 722, and in the Year 985, it was taken from the Christians

(after a Year's Siege, and a refolute Refistance) by these Insidels; who put all within it to the Sword, without any distinction, either of Sex or Age. It was for some time the Royal City of the Kingdom; but now, tho' it is large, yet it is but thinly inhabited. It is an Episcopal Sec, under the Archbishop of Compostella; and has hardly any thing remarkable in it except its Cathedral Church.

Palencia, Palantia, anciently a City of the Vaccei in Hifpania Tarraconensis, according to Prolomy, stands in a Plain, on the River Carrion, which a little below falls into the Pesuega, on the Consines of Old Castile, about 48 Miles from Burgos, to the West; 32 from Valadolid, to the North; and 60 from Leon, to the South East. It was ruined during the Wars with the Insidels; but repaired by King Sancho, in the Year 1032. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Burgos; but was formerly Suffragan to the See of Toledo, and is now in a

flourishing Condition.

Salamanca, Salmantica, anciently (according to Ptolomy) a Town belonging to the Vertones, in Hifpania Lusitanica, probably the same with Elemantica in Polybius, is a pretty large Town, standing on the River Tornes; but very ill built, being fituated on three Hillocks, most part of the Houses being ruin-ous, except the Churches, Colleges, and Monasteries. It is distant, 30 Miles from Zamora, to the South; 44 from the Confines of Portugal; about 50 from Valadolid, to the South West; and 50 from Cividad Roderigo. King Ferdinand of Castile, to oblige the Inhabitants of this Country, and because this place was conveniently situated for that purpole, transferr'd the University of Palencia hither, about the Year 1239. his Father Alonso King of Leon, having laid the Foundation of an University there before. The University has for a long time been in a flourishing Condition, and all the Professors are very well provided for. This City is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Compostella.

Cividad Redrigo, Rodericopolis, has its name from Count Rederick, who laid the Foundation of it, under the Reign of Ferdinand, King of Leon, Ann. 1170. and is a pretty neat and well inhabited Town, on the River Agueda, fituated in a pleasant Country, and distant about 12 Miles from the Confines of Portugal, to the East; and 45 South from Salamanca. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Com-

postella.

Medina del Campo, Metina Campensis, so called because of its Situation in that Tract of Ground in
this Country call'd la Tierra de Campos, and to distinguish it from others of that name. It stands on
the little River Zapardiel, on the Confines of Old Castile, about 30 Miles from Valadolid, to the South; 6
from the River Duero, and about 40 from Avila. It
was formerly a pretty large Town; but is now in a
decaying Condition. Ferdinand I. King of Aragon
was born here, Ann. 1380. The Emperor Ferdinand I. Ann. 1503. And Islaeda Queen and Heiress
of Castile, died here, 26 November, 1504.

Zamora, Sentica, anciently (according to Prolomy) a Town belonging to the Vaccei, in Hilpania Tarraconenfis, is now a wall'd Town, ftanding on a rifing Ground, on the River Duero, about 32 Miles from the Confines of Portugal, to the Eaft; 45 from Valadolid, to the Weft; and in the midft between Afterga, to the North, and Salamanca, to the South, about 40 Miles from either. It was ruined by the Moors, Ann. 888, and afterwards repair'd, and

made

made an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of

Compostella, Ann. 1124.

Astorga, Asturiga Augusta, anciently (according to Ptolomy) a Town and Colony of the Astures Cismontani, in Hispania Tarraconensis, bordering with the Vaccai; is now a decaying Town, and thinly inhabited, upon the River Tuerto, about 21 Miles from Leon, to the South West; 80 from Burges, to the West; 40 from Zamora; and near 40 from Zamora, to the North; and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Compostella.

Tordefillas, Turris Syllana, stands on the River Duero, about 20 Miles from Valladolid, to the West; 12 from Simancas; 20 from Toro; and 34 from Zamora to the East. It is fornetimes call'd Jugum Syllarum, and Otero de Sillas; and there is an old Castle in it, in which Joan, Queen of Castile, and Mother to the Emperor Charles V. died, Ann. 1555.

Catalaunna, Catalonia.

CATALONIA, which is faid to derive its name from the Goths and Alans, as if one should fay Gothalonia, was anciently inhabited by the Ause-tani, Castellani, Illergetes, Indigetes, Læstani, and Lacetani, People of Hispania Tarraconensis; and is bounded on the West, with Aragon and Valencia; on the East and South, with the Mediterranean Sea; and on the North, with the Pyrenean Mountains. It was formerly govern'd by the Counts of Barcellona, under the Protection of the Kings of France; but afterwards fell to the Kings of Aragon, in the Year 1137. by the Marriage of Raymund, Count of Barcellona, with Petronilla, Queen and Heiress of Aragon. It is a mountainous Country, but pretty Fertile, and well water'd; and if the Soil is not so good as could be wish'd, the Bowels of the Earth make, in a good measure, amends; for they produce Amethists, Agats, Crystal, Alum, Alabaster, Coral, Gold, Silver, Vitriol, and Salt; whereof there are several Mines, particularly that at Girone. In the Year 1640, the Catalonians revolted; and being affided by the French, came under the Protection of that Crown, which fent Viceroys or Governors to Rule it, till the Year 1659, that by the 42d and 43d Articles of the Peace, then concluded, it was agreed. That the Pyrenees should be the Bounds betwixt the two Kingdoms of France and Spain. This Country is divided into two Parts, viz. Old Catalonia and New Catalonia; the former whereof comprehends the East part of it, as the other does the West. It hath been variously divided at several times; fometimes into 56 Regions, sometimes into 17 Districts or Vicariates, &c. The Inhabitants are faid to be the most liberal and induftrious People in all Spain: And Buno, particularly, says there are 56 Cities and free Towns in it: The most considerable of which are,

> Barcelona. Tarragona.
> Vich.
> La Seu d' Urgel.
> Palamos. Solfona. Tortofa. Girone. Lerida. Puygeerda.

Barcelona, Barcino, a Town (according to Pliny) in Hispania Tarraconensis; which Ptolomy calls Barcinon; Livy, Barchino, and others, Faventia, is the chief City of this Province, and a famous Mart-Town, with a tolerable Road for great Ships, and ftrong Fort, and a Mold that runs out into the Sea,

for the space of 750 Paces; which secures t'e Gallies against the Violence of Winds and Sorns. It is fituated on the South Coast, between the Mourlis of two Rivers, viz. Befos on the Eatl, and Latr gas on the West; about 40 Miles from Tacragona, 10 the East, 50 from Girona, to the South We'l, and 40 from Vieb de Offena, Lat. 41. 1 ong. 20. It is a very ancient City, infomuch that some will have it to be built by Hercules; but its generally agreed, that it was built by Hamilear, fir nam'd Bareas, a Car-thaginian, about 300 Years before the Birth of Christ. In the Year 803, the Emperor Lews the Pious routed the Moors, and recovered this City; and in the Year 985, the Moors laid Siege to it on the first of July, and took it on the the fixth; but it was quickly recover'd by the Christians. In the Year 1472. it was befieged by the King of Aragen, and surrendered upon honourable Terms, after it had made an obstinate Defence. On the 17 Octob. 1652. after a tedious Siege of sisteen Months, it furrendered to the King of Spain; because, by reafon of the Civil Wars in France, it could not have necessary Succours from thence. It was besieged by the French in the Year 1697, and, after an obtinate Defence, surrendered to Duke de Vendosme, but restored in the succeeding Treaty at Rysmick. It is well fortify'd, and feveral of the Churches are very magnificent; and the common Opinion is, That it is as big as Naples, but falls thort in the number of Inhabitants. The Nobility enjoy great Privileges in this City, it not being in the Power of any Man to put a Gentleman in Prison. The High Court of Justice of this Province sits in this City, as does also a Court of Inquisition, and it is the Residence of the Viceroy; and an Epileopal See, under the Archbishop of Tarragona: The Pope is Heir to the Bishop; whose Breath is no sooner out of his Body, than his Holiness's Officer (whom he has always ready there on fuch Occasions) seizes on all the Goods and Chattels belonging to him.

Salsona, Celsona, stands at the Foot of the Mountains, on the River Cardoner, about 60 Miles from Barcelona to the North, 30 from Girena to the East, and 40 from the Pyrenean Mountains to the South. It is in no good Condition, and thinly inhabited; but is an Episcopal See, under the Arch-

bishop of Tarragena.

Tortosa, Dertosa, anciently (according to Ptolemy) a Town of the Illercaones in Hispania Tarraconensis, by others call'd Dertossa, and Dertusa, is a fortified Town, of great Importance, being feated near the Mouth of the Ebro, and therefore fitted for Traffick; which is not so great now as it has been formerly. It is distant, about 12 Miles from the Confines of Valencia, to the East; 40 from Tarragona, to the West; and 42 from Lerida, to the South. In the Year 1148. Raymund, Earl of Barcelona, with the Affiltance of the Genocle Fleet, took it from the Moors. It was taken by the French in the Year 1649, and furrendered to the King of Spain in September 1650. when both it, and all the Counrry along the Ebro, was reduced, and return'd to their former Allegiance to that Monarch. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Tarragena.

Girona, Gerunda, anciently (according to Piny) a Town belonging to the Australia Hispania Tarrace-nensis, stands about 20 Miles from the Coast of the Mediterranean to the West; the County of Roussian, to the North; 62 from Perpignan to the S. and about 50 from Barcelona to the N. E. Ic is Seated (fays Mariana) on the side of a Hill, at the Foot whereof runs the River, anciently call'd Thici, now Tera; which has so wash'd away the Banks next the City, that they add confiderably to its Strength. The Walls are well Built, the Towers of Stone, and Strong. In the highest part of the City stands the Cathedral, and Billiops House, a large and beautiful Fabrick: It was befieg d and taken by the French in the year 1285. Taken also by them in the late War, and restor'd to his Catholick Majesty by the Treaty of Ryswick, Ann. 1697. and is an Episcopal See, under

the Archbishop of Tarragona. Lerida, Ile da, Anciently (according to Casar and Pliny) the chief Town belonging to the Hergetes, is Scated on a little Hill, which infensibly almost terminates in a Valley, upon the River Segre, 70 Miles from Tarragona to the North-West, 50 from Tortofa to the North; about 100 from Barcelona to the North Weit; and 80 from Zaragoza. It was recover'd from the Moors, Ann. 1143. and hath been fince that time often Taken, and Retaken, and in the year 1643. it Surrendred to his Catholick Majesty, after an obstinate Defence, and return'd to his Allegiance, from the French, who had taken it under the Command of Monf. de la Motte. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Tarragona, and has a fort of an University, Founded in the year 1300.

Puygcerda, Jugum Ceretanorum, is the chief Town of the little Province of Cerduna, standing on the River Segre, in the North part of the Province, on the Confines of France, about 42 Miles from Perignan to the East, and 18 from Urgel. It was taken by the French in the year 1678, and restor'd to the Spaniards the year following, by the Treaty of

Nimigen.

Roses, or Rosas, by the Inhabitants Rhoda, anciently (according to Livy) a Town in Hispania Citerior, belonging to the Indigetes, which Stephanus calls Rhode, and Ptolomy Rhodopolis, stands on the Borders of France, and County of Rouisfillon, on the Coast of the Mediterranean Sea, about 40 Miles from Rouiffillon, or Perpignan to the South; and 28 from Girona to the North. It was taken by the French in the year 1645. and restor'd by the Pyrenean Treaty; and again taken by them in the year 1693, and restored by the Treaty of Ryswick. It was first Fortified by the Emperor Charles V. it being only an Abbacy before that time.

Tarragona, Tarraco, anciently (according to Livy, Strabo, and others) a famous Town in Hispania Citerior, which from it was call'd Tarraconensis; stands on the South Shoar of the Mediterranean Sea, at the Month of the River Francoli, 52 Miles from Tortofa to the East, and 60 from Barcelona to the West. It was Built by Cneius and Publius Scipio; and for many years was the Metropolis of the Roman Empire in Spain; where they kept their Courts, and the Majesty of their Government Resided. It was anciently so noble and large a City, that as Buno, particularly fays, in Strabo's time it was as Populous as Carthage. It was destroy'd by the Moors, but Rebuilt afterwards, and is now nothing like what it was formerly; it having been often exposed to the calamities of War in these late times. There are to be feen in it several marks of its Antiquity and Greatness, particularly, the Ruins of an old Circus, in the Street call'd Placa de la Fuente; And it was adorn'd with an University by Cardinal Gasparo de Corvantes, its Archbithop, in the time of Philip II.
Urgel, Vigella, call'd, La Seu d' Urgel, stands on

the River Segre, in the County, or little Province of

Cerduna, at the Foot of the Pyrenecs, about 20 Miles from the Border of France, to the South; and 70 from Perpignan to the Weit. It is an Epitcopal See, under the Archbishop of Tarragena; and gives name to a pretty large Tract of Land, call'd, el Plano d' Urgel

Palamos, Palamus, is a Fortify'd Town, with a Harbour, on the Mediterranean Sea, about 20 Miles from Girona to the East; as many from Ampurias to the South; and 66 from Barcelona to the North-

Roufillion, formerly part of this Province, being now subject to France, hath been already spoken of in our account of Languedoc.

Aragon, Aragonia.

ARAGON, which takes up a great part of the ancient third part of Spain, call'd Tarraconensis, and has its name from the River Aragon, is Bounded on the North with Navarre, and France, from which it is separated by the Pyrenean Mountains; on the East with Catalonia; on the West with the 2 Castiles; and on the South with Valencia. It was at first only a County; but several Places that were taken by the Moors, being annexed to it, as also the Kingdom of Sobrarbe, which comprehended the Counties of Sobrarbe, and Ribagorza, it became a Kingdom, of Sobrarbe, and Rusayoran, it occurred by its own under King Ranirius; and was govern'd by its own Princes, till the time of Ferdinand V. that it was united to the Kingdom of Castile, Ann. 1474. Kingdom of Aragon, properly so call'd, is divided into 2 by the River Ebro; and is a dry and barren Countrey, except the Vallies, which produce Corn, and Wine; as the Mountains do fome Mines of Gold and Iron; which turn to no great account. This Province was one of the first that shook off the Yoke of the Moors: And finding that the Race of their ancient Kings was excinct, choic for their Prince, one Garcias Vimenes, a Man of great note in that Countrey; but did fo limit his Authority, and tye up his Hands, that he held his Government at their Discretion: The least breach of the Contract made betwixt them, being enough to Depose him, and free them from their Allegiance. But the manner of his Swearing to a strict observation of these Conditions, and the great Privileges which the People affum'd, were abolish'd in an Assembly of the States, in the presence of King Pedro, sirnam'd El Punnal, who gave them other Privileges in lieu of the former; This Country was formerly divided into 5 Parts, call'd Junta's, viz. Caragoza, Huefa, Sobrarbe, Exea, and Tarazona; but is now divided into 7 Diocesses, viz. those of Balbastro, Caragoa, Jacca, Albarazin, Huesca, Teruel, Tarazona. The most considerable Towns in it are,

Caragoza.
Balbafro.
Calatajud.
Galatajud.
Galatajud.
Huefa.

Teruel.
Tarazona.
Venafco.
Monzon.
Boria. Huesca.

Caragoza, or Saragoza, Cafar Augusta, anciently (according to Pliny) a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis belonging to the Editani, stands on the River Ebro, near to where the Rivers Guerva and Gallego fall into it, about 90 Miles from Tortofa to the North-West, 60 from the Confines of old Castille to the East, 70 from the Pyrenees to the South, and 160 from Valencia, to the North. It is the Capital Province, and was formerly the Residence of its Kings, who kept their Court in a Palace that stood without the City,

which serves for a Court of Inquisition. The Christians recover'd it from the Moors in the year 1118. was made a Metropolitan See by Pope John XXII. Ann. 1318. and is reckon'd one of the chief Cities of Spain. It is adorn'd with an University, defended by a strong Garrison, and is the place where the Supream Court of Justice of that Province is held.

Jaica, Jacca, anciently (according to Ptololomy) a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, belonging to the Vascones, stands on the River Aragen, near the Foot of the Pyrenees, 64 Miles from Saragozato the North. 32 from Huesca; and was as many from the Confines of France. It is thought to have been Built by Pompey the Great, and was once the Capital City of the County of Aragon. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Saragoza, and is defended by a naturally strong Castel.

Albarazin Lobetum, anciently (according to Ptolomy) a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, Inhabited by the Lobetani, is now a little Town, Situated on a Hill, the Foot of which is wash'd by the River Guadalaviar, on the Confines of New Caffile, about 15 Miles from Teruel to the West. 42 from Cuenca to the North-East; and 80 from Saragoza to the South. It is said to be a very ancient Town, and was made an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Saragoza,

in the year 1171.

Huefca, Ofca, anciently (according to Ptolomy) a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, belonging to the Ilergetes, and Situated on a little River, about 30 Miles from Saragoza to the North-East; 24 from Jacca to the South ; and about 20 from Balbaftro to the West. It is now a little Town, but neat and well Inhabited, and is thought to be a very ancient one; there being a fort of an University there, Founded by Sertorius, (who was Killed here by Perpenna, and his Accomplices) for the Education of young Gentlemen of Spain, who were given as Hostages. It was recover d from the Moors, Ann. 1094. and is an Epif-copal See, under the Archbishop of Saragoza.

Tarazona, Turiaso anciently (according to Ptolomy and Antoninus) a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, Inhabited by the Celtiberi, Itands on the River Queios, near the Frontiers of Old Castile, about 12 Miles from Tudela to the South-West; and 60 from Sarago-za to the West. Alonso VIII. recovered it from the Moors, Ann. 1010. It is an Episcopal See, under

the Archbishop of Saragoza.

Valencia, Valentia.

This Country, was anciently Inhabited by the Edetani and Contestani, is Bounded on the East with Catalonia, and the Mediterranean Sea; on the North with Aragon ; on the West with New Castile, and the Kingdom of Murcia; and is divided into 3 Parts, viz. de Millares, which is the most Northerly; de Xucar, which is in the middle, and de Segura; which is the most Southerly. The Air in it is so temperate, that there one may be said to enjoy a perpetual Spring; which is the reason why the Soil for its Ferrility may be faid to be best in all Spain. The most

confiderable Towns in it are,

Valencia.
Segorve.
Orighnella.

Calicante.

Valencia, Valentia, anciently a City in Hispania Tarraconensis, belonging to the Edetani, stands in a Fruitful and Pleasant Country, on the River Guadalaviar near the Mouth of it, i nto the Gulf of Valencia to the South-West; as many from Toledo to the East; about the same from Saragoza to the South; and 30 from Denia to the North. It was Built by

Junius Brutus, in 616th year of the City of Rome. Roderigo Bivar, firnam'd El Cid, recover'd it from the Moors, in the year 1025. But after his Death, it was Retaken by them, till the year 1236. that James I. King of Aragon took it from them. In the year 1492. Pope Alexander VI. made it an Archbishoprick; whereas before it had been Suffragan to the See of Toledo. It is a Large, Noble, and Rich City, not yielding to any in Spain, except Madrid or Lifbon, for Neatness, and Number of Inhabitants. It is honour'd with the chief Court of of Justice, and a flourishing University, and is the Residence of the King's Viceroy. There is no Garrison kept in it, becante the Citizens Guard themselves. Among the other Riches that are to be seen in the Cathedral Church, there is a Calice of Agat, which they fay, is the same as our Saviour used at his last Supper with his Disciples; and several other Relicks, too tedious to be here Related.

Segorve, Segobriga. Geographers, and others, pretending to the skill of Antiquity, are not agreed in this matter: Some maintaining that a Village, call'd La Cabeza el Griego, or Iniesta, a Town hard by it, has the best Title to the ancient name Segobriga; but others, with more reason think, that that ancient Town stood where Segarve now stands, which is upon the River Morvedre, about 24 Miles from Valencia to the North; 15 from the Ruins of Saguntum, or Moraedre; as much from the Gulf of Valencia; and 63 from the Tortofa to the South-West. It is a a little Town, and thinly Inhabited; but was made an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo, in the time of King Bambas.

Orighuella, Orcelis, anciently (according to Prolomy) a Town belonging to the Bastitani, in Hispania Tarraconensis, is now a small Town, and in no good condition; but Seated in a pleasant Valley, at the soot of the Mountains, upon the River Seguera, 12 Miles from the Town of Murcia to the East; 15 from the Gulf of Alicanti; and 72 from Valentia to the South. It is fometimes by later Authors call'd Oricla, and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Valencia.

Xativa, Setabis, mention'd by Pliny and Ptolomy, a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, and sometimes call'd Augusta Valeria, stands on a little Hill near a Rivulet of the same name, about 27 Miles from Valencia to the South; and 18 from the Gulf of Valeneia to the West. It is an ancient Town, and was long ago made an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo, but is now very inconsiderable, and almost Ruinous.

Alicante, Alone, or Alone, mention'd by Mela and Ptolomy, in Hispania Tarreonensis, stands on a Gulf of the same name, in the Mediterranean Sea, about 30 Miles from Murcia, to the North-East; 54 from Valencia to the South, and 42 from Caribagena to the North-East. It is a large and safe Harbour, defended by a strong Fort, Built by Philip II. which makes it a place of great Commerce and Trade, with all Nations in Europe, especially for good Wine and Fruits.

New Castile, Castella Nova.

This Country was anciently Inhabited by the Carpetani and Oretani, People of Hispania Tarracenensis, and is Bounded on the North with the Old Cassile; on the East with Aragen and Valencia; on the South with Murcis and Andalusis; and no West with the Province of Extremadura. It comprehends the South Part of the Kingdom of Castile, and is commonly call'd the Kingdom of Toledo, and is a very Fruitful and

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Pleasant Country. It is divided into 3 Parts, viz. L' Alagarria, which lies most Northerly, La Mancha, most Southerly, and La Sierra, which makes the East Part of it: And the most considerable Ciries and Towns in it are,

Madrid.
Toledo.
Cividad Real.
Cuenca.

Siguenza.
Alcala.
Calatrava.

MADRID, Madritum, stands in the first division of this Country, call'd Algarvia, on the little River Manzanares, about 15 Miles from Alcala; 36 from Toledo to the North, and 120 from Burgos to the South. Lat. 40 25. Long. 13. 45. It is faid to have rife from the Ruins of Manta Carpetanorum, now called Villa Mantua, about 2 Miles from it, and is at present a flourishing City. It stands on a little height, upon an uneven Foundation, and has been look'd on as the Capital City of Spain, ever fince Philip 11. and his Successors made it their ordinary Residence. The Air about it is very wholsom, informuch that the Emperor Charles V. is said to have been cur'd of an Ague by it. Some Spaniards have represented it as a City as big as Paris, but this is what no body, especially a Frenchman will allow; For Madrid, including all the Gardens and Suburbs, is faid not to be above 15600. common Paces in the Compais; whereas the Circuit of Paris, together with its Suburbs, is faid (by Frenchmen) to to be about 26850. And altho' the forefaid little River, that runs by it be almost dry in Summer; yet Philip II. thought fit to Build a Bridge over it, at fo great Charge, that some were pleas'd to say, that His Catholick Majesty would be obliged to Sell the Bridge to Buy Water for the River. The Streets of this Ciry are for the most part ill laid, and very dirty, because they throw out all their Nastiness into 'em. The Houses generally, are but indifferently Built, and the first Floor belongs to the King, unless the Proprietor Buys it of him, which many can't afford to do: And if one happens now and then to meet with a fine House, he may certainly conclude, that it has been Built by some Viceroy or Governor, after he has return'd from his gainful Post. The Place Major, is the finest in all the City, being environ'd with the stateliest Houses in it, 6 or 7 Stories high, but without Cimetry or Order, and loaded with Balconies, from whence they may see the Bull Baiting, on certain Festival Days. The Royal Palace is very Spacious, but its Magnificence is not proportionable to the Grandeur of the King of Spain; and one may venture to fay, that there are Subjects in Madrid, that have more convenient Lodgings, and better Furnish'd than His Catholick Majesty has. The Cathedral Church is a Magnificent Building: And the Altar of the Bleffed Virgins Chappel, and the Rails are of Maffy Silver; and there is to be seen a Statue of the Virgin, which St. James (as they fay) brought from the Holy Land.

Besides the Royal Palace in Madrid, the King has two other that ought not to be quite omitted, viz. Aranjuez and the Escurial; the sormer of which has one of the most delightful Situations in all Cassive, between the Rivers Tajo and Xarama, which meet below it. Within the Apartments there is hardly any thing that's very sine, except some pieces of Painting; but all the Beauty and Greatness is within the Gardens and Park, where there are several long and very sine Walks, a great number of rate Brass Statues and Jetdeau's.

The Escurial, Scoriale or Escurial, is the name of a Village on the Confines of Old Castile, about 20 Miles from Madrid, near to which King Philip II. Built a noble Monastry, for the Order of St. Ferom, with a stately Church, in honour of St. Lawrence, on whose day his Generals obtain'd a Signal Victory at St. Quintin, over the French, in the year 1557. It was begun the 23d Apil, 1563. and the Work continu'd and carry'd on till year 1584. It is of a square figure, each fide being 250 Paces; which makes the Circuit of it 1000, and has all the Splendour, Richness and Ornament that was required to make it Great and Magnificent. Philip IV. augmented the Church by adding to it a Chappel, for a Burying-place for the Kings and Queens of Spain; which is call'd the Pantheon, because it is Built after the manner of that of Rome. It is 35 Feet Diameter, and all cover'd over with Black Marble. But it is to be observ'd, that not all the Kings and Queens of Spain are honour'd with this Burial place, but only such of them as give a Successor to the Crown; and therefore the late Queen is laid in another Vault apart: And if this Rule is observ'd, 'tis very like his present Majesty King Charles II. will be sent to keep

her Company.

Toledo, Toletum, anciently (according to Ptolomy) the Capital City of the Carpetani, in Hispania Tarraconensis, stands almost in the middle of Spain, for the most partupon an ascent; and is distant 48 Miles from Madrid to the South; 190 from Burgos, 168 from Cordoba, 200 from Valencia to the West; and about 300 from Lisbon. Three Parts in four (says Mariana) are encompass'd by the River Tagus; which coup'd up betwixt high Banks, runs in very narrow Channels among the Rocks. The other part which is on a high and freep Ascent, was enclos'd with the ancient Roman Wall, not so large as that of Wamba, the Ruins of it are still (says he) to be seen in the Market-place of Zocodover, and at the Gate del Hierro. It was (as we have faid) at first the Capital City of the Carpetani, and afterwards the Residence of the Gothish Kings, and a large Metropolis, when S. Eugenius the Martyr, first enlightned it with the Christian Faith; but it was taken by the Saracens, in the year 705. and became the Sear of the Moorish Kings, till the year 1085. that Alonso King of Caslile, drove them out and recover'd it. Altho' Madrid pretends to be the Capital City, by reason of the King's Residing there; yet in the Assembly of the Estates, Toledo assums the sirst Rank, while Madrid takes place only as a Burrough. It is a large City, divided into 3 Parts, call'd Barrio's and contains 38 Monasteries, for both Sexes; but it is in a decaying condition, and is faid now not to contain above 8000 Inhabitants. Its Diocess is very large, comprehending 800 parochial Churches; and the Archbishop assumes the Title of Primate of Spain: And his yearly Revenue amounts to 300000 Ducats. This City is famous for the great number of Councils that were held in it, which were above 20. On the North fide of the City, without the Walls, are to be seen some Vestigia, of an ancient Theatre: And here is also to be seen the remains of a Machine, which the Moors made long ago, for raising the Water of the Tajo to a height, from whence it was convey'd into the several parts of the City; but through the negligence of the Spaniards it is quite Ruin'd. Cathedral Church is one of the most Magnificent Structures of that kind in all Spain, and its Treasury is full of inestimable Riches; among the rest, a Mantle of the Bleffed Virgin, cover'd over with Pearl, and BorBordre'd with Diamonds, Rubies, and Emeralds. About a Mile and a half from the City, are to be feen the Ruins of the Enchanted Tower, which King Rodrigo caused to be opened, and entred, and where he saw firange things, in the days of Yore; and some Miles surther is to be seen the Forrest of the Hundred Maids, call'd La Debessa de las cien Donzellas; in which the Moors used to keep the Hundred Maids, which they had oblig'd the Spaniards to pay them as a Tribute, till they should have an opportunity to send them over to Africk.

Ciudad Reale, otherwise call'd, el Pozuelo, Civitas

Ciudad Reale, otherwise call'd, el Poquelo, Civitas Regia, is a little Town about 10 Miles from Calatrava, but is so inconsiderable, and in such a decaying State, that we have nothing more to say concerning

it.

Cuenca, Concha, is the Chief Town in that part of this Province, which is call'd La Sierra, Situated among Mountains, on the Ascent of a Hill, on the River Xucar, where the Rivulet Guesear runs into it, about 30 Miles from the Confines of Aragon to the West; and near 80 from Toledo to the East. It was Built by the Goths, from the Ruins of a Neighbouring Town, call'd Valeria, for which it is often taken. The Spaniards recover'd it from the Moors, in the year 1177. And it is an Episcopal See, un-

der the Archbishop of Toledo.

Siguenza, Seguntia, anciently (according to Livy and Pliny) a Town in Hispania Tarraconensis, belong to the Celtiberi, stands on a little height, at the Foot of the Mountain Atienza, about 24 Miles from the Consines of Aragon; 90 from Saragosa to the West; and near 100 from Toledo to the North-West. Ambrosius Moralis thinks, that not this Town, but not another call'd Villa Vieja, about a Mile from It, stands in the room of Seguntia, and if so, then this Town must have only risen from the Ruins of it. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo, and is Fortissed with a Wall and Castle, hard by which the River Henares runs.

Alcala de Henares, Complutum, stands in a Plain, on the River Henares, near 20 Miles from Madrid; 45 from Toledo; and not far from the Source of the Tajo. During the Gothish Empire in Spain, it was an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo, and in the time of King Alonfo the Wise, it was call'd Alcala S. Justi, because that Saint suffer'd Martyrdom without the Walls of it. Cardinal Francis Kimenes, Archbishop of Toledo, Founded an University there, after the manner of that of Paris, in the year 1517, which among other things, has been samous for the Biblia Complutensia Polyglotta, which was Printed there, at the Charges of the foresaid Bi-

shop.

Calatrava. Calatrava, which gives name to the Country about, stands on the River Guardiana, about 14 Miles from its Sourse, and 50 Miles South from Toledo. It ows its rife to the Ruins of the ancient Calatrava, or Oretum, about 6 Miles from it. In the year 1130. it was taken after a long Siege, from the Moors, and given to the Archbishop of Toledo; who gave it to the Knights Templers; but these not being able to defend it against the Moors, restored it to the King, who could find no body that would undertake to keep it, except two Cistercian Monks; who were mightily commended for their undertaking, and assisted with Men and Money by the Archbishop, and the People in the Country about, at his perswassion. And many having joyn'd the Monks for the desence of this Place, was the Original of the Knights of Calatrava, the King having given the

Town to the Ciftercians for ever: And the Order was confirm'd by a Bull of Alexander III. Ann., 1164. 6 years after that brave undertaking of the Monks.

Estremadura, Extramadura.

This Country, which makes the South part of the Kingdom of Leon, is Bounded on the North with Leon, on the South with Andalufia; on the Weft with Portugal; and on the East with New Caffile. It is divided into 3 Parts, viz. Tra los Guadiana, that lies to the North; entre Tojo e Guadiana in the middle and Tra los Tajo to the South: And the most considerable Towns in it are,

Alcantara. | Placentia. Bajadoz. | Trugilla. | Medelin.

Alcantara, Norba Cassara, a Town anciently (according to Pliny) in Lustiania, stands on the River Tajo, 120 Miles from Toledo to the West, 9 Miles from the Consines of Portugal to the East, and 120 from Salamanca to the South. It is a little Town, but has been Fortisted in these latter times, to bridle the Incursions of the Portugueses. It has the advantage of a noble Bridge over the Tajo, said to have been Built by Trajan, 670 Foot long, 28 broad, and 200 high. This Town was recovered from the Moors, by King Alonso VIII. Ann. 1013, and given to the Knights of Calatrava, for good services to be done against the Enemy.

Bajadoz, Pax Augusta, which Pliny calls Colonia Pacensis, and Strabo Pazaugusta, is the Chief Town of this Province, and a large and Fortified one, with a Castel lately Built, standing on the River Guadiana, (over which it has a stone Bridge) on the Confines of Portugal, 45 Miles South from Alcantara, It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Compostella; and was in vain Besseg'd by the Portugue.

fes in the year 1658.

Merida, Emerita, or Augusta Emerita, anciently the Capital City of Hispania Lustanica, stands 27 Miles from Bajadoz to the East; 70 from Sevil to the North; and 40 from Alcantara to the South. It is said to have been Built by Augustus Cesar, and bestow'd by him on his invalid Soldiers. It is now but a little Town, under the superiority of the Knights of St. James de Spatha; and its Archiepisco-pal See was transferr'd to Compostella, by Pope Calixtus II. Ann. 1122.

Placencia, Placentia, is Situated in a Plain, on the River Xerte, about 36 Miles from Coria to the East; 60 from Toledo to the West, 78 from Salamanea to the South; and 20 from the River Taye to the North. It sprung from the Ruins of Deobriga, a Town in Lustrania, belonging to the Vettones; And was Built in the year 1180, by Alonso VIII. and is an Episcopal See under the Archbishop of Compostella.

Medelin, Metallinum, which Pliny calls Metallensis Colonia, stands on the River Guadians, about 56 Miles from Bajadoz to the East; and 15 from Merida. A little above it there is a stately stone Bridge over the Guadians; which River some have reported to come above ground near this place, after it had hid it self for the space of 20 Miles; but these Authors have either dream'd it, or been mightily misinform'd.

Andalusia, Vandalitia.

Andalusia, properly so call'd, makes up the greatest part of the ancient Besica; and is Bounded on the North with Extramadura, and New Castile; on the East, with the Kingdom of Granada; on the babitants call, la Casa de la Contratatione de las In-West, with Portugal; and on the South, with the Ocean, and the Mediterranean Sea, and is about 140 Miles long, and 150 broad. The Soil of this Country may justly be call'd the best in Spain; fince it produces plenty of all Things that grow in any part of that Kingdom; and its Pasturage, among other Beafts, nourishes the famous Spanish Horses, call'd Gennets, so much esteem'd over all Eurepe. And altho some of the Mountains in it are barren, because of the excessive Heat of the Climate; yet there are found within them, Mines of Silver, Brass, Lead, Quick-Silver, and Vermiof Silver, Brass, Lead, Quick-Silver, and Vermilion. Those who speak of the excessive Jealousie of the Spaniards, fay, That it reigns most in this Country; for the Wives, for the most part, are bred up to that degree of Submission, that they serve their Husbands at Table, altho they have abundance of Servants to do it for them; which unreasonable Treatment often provokes the Women, who possibly might otherwise be honest enough, to plant a pair of Horns on their Husband's Head, whenever a fit Opportunity offers. Most part of the Domestick Servants in this Coun-Most part of the Domestick Servants in this Country are Christian Slaves, which is directly opposite to the Laws of Christianity; which the Spaniards are not over observant of, when their Avarice, Ambition, or Luxury must be served. The Moors did formerly establish two little Kingdoms in this Country, viz. those of Cordoua and Sevilla; which Fer-dinand III. annexed to the Kingdom of Castile, when he drove the Moors into Granada. The most confiderable Towns in this Province, are,

Sevilla.

Xeres de la Frontera.
Eciia.
Baeca.
Gibralter.

Cadiz.
Jaen.
Ubeda.
Medina.
Sidonia. Cordona,

Sevilla or Sevil, Hispalis, the Capital City, anciently, of Hispania Betica, according to Pliny; who calls it also Colonia Romulensis, is now the chief City of Andalusia, properly so call'd, or the Lower. In the utmost part of Spain (says Mariana) towards the West, stands the City of Sevil, the Metropolis of Andalusia; and for Riches, may be reckoned the chiefest in Europe. Its Strength confifts not only in the Walls, but the number of Inhabitants, its Beauty in the numerous, stately Buildings, and fplendor of the People. Betwixe this which is on the left Hand, and a Suburb call'd Triana, on the right, runs the River Guadalquivir, hemmed in with high Keys, and carrying Water enough for Ships of great Burden; which render it commodious, for the Trade of the Ocean and Mediterranean. A Bridge of Wood built up-on Boats, joins the Suburb to the City. In the City is the old Palace, inhabited by the ancient Kings; in the Suburb, facing the East, is another stately Royal House. Near the River stands a Tower, for the excellency of its Workmanship, commonly call'd the Golden Tower, Near the Cathedral, is another Tower of Brick, exceeding all the others; being 60 Yards in breadth, and four times that hight. So far this famous Historian. This City, notwithstanding the great Trade of Cadiz, is very confiderable, especially by reason that all the Gold and Silver that comes from the Indies for Spain, is unloaded there; and there is the General Mint, for Coyning the Pieces, which the In-

dias. There is also in this City a famous Univerfiry, and a magnificent Cathedral, 150 Paces long, and 100 broad, where is to be seen the Tomb of Ferdinand III. who drove the Moors out of Sevil, 22 Decemb. 1248. after a Siege of fixteen Months; these Infidels having been Matters of it for the space of 534 Years. It is the only place in Spain, except Segovia, where Gold is coin'd. It is an Archiepiscopal See, and is distant, 48 Miles from the Shoar of the Ocean, to the East; 66 from Condona, 108 from Granada, 165 from Lisbon, and as many from Toledo, to the South.

Baeza, Biatia, anciently a Town (according to Pliny) in Hispania Baetica, and formerly call'd Orbs Betica, is now a pretty large Town, fituated on a Hill, in the most eastern parts of the Province, 3 Miles from the River Guadalquivir, to the North; 50 East from Cardeua, 120 South from Toledo, and 40 North from Granada. It was anciently a Colony of the Romans, and was recovered by the Christians, in the time of Ferdinand, King of Castile, Ann. 1227. It has an University, founded in the Year 1338. and was formerly an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo; but in the Year 1249. it was united with that of Jaen, by Pope

Innocent IV.

Gibralter, Calpe, is a little fortified Town, with a large Harbour, in the Streights of that name, ftanding at the Foot of a steep Hill that terminates towards the Sea in a Plain, and juts out into the Sea for about 2 Miles, and is call'd one of Hercules's Pillars, or Ne plus ultra, over against Abyle, or la Sierra de las Monas, in Africk, the other Pillars, and the state of lar; from which the Town is distant, 15 Miles to the North; 40 from Tangier; 48 from Cadiz to the South East, and 4 from the Ruins of Heraclea, now call'd Gibralter Vieja. At the end of the foresaid Plain, there is a Chappel dedicated to the Blesfed Virgin, which they call, Nuestra Sennea d' Europa; and over against it, on the top of the other Hill in Africk, there is another Chappel, call'd

Nuestra Sennora de Africa.

Cordona, Corduba, anciently a famous City in Hifpania Betica, and the Birth-place of Seneca and Lucan, is feated (as Mariana describes it) almost in rhe midst of Andalusia, in a Plain, at the Foot of Sierra Morena. On the left hand it is watered by the River Guadalquivir; which having received many other Streams is there Navigable. The City lying along the Bank of the River, makes a long Square. Whil'st the Moors possess'd it, much of its beauty was loft, they being not at all curious in Architecture. Formerly it had 5 Gates, now 7. The Suburbs are as great as a good City, especially that which is call'd Axarquia, on the Bank of the River, without the East-Gate, which is encompassed with a Wall, and joins to the City. The King's Palace is on the West side, thut up within a particular Wall. On the River is a beautiful Bridge, the Foot of which reaches to the Cathedral. It was formerly call'd Colonia Patricia, because of the great number of Nobility that lived there. All the Country round about it is fruitful and pleasant, and even the Mountains bear Vines, Olives, and other forts of Trees. Thus far the Historian. Whil'st the Moors posses d this City, they built a noble Mosque, the best they had next to that at Mecca. It had 24 Gates; it was 600. Foot long, and 50 broad; and was supported by 850 Columns of black Marble, about a Foot and

a half diameter; and was afterwards turned into the Cathedral Church. This City stands in the midst between Granada to the East, and Sevil to the West, about 60 Miles from either, 126 from the Streights of Gibralter, and 24 from Eeija, to the East, and is an Episcopal See, under the Arch-

bishop of Sevil.

The Island of Golding, Cadiz, Gades, lies in the Atlantick Ocean, between the Mouth of the River Guadalquivir and the Streights of Gibralter, and is called by Ptolomy, Gadita; by Strabo, Erythia, and in the most ancient Times, Catinusa. It is about 12 Miles long, lying East and West, but was formerly both longer and broader. It lies off the Coast of Andalusia, and so near to it, that it is joined to it by a Bridge, call'd, la Puente de Suaco. The Gulf of Cadiz is about 12 Leagues in Circuit, and 2 broad; and is defended by several strong Forts; the principal of which are those call'd, Puntal and Maragorda, built on the Shoar, at the narrowest place of the Gulf. The Ports of St. Mary and Cadiz, are the best and most frequented in all the Bay; and 'tis in the latter of these where the Gallions, designed for the Indies, do rendevouz. It was built by the Tyrians, and was taken and plundered (as was the whole Island) by the English, under the Command of Drake, in the Year 1596. It is now a strong and populous Place, and a great Mart-Town, in the West side of the Island, about 70 Miles from Sevil, to the South; 26 from the Mouth of the River Guadalquivir, and 56 from Gibralter to the North Weit. It is an Episcopal Sec, under the Archbishop of Sevil.

Jaen, Giennum, stands at the Foot of the Mountains, call'd Sufanna, about 8 Miles from the River Giudalbollen, 36 from Granada, to the North; 12 from the Guadalqvivir; and 10 from Bacza, to the South. It was recovered from the Moors, by King Ferdinand, in the Year 1246. and two Years after erected into a Bishoprick, under the Archbishop

of Toledo.

Medina Sidonia, a Town mentioned by Ptolomy, in Hispania Batica, situated on a Hight, 27 Miles from Cadiz, to the East; 60 from Sevil, to the South; and 12 from the Shoar. It has the Title of a Dukedom, and was once an Episcopal Sce.

Arcos, Arcenfium Colonia, anciently a Town in Hispania Betiea, is now a pretty neat Town with a Castle, situated on a high and steep Rock, on the River Guadalete; 16 Miles from Xera de la Frontera, to the East; 48 from Sevil, to the South; 20 from Medina Sidonia, and 70 from Gibralter.

MURCIA, Murcia, or Regnum Murcianum.

This Country, as most Authors think, was anciently inhabited by the Bastitani, and whilst it was a Kingdom, was of large Extent, but is now bounded, on the North, with New Castile; on the East, with the Kingdom of Valencia; on the West, with that of Granada; and on the South, with the Mediterranean Sea, and the Gulf of Carthagena. It has the Title of a Kingdom, because it was once fo, under the Moors, for many Years. It owes its name to its Capital City, and is but a little Province, not above 70 Miles long, and 60 broad. It is a Mountainous Country, but produces abundance of Fruits of several forts, as, Oranges, Citrons, Olives, and Mulberry-Trees, for the nourithing of Silk-Worms, which turn to a very good account to

the Inhabitants; as also Rocks of Allum, Amethysis and Castidony; but Corn and Wine is not to plentiful in this Country. The Towns of greatest note in it are,

Carebagena. Salinacaren.

Murcia. Murcia, anciently calld Ve gilia, is the Capital City of this Province, and Itands in a delightful Plain, on the River Segura, on the Confines of Valencia, 9 Miles from Orichnella, to the Wett; and 18 from Carthagena, to the North. It is a pretty large and populous Town, and was recovered from the Moors, by Aonfo X. King of Castile, Ann. 1265. It used to have a great Trade in Silk, but the only Thing that is very remarkable about it, besides its pleasant Situat on and delightful Gardens, is the famous Stair-Case of the S-ceple, where, they fay, a Coach drawn by Hories or Mules u.ay

Carthagena, Carthago Nova, anciently (according to Ptolomy) a City in Hispania Terraconensis, belonging to the Contestani, said to be built by Afd ubal, General of the Carthaginian Army, a little before the second Punick War, in a Peninsula, about 20 Miles from Murcia, to the South; as many from the Promontory, call'd, el Cabo de Pales, to the West; and 96 from Valencia, to the South. It was formerly one of the most considerable Towns in all Spain, and gave name to the adjacent Country; and Laws, as 'tis reported, to 62 several sorts of People. It was first taken by Scipio the same day he came before it, then destroyed by the Vandals, and next by the Goths, who raz'd it to the Ground. After which it lay buried in its own Rubbish, until the Year 1570, that Philip II. King of Spain, caufed it to be re-built. It has the advantage of one of the best Harbours in all Spain, and is defended with a ftrong Fort; and is remarkable for the great quantity of Mackrel that are catch'd there, by reafon of which fishing the neighbouring Island is call'd Scombraria. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Toledo; but its Bishop has resided at Murcia ever since the Year 1291.

Caravaca. Caravaca, call'd Cruz de Caravaca, is a little Town with a Castle, standing on the River Segura, near the Confines of New Castile, and fituated among Mountains; and remarkable only for a Story that's told, and believed by fuch as eafily swallow down such Things, of a Cross that's kept there, which, they fay, fell down from Heaven, whilst a Priest was about to administer his Office before a Moorish King, on the 3d day of May, 1231.

Lorca, Eliocrata, anciently (according to Antoninus) possessed by the Bastetani, in Hispania Tarraconensis, and otherwise call'd Ilorcis, stands on the River Guadalentin, near the Confines of Granada, about 40 Miles from the Sea, and the Gulf of Carthagena; as many from Baza, to the East; and 48 from Murcia, to the West. It is a little Town, and was the Seat of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Archbishop of Toledo, in the time of the Gothish Empire in Spain, but its See was afterwards united with that of Careba-

gena.

GRANADA, Granata, or Granatense Regnum.

This Country, which comprehends the East part of Betica, and is properly the Higher Andalula, has its modern name from its Capital City; and is bounded, on the North and West, with Andalusia, properly so call'd; on the East, with the Kingdom of Mureia; and on the South, with the Mediterranean Sea. It is surrounded with Mountains, which makes the entry to it very difficult, especially, about Mancha, the Country of the valiant Don Quixote; for there is but one Passage cut through a high Mountain, about 15 Miles long, and not above four Yards broad. Ever since King Philip III. drove the Moors out of this Country, it has lain desert and uncultivated, although the Soil is very good and fertile. It is about 220 Miles long, and not above 90 broad, at its greatest breadth, and the most considerable Towns in it are,

Granada. S Malaga. Guadix. S Ronda. Almeria. S Baza.

Granada, Granata, is the Capital City of this Province; which, (as Mariana describes it) by reafon of its Situation, Largeness, Forts, Walls, and Bulwarks, seems impregnable. On the West-side of it is a large Plain, 15 Leagues in Compass, pleasant and fruitful, as well of its own Nature, as by reason of the Blood that has been there shed for many Years, which made it fat; besides 36 Springs running down the Mountains, do render it more beautiful and rich than can eafily be imagined. On the East of it is the Mountain Elvira, where formerly stood the City Iliberis, as appears by the name Elvira. The fnowy Mountain, call'd Sierra Nevada, lies on the South fide of it, and runs down as far as the Mediterranean Sea. The City it felf is feated partly upon the Plain, and partly upon two Hills; betwixt them runs the River Darro, which, as foon as out of the City, mixes with, and lofes its name in the River Xenil, that runs quite a-cross the Plain in length. Between the two Ca-files, Alhambra and Albaizin, lies the City. The files, Albambra and Albaizin, lies the City. Suburb, call'd Churra, and the Street de lar Gomeles, is on the side of Albambra, on the other side the Street, Elvira, and the Ascent Zenete most ill contrived, the Streets narrow and crooked, because the Moors were nothing curious in their Houses. Thus it was in this native and famous Historian's days, to whom we refer the Reader for a more particular Account and Description of it. The Arsenal of Granada is one of the best furnish'd in all Spain; full of Arms, ancient and modern, and Statues of all forts of Metal. The City it felf, as it is one of the greatest, so it is one of the best built Cities in Spain, enclosed with good Walls, with a hundred and thirty Towers. It has eighteen Gates, and five great Places, and one that would walk round it must spend four hours before he can end his Journey. Towards the Plain, where the access is easiest, stands the Cathedral, once a Moorish Mosque, nothing curious, now beautiful and rich: And near the Church is the great Market-Place, call'd Bavarambla, 200 Foot broad, and three times as long. After the Moors had possess'd this City, together with the little Kingdom whose Capital it is, for the space of 700 Years, Ferdinand the Catholick, in the Year 1492. drove them thence and out of all Spain, together with 124000 Jews. It is commonly represented, as divided into 4 Parts, viz. Granada, Albambra, Albaizin, and Antiquerula; and is distant, about 100 Miles from Sevil, to the East; as many from Murcia to the West, and 38 from Jaen to the South, and 45 from the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea. It was made an Archiepiscopal See by Pope Alexander VI. shortly after it was recovered from the Moors, and the University was founded by King Ferdinand.

Guadix, Acci, anciently a confiderable Roman Colony, but now of no great Note, stands at the Foot of the Mountains, near the River Fardes, 30 Miles from Jaen, to the South Welt; 27 from Granada, to the East; 20 from Baza; and 50 from Almeria, to the North. It is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Sevil, and was taken from the Moors by King Ferdinand V. Ann. 1489.

Almeria. Almeria, stands on the Coast of this

Almeria. Almeria, stands on the Coast of this Province on the Mediterranean Sea, having the advantage of a large and good Harbour, about 60 Miles from Granada, 45 from Guadix; and between the Promontory, call'd el Cabo de Gates, to the East, and Adra to the West, 20 Miles from either. It has its name from Almericus, a Gothish King, who ruled Spain, about the Year 515. It was taken from the Moors, by Alonso, King of Aragon, in the Year 1147. and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Granada; Ctesiphon, one of St. James the Apostle's Disciples, having been, as they say, first Bishop of it.

Malaga, Malaca, or Malcha, stands in a Plain on the Coalt of the Mediterranean Sea, about 70 Miles from Sevil, to the South East; as many from Cadiz, to the East; 60 from the Streights of Gibralter, and 64 from Granada. It was built by the Phenicians, and, after a long Siege, was taken by Ferdinand and Ifabella, in the Yeat 1487. It is a famous Mart-Town, especially for the Exportation of Wine, and other Goods, from Granada and the adjacent Country. It has a Mole 570 Paces long, and 20 broad, defended by two Castles, whereof one commands the other, call'd el Alcazaba and Gibralfaro; and between which there is a Passage betwixt two Walls. It is the Armory and Outworks of all Spain, against any Attempts from Africk: And is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Granada.

Ronda, is a little, but pretty neat Town, standing on the Confines of Andalusia, near the River Guadiaro, and not far from two others, viz. Goza and Guadalquavirejo; about 36 Miles from Gibralter, to the North; and almost 40 from Malaga, to the West. It rose from the Ruins of the ancient Arunda, which is now call'd Ronda la Vieja, and is the most considerable Town of the little Country about it, call'd la Serrana de Ronda.

The Isles of Majorca, Minorca, &c.

The Islands of Majorca and Minorca were anciently call'd Baleares and Balearides, probably from the Greek word Canter, to throw, because the Inhabitants were wonderfully dexterous at throwing Darts and fuch like. They were also call'd Gymnesia by the Grecians, because the Inhabitants are faid to have gone naked. They lived by Piracy, and used to assist the Carthaginians against the Romans) till about 20 Years after the third Punick War, that Metellus (who was for that reason called Balearicus, subdued them. Afterwards the Moors, from Africk, invaded, and made themselves Masters of them, and having added Ivica, to the Isles of Majorca and Minorca, erected the little Kingdom of Majorca; which lasted till the Year 1230. that James, King of Aragon, recovered them from the Moors, and gave them to his fecond Son; but they were afterwards united to the Kingdom of Aragon, and

are now Subject to the King of Spain, as King of dom of Majorca. I lyes between the Island of Majorca, wich is distant 48 Miles from the Faster

The Island of Majorca (or Ma'lorca, by the Inhabitants) Iyes on the Mediterranean Sea, about 70 Miles from the Coast of Valencia, between 20 and 21 deg. Longitude, and 38. deg. 40. min. and 40 deg. Latitude, and Feetween the Island Minorca, to the East, and Ivica to the West. It is, according to Baudrand and others 120 Miles in Compais: And, as Mariana describes it, its Figure is Square, the four Angles pointing to the four Parts of the World. In the West fide (fays this Hift rian) is the Port Palumbaria, and opposite to it, the Island Dragonera. Cape Salinas locks towards the South, and in the Mid-way tetwixt it and the Port, is feated the Principal City, call das well as the Island, Majorca. The Capes Piedra and St Vincent, Point to the East and North: Thus far he. The ancient Inhabitants of this Mand, as well as these of Minorca, are said to have been so Plagued with Hares and Rabbets, who destroy'd all their Corn, that they were forced to beg of the Emperor Agustus, that he would send them some of his Troops to affift them against those formidable Enemies. The only Town of any note in this sland is Majorea.

Majorca, or Mallorca, stands on the West side of the Island, and has the advantage of a good Harbour. Its the Re' lence of the Spanish Viceroy, or Governor of these Island, and the Seat of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Arch-Bishop of Tarragona; and the Inhabitants have the Reputation of the best Priva-

teers in the Mediterranean.

The Island of MINORCA, Minorica, or Balearis Minor, lyes 30 Miles to the East from Majorca, between 39 deg. 30 min. and 40 deg. Latitude, and 21 deg. 15. min. and 22 deg. Longitude; Irs greatest length being 36 Miles, and greatest breadth 27 and in Compass 10c, according to some, tho Baudrand and others, allow it to be in Circuit only 56. It abcunds in Cartle, especially great Mules. The Town of greatest not in it is Cieadella.

Citadella, thought to be the same with the ancient Jamna, which is mentioned by Ptolomy and Mela, stands on the West side of the Island, over against Magorea, and has a pretty large Harbour, with some sort of Fortiscations; but not near so considerable as

the Town of Majorca.

The Island of IVICA, Ebusus, is one of the two Pityuse, and was formerly a part of the King-

dom of Majorca. I lyes between the Island of Majorca, wich is distant 48 Miles from it o the East; and the Coast of Vaencia, which so is Miles from it to the West; and between 33 deg 30 min and 30 deg. Languade, latitude; and between 19 and 20 deg. Longuade. Its circuit saccording to Baud and, who finds fault with others who allow much more) is only 20 Miles or 5 Spanish Leagues; but sem lae: Geographers say, it is 30 Miles long. 18 broad, and 80 in circuit. It preduces Corn, Wine, Fruits, and Salt in great abundance: and tho it be a very Woody Country, there is no kind of Veromous Creatures to be seen in it. The only Town in this life that deserves to be taken notice of is svica, which stands on the South Coast of it, and has the advantage of a pretty good Harbour.

The Island of FOR MENTER A, is the other of the Pityulæ, and tyes about 4 Miles to the Southward of Ivica; but it is so full of Serpents, that no Body can live in it. And if this proceeds from the Nature of the Soil, it mut be very much different from that of these other three Islands where no such Creatures are taid to be found. There are some who say, that the sir Inhabitan sof Majorca, Minerca, and Ivica, Transported all the Serpents that were in these Islands to From neera. Decause, according to their opinions, they of ght not to kill any living Creature; for scar the Soul of some of their Ancelors might be lodged within them; but the Reader may believe as much of this Story as he shall think fit.

There are a great many little Island scattered up and down about Ivica; but they are so inconsiderable, that they hard'y deterve a particular Description, and therefore we shall only Name some of them, for the fake of those who may have occasion to Sail that way. To begin at the most Easterly of them, there is the Isleta Nigra, and Isleta de los Abo cados; and nearer the Coalt, where the Salt is Ship'd, Isla de la Esponja; near Fore St. George, la Isla de los Ratones, and a little way from the Shoat two other, call'd de los Poros; near the Fort of Ivica, La Isla del Escollo Negro, and del Bix te; and somewhat further from the Shoar, two I tele Islands, call'd de los Dados, and el Escollo Dorado; and next to these, Botafuego, and de los Conejos, Ista de Cabo Librel. La Ista de la Punta del Arabi, Tago Migo: and toward the South, two Islands call'd. La dos Hormigas, Ba-lanzat, Las Isla Murada, then the four call'd, Las Bladas, and feveral others, which are hardly worth mentioning.

The Kingdom of Portugal, Portugallia.

By Rob. Falconer.

Confult the Map of Spain.

HE Ancient Lusteania, (which was one of the three Parts into which Spain was divided by the Romans) comprehended the greatest part of that which is now call'd the Kingdom of Portugal, a part of Old, and some of New-Castile; and was Bounded on the North with the River Durius, or Duero, on the West with the Ocean, on the East with Hispania Tarraconensis, and on the South with the River Anas or Guidiana. So that altho' the modern Portugal is taken for the ancient Lusitania by the Generality of Authors, it is evident that their Bounds are not the same; since all Portugal is not comprehended within the ancient Lusitania, nor this within the modern Bounds of that; altho' the most part of Lusitania lyes within Portugal. For all the Interannia Province, or the Country commonly call'd entre Douro e Minho, was without Lufitania; and that part of Lufitania which lay next to Terraconenfis (now call'd Extremadura) is not a part of Porsugal; which is bounded, on the West with the At-. lantick Ocean; and on the South with the same, if you take in Algarve, which is United to this King-dom; on the North with Gallicia; and on the East with Leon, Estremadura and Andalusia; and Iyes between 36 deg. 36 min. and 42 deg. Latitude; and between 8 and 12 deg. Longitude.

Concerning the Soil of this Country, as Portugal is not very large, so neither is it very Fruisful, the Inhabitants living most upon such Corn as is imported: Yet is the Country sull of Cities and Towns, and has a great many Commodious Sea-Ports. The Commodities of the Growth of Portugal, sit for Exportation (as Puffendorf observes) are Salt, of which a great quantity is from Setubal or St. Hubes, Transported into the Northern Countries: As also Oil, some Wine, and allforts of Fruits. The Silver Mine call'd Guacaldane, is said to be of the yearly value of 178 Quento's of Silver (each Quento amounting to 2673 Ducats, 3 Reals, and 26 Marvedoes.)

We shall not trouble the Reader with the various and tedious Conjectures that are about the ancient and modern Names of this Country; since ris no great Matter whether it was called Lustrania, from from Lysus and Lysus, two Fabulous Companions of Bacchus, or from the Lustrani who Inhabited it; or whether the Modern Name of Portugal or Portugallia, comes from Portus Cale, the Latin Name of O Porte, or from Portus Cales, the Latin Name of the Portugal of Porte, or from Portus Gallorum, because the French frequented this Harbour very much while the rest were in the possession of the Moors.

Concerning the Origin of this Kingdom, we shall refer the Reader to our Account of Spain for the first Inhabitants, and more ancient State of this Kingdom, and here only put him in mind, That the Province, which the Romans call'd Lustrania, fell, with the rest of Spain, under the last Gothish King Rederick, into the hands of the Moors; who were in Possession of it for

a long time; till the year 1093, that Alonfo I. King of Castile and Leon, making all possible preparations against the Moors, and craving also the Affistance of Forreign Princes, and others who would Signalize themselves in this War; among others who came, was one Henry, whom some will have to be Descended of the House of Burgundy, and make him a younger Son of Robert Duke of Burgundy, whose Father was Robert King of France, Son of Hugh Capet: Others derive his Pedigree from the House of Lorain, and fay that he was call'd a Burgundian, because he was Born at Befanson. But whether the former or latter of these be the truer Account, this is certain, that Henry did so distinguish himself on this occasion, that Alonso thought fit to Reward his Valour by giving him in Marriage Therefia his Natural Daughter, together with all that part of Portugal which was then in the Possession of the Christians, comprehending that part of the Country where are the Cities of Braya, Coimbria, Visco, Lamego, and Porto, as also that Tract of Ground which is now call'd Tractos Montes; with full Power to Conquer the rest of that Country, as far as the River Guadiana, and to keep it under his Jurisdiction; upon condition only, that he should be a Vassal of Spain, repair to the Dyets of the Kingdom, and be obliged to Serve in the Wars with 300 Horse. His Son Alonso I. of Portugal, descated the Castilians in a Battle, by which Victory he pretended to have freed himself from the Spanish Subjection; and having undertaken an Expedition against King Ismar, (whose Dominions lay on the other fide of the Tajo; affum'd the Title of King, and defeated Ifinar, with four other little Moorish Kings, who had join'd in Confederacy with him: And afterwards took a great many Cities from the Moors, particularly Lisbon, in the year 1147. Of his Race were the next Succeeding eight Kings; Ferdinand, who died Ann. 1383, was the last of the true Race of the Kings of Portugal; his Daughter Beatrice being Married to John King of Castile, was the Cause of great Troubles in Portugal; the Portugueses not enduring to be rul'd by the Castilians, after a great deal of Confusion and Bloodshed, chose John the Natural Son of Peter King of Portugal; in whose Family the Crown remained till the death of Henry the Cardinal, Ann. 1580. After which Philip II. King of Spain sent the Duke de Alba into Portugal with a powerful Army, who made himself Master of it in a short rime, and so it continued under the Jurisdiction of Spain till the year 1640, that the Portugeles shook off that Yoke and chose John IV. Duke of Braganza their King; and by that means became a Free Independant Monarchy, and continue to be fo. The Portugueses (says Puffendorf) are not inferior

to the Spaniards in Pride and Haughtiness; tho' they are not esteemed so Prudent and Cautious as these,

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but are over Secure in Prosperity, and in time of Danger Rash and Fool-hardy, and Rigorous and Cruel when they get the upper-hand. They are mighilty addicted to Covetoulnels, and love Ulury, and have fearch'd after Mony in all Corners of the World. Some will have them to be very malicious, which they say is the Remnant of the Jewish Blood intermingled with that of the Poruguese Nation. Tho'this Country for its bigness, is very Populous, yet it is (considering the number of Portugueses that have Settled in Brafile, on the Coast of Africk, and the East-Indies;) not able to raise a numerous Land Army without Forreign help, or to fit out a great Fleet of War Ships; and have enough to do to Garrison well their Frontiers, and to keep Convoys for their Merchant Ships. However, in case they should be Attack'd by Spain, they are able to bring out 25000 Men into the Field, which is the greatest number that Spain can keep on Foot on that fide, by reason of the scarcity of Provisions. The Welfare and Srength of Portugal depends chiefly on their Commerce with the East-Indies, Brasile and Africa; by which it is evident, that the Strength and Power of Portugal in comparison of other more Potent States, is not capable to Attack any of 'em, or gain any thing upon them. So that it feems more its true Imterest to preserve it self in the Condition it now is, than to endeavour the enlarging of its Dominions, or engaging in a War with any other State that is strong at Sea.

The Roman Catholick Religion alone is Tolerated in Portugal; and altho' there are a great many Jews in it, yet they pretend to be of the Religion of the Country, and frequent their Churches, feemingly with as much Zeal and Devotion as any; but neither the Jewish Converts to Christianity, nor their Children are capable of enjoying any Office in the Administration of Justice, except it be by the speci-al Favour of the King, or for some considerable Service done to the State. The Jews, whose Fate it is to be discover'd, and fall into the hands of the Inquisition, are burnt alive without Mercy.

The Portuguese, generally wear Black, and their Habit is not much different from that of Spain, only the King and Court follow the French Mode. They count their Mony by Rees, 2000 whereof goes to a Pistol, 600 to a Real Marcado, 500 to a Crusade,

Too to a Teston, and 20 to a Vingtin.

The King of Portugal is an Absolute and Independant Monarch, and in all his Patents Stiles himself, King of Portugal and Algarve, Prince of Brasil, Lord of Guinea, of the Navigation, Conquests and Commerce of Ethiopia, Arabia, Persia, and the Indies. His Revenues are said to be eight Million and nine hundred Thousand Livres, besides the Revenues of the House of Braganza; which are not annexed to the Crown of Portugal, and may amount to about two hundred and fifty Thousand Livres.

There are several other Countries and Places belonging to the Crown of Portugal, besides what they possess in Spain taken in a large Sense, viz. Brasile, which is a long tract of Land in America, but very narrow, extended along the Sea Coast, and producing abundance of Sugar, Ginger. Cotton, The Por-Wool, Indigo, and Woad for Dyers. tugueses are also Masters of the Islands of Cape-Verd, and the Azores in the Atlantick Sca, whereof Tercera and Madera are the principal; of Mazagan on the Coast of Barbary, and the Fortresses of Mina, Arquin, and some others on the Coast of Guinea; al-To some on the Coast of Congo, Lovango and Angola:

The Forts of Sofola, Mosambique, Merlinda, Quiioa, and Monbazo, on the Coalts of Zanquebar. In Afia, of Goa, Diu, Daman, and Chaul near Surat; Maeao in an Island not far from the Continent of China, and the Island of Timor on the Coast of China, &cc. These Trade on the West side of Africa is no very con fiderable, fince the Hollanders have inter with them, and those parts which they possels on the Las fide ferve only to enrich their Governord. The Portugueses had formerly a great Interest in Japan which was chiefly procur'd by means of the Jesuits, who are faid to have Converted above 400000 of the Japoneses to the Christian Religion; but about 40 years ago, the Dutch by their Practices and Artifices render the Portugueses suspected to the Emperor of Japan, having Intercepted or Forg'd a Letter from the Jefuits to the Pope wherein they promised to bring, e're long, the whole Kingdom of Japan under the Obedience of the See of Reme. Which the Hollanders improved and Interpreted to their own Advantage and the Ruin of the Portugueses in that Country; for they made the Emperor be-lieve that the new Converts had a mind to Dethrone him, and that the Pope would certainly give his Dominions to the King of Spain, to whom Portugal then belong'd. They also show'd the Emperor of Japan, in a Map, how the Conquelts of the King of Spain did extend on one fide, as far as Manilla, on the other as far as Macao, so that by Subduing of Japan, he would have the opportunity of Uniting his Conquests. The Japoneses were easily perswaded, and there followed a most horrible Perfecution against the Christians; neither did they cease, till there was not one Christian left in Japan, and the Portugueses were upon pain of Death for ever Banish'd the Country. And the Hollanders (as Banish'd the Country. Puffendorf, to whom, particularly, we owe this faort Account, goes on) when afterwards they fent any Ships to Japan, used to forbidtheir Subjects to shew the least appearance of Religious Christian Worship; but if they were ask'd, whether they were Christians? To answer, They were not, but were Hollanders. It ought to be matter of great forrow to all good Christians, that such an Answer should ever have come from any that did but bear the Name of Christian, or that any, especially of the Reform'd Church, should have been the cause of so Bloody and Cruel a Persecution: Quid non mortalia pectora cogis, Auri Sacra fames?

The Cronological Succession of the Kings of Portugal.

1. Henry Earl of Portugal, was succeeded by his Son

2. Alfonsus I. of Portugal, who assum'd the Title of King, and was very successful against the Moors, and took Lisbon. He died Ann. 1185 and was fucceeded by his Son

3. Sanctius, who was fuccesful against the Moors, and died 1212, and was fucceeded by his Son 4. Alfonsus II. who died 1223. and was succeeded by

his Son

5. Sanclius II. Sirnam'd Capellus, who being a careless Man and rul'd by his Wife, was remov'd from the Administration of the Government, and his Brother Alfonsus advanc'd to it. Sancius died an Exile in Toledo, 1246.

6. Alfonfus III. was Excommunicated by the Pope, for putting away his Wife because the was some-

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what Ancient and Barren, but his Reign was, otherwise, very Glorious. He died, Ann. 1274. and was succeeded by his Son

7. Dionysius, who was fingularly famous for his Justice, Liberality and Constancy. He died Ann. 1325. and was succeeded by his Son

8. Alfonfus IV. Sirnam'd the Brave, who died Ann. 1357. and was succeeded by his Son

who died Ann. 1368. 9. Peter, Sirnam'd the Cruel,

and was fucceeded by his Son

10. Ferdinand, who by his frequent wars prov'd very pernicious to Portugal, and died, 1383. being the last of the true Race of the Kings of Portugal; his Daughter Beatrice being Married to John King of Cafile, was the occasion of great troubles in Portugal: The Portugueses not enduring to be Rulled by the Castilians, after a great deal of Bloodshed, and much Confusion, did Chocse John the Natural Son of Peter, King of Portugal.

11. John, the Baftard, who died, Ann. 1433. and

was fucceeded by his Son 12. Edward, a very Vertuous Prince, but short

Liv'd. He died of the Plague, Ann. 1438. and

was succeeded by his Son 13. Alfonfus V. who after great Contests with Ferdinand the Catholick and Isabella, died Ann. 1481.

and was succeeded by his Son

14. John II. who was the first that found out the way to sail unto the East-Indies. He died, Ann. 1495. leaving no Heirs behind him, and was

fucceeded by his Cousin

15. Emanuel, Son of Ferdinand Duke of Visco. Grandchild of King Edward, under whose Reign the Jews and Moors were expell'd Portugal; the first Sea Voyage to the East-Indies made; the whole Trade and Commerce of Africa, and the remotest parts of Asia engross'd by the Portugueses; and Brasil discover'd. This King (whose Reign was called by the Portugueses, the Golden Age) died Ann. 1521, and was succeeded by his Son

16. John III. who fent the famous Francis Xavier, and some other Jesuits into the East-Indies, to plant the Christian Religion. He died, Ann. 1557.

and was succeeded by his Grand-child.

17. Sebastian, a Child of three years of Age; who when he came to Age, undertook a fatal Expedition into Africa, where, in the year 1578. while he was affifting Muley Mahomet King of Morocco, against Muley Molucco, his Uncle, who had Banish'd him, they all three fell in that famous Battle, where the Flower of the Portugueses Nobility was miserably Routed, and all the Soldiers cut to pieces or made Prisoners. Sebastian was succeeded by

18. Henry the Cardinal, his Uncle, who dying in the year 1580, Philip II. King of Spain, fent the Duke de Alba

with a great Army into Portugal, who in a few days became Master of the whole Kingdom, which lay under the Jurisdiction of Spain till the year 1640, that the Portugueses shook off the Spanish Yoke, and Proclaim'd for their King

19. John IV. Duke of Braganza, whose Grandmother had stood in Competition with Philip II for that Crown. John died in the year 1656, and was

fucceeded by his Son

20. Alfonfus VI. who being a wild and awkward fort of Man, was forced by his Brother Don Petro to furrender to him the Administration of the Kingdom, receiving to himself a Maintenance only of 270000 Livres per Ann. and the Palace of Braganza, with all its Appurtenances: Don Pedro in the mean while assuming only the Title of Regent, and Marrying his Brother's Wife by the Pope's Difpensation.

The Kingdom of Portugal, if you take in Algarve, may be divided into 6 Provinces, which you may fee in the following Table, in the fame order they lye, North and South; with their Vulgar Names, and the most Remarkable Cities and Towns that Iye within them.

Portugal Divided into 6 Provinces, viz.

I. El Entre Douro e Minbo. II. Tra los Montes.

III. La Beira.

IV. Extremadura Portugallia.

V. El Alentejo, or Entre Tejo e Guadiana.

VI. Algarve.

The Province call'd EL ENTRE DOURO E MINHO, Interamnensis Provincia, or Interamnis Portugallia, which was Inhabited by the Callaici Baccarii, is bounded on the North with the River Minho, on the South with the Douro, which divides in from Beira, on the West with the Atlantick Ocean, and on the East with a part of Gallecia and the Province of Tra los Montes; and the most remarkable Places in it are.

Braga. 3 SViana O Porto. 3 SPuente de Lima.

Braga, Bracara, or Augusta Bracarum, anciently the chief City belonging to the Bracarii, in Hispania Tarraconensis, stands on the River Gretones, about 15 Miles from the Sea; as many from Viana de Foz de Lima, to the East; between Tuy, to the North; and O Porto to the South; about 20 Miles from either. Lat. 41. 35. It is a very ancient Town, and was the Residence of the Suevian Kings for the space of 170 years: And is the Seat of an Archbishop, who is also a Temporal Prince, and had formerly many more Suffragans under him than he has at prefent.

O Porto, Portus Cale, is a large and famous Mart Town, especially for Wine, of late, having a large and fafe Harbour, and feated near the month of the River Duero, about 2 Miles from the Sea, about 20 from Braga, to the South, and 36 from Lamego, to the West; and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Braga.

Viana de Foz de Lima, Viana Limii, stands, on the shoar of the Atlantick Ocean, at the mouth of the River Lima; about 18 Miles from Braga to the West, and about 9 from the mouth of the River Duero, and was anciently the Seat of a Bi-

The Country call'd TRA LOS MONTES. Transmontana Provincia, is that part of Portugal, which is bounded on the North with Gallecia; the River Duero on the South; the Kingdom of Leon on the East; and the Province call'd, el entre Douro e Minbo on the West. It is divided into 4 Difiricts, which they call Comarca's, and the Towns of greatest note in it are, Miranda de Douro and Braganza.

Miranda de Douro, Miranda Durii, stands on the Confines of the Kingdom of Leon, about 2 Miles from the River Douro, 36 from Zamora to the West; as many from Salamanca to the North-West; and

rs from Braganza to the South. It is pretty well Fortified towards the Mountains, and is faid to have been Built in the year 1312: And was made an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Braga, by

Pope Paul III. in the year 1555,

Braganza, Brigantia, or Brigacium, stands near the Consines of Gallecia and Leon, 21 Miles from Miranda, to the North; 100 from Barga to the East; and 45 from Zamora to the West. It is an ancient Town mentioned in Actonium, and is Honoured with the Title of a Dukedom, whose Duke was chosen King of Portugal, after that Kingdom had shook off the Spanish Yoke, Ann. 1640.

The Province of LABEIRA. Beira, lyes between the Rivers Douro, on the North; and Mondego on the South; the Atlantick Ocean on the Weit, and the Kingdom of Leon to the East. It is divided into 6 Districts, call'd Comarca's, and the Towns of greatest note in it are,

Coimbra. 3 \$Lamego. La Guarda. 3 \$Visco.

Coimbra, Conimbrica Nova, stands on the River Mondego, which divides it in Two; about 20 Miles from Lisbon to the North; 18 from the Atlantick Ocean; and 90 South from Barga; 24 from the mouth of the foresaid River; It rose from the Ruins of the ancient Conimbrica, which was destroy'd by the Alani, and is now a pitiful Village, call'd Condexa la Vieja: The Town we are Describing, is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Braga, and has an University, founded in the year 1290, by King Dennis, but it was Transferr'd afterwards to Lisbon, from whence it was brought back to this place, by John III. in the year 1550. It was the Birth-place of feveral Kings of Portugal, viz. Sancho I. Alonfo II. Sancho II. Alonfo III. Alonfo IV. Pedro and Ferdinand: And here died, Alonso Henrique, First King of Portugal, in the year 1185. as also his two Successors, Sancho I. in the year 1212. and Alonfo II. Anno 1223.

About 24 Miles from Coimbra, are the Waters, or Fountains of Cedima; which have such a surprising attractive quality that they suck in and swallow whatever but touches their Waters, as great Logs of Wood and such like, as has been found by many Experiments; but none more convincing than one, which a Dane (as a late Traveller relates) who being hard of Belief, would needs try it upon his Horle; and having put a Rope about his Neck, and another about his Leg, and tyed the other ends of emto a Ring fixed some Paces from the Water, put the Poor Creature into it; who had no sooner entred than he was drawn in with so great fore that the Rope that was about his Neck broke, the other being stronger, or the force not being so great upon it, kept fast the Leg, which was all the Gentle-

man had left him to ride home upon.

Lamego, Lameca, or Lamacum, stands on the Consines of Miho, in the mid'st between Braga to the South-East, and Guarda to the South-West; 3 Miles from the River Douro to the South; and 36 from O Porto to the East; and is an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Braga.

Guarda, stands 60 Miles South-East from Lamego, and 70 East from Coimbra; it is an Epileopal Sec, under the Archbishop of Lisbon. It sprung out of the

ancient City Igadita.

Viseo, Viscum, stands near the Rivulet Montorio, 27 Miles from Lamego to the South; and 36 from

Guarda to the West. It was once Honoured with the Title of a Dutchy, and has still the Name of an Episcopal Sec, under the Archbishop of Boaga. It is the same Town with that which in some Maps is call'd Viseu, but ought not to be so call'd.

The Province call'd ESTREMADURA. or Estremadura Portugalica, to distinguish it from Estremadura in the Kingdom of Spain, strictly to call'd, lyes towards the mouth of the River Tujo, and is bounded on the North with the Province of Beira, on the East and South, with that call'd Alentejo; and on the West with the Ocean. It is divided into 6 parts, and the Principal Towns in it are,

Lisbon. } {Alanquer. Santaren. } Secuval, or Sc. Ubes.

LISBON. Olifippo, or Uliffippo, is not only the chief City of this Province, but also of the whole Kingdom of Portugal: And stands (according to the Spanish Historian Mariana) almost in the middle of Portugal on the North side of a large and secure Port formed by the River Tago or Tajo, about 6 Miles from the Sea; 18 from the Cabo de la Reca Sintra, to the West; 18 from the Cabo de Espiebel to the North; 135 from O Porto; and 100 from Coimbra to the South; 150 from Sevil to the North-West; and 240 from Toledo to the West. Some Authors will have it to have been Built by Ulissis, after the Siege of Troy, and for that reason call'd Ulissippon. It was taken by King Alonso II. of Leen, from the Moors, in the time of Charlemaine, about the year 192. In the year 1148, Alonso I. King of Portugal took it from them again. And in the year 1384. King John of Castile laid Siege to it, but was forced to raise it.

It is the noblest and richest City in Porugal, the Seat of the King, and one of the Places of greatest Trade in Europe. At the back of it (says the aforementioned Historian) are certain Hills of easic af-cent, and the tops of 'em covered with Buildings. The breadth of the City is not so much as the length. (which some late Travellers say is about 6 Miles) Most of the Streets are narrow and crooked; and in some places very steep; but the new Buildings surpass the old in beauty. About it are many Villages, and good Country-houses, and a Soil beau-tified with Vineyards and Orchards, of Orange and Lemmon-Trees. The Palace Royal stands below the City, and has the Prospect of the Port. It is a pretty regular Pile of Building, in and about which are to be feen feveral, Master-Pieces of Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture. In thort, the Magnificence of this Court is greater than that of Spain. The Cathedral Church, dedicated to St. Vincent, who, they say, suffered Martyrdom there, has hardly any thing extraordinary about it, except its Antiquity. This City had formerly the Title of an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Merida; but in the Year 1390. Pope Bonifa: e IX. made the Bishop of it a Metropolitan.

Abont a Mile from Lisbon, towards the Sea, and on the Banks of the Tajo, there stands a little Town call'd Belem, where the Kings and Queens of Portugal are buried. Their Mansoleums are within the Church of the Hieronomites, which is all lined with white Marble. Near to Belem, there is a Tower, upon which are planted a good number of Cannon, and over against it another little Fort, which together

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ther, ferve to hinder any Enemy's Ships from entring the Port: And besides these, there are several other little Forts, down as far as the Sea; the Principal one of which is that of St. Katherine at the Mouth of the River, which answers to that on the other side, call'd the Wooden Fort, because it stands

on Piles, in the Sea.

Santaren, Scalabis, or Julium Prasidium, is a pretty large Town, seared on a rising Ground, near the River Tajo, 42 Miles from Lisbon, to the North East; and 32 from the Atlantick Ocean, to the East. It is said to have its name from one St. Irene a Virgin, who having been kill'd in a Town call'd Tomar, about 20 Miles from hence, and her Body thrown into the River Nabaon, was carried by the Tajo, into this place, and there buried with great Solemnity. Wherefore this Town, laying afide its former name, began to assume that of St. Irene's, which afterwards was corrupted into that which it now has.

Setuval, or St. Ubes, Cetobrica, or Cetobrire, according to Ptolomy, stands at the Mouth of the River Zadaon, on the Atlantick Ocean, 18 Miles from Lisbon to the South; as many from the Cabo de Espichel, to the East, and 48 from Euora, to the West. It has the advantage of a good Harbour, and is a place of considerable Trade, especially for the excellent Salt that is found near that place.

The Province of ALENTEIO, Trans-Tagana Provincia, is otherwise call'd Entre Tejo e Guadiana, because it lies between these two Rivers, by the former of which it is bounded on the North; by the other on the East and South East, as it is by the Atlantick Sea, on the West, and Algarve on the South. It is divided into five Districts, and the Towns of greatest Note in it are,

Euora. ? Elvas. Beja. ?

Euora, Ebora, or Ebura, is a pretty large Town, and the Capital one of this Province, fituated among the Mountains, 48 Miles from Bajadoz to the West, 24 from the River Guadiana, and 57 from Lisbon to the S. East. It had formerly the Title of an Epifcopal See, under the Archbishop of Merida, afterward that of Compostella; and at last its Prelate was made a Metropolitan, by Pope Paul III. Ann. 1540. There was an University founded in it by Henry the Cardinal; and it was taken by John of Austria, in

the Year 1665. but bravely recovered by the Por-

tugueses a few days after.

Beja, Pax Julia, anciently inhabited by the Turdetani, is now a pretty near Town, and honoured with the Title of a Dukedom. It is distant, 6 Miles from the River Guadiana, to the West; 39 from the Atlantick Ocean; 37 from Euera, to the South; and about 60 from Bajadoz, to the South West. Near to this place there is a Lake, which roars like a Bull, so as to be heard 15 or 16 Miles round, before great Rains, or a Storm.

Elva, Helva, or Elva, stands on a Hill, on the Borders of Estremadura, a Province of the Kingdom of Leon, 6 Miles from the River Guadiana; 33 from Euora, to the East; and 12 from Bajadoz, to the West. It has been pretty well fortified of lare; and therefore in vain besieged by the Spaniards, in the Year 1659. who received a fignal Overthrow from the Portugefes near to it. It was made an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Euora, by Pope Paul IV. in the Year 1555.

The Province of ALGARVE, Algarbia, whose greatest length from East to West, is not above 60 Miles; and greatest breadth from North to South, not above 25, is divided from the rest of Portugal by the Mountains Calderaon and Monchique; and is bounded on the North with Portugal, firially fo call'd; on the East, with Andalusia; and on the West and South, with the Atlantick Ocean, It was annexed to Portugal by King Alonfo III. with the Title of a Kingdom, and is divided into two Dictricts or Commarca's, viz. Commarca de Tavira, and Commarca de Lagos.

Tavira. Tavira, is a Town on the Sea Coast, 20 Miles East from the mouth of the River Guadiana, about 60 Miles West from Cape St. Vincent, and is by some Authors taken for the ancient Balsa, mention'd by Ptolomy and Pomponius; but others think that that old Name belongs rather to Albuferra, which lies on the Coast, between Lagos to the West, and Faro to the East; about 15 Miles from either; 50 from Beja, to the South; and 30 from Cabo de

S. Vincent to the East.

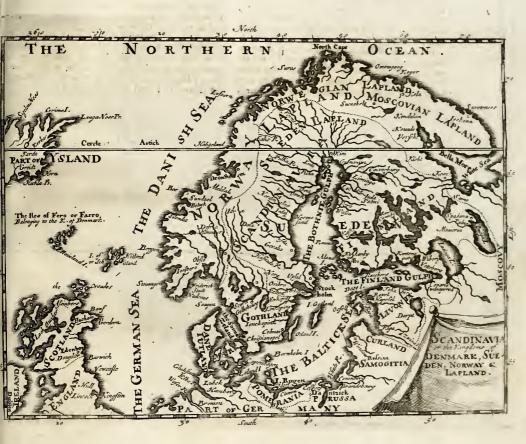
Faro, Pharus, stands on the Bay of Caos near the Cabo de S. Maria, 27 Miles from Tavira to the West, and about 40 from Cabo de S. Vincent to the East. It has the advantage of a good Harbour, and has been an Episcopal See, under the Archbishop of Euora, since the Year 1590.

SCA'NDI-

SCANDINAVIA,

COMPREHENDING

Norway, Sueden, and part of Denmark.



SCANDINAVIA, which Pliny falfly calls Infula incompertæ Magnitudinis, an Island, whose Bounds were unknown; and which according to Diodorus and Ptolony, was anciently call'd Balthea and Basilea, (the latter perhaps being but a corruption of the former) comprehended all that vast Tract of Land, in form almost of a Peninsula, which is now call'd Sueden and Norway. It is the utmost Bounds of Europe, towards the North, and is Bounded with Denmark and Germany on the South, with the Ocean on the North and West, and Russia on the East, and lies between the 56th and 72d. Degree of Latitude, and 25th and 60th of Longitude.

Its Soil according to Andrew Bureus, and others, in the South parts of it, where the elevation of the Pole is not above 60 Degrees is abundantly Fruitful, and the Air pretty Temperate: But about the middle between the 60th Degree, and the Arctick Circle, the Soil is much encumbred with Woods and Rocks, and otherwise but indifferent, and the Air very Cold. But the most Northern parts which lie beyond the Arctick Circle, have very little of of the Blessings of cither the Heavens or the Barth: Only Nature has kindly provided the Inhabitants with Plenty of Fish and Venison to supply the wants of Fruit and Corn.

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How it came to be called Seandinavia or Scandia, and what the Etymologies of these and such like words are, is hardly worth the Enquiry; and whether the Seanij gave name to the Place, or the Place to the People. That being neither instructing nor delightful, we shall rather proceed to give a brief Account of the ancient Inhabitants of that Country, and how they were seated in respect to one another. The Scanij or Scandij posses whom Tacitus calls Hellusij, and Amianus. Marcellinus, Heisij, inhabited Huland; the Sitones, whom some have called Ganipates, Norway; which was anciently called Nerigon. Beyond these lived the Marchio-Finni, commonly called Marchsennen, and the Scrito-Fenni, To the East of whom were the Lappones or Lappij. To the South lay the Suiones, commonly called Suedi or Sweeds; and next to them the Guta or Guti, whose Country is now called Gutland or Gothland. Scandinavia seems to have been much more po-

Scandinavia feems to have been much more populous of old than it is now, as appears by the frequent Expeditions that have been made from thence into other Parts of the World, which may be attributed partly to the fruitfulness of the People, partly

to the barrenness of the Soil and scarcity of Provifions which forced them to seek better, as well as to the war-like disposition of the People. The great heaps of Stones, which formerly have been gathered together for clearing their Grounds, and now sound in the middle of large Woods, are a probable Argument that those Places were once well cultivated.

Some Writers have attempted to give account of the Religion, Policy, Government, and way of Living of these People, but we will neither trouble the Reader with our own Guesses nor repeat those of others. Only thus much we think, that 'tis more than probable, these People lived more like Brutes than Men, that they were absolute Strangers to all manner of Commerce, without Laws, Government, or Religion, and buried in prosound Ignorance. And so we leave them and return to the Country, which, as we have said, comprehended Norway and Sweeden, and a great part of Denmark. But Norway being now subject to the King of Denmark, and Denmark being the noblest and better part of that Prince's Dominions, we shall give it the first Place, and afterwards Travel thro' Norway and Sweden.

DENMARK,

DENMARK, Dania.



ENMARK, is one of the most ancient Kingdoms of Europe, and is divided into two Parts by the Baltick Sea, viz. Juliand and the Islands. The former is that which was Anciently call'd Chersonesis Cimbrica, and is now Divided into North and South Juliand. It is bounded on the North and West with the German Ocean, on the East with the Midslefart Sund, commonly called the Leffer Belt, and the Baltick; and on the South with the River Eyder which divides it from Holstein. The length of it (according to Buno) from Cape Seagen to Holstein is 212 Miles; the breadth is not alike in all parts of it, but at most does not much exceed So Miles. The Islands which make up the other part of this Kingdom are Seeland, Falster, Langeland, Funen, Laland, Bornholm, and many others of less

note; as, Mona, Femeren, Allen, Arroe, Anoue, Lefloe, Samfoe, &c. of all which hereafter more particularly. The King of Denmark hath also other Territories, as the files of Fero and Island, &c. The Countries of Oldenburg and Delmenbors in Germany; Christianburg on the Coast of Guinea; a Fort call'd Tranquebar, in the East-Indies, and St. Thomas's Island in the West-Indies: But we must Refer the Reader for a Description of these to the Kingdoms and Countries where they lye.

The Duchy of HOLSTEIN, tho' in strictness it be reckon'd part of Germany, yet having been several times subject to the King of Denmark, we have chosen to Place the Description of it here, preceding to Sleswick, to which it is contiguous, asthered are X x 2

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der will find after we have done with the general ac-

count of Denmark.

The AIR, tho' very cold in Denmark is not fo sharp as in some places of Germany, that are Situate much more South; which may be attributed to the Seas flowing about it, which (as in England) keeps the Air warm in Winter, and by gentle breezes makes it cooler in Summer. The SOIL, tho' in most places Barren and beset with Mountains and Woods hath been of late much improv'd by the Inhabitants, and yields the Husbandman Corn, Hay and Pasture, wherein vast Herds of Kine are fed, and an excellent Race of Horses bred. The Rivers of Denmark cannot be brag'd of; for according to Mr. Moldsworth, there is not one Navigable; the Eyder is the belt, the Elbe being to be reckon'd only a Boundary and not in this Country: There are indeed some Lakes that afford good quantities of Fish. The Forests are abundantly stock'd with Venison of all forts, as Stags, Elks, Wild-Boars, Hares, Conies, Sc. and Wild Fowl in great plenty.

The extent of Denmark cannot be exactly fet down,

because of the disjunction of its parts, and intervention of the Sea. It was much larger before Schonen, Blecking and Haland, were taken from it by the King of Sueden, to whom these were granted for ever, at the Treaty of Roschild, in 1658. which was again confirm'd in 1660. We have already spoken of the extent of Jutland, and the Islands will be parti-

cularly describ'd hereafter.

The Commodities of Denmark for Exportation are very few, Cattle is the chief, which they vend to the Netherlands: But Manufactories they have none.

The first INHABITANTS of Denmark were the Cimbri and Teutones, who were also call'd Dani and Codani, from whom (as Ciuverius fays) the Country derives its name. This Kingdom is thought to have been establish'd long before the Birth of Christ, but for want of good Histories, it cannot be pre-cifely determin'd when it began, how long each of its ancient Kings Reign'd, or what great Acts they did. According to Mr. Daudifret the Cimbri Inhabited Jutland and the Teutones the Isles. It is uncertain from whence they came into that Country: but finding it at last (says he) too little for them, resolv'd to seek themselves a more convenient Seat: And about 110 years before Christ, joyning all in one Body, they march'd into Germany, and having travers'd all that Country divided themselves into two Bodies and took different courses. The Teutones and Ambrones, march'd into Gaui, and committed great Ravage there. The Cimbri marched against the Roman Army, Commanded by M. Junius Cyllanus, and both in that and several other Engagements, worsted the Romans, till Marius happily put a stop to the Carrier of their Victory, by Routing the Teutones, and Ambrones at Aix in Provence , as he did the Cimbri afterwards at Verceil.

After the Cimbri and Teutones had left the North, (as this Author continues) the Jute, a People originally of Germany, took possession of their Country, and chose for their King Danus, the Son of Humblus King of Gothia, who Reign'd about the year of the World, 3909. And after his Family was extinct, Hoter the Son of Attila, King of Sueden Reign'd, whose Posterity fail'd in the Person of Haldan III. But the History of those times being very Impersect and Fabulous, we shall trouble the Reader no more

with them.

It is eivdent, (as Puffendorf cheerves) the Danes are not so Warlike now as they were formerly. The Nobility is turn'd Lazy, and the Commons have follow'd their Example.

The Danish LANGUAGE, is no other than a corrupted High-Durch, being manifestly a Dialect of the Old Teutonick; and High-Dutch it felf is much affected by the Gentry, and ordinarily spoken in Copenhagen, and other Trading Ci-

The Popith Religion had been predominant here, till the time of Frederick I. who introduc'd the Augsburg Confession into all the Churches of his Dominions, and made a League with the Protestant Princes of Germany; whose Son Christian III. continued the work, and establish'd the LUTHER AN, which has ever fince been the only RELIGION profess'd here, except one French Calvinist Church at Copenhagen, and one Popish Chappel at Gluckstadt.

The form of GOVERNMENT in Denmark, is mightily alter'd from what it was; formerly the States had all the folid and substantial part of Government and Management of Affairs, and left the King no-thing but the appearance of Royalty. He could neither make Peace nor War without them, nor lay any Taxes on the Subject but by their consent. They oblig'd him to Swear at his Coronation, that he would consent to his own degrading if without their allowance or consent, he but touch'd the Publick Treafure which was kept in Cronenburg, and referv'd for the extraordinary necessities of State: And besides this, they had the disposal of all Offices and vacant Fiefs, which created then many Dependants and Creatures. But the Case is now quite otherwise, for in the year 1660, the Crown was made Hereditary, and the King absolute. This remarkable Revolution is particularly related by Mr. Moldsworth, who tells us, that upon the finishing the War between Sueden and Denmark, a large debt remain'd on the Nation; wherefore the States were affembled, to confider of the Ways and Means for Paying that, and re-establishing the Publick Affairs: But a difference happening between the Nobility and the Commons, the former pretending themselves Priviledg'd from Taxes, and the latter having Fought well during the War, and been very much exhausted by it; and withal the Nobility having always exercised a fort of despotick Power over their Tenants, and now in this Affembly express'd great contempt of the Commons; they were fo far provok'd, that breaking up from the Assembly, the Commons, together with the Clergy, (which compos'd the other Effate) affembled themfelves in another place, and in few Hours refolv'd to make the King a Present of an absolute Power, and his Family the Succession to the Crown, (that was before this Elective) which they accordingly the next day put in execution; and tho at first the Nobility hesitated on the matter, they also were fain to comply, and in three days time the alteration was compleated: And fince that the King Governs in fuch manner as he thinks fit, without the contradi-ction of the Nobility or Senate.

For the administration of Justice, there are 4 Tribunals in Denmark. 1. The Byfoght's Court, in Cities and Towns. 2. Heredsfoght's Court, of the same nature in the Country; from both which lies an Appeal to the 3 Landstag or general Head Court of the Province; but the 4th and Supream Court is the High-Recht, which is held at Copenhagen, and compos'd of the Principal Nobility of the Kingdom, and

even the King himfelf fometimes fits in it. are also a Chancery Court; a Rent Chamber, like our Exchequer, for judging the Causes relating to the Revenue; and an Admiralty Court for Maritime Affairs. But it is very remarkable, that Law-causes are the foonest decided here of any place whatfocver, none being permitted to lie above a year and a month, altho' it pass thro' all the Courts. The whole body of the Law is compriz'd in one Volume in Quarto, and written fo plainly, that every Man understands it, and may plead his own Cause. The Judges are appointed by the King, and their Salaries paid out of the Exchequer, no Fees being paid them by the Clients: And upon unjust proceeding they forfeit half their Estate, whereof one moiety to the injur'd Person. Altho' the word Nobility be used, it is not to be understood, as in *England*, for there are not above half a dozen that bear the Title of Counts or Barons; the rest tho' without that Title, having rhe same Honours and Privileges. The greatest distinction seems to be the Order of Knighthood of the *Elephane*, which is conferr'd by the King, on Persons of eminent Honour and Merit; it is a very ancient Order, but when comenc'd is uncertain; the Knights wear a white Elephant, adorn'd with 5 large Diamonds, in a blue Ribbond crofs their Shoulder. They have also another Order call'd the Danebroge, Founded by King Waldemar I. and reviv'd by the late King in the year 1672, the Knights wear a White Cross edg'd with Red, in a Red Ribbond.

The Revenues of the King of Denmark, are reckon'd by Mr. Midfworth toamount to 2Millions, and
200000 Rix Dollars; each Rix Dollar being fomewhat less than an English Crown. They arise by
Excises, Customs, Tolls, Poll-Tax, or FortificationTax: The Revenues of Norway, Crown-Lands, and
the Toll or Ships passing thro' the Ore Sundt and
Belt. This Duty or Custom on Ships is very considerable; for the Straight of the Sound, being the most
frequented of any in Europe, except that of Gibralter,
and all Nations except Suedes, Paying for every
Ship that passes, (the Sum uncertain, because it has
been often alter'd, but as near as I can gather, a
bout 1800 Rix Dollars. Great Controverses
have at several times arisen, between the Danes
and the Hollanders, as also the Hanse Towns, about
the exorbitant encrease of this Toll, from time to
time, which produc'd several Treaties and Agreements about it: And since the Suedes have had the
opposite Shoar of Schonen, the Danes have always
been more moderate in their Demands.

The ancient Hiftory of Denmark is so confus'd, that 'tis not possible to draw out an exact Chronology of the Succession of their Kings; wherefore omitting the earlier times, we will give a List of those since Christianity began to be Preach'd here, which

is as follows.

A Chronological Table of the KINGS of Denmark.

Began to Reign.

Harald, 826.	Canute the Great. 1014.
Eric, about 845.01850.	
Canutus, 902.	Denmark and Norway.
Frotho, 912.	Hardicanute. 1041.
Gormo,	Magnus. 1041.
Harold Blatand,	Sweno. 1048.
Sweno, who Invaded	Harold. 1074,
England. 975.	St. Canute. 1076.

negan to Keign,			
Olaus,	1082.	Margaret,	1275.
Eric,	1096.	Eric, Son to the	Duke of
Nicholas,	1106.	Pomeren.	1/12-
Eric Edmund,	1135.	Christopher, D. o	F Rana-
Eric Lamb,	1135.	ria.	1439.
Sweno and Canute,	1147.	Christian I. Co	unr of
Waldemar,	1147.	Oldenberg.	1448.
Canute.	1182.	John,	1482.
Waldemar, II.	1203.	Christian II. De-	- 17 1
Erick,	1241.	pos'd.	1514.
Abel,	1250.	Frederick I.	1523.
Christopher,	1252.	Christian III.	1533.
Eric Glipping,	1259.	Frederick II.	1559.
Eric Menved,	1286.	Christian V.	1587.
Christopher II.	1316.	Frederick III.	1648.
Interregnum.		Christian V.	1660.
Waldemar III.	1334.	Frederick IV.	1695.

The whole Kingdom of Denmark may be divided into the Continent, and the Islands.

The Continent contains Jutland, (which is divided into North Jutland, or Jutland, properly so called, and South Jutland, or the Duchy of Slesswick) and the Duchy of Holstein. The Subdivisions whereof are thus,

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	I. Holstein, properly so call'd, wherein these Towns are most	Willter.
	confiderable.	Itzehoa.
		Nieumunster.
i		(Meldorp.
ns,	II. Ditmarsh, wherein are these	
	Towns.) Lunden.
contains		(Brunsbuttel.
		Hamburg.
Holfein		Altena.
Sto		Glukstadt.
H	III. Stormar hath these Towns.	Krempe.
		Pinnenburg.
		Bredenburg.
		Lubeck.
	TVI TERMS TERMINA	Segeberg.
	IV. Wagria, or Wagerland,	
	wherein are,	Ploen.
		Coldenburg.
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Selfwick, or South Jutland, is divided into many Bailiages, whereof the particular names are unnecessary. These are the Cities and Towns of most Note.

Gottorp.
Toningen.
Flensburg.
Appenrade.
Hadersleben.
Eckrenford.
Christianpris.
Lucksburg.
Tonderen.
Hulum.
Frederickstadt.
Lohm-Claster.

Slefwick.

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DENMARK. Denmark. 334 Odenfee: (Ripen. Nuburg. Kolding. Schwinburg. The Diocels of Ripen, wherein Weile. Funen or Fionia. Foborg. Warde. are thefe Towns. Affens. Ringkopinge. divided Lemwick. Middlefar. Holftrebro. Sophia odde. Langeland. Rutkoping. Aarhus. Justand, called North Justand, into 4 Diocesses, viz. Horsens. Naxkow. The Diocels of Aarbusen, where-Randers. Laland. Newstadt. Ebeltoft. Mariebo. in are, Marieger. Nykoping. Stubkoping. Hobro. Falster. Wiburg. Mona. Stekoe. The Diocess of Wiburg. Halkier. L Nybe. Femeren. Borg. f Alburg. S Hollenderdorp. Tyfted. Amaga. **2** Sund-bye. Nikoping. The Diocess of Alburg. - Sandwyck. Seeby. Rottum. Scagen. Barnholm. Nexoa. Wenfyffel. Hammerhusem &c. The Islands, with the principal Cities and On the Coast of Jurland, in the German Ocean. Towns on them are thefe, viz. Sunderburg. Alfen. In the Baltick. Nordburg. Copenhagen. Sylt. Syderdorp. Rofchild. Fora. Uter fen. Elseneur. Nortstrant. Kelworm: Fredericksburg. Holbeck. &c. Kallenburg. Seland or Zeeland, the chief Towns Ringstede. Territories in Germany. Sor. COldenburg. whereon are, Koge. The Counties of and Prestae. LDelmenhorst. Warienburg. Nestved. Skelskor. L Korfor.

CHAP. II. Of HOLSTEIN.

OLSTEIN, Holfatia, Iyes on the South of the Cimbrica Chersonesus, or Peninsula of Juland. Bounded on the East by the Duchy of Lawenburg and the Baltick Sea; on the South by the River Elbe; on the West by the German Ocean; and on the North by the Duchy of Slefwick. Its Extent from North to South is about 50 Miles, and from East to West about 100 Miles. The whole Country including Ditmas fo, Wagerland and Stormar, was formerly known by the Name of Nor-Mablingia, or the Country Northward of the Elb: The modern Name of Holstein, being derived (as Adam Brenensis says) from Holts-Geseten, i.e. seared in a Wood or Forest. It was at first only a Province of the great Duchy of Saxony, but was beflowed by the Duke (afterwards Emperor) Lotharius, upon Adolph Earl of Schaumburg about the year 1114. and at fast chang'd into a Dukedom by the Emperor Frederick III. Anno Dom. 1474. in favour of Christi-

an the twelfth Earl, who succeeding in the Throne of Denmark, conveyed Hossein to that Crown, and the Danish Kingsare on that account reckon'd among the Princes of the Empire, tho' not obliged to repair to the Dyets. Afterwards it be came an Appenage, and with the Title of Duke was conferr'd on Adolph Brother to Christian III. Upon the Decease of this Duke without Issue, the Title was conferr'd upon Utrick Brother to King Christian IV. From him have in time Sprung up divers Families or House of Hossein, as Sunderburg, Norburg, Arnsbeck, Gortorp, Ploen and Ottingen; of these Christian Albert Duke of Hossein Gosterp is the chief; and claims the same Authority and Privileges as were given to Duke Adolph above mentioned. But the Grandeur of this Prince giving Jealousie to the late King of Denmark, or rather being provok'd by his siding against him, during his War with the Swede in 1675, he Seized on his Person and Country, obliging

him to renounce and refign his Right; but the Duke afterwards protesting against these Violences, and the Neighbouring Princes at length intermediating in his favour, especially his Majesty King William III.

of Great-Britain, the greater part of his Countries were restored in 1689: But in this year 1700, a new War hath been Commenced here, by the King of Denmark, by reason of some Forts the Duke of Hollein has Built, which the King of Denmark would have demolish'd, the success of which War is in every Bodys Memory.

The Country is very Fertile, and being Seated conveniently for Trade, Holftein is reckon'd the Richeft part of Denmayk. The Inhabitants are of a strong Constitution and undaunted Courage, and to Sincere and Just, that Holftein Glaube, or the Fidelity of a Holsteiner has even pass'd into a Pro-

ridelity o

The Towns in Holftein properly fo called, that chiefly deferve to be taken Notice of are

these, viz.

Kiel, Chilonum, a well frequented Mart-Town on the Baltick Sea, so call'd (as some are of opinion) from its situation in a Neck of Land, between the Mouths of two Rivers, the German word Kiel fignifying a Wedge. It stands in the Latitude of 54. 15, and the Logitude of 30, at the diffance of 50 Miles from Hamburg to the North, and about 40 from Lubeck to the North-West. It has a large commodious Haven, well frequented by Ships from Germany, Sweden, &c. and a Castle on the Top of a Hill which fecures the Town and Haven. The Industry and Traffick of its Inhabitants makes the Town Populous and Wealthy, which together with its being the Place where the Annual Assembly of the States of Holstein are held, renders this the Capital of all Holstein. It is adorn'd with a Stately Palace and other fair Buildings, particularly a Franciscan Monastry Founded by Adolph of Schaumburgh; but fince the Reformation, changed into an Hospital: Here is also a College, and an University Esta-blished in the year 1669. This Town suffer'd much during the War between Sweden and Denmark.

Rensburg, or Reinolsburg, stands on the River Eyder (by which it is almost encompassed) on the Borders of Slesnick, near 20 Miles West from Kiel. It is reckon'd the strongest Town in Holstein, having besides its Situation, a strong Castle, and good Fortifications for its Desence. The Castle was Built by Gerbard II. Earl of Holstein, but the Town ows its Foundation to one Reinold, of whom there is no certain Account, except that he was a Prince of the Blood, or at least a very considerable Nobleman. Its Fortifications are lately much improv'd and render'd,

a la Moderne, very considerable.

Wilster, is a neat well Built Town, seated on a River of the same Name, which falls into the Stoor; about 30 Miles South West from Rensburg.

Iszthoa, stands a few Miles East from Wilster, on the Navigable River Stoor, which furnishes it with

Fish, and Traffick from abroad.

Nieumunster, about 20 Miles more Eastward, nor far from the Head of the River Stoor.

DITMARSH, lyes between Holstein Proper, and the German Ocean, having the River Elbe for its Southern, and the River Eyder for its Northern Bounds. Some write the word Deutschmarsh or Teutschmarsh, i. e. Dutchmarsh, because the Inhabitants of this Province, are the Offspring of the anci-

ent German Saxons, and retain'd so much of their ancient Valour as not to be made submit to the Earls of Holsein, as their Neighbours the Stormarians and Wagrians had done, untill the force of all Denmark threatned them, when the Eatldom was United to the Crown; nay, even then, they soon threw off the Yoke, and refused to do Homage to Chrissian Earl of Oldenburg and Holsein, to whom the Emperor Frederick III. had given their Country: But at last they were by Frederick II. King of Denmark, Atmosphysical Stormark, Atmosphysical Stormark, Atmosphysical Stormark, and the Country shar'd between the King and the Duke. The chief Towns in it are.

Meldorp, feated on the German Ocean, 30 Miles South West from Rensburg, and 20 Miles North from Giuchfadt, the chief Town of the Province, and 2

place of good Trade,

Heyde, a large but poor City, seated on the Border of the great Barren Sand of the same Name, which over-spread the middle of the Country.

Lunden, near the Mouth of the Eyder, 15 Miles

North from Meldorp.

Brunsbuttel, a Sea Town on the Elbe Secoom, about 12 Miles South from Meldorp. And

Weslingburn, near the Sca shoar about the midway between Meldorp and Lunden.

STORMAR or STORMARSH, according to the fignification of its Name is a Morals or Marshy Ground lying along the Banks of the River Stoor; it lyes on the South of Holftein Proper, and from it is divided by the River Stoor; and on the North of the River Elbe and Lunenburg. The Soil here, as also in Diemarsh is rich, and in most places resembles that of Holland, not only in its Fertility and manner of improvement, but also in the Dikes and Banks raised by the Inhabitants, to keep out the fwelling Ocean, which how-ever often overflows the lower Grounds. The People here make good Advantage by the Traffick they are able to carry on by means of their Neighbour-hood to the Elbe and the City of Hamburgh, which stands in the Limits of this Province, but is one of the Hanse-Towns and Governed by its own Magistrates. Having already given a Description of that City, in our Account of Germany, we refer the Reader thither, and shall now proceed to speak of the other Places of note in this Province.

Altena, a small City, remarkable for the Treaty held there between the King of Denmark, and the Duke of Holstein; stands within a Mile or two of

Hamburg

Gluckstadt, is a little City seated on the Bank of the Elbe, 30 Miles below Hamburg, and 35 Miles South of Rensburg. It was first Fortisted by Cristian IV. King of Denmark, about the year 1620 and afterwards much improved by his Successors, the its Strength soon after the Building was so considerable as to resist the Siege the Emperor Ferdinand II, laid to it, for two years together. It is at present, a Strong-hold, and of considerable Importance to the Dane, for it Commands the passage of the Elbe, and thereby keeps the Hamburger's in Awe.

Krempe or Crempen seated on a small River of the same Name, which a little below falls into the Stoor, about 5 or 6 Mile from Gluckstadt, is also a place of great Strength and reckon'd one of the Keys of Denmark. Christian IV. likewise Fertified this,

and in the years 1627, and 1628, it was famous for gallantly refifting a Siege and furious Attacks of Count Wallensteine for thirteen Months; and tho' at last it was forced to submit to that fortunate General, yet obtain'd very honourable Terms

Pinnenberg stands about 20 Miles South East from Gluckstadt, and 10 from Hamburg; it is not very considerable, and only mention'd because it gives

Name to a County.

Bredenberg is one of the fairest little Towns in all Denmark, and the ancient Seat of the Noble Fam.ly of the Renezow's. It was remarkable for the fout opposition it made to Count Wallensteine, who at last took it, and put all the Garison to the Sword.

WAGEREN or WAGERLAND. Wagria, lyes on the East of Holstein, is almost encompassed by the Baltick Sea, and the two Rivers, Trave on the South, and Sucntin on the West. Its extent is about 50 Miles from North to South, and about 30 from Eaft to West. The Country had its Name from the Wagrii a People of Sclavonia, who Conquered these Parts, and is a Fertil Land well Peopled. In the Limits of this Province stands the Lange Town Lukesh, which have the Lange Town Lukesh which have the Lukesh which have the Lange Town Lukesh which have the Lange Town Lukesh which have the Lukesh which have t Hans-Town Lubeck, which being like Hamburgh, an Independent State, and part of the Empire, we have already described it also in our Account of Germa-And therefore pass on to the other places of Note here,

Segeberg, stands on the River Trave, about 12 Miles from Lubeck Westward, and 40 from Gluck-feath to the East. According to Pontanus, it was anciently call'd Aelberg, and took its present Name

from the Castle Built by the Emperor Lotharius about the year 1134, upon a high Hill, to Check the Sclavonians

Oldelslob, or Odelso, is a fair Town seated also on the Trave, about 10 Miles west from Lubeck, and not above 7 South from Segeberg. It was purchased in the year 1338. by John Earl of Wagria, for 10000 Marks of Silver, and continued for a long time in a flourishing condition: But having suffered much in the Wars between Eric of Pomeren, and the Dukes of Slefwick and Holftein, it could never yet recover its beauty and Grandeur.

Ploen is a Town of good Antiquity, and has been always valued for its Strength. It stands on a Lake (to which it gives Name,) that almost surrounds it, and has a strong Castle built not long since by Joachim Ernestus Duke of Holstein. This place has the Honour to give a Title to one of the Houses of Ho'stein; the Valiant Prince that bears it at present, has fignaliz'd himfelf on feveral occasions in the late

Oldenburg, a place considerable for its ancient State, flands in the North-East Corner of Wagerland upon the River Brockaw, about 25 Miles from Ploen to the North-East. It gives Name to a small County, and was anciently the Metropolis of the Wagri and Venedi, two Warlike Nations, to whom the greatest part of Mecklenburg was subject. Otho the Great seunded a Bishoprick here, which was afterwards Translated to Lubeck. It had a great Trade, and was exceeding Populous, but the Port being stopt up by command of Queen Margaret, and a great Fire having destroy'd its Buildings, the place is now not very confiderable.

CHAP. III.

Of South-Jutland, or SLESWICK.

THE Duchy of SLESWICK is an anciant Dependance on the Kingdom of Denmark, which King Nicolas I. in the year 1128. gave to his Nephew Canute Son of Eric, Sirnamed Ejegod. Margare Queen of Denmark confirmed it to the Earl of Holstein and his Successors in the year 1338. which Earl the Emperor Lewis of Bavaria, Created Duke of Sleswick, whose Posterity failing in the Person of Adolphus in the year 1459. Christian I. United it to the Kingdom of Denmark, and now it is partly under the Jurisdiction of Denmark, and partly Subjected to the Duke of Holstein Gottorp; but their Dominions and the Divisions of the Country are so intermixed that it is hard to give a distinct Account of them. The Bayliages of Hadersleben, Ripen, Flensburg, the Territory of Christianpris, the Isles of Roem, Mandoa and the West fide of the Isle of Foer are under the King of Denmark. The Bayliages of Gottorp, Tondern, Appenrade, Husem, Erderstede, and Lohm Closter, the Isles of Femeren, North-strand, Sylt, and the East side of Foer are under the Duke of Holstein. And Aroe and Alsen are under the Duke of Sunderburg. The Chief Towns in Slefwick are these

Slefwick or Sleyfwick, Slefvicum, the Metropolis of the whole Province, is feated on a River, or rather a small Arm of the Sea Nam'd de Slye, at the

distance of about 20 Miles from Kiel to the North-West. Christianity was Established here in the ninth Century, and the great Church was then Founded by King Eric Barn, affifted by St. Anschar Bishop of Hamburgh; and in 930 King Harald Blatand Established an Episcopal See in it; afterwards in 1064 the Sclavonians, invaded these parts, ruin'd the Church and Re-established the Heathenish Superstitions; but soon after these Foreigners were entirely expelled, Christanity Restored, and the Cathedral Reedissed. In the next Century it was a Place of very great Trade, and much frequented by Merchants from Britain, France, Spain, Flanders, &c. And even so considerable was this City that Adam Bremensis, who flourished about the year 1100, calls it Civitatem Opulentissimam ac Populosissimam. Angles, who were great Traders here, Built the Church Dedicated to the Holy Ghost, and the Hospital adjoining. In the last Age, viz. 1556. King Fredrick II. took this City and annexed it to his Dominions. Near the Walls of it are to be feen the Ruins of a Temple, which the Sclavonians Built in Honour of the Deity which they Worshipped.

Within a few Miles from Sleswick to the South are yet to be seen in many places the Ruins of the famous Wall and Trench, which was Built in anci-

ent times by the Danish Kings against the Incursions of the Saxons. It is thought to have been begun by Gotheric, or Gothofred, King of Denmark, to exclude the Armies of the Emperor Charlemaign, about the year 808. afterwards improved by Queen Thyra and other Danish Monarchs, and made so strong as to be esteemed impregnable by the Councellors of H.nry the Lyon, Duke of Saxony, who diffuaded that Victorious Prince, from attempting so hazardous an undertaking. This Rampart was called Danewark, and like Hadrian's Wall in England, is reported to have reached from Sea to Sea, quite cross this Neck of Land.

Gottorp, the ancient Palace of the Earls and Dukes of Holftein, stands about 15 Miles West from Slefwick, on a Lake made by the River Sleye, which almost Environs it; the Waters whereof are clear and full of Fish; and carries Vessels of small burden to and from the Baltick Sea: This is reckoned one of the finest Seats in all these Northern Parts, having every large Gardens, beautified with curious Fountains, Walks, &c. besides a noble and spacious Park, or, rather Forest adjoining, well stock'd with Deer, wild Boar and other forts of Game. The Palace is a noble Building, and is especially adorn'd with a very choice Library containing a large Collection of Printed Books and Manuscripts, and among other Rarities one of fingular Ingenuity, viz. a Globe of Copper Ten Foot and half in Diameter, with a Sphere, wherein the Sun moves on the Ecliptick, and all the Heavenly Bodies are carried round in exact order by the means of certain Wheels which are turned about by Water convey'd from the adjacent Mountain. Gottorp is well Fortified, and has a Toll-Booth, or Custom-House, where Toll is paid every year, for 50000 Head of Cattel, which pass out of Jutland into Germany.

Eckrenford or Ekelford, stands on the bottom of a Bay of the Baltick Sea, which makes a very Commodious Haven, about 10 Miles South from Slefwick, and near 20 North from Kiel. Its faid to have its Name from the abundance of Squirrels found in the Neighbouring Woods, tho with more probability, it is called fo from an old Castle, out of whose Ruins it arose. It is a Town of good Trade, and one of the safest Ports on the Baltick

Christianpris is a Sea-Town about 15 Miles South-East from Eckrenford, Seated on the neck of the Haven of Kiel, and scems to have been built to

command that Passage.

Frederickstadt, is a little Town on the Bank of the River Eyder at the distance of 30 Miles from Eckrenford to the West. It ows its Foundation to Frederick Duke of Holftein, and Slefwick who endeavour'd to fettle a Silk Trade there, and to that purpose sent a famous Embassy to Muscovy and Persia which gave occasion to Adam Olearius Secretary of it to Publish an excellent Book of Travels in an account thereof.

Tonningen Seated also on the River Eyder about 5 Miles below Frederickstadt, and about 4 Leagues from the German Ocean, is a place of Traffick, and very

well Fortified.

Husum stands upon the Gulf of Hever 10 Miles South from Frederickstadt, and has a good Harbour, which opens to the German Ocean; it is defended by a Citadel built by Adolph Duke of Holstein in 1581. after his Victory over the Ditmarsians: It was fortified during the late Wars, but the King of Denmark has fince Demolished them.

Over against the Gulf of Husum lyes the Island of Nortstrant.

Flensburg, so called from the Bay of Fiens on which it stands, and by it receives Ships of Burden from the Baltick Sea; is about 20 Miles dillant from Husum to the North-East. It is a fair City of one large street near two Milesin length, and the Haven fo commodious that the Burghers can Load and Un-Load the Ships at their very Doors; the Suburbs are Guarded by a Castle that stands on the top of a Hill, and Commands both the Town and Harbour. The Situation of this Place is extream Pleasant, being a Fruitful Valley encompass'd with Hills. Country lying between this place and Slefwick was formerly Inhabited by the ancient Angles, that Invaded Britain, and gave it the Name of England, as Ethelmeerd an ancient English Saxon Historian

Apenrade is Seated on another Bay of the Bariok Sea, about 15 Miles North from F nsburg, and is much frequented by Danish Fishermen.

Luxburg or Glucksburg, a little Town and Castle 4 Miles East from Flensburg, has the Honour to give

Title to the Dukes of Holftein Gulcks'urg

Hadersleben, a Noted Sea Port, on a River or rather narrow Bay, that about 3 Leagues below falls into the Baltick Sea, about 30 Miles distant from Flensburg, and 15 from Apenrade to the North, is a fair well built Town, the Streets large, and the Buildings uniform. It had formerly a ftrong Castle on the top of a Hill near the Town, for its defence, but that was demolished by John Earl of Holstein, Son to King Christian I. who began to build a new one called from his Name Hansburg (or John's Building) which was afterwards finished by King Frederick II. This Town and Castle were twice taken by the Suedes, during their Wars with the Danes, and restored by the Peace concluded in 1658. It is also remarkable for giving Birth to Frederick III. in 1609.

Tunderen, two Port Towns, the greater and less, stand on the Western Shoar, or Coast of the German Ocean, about 25 Miles West from Apenrade, and the same distance North from Husum.

Lobm Closter stands about 10 Miles North from Tunderen.

The Islands adjacent to Sleswick, are these.

ALSEN, Situated in the Baltick Sea, overagainst the Country that lyes between Flensburg and Apenrade; on it are two Towns, besides several Villages, viz.

Sunderburg, which stands on the South part of the Island, and is the ordinary Residence of the Dukes of Holstein Sunderburg: It is a good Town and a-dorn'd with a stately Castle built by Christopher I. King of Denmark. This is a very strong Hold, and was able to fustain the Attack of General Wrangel, and even make him quit the whole Island.

Nordburg, Seated on the North part of the Island, and the Refidence of another Duke of the Family of Holstein, who has his Title from it. Was Built by King Sueno, called Grottenbede, about the middle

of the Twelfth Century.

And on the Western Coast in the Ocean are these Islands.

NORTSTRANT which lyes over-against Hufum, with several smaller lises about it. FORA Υy

STLT over-egainst Tunder. ROM a little we shall pass them by; and proceed to the Third and North of it, with Lordfand, Mindo, &c. but on last Division of Holstein.

FORA a little North of it, and Amrom behind it. these are no very considerable Towns, and therefore

CHAP. IV.

Of North-Jutland.

UTLAND, which takes up all the Northern part of this Continent, was the Country of the ancient Jutes, who affifted their Neighbours, the Angles in the Conquett of B itain; and according to the Opinion of divers Learned Men, was very anciently Inhabited by Men of a Gigantick Statute, who being in this Country Language, call'd Kempers gave occasion to the Romans, who wanted the Letter K. to call them and the whole Nation from them Cimbri whence the whole County, together with S'eswick and Hossiein, Cimbrica Chersonessus, q. d. The Pen-insula of the Cimbriot Kempers. The whole Coun-try is subject to the K. of Denmark, and is divided into divers great Lordships; but according to other Geographers, we shall consider it as divided into 4 Bishopricks, and note the most considerable Towns therein.

The Diocess of RIPEN takes up all the South-West part of Jutland, and has within the Districts of it (according to Baudrand) 30 Prefectures, 282 Parishes 10 Royal Forts, and these 7 Cities, viz.

Ripen, Seated on the River Nipsick, which parting its felf into 3 Streams, divides the City into so many parts, and falling into the German Ocean, makes a commodious Haven; about 50 Miles South-West from Flensburg, and 30 West from Hatersleben. It is a place of considerable Traffic, and good Structure; the Cathedral especially is magnificent, being Built of hewn Stone, and has a Steeple of great height, which ferves as a Land-mark, to the Sailers on these Coass. This Church was Founded by King Eric Barn, about the year 848. but the Episcopal See, not establish'd till 150 years after, when the Pagan Idolatry having again prevail'd here, was expell'd, Chriftianity reestablish'd, and the Church reedified. It is also adorn'd with a fort of University, and Guarded by a Castle of Reasonable Strength. In the Suedish War A. D. 1645, this City was taken by them, but recover'd by the Danes foon after.

Kolding, Seated on a River that falls into a Bay of the Baltick Sea, over against the Island of Finland, near 30 Miles East from Ripen, and 70 North from Slefwick, is a City of good Trade and Strength; being the Seat of the King's Custom-house, where the Oxen and Horses, and other Cattel, and Merchandize, that pass from North-Jutland to Holstein and other parts, are oblig'd to pay confiderable Imposts; and is Fortified by a strong Citadel or Castle nam'd Arnsburg. The City was Founded about the year 1268, by King Eric Glipping, in the place of an old ruinous Caftle, and strengthned with good Walls, and deep Ditches, to serve as a Frontier to the Danish Dominions, which at that time extended no farther. King Christian III. was so pleas'd with the Situation and Pleafantness of the Neighbouring Country, that he not only Repair'd the Castle of Arnsburg, but remov'd his Court thither, and Died in it. The Buying and Selling of Cattle by the Drovers that come from all parts every year, is a great part of the Trade of this Town.

Fredericksodde, is a small Port, on the Banks of the leffer Belt, 20 Miles East from Kolding; not remarkable, except on account of Gustavus's Passage over the Ice, from it to Funen, and the other Islands, in the year 1657

Weil, Seated like Kolding, on a little River that falls into the Baltick, and makes a large Harbour, is a compact, near and well Built City, but not very large; about 15 Miles distant from Kolding to the North. Over against it about 30 Miles directly West, stands Warde on a River that falls into the German Ocean, and makes it a place convenient for Trade.

Ringkoping, stands about 30 Miles North from Warde, on a Bay of the German Sea, made by a Neck of Land, that stands near 30 Miles from North to South, between it and the Ocean, and thereby makes an excellent Haven.

Lemwick, stands on the Banks of the Bay of Limford, whence it has its name, on the utmost Northern Bounds of the Diocess of Ripen; about 30 Miles North from Rinkoping.

Hodsellbro, or Holstrebo, stands about 20 Miles South-East from Lemwick, and about the same distance North-East from Ringkoping. It is an Inland Town, but stands on a River which falls into a Lake, that opens to the German Ocean.

The Diocess of ARHUSEN is the South-East part of Jutland, extending about 60 Miles along the Coasts of the Baltick Sea, and contains 304 Parishes, 5 Castles or Forts, and these 7 Cities and Wall'd Towns.

Aarhus or Arhusen, stands on the Catgat, at the Mouth of the Gude, which falls into the Baltick, 110 Miles directly North from Slefwick, 60 Miles East from Ringkoping, and Hodsebro, and about 90 Miles South from the Scager-Riff or utmost North-Land of Jutland, and 30 Miles North from the Island Funen. It is a neat and pleasant Town, Seated in the heart of Jutland, and furnish'd with all manner of necessaries, which the Country affords them plentifully; and Foreign Commodities of all forts are daily brought them by Shipping. It is adorn'd with a Cathedral Church, of curious Architecture, and Beautified with many stately Monuments of Prelates, Noblemen, &c. But the Bishop's Palace, which was formerly a magnificent Structure, is fallen to decay. The Episcopal See was establish'd here about the latter end of the Tenth, or beginning of the Eleventh Centhe Suedes, in 1644. This City was taken, and almost destroy'd by

Horsens, stands about 15 Miles South from Aarhus, on a River that falls into a Bay of the Baltick Randers stands about the same distance North from Aarbus, and has the same convenience for Navigation, being Seated on the River Gudden, that a few Leagues below falls into the Baltick, and is a place of good

Trade, and famous for the best Salmon in Jutland. Ebelstoft 15 Miles, and Grinaa 20 Miles North-East from Aarbus, are both Towns of Trade, on the Baltick; as is also,

Mariager,

Marieger, about 12 Miles North from Randers,

The Diocess of WIBURG, lies into the middle of Jutland, having Akalburg on the North, Arbufen on the East, and Ripen on the West and South. It is of smaller extent than the other Diocesses, being not above 40 Miles over, and of form near round. Altho it be an Inland Country, it wants not the convenience of Navigation, for here are large Lakes that branch out into several parts of this Land, and from whence by the means of the Lymford that passes out of them, and falls at last into the Baltick Sea, they receive Vessels of great Burden: Among these Bays or Lakes, there is one, nam'd, Otthefundt, from the Emperor Otho, firnamed the Great, who about 948. made an inroad this way, and penetrated even as far as this Land, and calting his Javelin into the Water, gave it the name it still retains; the best Horses in Denmark. are bred in that part of this Diocels, named Salling. In this Territory are comprehended 16 Baylywicks, 218 Parishes, and 3 Garrisons. the Towns of chiefest note are thefe,

Wiburg, which stands in the very middle of Jutland, in an exact Line, between Hodsebro to the East, and Randers to the West, 130 Miles North from Slefwick, 35 North-West from Aarhus, and 35 South from Aalburg. It is a place of great Resort, being the Seat of a High Court of Judicature, which receives the Appeals from Inferiour Courts, but none can be made from it, fave to the King: It has been the See of a Bishop for above 600 years, but the exact time cannot be fix'd, for it is a matter still disputed whether this or Aalburg be the most ancient.

This place was anciently call'd, Cimmersburg, as being the Chief City of the Cimbri, and whence it had its present name, is not very certain; but by a reasonable Conjecture, a late Author supposes it to be call'd fo from its being the Habitation of the Pyrates, that anciently were very powerful in these parts and were call'd Wigs or Wikenger.

Harkier, 25 Miles North from Wiburg, and Nybe, about 10 Miles North-East from it, are both noted Horse-markets.

The Diocess of AALBURG, otherwise call'd Burglaw, is the extream North part of Jutland, and furrounded by the Sea, on all parts but the South, where it is divided from Wiburg and Ripen, by the Bay, call'd the Lymford, which runs from the Baltick Sea, above 100 Miles an end, and is thut out of the German Ocean, by a narrow Isthmus, made by the Sandhills on the West Shore of Jutland; over against the great Shoal, call'd the Jusche Riff. It is a fruitful Country, and pretty well enrich'd by Trade. Its Length from North-East to South-West, is 130 Miles, but the Breadth is not proportionable. It is divided into 13 Bailywicks or Herriets, which contain 165 Parishes, 100 Castles, and 6 Principal Towns.

Aalburg, stands on the narrow Branch of the Lym-Hobro, stands on the same River a few Miles above ford, about 15 Miles from the Sea. 30 Miles from Arhalus, and 35 from Wiburg to the North. Bishoprick was Founded about the year 1060, but the Bishops Resided at Borlum, a Neighbouring VIlage, till the Reformation; fince when the Lutheran Bishops have had their Palace here. The City was anciently call'd Burgle, and is said to have taken its present name from the multitude of the Eels taken near it in the Lymford, and by the Inhabitants Sold

to other parts.

Tysted, stands near 50 Miles from Auburg, in the middle of a Peninfula, made by the Lymford, and the German Ocean, which is reckon'd the most Fertile part of this Diocess. The Place is noted for a kind of University in it, which was at first a Free School only, Founded by King Christian 111.

Nikoping, about 15 Miles South-East from Tyfted, stands in an Island made by the Lymford, call'd Mors

Northward of Aalburg, lies the Country call'd Wenfyssel, whose Inhabitants are reckon'd the lustiest and hardiest of the King of Denmark's Subjects; the chief Town bearing the same Name, stands about

20 Miles West of Aalburg.
Seeby, a Port Town on the Eastern Shoar, 20
Miles North from Aalburg, stands in this Territory; as does also,

Scagen, Seated on the Promontory, the most Northern Land of Jutland, which it gives name to; and is, a place of confiderable Trade, being much frequented by Merchants, from all parts of Europe.

On the Eastern Coast of these Countries lie several Islands, whereof Samsoe over against Aarhus, and Lessow over against Aalburg, are only worth mentioning.

Of the BALTICK SEA, and the rest of the Principal ISLANDS of DENMARK.

The BALTICK SEA, (call'd also the East Sea) wherein these Islands that make so considerable a part of the Kingdom of Denmark, do lie, was anciently call'd Sinus Codanus, q.d. the Danish Bay, and 'tis thought took its Modern name from the Word Belt, as the Straights between Seeland and Funen, and that between Funen and Jutland, are at this day call'd. It is a very large Bay extending from the 54th Degree of Latitude to the 66th, and washes the Shores of Denmark, Sueden and some part of Poland and Muscovy; by the means whereof the Inhabitants of those Countries enjoy the great convenience of Navigation, and cheap communication, with all the Maritime parts of Europe. The pafage into it is by the narrow Straights of the Belt, and the Sundt, the former as we have faid, lying between the two Islands, &c. the latter is on the East fide of Seeland between that and Sueden, which is the most frequented, and by the power the King of Denmark has over it, he raises a vast Income, by the Toll of Ships that pass in and out, pay him at his Castle of Cronenburg.

CHAP. V. Of SEELAND.

SELLAND, or ZELLAND, the largest and most fruitful Island in the Balrick Sea, lies in the Latitude, between 55.31. and 56.32. Longitude, between 31.0. and 33.0. being in Length about 60. and in Breadth about 40 Miles. It is divided from Schonen, a part of Sueden on the East by the Sound, and from Funen on the West, by the greater Belt, and has Falster and Laland on the South. It is a Country in most places, very pleasant, being beset with little Hills, Woods of Beech-Trees, Rivulers and Lakes; the Soil also is very fertile, producing Rye, Oats and Barley in abundance, and the Pastures have very good Grass. Some pretend its mostures have very good Grais. Some pretend its modern name, came from the plenty of Corn, that is Seeland q. Seedland. The Lakes and Rivers are ftor'd with Fish, and the Forests with Game, such as Stags, Roe-Bucks, Wild-Boars, &c. According to Cluverius, this and the Neighbouring Islands, were inhabited by the ancient Teutones, who by a variety of Dialect, were call'd Godani, Codani, and Dani, whence the Island was anciently nam'd Codononia, In it are 340 Parishes, and these Princi-

pal Cities and Towns. COPENHAGEN, Hafnia, aut Haunia, the Chief City of the Island, and the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom, stands in a Plain on the Banks of the Sundt, about 5 Leagues West from the Coasts of Schonen, call'd by the Inhabitants Kiobenhaun, and by the Germans Copenhaven, corruptly for Kiobsmanhaven: q. d. Portus Mercatorum, or the Merchants Haven. It is a place of no great Antiquity, having grown up from a Castle, Built about the year 1168. by Axil Wide, the Archbishop, which being a Protection from the Pyrates, the Neighbouring Inhabitants reforted thither, and Building themselves Houses, laid the Foundations of a Town, which being improved by all the Danith Kings, especially Christian IV. it is become a City of the first Rank, and for the Beauty Strength and Bulk, not exceeded by very many. It was also at feveral times endow'd with Immunities, especially in the year 1443. by Christopher of Bavaria, King of Denmark; which were afterwards Ratissed by King Christian III. and Frederick II. The Situation of this City is exceeding advantagious, having on the Landside, a very pleasant Country, and on the Sea side one of the finest Havens in the World, capacious enough to hold 500 Sail of Ships, the Road without is very safe, and fenc'd from the violence of the Waves by a large Bank of Sand, and the entrance of the Port fo narrow, that but one Ship can pass at a time; this is shut up every night with a Boom, and the Paffage Guarded by the Citadel on one fide, and a Block-House on the other. The whole City is environ'd with deep Ditches and high Rampares of Earth, according to the modern Fortification, and on the East side it is joyned by a Bridge to the Island Amaka. The Streets are broad, clean and neat; and tho formerly Citizens Houses were but poorly Built, at present they are fair enough. The chief Churches are those dedicated to the Holy-Ghost, S. Nicholas and the Cathedral of S. Mary, wherein the Kings are usually Crown'd: It is adorn'd with a stately Copper Spire, Built at the Cost of King Christian IV. This is a Bishops See, and the Seat of an University, Pounded Between these 2 Forts pass all Vessels that Trade in

by Christian I. in 1478. And not many years ago an Academy was establish'd here for teaching all forts of Martial Exercises, Foreign Languages and the Mathematicks: The late King much improv'd this College, and endow'd ir with confiderable Revenues and Privileges. Among the other publick Buildings, the chief are the Citadel, the Observatory, call'd the Round Tower, the Royal Palace, with the adjoyning Gardens, and Banquetting-House of Rosenburg, the Exchange, and the Arlenal, which is reckon'd one of the best in Europe, and much celebrated for that wonderful Celestial Globe, of 6 Foot Diameter, made by Tycho-Brahe: The Market-Place is very final by 1960-Brane: The Market-Place is very fpacious, and a great Ornament to the Town. The City is govern'd by 4 Burgo-Mafters, one of whom is for Life. In the Suedish War Copenhagen was Besieg'd by Charles Gustavus, Ann. 1639. but the City held out, and the Suedes were forc'd to leave

Over against Copenhagen, on the other side the Haven to the Eastward, lies the Island of Amaga, about 6 Miles in Length, which is wonderfully stock'd with all forts of Fowl and Venison, has plenty of Corn and Milch-kine, and furnishes the Markets at Copenhagen, with Weekly Supplies. In this Island are 2 Towns, call'd Hollander Dorp, and Sundbye. The Suedish Forces, made a Descent here on the 9th Octob. 1658. and the next day burnt down the Villages, but on 10 Decemb. following, they were fo warmly attack'd by the Danes, that King Charles Gustavus, and General Wrangle were forc'd to leave their Army Engag'd, and make their escape in a Fi-

ther-Boat.

Roschild, stands at the bottom of a narrow but deep Bay, call'd the Bay of Ifore, 20 Miles West from Copenhagen. It was formerly the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom, having had in it (as Lysander informs us) no less than 27 fair Churches; but the encrease of Copenhagen fo near ir, has drawn off its Trade and Inhabitants, and the place is at present not very confiderable. About the year 1012. King Sueno establish'd an Episcopal See here, which is now remov'd to Copenhagen. Afterward Sueno Gratenhede Fortify'd the Town with a Wall, Ditch, and Ramparts. The Cathedral is a large old Church, and famous for the Tombs of many Danish Kings, some whereof are very Magnificent: Among these stands a Marble Pillar, on which Margaret Queen of Denmark hung the Whetstone that Albert King of Sueden scornfully sent her to sharpen her Needles; but the Jest cost him dear, for this Heroine defeated and rook and detain'd him Prifoner Seven years, and made him re-nounce his Right to the Kingdom of Sueden. It is still a Town of some Trade, and is notable for a Treaty of Peace concluded in it, between the Suedes and Danes, in 1658.

Elseneur, Elsenore, Helschenoer, Helsinger or Halsin-

gor, (as it is variously Written) is so nam'd q. d. Hals en Oor, i. e. an Ear in the Neck, as being at first only a Watch-Tower, Built on the Neck, or Straight of the Sea, call'd the Sound, or Ore Sundt; It is also probable that the Castle of Helsingburg, on the oppofire Shoar derives its name from the same Origine:

the Baltick, so that this Straight next that of Gibraltar, may be esteem'd the most frequented of any in Europe. Elsenore stands about 15 Miles North from Copenhagen, and is defended by the Neighbouring impregnable Castle of Cronenburg, which commands this side of the Sound, as Helfingburg does the other. It was Built by Frederick II. of Free-stone brought from Gothland. Every Ship that paffes this Straight must strike Sail at Cronenburg, and come to the Town to Compound for the Cuftom, under a Penalty of Confiscating his Vessel and Cargo. Charles Gustavus King of Sueden, took it in the year 1658, and restor'd it at the Treaty of Copenhagen, in 1660.

Fredericksburg, about 12 Miles W. from Elseneur, and 20 N. from Copenhagen, is a stately Castle and Royal Palace feated in a pleasant Wood. It was a Monastry, and turn'd into a Castle by Frederick II. whose Son Chriflian IV. not only compleated the Building, but adorn'd it with Painting, Statues, and the richest Furniture; to which his Successor Frederick III. still added, so that it has the character of one of the finest Palaces in Europe, and is the King's place of Retirement for

Pleasure.

Holbeck, stands about 18 Miles West from Roskild, at the bottom of a Bailywick, it has the advantage of

a small Traffick.

Kallenburg, stands on the Western Coast of the Island, just over against Copenhagen, at 50 Miles distance from it, and 35 from Roskild, to the West. It is a place of confiderable Traffick, and has a very fafe and commodious Harbour; formerly being a fmall Village Inhabited by Fishermen, it was call'd Herwig, till Esbern, Brother to Axel or Absalom Huyd, Archbishop of Lunden, about the middle of the 12th Century, rais'd it to the dignity of a City, and beautified it with a Church, Castle and other publick Edifices.

Ringstede, Seated near the middle of Seeland, about 15 Miles from Roskil to the South, and 15 from Koge to the West, is a place of the greatest Antiquity in Seeland, except Roskild, and has been honour'd with the Interment of many Danish Kings, particularly Waldemar I. and Eric the Pious; But it being a place of

no Trade is not at present very considerable. Sor, Soor or Sora, is seated in a pleasant Woody Country, 7 Miles from Ringstede. About the middle of the 12th Century, Absalom Huyd, Archbishop of

Reschild, and Bishop of Lunden, Founded a fair, Monattry here, and endow'd it wish large Revenues for the maintenance of Learned Men, by the encouragement whereof, Saxo Grammaticus collected Materials, and compos'd his excellent History of the Danish K ngs. Esbern the Archbishop's Brother enlarg'd it, and augmented the Revenues by the addition of 14 Villages. Afterwards King Frederick II. remov'd the School he had established at Frederickiburg, for the Education of young Noblemen to this Place, and from a rich Popish Monastry, it was converted into one of the noblest Free Schools in the Reform'd part of Christen-dom; to which Christian IV. added Professors with proper Salaries, to teach Academical Learning: And also constituted an Academy, with Masters to instruct young Gentlemen in all forts of martial Exercises. So that Sora became a confiderable University, and well Endow'd, the Lands of the Demolish'd Nunnery of Mariebo in Laland, having been given to it in 1621. But at present all its Revenues are possest by the King; and tho' he fometimes talks of restoring them, the Professors of Copenhagen will use their interest against it, and Sor is still likely to remain only a pleasant Country Town.

Koge, is a small but very Populous Town, Seated on a small Bay of the Sound, 20 Miles South from Copenhagen. It is enrich'd by Traffick, which consists chiefly in Corn and Fish, and the Country about it

is remarkably Pleafant.

Prestoe, a Trading Town, stands on the Bay of the Sound, on the South side of Seeland, over against the Island Mona, 30 Miles South from Koge.

Warienburg, stands about 10 Miles South West from Prestoe, on another small Bay, over against the Island Falster, and is a place of some Trade.

Neftved stands 20 Miles North from Warienburg, on a small River that falls into the Belt.

Skelskor, stands on the West side of Seeland, on the Coast of the Belt, 30 Miles North-West from Wari-enburg, and 35 West from Koge.

Korfor, about 8 or 9 Miles, North-West from Skelsker, stands on a Promontory or small Cape, that jets out over against Funen, and makes a good Haven, on the North side of it. This was the Place ven, on the North fide of it. that Carolus Gustavus, King of Sueden, first arriv'd at with his Fleet, in 1658. when he Invaded this

CHAP. VI. Of FUNEN.

TUNEN, or FIONIA, the next considerable Island of Denmark, lies on the West of Seeland, between that and Jutland, being separated from the former by the Straight, call'd the greater Belt on the East, and from the latter by the Straight, call'd by the Inhabitants the Medilfarfund, or the leffer Belt: It is about 50 Miles long, and 40 Miles broad, and produces plenty of Corn, even enough to export abroad, and has Pasture for a vast number of Cattle that are bred here; whereof the Horses are much esteem'd. This Island is an Appenage of the eldest Son of the King of Denmark; and the Governmen. of it is one of the most considerable in the Kingdom Here are 264 Villages, 4 Garisons, and these 4 considerable Towns.

Odensee or Ottensee, the chief City, stands in the middle of the Island, about 80 Miles West from Copenhagen, 70 North from Slefwick, and about 20 Miles South from the beginning of the Straight of the Belt. The annual Sessions of the Nobility and Magistrates are held here, as were formerly the general Conventions of the Realm, till the Crown was made Hereditary, in the year 1660. It is a handlom Town, the Buildings being fair, and the Streets broad and uniform; the Town-House is a stately Structure, and stands on a very spacious Market-place. Among other publick Buildings are 2 fair Churches, dedicated to Sr. Francis, and St. Cnute a Danish King, who was Marryr'd in this City, Ann. Dom. 1086. and whose Body was found in this Church, as the 342

Workmen were Repairing the Quire, in the year 1582, the Coffin that contain'd it was of Copper Guilt, adorn'd with precious Stones, and bore an Inscription, declaring who it was. This is an Epifcopal See, Erected in the year, 950, and in the Town-Hall the ancient League between the Crown of Denmark, and the Dukes of Holstein, and Sleswick was renew'd by Frederick II. in the year 1575.

Nuburg, or Nyburg, Seated on the Eastern side of the Island, over against Korfor in Seeland, 15 Miles East from Odensee, is one of the Principal Towns in Funen, and the usual passage from thence to Seeland; And has a capacious and safe Haven, wherein Ships of the largest Burden may ride at Anchor. It is also well Portify'd, and has been anciently honour'd with the Residence of the Danish Kings, and the Sesage 10 Miles and the Sesage 11 Miles and the Sesage 12 Miles and the Sesage 12 Miles and the Sesage 13 Miles and the Sesage 13 Miles and the Sesage 13 Miles and the Sesage 15 Miles and the Miles

fion of their Parliaments.

Schwinburg, stands on the South-East corner of the Island, 3° Miles South from Nuburg, and has a large and commodious Harbour; it is famous for the pafage of the Suedish Forces, over the Ice (in the year, 1658.) from hence to Seeland.

Foborg, stands also on the South Coast, 10 Miles

Westward from Schwinburg.

Assens, stands on the western Coast over against Hatersleben in Sleswick, and 30 Miles South West

from Nuburg.

Middlefar lies also on the Western Shore, 25 Miles North from Assens, and is the common passage from this Island to Kolding in Jutland. Charles Gustavus, King of Sueden, led his Army from Jutland, over the Iceto this place, on the 13 Jan. 1658. and overrun all the Island.

Sophiaodde stands about 10 Miles Northfrom Middlefar, just over against Frederickodde in Jutland.

Of Langeland, Laland, and the rest of the smaller Islands of D E N M A R K.

ANGELAND, fo call'd from its long narrow Form, lies on the South-East of Funnen, in length about 30 Miles, but in breacht hardly 8. It is a fruitful Soil, and adorn'd with many Noblemens Seats; on it are 16 Parish Churches, and a strong Fort, call'd Francker. The chief Town is Rutkoping, Seated on the Western Coast, ever against Schwinborg in Funen; between who hies the small Island Tassing. And a little to the West and on the South of Funen, over against Fobung, lies ARROE, another small Island.

LALAND, or LAW LAND, lies on the S. of Seeland, from which it is feparated by the narrow Straight of Gronefond, or Golderfond, as it is written in the Maps, and takes its name from its low Situation. Its extent is about 30 Miles from East to West, and 20 from North to South, having a Rich Soil that produces Corn and Pasture in abundance. In it are 4 Herriets or Lordships, and 4 good Towns, among which Naxkow that stands on a Bay that opens to the Belt, is the Principal, and is well Fortisted, Newstadt, was once samous for a noble Monastry, Founded there Ann. 1268. And the Nunnery of Mariebo mention'd in the description of Sor, was sometime as remarkable as any place in the Island.

FALSTER adjoyns to Laland, being divided by only a narrow Bay, and lies on the South of Seeland (whence it is leparated by the Gronefundt) just over against Warienburg. Its length from North to South, is about 20 Miles, but the lower part of it is but very narrow; on the North part it is about 16 Miles broad. Its Soil is very fruitful, and much Corn is sent from hence to Mecklenburg, and other parts of Germany. It is divided into 2 Bailywicks, viz. Narre-Herriet and Synder Herriet; and has several Towns, among which the Principal are, Nykoping, Seated on the West fide of the Island, one of the most pleasant and best Built Towns in the whole Kingdom, and filled by Dr. Heylin, the Naples of Denmark. Stubkoping, Seated on the North Coast and a place of Trade, and the usual passage from Seeland,

MON, MEUN, MONEN, or Mona lyes on the North-East of Falser, and South of Seeland, 15 Miles in length, and about 5 or 6 in breadth. It is a Landmark to the German Vessels, that frequent these Coasts. And because of its Situation was formerly given to the Admiral of Denmark, being a convenient place for his Residence. Its chief Town Seekae or Stege, which was remarkable for the sall or defence it made against the Lubeckers in 1510. And the Valour of the Inhabitants of the whole them, was signalized in 1659, when they defended themselves better against the Suedes, than the other larger Islands had done.

FEMEREN Seated on the Coast of Wagerland, from whence it is parted by a very small Channel; tho' it be but a small Plot of Ground, has always been esteemed of great importance, being one of the Keys of Denmark on the side of Germany. And on that account King Christian IV. in the year 1628. caused the chief places on it, especially Borg, to be strongly Fortised.

SAMSOE, lyes on the North of Funen, and a few Leagues East from the Coast of Jutland over against Aarbusen. It is an Island of small extent, yet has been lately Erected into a County by the late King Christian V. in favour of Madam Mose a Citizen's Daughters of Copenhagen, on whom that Prince begot two Natural Sons, and Created the Mother Countess of Samsoe.

HUEN, or, as others Write it Ween, is a small straight of the Sound between Sceland and Schonen, to the North-West of Copenhagen, and was formerly famous for the Castle or Tower of Uraniburg, wherein that noble Danish Baron sycho Brahe made his Astronomical Observations; but it is now demolished: He had also here a deep Dungeon called Stelliburg, from whence he could view the Stars in the Day time.

The Island of BORNHOLM lyes very remote from Denmark, viz. 25 Leagues from Seeland to the East,

East, and not above 6 Leagus from the Coast of I ORST in Germany, which lye separated from Schonen to the South-East. It is about 20 Miles in extent, from North to South, and about 12 from East to West, and of an Oval Form. It was anciently called Boringia, Borunda, and Holma, and is faid to have been discovered by Thieloraus, the Son of a Jutland Prince. It is a place of great Importance for its Situation and Fruitfulness; and once belonged to the Archbishop of Lunden, but Christian II. took Poffession of it 1524. being absolutely necessary for the Fleet which he defigned against the Sweeds. Which Usurpation George Sesseberg, who was then Archbishop, opposed with all his Power, but in vain, for he was at last forced to fly into Germany, to avoid the effects of the King's dipleasure. During the late War this Island was often wasted by the Sweeds, to whom it was furrendred by the Treaty of Roschild, but the Danes have since redeemed it by the Exchange of several Lands in Schonen. Sandwyck on the Northern Coast, and Rottum on the South-western, are the chief Towns, besides which, there is the Town of Nexoa and the Castle of Hammerhusen, and several Villages.

There are many other small Islands on the Coasts of Jutland and Zeeland, but they are not considerable enough to deserve a particular Description.

Besides the Continent and Islands above mentioned the King of Denmark is possessed of the two Counties of OLDENBURG and DELMEN-

Holftein by the Duchy of Bremen.

OLDENBURG is a flat Moorish Country lying in the Circle of Wellphalia, between the Duchy of Bremen on the North-East, East-Friesland, or the County of Emden on the West, and part of the Bishoprick of Munster to the South, and the German Ocean on the North: It is about 50 Miles in length, and 25 in breadth. The chief Town which gives Name to the County, is feared on the River Hunte, at the distance of 50 Miles from Embden to the East, and 30 from Bremen to the West. It is well Fortisied with Walls and Ditches, and a ftrong well built Castle. The Houses are very mean, but the place hath a pretty good Trade by means of the River, which falling into the Weser, Ships of small Burden can come up to the Town. This Country is noted for an Excellent Breed of Horses, introduced some years ago, by Anthony Hunter, the last Count, descended from Wittikind the first Duke of Saxony, whose Line intirely failing in the year 1676, this County fell to the King of Denmark, who is descended from that Family.

The small County of DELMENHORST adjoyns to Oldenburg on the South East, the chief Town of the same Name, stands on the River Dilma, 16 Miles East from Oldenhurg, and 14 West from Bremen: It is strongly Fortified, but other-

wife not very confiderable.

NORWAY, Norwegia.

Confult the Map of Sueden.

ORWAY has its Name from it's Situation towards the North Pole; for Nordweg in the Language of that Country fignifies the Way of the North. It was anciently according to Pliny called Nerigon, and by others Nordmania. As the ftory commonly goes, Norus the Son of Humblus King of Sueden was the first King, who by his prudent Management, and good Example, reclaim'd and Civiliz'd, the barbarous Sitones, the first Inhabitants of this Country. After his Death, they fell to parting the Kingdom among themselves, and so were engaged in Civil Wars; and at last being either weary of shedding their own Blood, or forced for want of Provisions, they left their own Country, and betaking themselves to Piracy on the Seas, became at last formidable Conquerors. They Ravag'd the Coast of Friezland and Britain, and after many Engagements, wherein they always came off Victorious, France at last became the Object of their Ambition, and having enter'd the Mouth of the Loire, after the Death of Charlemaign, they Sack'd the Cities of Nantes, Tours, and Angers, but from thence Marching into Gascogne were repulsed and entirely defeated. A party of them went into Italy, expecting the Fortune of the Goths, but proceeded no further than the surprizing some places in Liguria, and return'd to France, where they joined a new Herd of their Countrymen, and under the Name of Normans became considerable; insomuch that in the time of Charles the Simple, they settled them-felves in Neufria, from them, since called Normandy; which that Prince was obliged to surrender to them. Some Historians are of opinion that Charles encouraged them, in order to have their affiftance against Eudo his Rival for the Crown, for he Married his Daughter Gifelle to Rollo, their General, who became Duke of Normandy, and was succeeded by his Posterity. The Posterity of Norus being extinct Subdager Son-in-Law to Gram King of Denmark, came to be King of Norway. Harald Surnamed Harfager Reigned about the year 978, and after the Death of Olaus, the last of his Race, the Crown of Normay was conveyed to Denmark by the Marriage of Haquin their King, to Margaret Daughter of Waldamir III. King of Denmark A. D. 1387. Since which time Norway has been Governed by a Vice-Roy of the King of Denmark. The Norwegians have made several attempts to set up Kings of their own Nation, particular Hermolaus Huldphat, but to no purpose, and those Conspiracies have only tended to the encreasing of their Chains. The best account we can give the Reader of the Succession of these Kings (the History of this Country being very obscure) is here set down.

A Cronological Table of the Succession of the Kings of Norway.

Began to	Reign.
Arold, Harold, or	Magnus IV. 1180
Arand I. 978	Haquin, a Tyrant 1232
Sucno, or Suenin, 998	Olaus, Sirnam'd Ango-
St. Olaus, 1011	Sanus, 1263
Sucno, 1031	Eric I. 1280
Magnus, I. 1039	Haquin II. 1300
Herola, or Ervold, 1055	Magnus V. King of
Magnus II. 1070	Sueden 1315
Magnus III, Expell'd 1110	Haquin III. 1326
Harold II. 1138	Magnus VI. 1328
Magnus III. Rc-esta-	Haquin IV. 1359
blith'd 1148	Olaus III. 1375
Ingo, furnam'd Gibbus 1158	Haquin & Margaret 1389
An Interregnum of 4 years,	

NORWAY is a long, but narrow (in comparison of its length) Tract of Land, on the West side of Scandinavia, between Sueden and the Ocean; having on the East fide a long Ridge of Mountains call'd at parts by different Names, as Fille-Field, Dofre-Field, Rund-Field, Daar-Field, &c. but they are commonly by Historians stiled the Dofrine Mountains: These divide Norway from Sueden, and the Ocean washes all the Western Coast, as also the Southern and Northern. It lyes between 58 and 72 Deg. of Lat. and 24 and 52 Deg. of Long. its length is about 800 Miles, Reckoning from the North Cape in Finmark, to the Nare in the mouth of the Baltick, but its breadth is not above 100 Miles, and in some parts not near so much. The Southern Part is reasonably Temperate; but the AIR is very Cold, and the Land produces very little Corn or Fruits; its Wealth confisting chiefly in the vast Forests of mighty Fire Trees, whose usefulness in Building makes the Merchants of England, Holland, and other Nations flock thither to Buy 'em: The Earth hath Mines of Iron, Copper, and some Silver; with Pitch and Tar, and Fish, (whereof great quantities are taken on the Coasts and exposed,) are COMODITIES of this

The INHABITANTS are generally Strong and Courageous: And (as Puffendorf observes) undergo all sorts of hardship, with more Vigour than the Danes, being inured to Severity by their Soil and Climate: But the Danes keep them under, and give 'em no opportunities of shewing their Strength, and have gradually removed all their ancient Nobility; to prevent any potent Faction to artise. The King

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being careful to keep this Country to himself, especially on account of the good Revenue he receives from it, which is reckon'd by Mr. Moldsworth, at seven hundred Thousand Rix Dollars per Annum. The Norwegians are good Sea-men, and are therefore Cherished by the Hollanders.

The Christian RELIGION is said to have been planted here, about the middle of the Tenth Century, and the Reformation was Introduced by the Danes, so that Lutheranism is the profess'd Reli-

Norway is divided into five Dioceses or Prefectures, viz. those of Aggerhusen or Obsto, Bergben, Drontheim, Wardhus, and Bahus, and several Islands.

The Cities and chief Towns are thefe,

[Obstoor Christiana Aggerhusen. Frederick Stadt. In the Diocels of Aggerhuse, or Saltzberg. Obflo, Hammer. Tonsberg. L Scheen. Berghen. Staffanger.

In the Diocels of Berghen.

Nidrosiana.

Eyde. & Bischopsware. Drontheim. Leerstrand. Stronden. Scoerdale. In the Diocess of Drontheim call'd Opdael. Sundael. Romsdalen. Solendael.

Melanger. LScheen. The Diocess of Wardhus divi- 5 Wardhuys, and

¿Finmark. ded into In the Diocess of Bahus subject to S Bahus. 2 Maelstrand. the Suede,

The Islands depending on Norway.

Island. Schetland, Fero, Hitteren, off the Coast of Drontheim. Maelstrom. 7 more to the North. Lofoeren. Tromanes. Sanien. off of Warehus. Sallero. on the Coast of Finmark.

Groenland and Greenland, are also reckon'd dependencies on Norway.

Maggero.

The Map of Norway is joyned to that of Sueden, and contained in the same Plate.

The Province of AGGER HUSE is the South East part of Norway, being Scated between the Pro-

vince of Berghen on the West, the Confines of Sueden on the East, the mouth of the Baltick Sea on the South, and the Government of Drentheim on the North; its extent from North to South is about 250 Miles, and from East to Wet in the South part about 180, but grows narrower Northwards till it ends in a Point, being in form of a Cone. The Land is Mountainous and Woody, but the Vallies are reasonably Fruitful, watered by many Rivers and Lakes, that pass through the Country and fall into the Baltick. It is divided into fix smaller Governments, viz. Agdesinden, Hallingdal, Hammer, Hennemark, Rimeritket, and Tellemaik which Ortelius takes to be the ancient Thyle. The chief Cities and Towns are

Anslo or Obsto, call'd also Christiania, seated at the bottom of a narrow Bay, at the distance of about 14 Leagues from the Bultick Sea, and 50 Leagues from the Scagen Cape in Jutland to the North, in the Latitude of 60 deg. 30 min. and Longitude 28, 30. is the Seat of the chief Court of Judicature for the whole Kingdom, as also an Episcopal See. The City owes its Foundation to King Harold, Cotem-porary with Sueno Eslibrith King of Denmark, who about the Middle of the eleventh Century kept his Court here: But the old Town being destroy'd by Fire, Christian IV. King of Denmark and Norway Rebuilt it about the year 1614. and gave it the Name of Christiana, by which it is at this day generally called, and is a place of good Trade for Fir Timber, Pitch, Co. The Cathedral is Dedicated to St. Alward, and in it is shewn the Sword of Haquin, one of their ancient Kings, the Hilt whereof is of Crystal, and is a notable Curiosity for Art, as well as Antiquity. In this City the Nuptial Rites between King Fames VI. of Scotland, afterwards King of England, and Ann the Daughter of Frederick II. King of Denmark, were Solemniz'd on 23 November 1 589. that Prince having taken a Voyage hither upon the Ladies being driven back by contrary Winds when the first set out for Scotland.

Aggerhusen, or Aggerhustor, from which the whole Province takes its Name, is a strong Cattle seated on the other fide of the Bay, over against Anflo, from which it is distant but a few Leagues to the West. It was remarkable for the brave resistance it mide against the Suedish Army in the year 1567, which Befieged it hotly for eighteen weeks together, but was at last beat off, and forced shamefully to Retire.

Frederickstadt stands on another Bay of the Baltick, called the Catgat, and the mouth of the River Glammen, that rifes in Drontheim, and having passed through the Province of Aggerbuse, here falls in the Sea, and by the convenience thereof affords the Town a good Trade. It is feated about 60 Miles from Christiana to the South East, and about the same distance from Jutland to the North. It had its Name from Fredrick III.

Saltzberg stands on the River Drammen, about 20 Miles North-West from Christiana, it is a good City having a confiderable Trade from the Neighbouring Copper and Iron Mines.

Tonsberg, feated on the Bay of Opfle, and Scheen but a few Miles from it, about 40 Miles South from Saltzburg, are both places of good Trade, by means of the fame Mines, and a Silver one that was difcoverd in the Reign of Christian IV.

Hollen, feated on the Lake Nordsee, 15 Miles North-West from Tensberg, is remarkable for its Church, which is cut out of the Rock called Veur, and

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ancient, and supposed by Olaus Wormius to be ori-

ginally a Heathenish Temple.

Hammer formerly a Bishops See, which is now united to that of Anflo, ftands on the River Glammon, 80 Miles North from Anslo or Christiana. Near this City in a little Island call'd Moos (as Olaus Maguus reports) a monstrous Serpent always appears before any Notable Revolution in the State

of Norway.

The Northen part of this Province is very Mountainous, and not very Populous, so that there are few

Towns of note that way.

The Province or Government of BERGHEN takes up all the West side of Normay, lying between the Government of Aggerbuse, and the Coasts of the Ocean, from the Cape called the Naze in the South, up to the Latitud of 63, o. where the Government of Drontheim begins. It is divided into the Governments of Berghen and Staffenger. Which are again fubdivided into smaller Presectures. Those under Berghen are, Nord Horland, Sud Heland, Hardanger, Vestrindal, Lerdal, Sogbne, Sud-ficord, Nord-ficord, and

Sundmarland.

Beighen, an ancient and famous Sea-Port mentioned by Pomponius Mela and Pliny, stands on a Bay of the Ocean which makes a Commodious Harbour, in the Latitude of 61. o. at the distance of 140 Miles from the Naze to the North, and as many from Christiana to the West; it is almost surrounded with Hills, from whence it has its Name. It is reckon'd the largest, most beautiful and most Populous City of Norway, as also the Principal Mart and Magazine for Merchandize, divers forts of Furrs, vast quanti-ties of Hides, Tallow, Fir Timber, &c. being brought hither from the Neighbouring Provinces and Shipt off to Foreign parts. The Inhabitants especially, drive a great Trade in Stock-Fish, which are taken on these Coasts. The Buildings were formerly very mean, but through the flocking of Strangers hither, on account of Trade, from Hamburgh, Lubeck, Holland, England, &c. the Place is fo Enriched, that the Houses are not only new Built, but it is also Beautified with a Fair Exchange. The Haven is surrounded with Hills, which render it fecure from the Weather, is very Capacious, and deep enough to receive Ships of above 200 Tuns, and is defended by a strong Castle. The City is endowed with many Privileges, and Honoured with the Presence of the Viceroy. All which, render this the Metropolis of the Kingdom of Nor-

Eyde about 15 Miles East from Berghen, and Bischopsware 10 Miles from Eyde, are reckon'd the

other Principal Towns in this Government.

Staffanger or Stavanger, is seated in a Peninsula, upon a spacious Bay of the Ocean, sull of small Islands, at the distance of 90 Miles from Berghen to the South, and 150 from Christiana to the West. The Harbour is very large and fafe; and tho' the City be but a small one it is the See of a Bishop, and the chief of a Government, which has under it the Præfectures of Carmen, Ryfoll, Feren and Dalerne: And is Guarded by the strong Fortress of Doef. wick which stands to the Sea-ward, about 2 Miles from the Town.

The Government of DRONTHEIM is the largest part of Norway, being near 500 Miles in

has a Burying place on the Top of it; it is very length, and in some parts 120, tho generally about 80 Miles in breadth. It lyes a long the Coasts of the North Sea, from the 63d. to the 69th Degree of Latitude, having some Provinces of Sueden and the Suedish Lapland on the East, the Ocean on the West, Berghen on the South, and Wardhuys on the North. The Country is Mountainous, Woody, Cold and Barren; so that the ir be large the Towns are not very considerable. For Civil Government, it is divided into the Prefectures or Districts of Nordmer, Surendal, Fosserlen, Stadt-burgen, Nordbregden, No-mandal, Faderogen, Massen, Scorduel, Strinden, Sel-boe, Lenstrand, Buynes, Schoenien, Guldael, Mesdael, Oorckedael, Singefegan, Rendebone, Obdael and Salten. The Provinces of Jemptland and Hardendal, were also part of this Government before they were united and indeed the whole Country was given to the Snedes by the Treaty of Roschild in 1658, but was restored by the Treaty of Copenhagen in 1660.

Drontheim or Truntheim is seated on the Coasts of the Northern Ocean, at the mouth of the River Nider, from which it was anciently Named Nidrofia; in the Latitude of 65. 20. about 300 Miles North East from Bergen. It is an Archiepiscopal See, and was heretofore the Royal Seat of the ancient Kings of Norway, being then a large City, but is at present not considerable, having suffer'd thro' many Conslagrations particularly in 1522. when the Stately Cathedral, Dedicated to St. Olaus, which furpassed in Beauty all the Churches in the Northern Countries, was almost destroy'd. The Palace also is fallen to decay, and the Walls, Bulwarks, and Trenches in Rubish; so that the City is rather now a Village, the Port is incommodious, the Entrance being obstructed by Rocks, and in general the place not at all confiderable, except for the Seat of the Governor, who usually Resides in the Castle.

The Country round about is very Barren, and even Wood is so scarce that a little beyond the City, the People are fain to use Fish Bones for Fuel and

divers Utenfils.

Leerstrand stands about 10 Miles South from Drontbeim.

Strenden stands 40 Miles South East from Drontbeim, on the River Nider.

Scoerdale stands on the other side of the same Bay, about 7 Leagues North West from Drontheim.

Opdael and Sundael, both feated at the bottom of a narrow Bay about 10 Leagues from the Ocean, and 100 Miles South from Drontheim.

Romsdalen stands at the bottom of another Bay, 70 Miles South East from Opdael and 170 from Drontheim.

Solendael about 30 Miles South West from Romfdalen stands on another Bay. They are all places of some Trade, but we find nothing Remarkable of 'em in Authors.

Northward, on the extream Point of this Province, near the Confines of Wardhuys, and in the Latitude of 69. 20. stands Melangar, upon the Bay of the Ocean, and about 80 Miles from it stands Scheen, which are the two chief Towns of the North Division of Drontheim, called the Government of

The Province of WARDHUYS, or the Norwegian Lapland, and Finmark, or as it is called by the Natives Taakemark, is the most Northern part of Norway, and bounded on the North and

West by the Ocean, on the East by the Muscovite Lapland, and on the South by the Suedish Lapland Its extent is near 300 Miles from East to West, and 200 from North to South. From the Northern Situation we cannot expect much produce of the Earth, or plenty of People, and confequently no Cities or confiderable Towns that make any figure in History. It was anciently Inhabited by the Finni, of whom Tacitus says, They are a People extraordinary Savage, and miserably Poor, have neither Horses, Arms, House, nor Home; but feed upon Roots, and fuch Provisions as their Bows and Arrows can procure, and are Cloathed with the Skins of Wild Beafts. And to this day they live very Rudely; but their Manners being much the fame with the Suedish Laplanders, we shall refer the Reader thither, intending to fpeak more particularly of these People who are so different from other Na-

Wardhuys, the Seat of the Governor, is a Castle, with a Street or small Town of Cottages, Inhabited by Fishermen, on the Island Warda, which lies on the North-East point of Norway, near the Confines of the Muscovite Lapland; the Castle is old and not very well Fortify'd, and the Island is but small being only 14 or 15 Miles in Circumference, and separated about 2 Leagues from the Continent. The Inhabitants of this and the Neighbouring Islands live upon Dry'd Stock-fish, and have neither Bread nor Beer, but what is brought them from other Parts, by the English and Dutch Ships that come this way for

On the Island Maggero, (the Land whereof makes the North Cape, or Promontorium Rutubæ) as also on Suroy and Trommes, 2 other Islands more Southward, are Churches for Christian Worship, but on the Continent the People are Stupid Idolaters.

We have faid above that the Government of Wardbuys comprehends Finmark, and the Norwegian Lapland, 'tis necessary to subjoyn that the Maritime part of it is Finmark, and the upland and Southern part is Lapland.

There are a great number of Islands lie along on the Coasts of all this Kingdom, but they are not confiderable enough to deferve naming. Only Iseland must not be omitted.

ISELAND, fo call'd from its extream Coldness, is an Island Seated in the Northern Ocean, about 150 Leagues Eastward from the Coast of Normay, and 120 Leagues North from Scotland. The Arctick Circle, and the First Meridian both pass over this Island, so its Latitude and Longitude is easily guess'd It's extent from East to West, is near 300 Miles, and from North to South about 150. The Soil (tho' the most South part of the Island, lie in near the same Latitude with Drontheim, where the Land is barren) is reasonably Feitil, and affords Pasture for Horses, Cows, Oxen, and other Cattel: The Air is extream Cold, but very Healthy, and the Inhabitants are strong and remarkable for their long Lives, without knowing the use of Physick. In the Woods are White Bears, Foxes, Hares, and other Game, of whose Skins the Inhabitants make their Cloaths. On the Coasts they eatch Whales, and so great a quantity of other Fish, that when they want Hay, they dry 'em to give their Cattle. The Mountains are always cover'd with Snow, three of them are Vulcanos, and continually cast out Fire, the most remarkable whereof is Mount Hekla, which cannot be approach'd nearer than 2 Leagues without Danger; at the Foot of it are several Mines of Brimstone; such

Shoals of Ice with melted Snow come down from the Mountains, that frequently Trees and Cattle are carry'd away. The People are Hone's, and reckon'd the best and faithfullest Servants in the World; and in the Towns, the Christian Religion, according to the Lutheran perswasion, is profess'd, but in the ruder parts Idolatry is still follow'd. The chief Town is Skalholt, which stands in the Latitude of 66.0. to the North-East of Mount Hekla; the other chief Towns are Hola on the North Coast, Beredt on the South-Eatt, Hamer on the South-Weit, Ce In the Castle of Bested the King's Vicercy Rendes. The Houses are Built of Wood, and cover'd with the Bark of Trees, Skins or Turfs; the Vit gas upon the Sea-Coasts, and along the P vets remove their Houses, as their occasions or inclin 1 ons lead them. The Havens of Hancfroid and Ke, weck, we much frequented by Ships from Hamburg, Denmark, En-gland, and other parts, who bring the Inhabitants the necessaries they want, and receive in Exchange, Tallow, Hides, Butter, Whale-oj I, Dry'd Fith, and

Sea-Horse-Teeth, which is as good as Ivory.

The Islands of Scheelind and Fore, which lie between Island and Stotland, in the same Latitude with the Govenment of Berghon in Norway, are also Subjects to the King of Denmark.

The King of Denmark also reckons Groenland and Greenland part of his Deminions; but of it we shall fpeak hereafter when we come to treat of the Countries, lying about the North and South Poles.

And now having pass'd from the Naze to the North Cape, and taken a sufficient View of Norway, we might pass on to Surden, but that the little Province Bahus, tho' belonging to the Suede, was formerly part of Norway, must be mention'd here.

The Province or Government of BAHUS, is the most South part of Norway, a narrow Tract of Land lying on the Coast of the Balrick Sea, about 90 Miles in Length, from North to South, between the Baltick on the West, Sueden on the Last, Aggerbusen on the North, and Gothland on the South; its Breadth is not proportionate to the Length, being in some parts but 10. in none above 25 Miles Broad. The Country is fruitful enough, but a great part of it is taken up by large Lakes of Water. It formerly belong'd to the King of Denmark, till by the Treaty of Roschild, in 1658. it was given to the Suede, to whom it is now subject; and is divided into two Parts, Inlandt and Wychsiden.

Bahuys, which gives name to the Province, is a ftrong Castle, Built on a small Island, made by the River Trolheta, 150 Miles South-East from Aggerhuysen, 9 Miles from Gotteberg, and 20 Leagues
East from the Cape Schagen in Jutland. It was Founded by Harquin II. King of Norway, in the year 1309. and stands on a steep Rook near the Banks of the River, and was reckon'd a fufficient Bulwark against the Suedes and Ostrogoths. It was Surrender'd with the Province to the Suedes, in 1658. bur afterwards in 1678. when the Danes affembled to retake it, it withftood their Affaults.

Maelstrand or Maesterland, is the only remarkable Town in the Province of Wochsiden, and is seated on a Rocky Peninfula, about 10 Miles below Bahuys; it is a place of great Trade for Herrings, and other Sca-Fish; and is guarded by a strong Carle, Buile at the Mouth of the River Wener, which not far from thence falls into the Catgat. It was taken by the Danes, in 1676. but reftor'd by the Treaty at Fountainbleau, in 1679.

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SUEDEN, Suecia.



OEDEN, which makes up the greatest part of Scandinavia, is Bounded with Norwegian, Lapland, and the North Sea on the North, the Baltick Sea on the South, Museovy on the East, and Denmark and Norway on the West. The extent of the whole Kingdom is about 800 Miles from North to South, and much about the same from East to West. It lies between the 58 Degrees, 40 Min. and the 68 Degrees, 30 Min. of North Latitude, and from the 30th Degree to the 60th Degree of Longitude, in form resembling a Vine Leaf, whereof

the Gulf of Bothnia, is the Stem, round which the feveral parts of Sueden, are feated; Gothland and Sueden Proper on the West side, Finland and Livonia on the East and Lapland on the North. The Country is very much cover'd with Lakes and Forests, and some parts with craggy Mountains; however, the other parts of the Land afford Corn sufficient for the Inhabitants, Passure and Breeds of Horses and Cattle: Westmania and Dalecarlia, have rich Copper Mines, and even one Silver one. Finland produces Pitch, Tar, and Fir-Timber, and Vermelandia

good ftore of Masts for Shipping. So that the Native COMMODITIES of Sueden are Copper, Jron, Tar, Pitch, Hemp, Masts, Deal Boards, &c. Which are so useful Commodities, that all the Nations of Europe Resort hither, and bring the Inhabitants every thing they want in Exchange. But the Commodities whereof they make the greatest account, are Copper and Iron, which they Manusacture,

and fend abroad in great Quantities. The Seas which wash the Coasts of Sueden are, the Ore Sund, vulgarly call'd the Sound: The Baltick or East-Sea: The Gulf of Bothnia, or as the Natives call it the Bodom Zee, and the Gulf of Finland. The Sund, divides Gothia and Scania from Denmark; the Baltick flows between Schonen and Germany, and al-fo between Gothia and Poland: The Bothnick Bay, lies between Sueden and Finland and Liefland, and has also communication with the Lake Ladoga, by means of the River Nieva, which passes out of that Lake into the Gulf. The Lakes within the Land are almost innumerable, but those of greatest extent are the Wener, Wetter and Meller in Gothia, the Ula Tvest in Bothnia: The Jende or Pejende in Finland: The Onega and the Ladoga on the Confines of Finland and Muscowy, and the Peibus in Livonia. Into these and the other Lakes, run a vast number of Rivers, which not only afford the Inhabitants abundance of Fish, but also a conveyance of their Copper and Iron, as the Forests do Fuel, by means whereof their Mines are wrought with great facility; and do in effect produce more of these Metals, than any other Country in the World.

The INHABITANTS, are undoubtedly the Progeny of the ancient Goths, (of whom more hereafter) with great mixture of Germans, and other Neighbours. They are in their Temper Honeft, Frank and Plain-Dealers, of a large Stature, and handfom Proportion; the Gentry Travel much, and ufually speak several Languages. The Women are also Handsom, Modest and Neat, and the Common People Laborious and Frugal.

The ancient Bards that sung the Stories of their Heroes, and the Runick Character in which they Wrote them, are curious Speculations to Learn'd Criticks; but otherwise Learning was anciently in no great Vogue in Sueden; but since Christianity has been Establish'd, many Universities have been Erected, and several Persons of eminent Learning, have flourish'd here.

The LANGUAGE of Sueden is a Dialect of the ancient Teutonic, and not exceedingly different from the German and Danish; it is harsher of the three, and therefore in Writing the Dutch is rather used by the Gentry.

The ancient Inhabitants of the Sueden were groß Idolaters in Religion, till about the year 800. at the Requeft of Biorno then King of Sueden, the Emperor Charles the Great, fent able Ministers to Preach Christianity here, which was continu'd with application, but the Establishment of it not effected, till 1015, at which time Ethelred King of England, sent Sigifrid Archbishop of York on this Pious Work, who Baptiz'd the King Olaus, and caus'd Churches to be Built in every Province, and Christianity continu'd to be exercised, but with the intermixture of Popish Superstition, till about the year, 1530. King Gustavus I. establish'd the LUTHERAN REFORMED RELIGION, which has ever since been profess'd here.

Of the ancient State of Sueden.

The various and different accounts of Authors, about the Primitive Scare of Sueden, 15 to di rating, that it is almost impussible to araw a coh. In fory out of them, and therefore we choose is her to give the Reader a fummary of what is all ted on this Subject by the Judicious Hi or an Samuel Pufferdorf, who was a Native of this Country, and an able Statesman, and mty be suppord to know the Affairs of his own Country. The Suedish Historians, fays he, have out of their ancient Monuments, shewn the World that this Kingdom is the most ancient in Europe, and that this Country was after the Deluge fooner flored with Inhabitants than the other parts of Europe : Neverthe'ess, it is very uncertain who were the first Inhabitants, and at what rime they first settled here, as likewise whether they were immediately Govern'd by Kings, or whether the Fathers of Families had the chief fway among them, till the Regal was grafted on the Paternal Power. The Names and Deeds of their Kings, and the times of their Reigns are also not easie to be determind, for the Lift of these Kings which have been Published, is not so authentick, but that it may be call'd in question. And as to the Transactions of those Times, they are most of them taken out of ancient Songs, and fabulous Legends, and some of them out of the allegorical Traditions of their ancient Poets, or Scalders, which perhaps have been wrongfully Interprered by some Authors. And Johannes Messenius in his Scandinavia Illustrata, does not flick to fay that the old Suedish Historiographer Johannes Magnus, did strive to outdo in his History, the Danish Historian Saxo Grammaticus. Joh. Magnus, makes Magog the Son of Japhet, and Grandson of Noah, the first Founder of the Scythick and Gothick Nations, and lays, that from his Two Sons, Sweno and Gether, or Gog, they had their Names. He Relates, that after this Family was extinguish'd, Sueden was for the space of 400 years, under the Government of certain Judges; and that about 800 years after the Deluge, both the Kingdom of Suedes and Goths were united under Bericus, who in Person Planted a Colony of the Goths, beyond the Seas, after having Conquered the Ulmirurges, who then Inhabited Pruffia; from whence he extended his Conquests over the Vandals. A confiderable time after, these Nations fettled themselves not far from the Mouth of the Danube, near the Black-Sea; from whence having undertaken several Expeditions, both into Asia and Europe, at last in the Third and Fourth Centuries after the Birth of Christ, they enter'd the Roman Provinces on this fide the Danube, and carried their Conquering Arms into Italy and Spain, where they Erected Two Kingdoms. But the former part of this Relation is contradicted by Messenius, who also rejects the List which Joh. Magnus has given us of the Kings before our Saviour's Birth, alledging that the times before Christ's Nativity, are all involv'd in fa-bulous Narrations, as to those Northern Parts: And that most of these Kings Liv'd after the Birth of our Saviour. But the Chronology even of the first Centuries after our Saviour, and the Genealogies of those Kings being uncertain, we shall only give the Reader a List of the Names and Succession of those that have Reigned fince Christianity began to be Preach'd here; which according to Puffendorf is as follows.

A Chronological Table of the KINGS of SUEDEN.

Began to Reign,	A. D.
Bero or Biorno III.	780.
Amundus.	824.
Sivardus II.	827.
Herotus or Haraldus.	834.
Charles VI.	856.
Biorno IV.	868.
Ingellus.	883.
Olaus, converted to Christianiry	891.
Ingo his Son.	900.
Eric, Weatherhat.	907.
Eric, Segerhefel.	917.
Steenchild the Mild, suppressing Idolatry,	he was
Maffacred by the Pagans.	
Olane, Shot, bonung.	1012.
He was Baptized by Sigifrid, fent by King	Ethel-
red of England. He united the Kingdom of	Suedes
and Goths.	
Amund Slemme.	1035.
Haquin the Ruddy.	1041.
Steenchill the Younger.	1059.
Ingo the Pious.	1059.
He destroy'd the Idol at Upfal, for which	
Murther'd by the Pagans.	
Halftan.	1066.
Philip	1080.
Ingo III.	1100.
Raywald Knaphofde.	1129.
Swercher. II.	1140.
Eric, the Saint.	1154.
Charles Son of Swercher.	1162.
Cnute the Son of Erick,	1168.
Swercher, III. Son of Charles	1192.
Eric Cnutson.	1210.
John Son of Swercher.	1219.
Eric the Lisper.	1223.
He converted Finland to Christianity.	
Waldemar.	1251.
Magnus.	1279.
Briger II.	1291.
Magnus Smeeck.	1319.
He was depos'd.	
Albert Duke of Mecklenburg,	1364.
Margaret Queen of Denmark and Norway,	1288.
She made a solemn union of the 3 Kingdo	oms, at
Calmar, 1396. Appointing her Nephew Eric	to fuc-
ceed.	
Erick XIII.	1396.
He Married the Daughter of Henry IV. K	ing of
England. The Suedes Rebell'd against his	m. and
constituted a Marshal to Govern the Realm	1.
Christopher Duke of Bavaria,	1439.
Charles Cnutson, Marshal, chosen King.	1448.
Christian I. King of Denmark.	1458.
He was expell'd and forc'd to resign.	
Erick Axelfon, Regent.	1466.
70hn King of Denmark.	0 -

John King of Denmark.

mitted many Barbarities.

Erick XIV. his Son.

King.

Steno Sture the Regent oppos'd him

He Murder'd the Nobility and Senate and com-

The Crown was made Hereditary to his Family, and he introdu'd the Reformation of Religion.

Gustavus Erickson, oppos'd the Danes, and chosen

Christian II. King of Denmark.

The Crown of Sueden was anciently bestow'd by

1481.

1520.

1559.

Of the Government of Sueden.

Election of the Great Men, and Estates of the Realm, on such person of Merit as they thought sit, till the Kings of Denmark by their Interest, having got into the Throne, and used the Suedes with too much severity, especially Christiern II. who committed great cruelties on them, Gustavus Ericus, a Nobleman of great Courage and Honour, and Nephew to Steno Sture, the preceeding King, appearing at the Head of the remainder of the Snedish Nobility, that had escaped the Massacre, drove out the Dane, and in reward had the Crown conferr'd on him, and

He introduc'd the Titles of Earls and Barons, and made them Hereditary. On account of Disorders between him and the Fa-

mily of the Stures, a Rebellion was fomented, and he at last Depos'd.

John III. his Brother Succeeded. He made his offers at restoring Popery, but was oppos'd in it by his Brother Charles Duke of Suder-

mania. Sigismund, his Son King of Poland, Succeeded. 1592. But Charles his Uncle Administer'd the Government. Sigifmund endeavouring to introduce Popery, caused a Desection in Sueden, and was in the end depos'd, and his Son also Excluded. Wherefore his Uncle

Charles IX. Son of King Gustavus, Succeeded. 1604. Gustavus Adolphus his Son. An Heroick Valiant Paince, whose Actions are fufficiently known. He was Kill'd in the Battle, of Lutzen in Germany, Nov. 6. 1633. Christiana his Daughter Succeeded.

1633.

She refign'd the Crown to her Nephew.

Charles Gustavus Duke of Deux Ponts, who was accordingly the same day Crown'd King of Sueden, 1654. June 6. Charles XI. his Son Succeeded. 1666. Charles XII. his Son now Reigning. 1697.

'Tho' the Suedish and Gothick Nations have been anciently famous for Warlik Archievments, and the Men are very fit to endure the fatigues of War, yet were their Military Affairs in former times, but very indifferently order'd; their chief Force confifting in the Boors, till Gustavus, and his Successors with the affifiance of fome German and Scotch Officers and Soldiers, have introduc'd fuch Discipline as that now they do not stand in need of Foreigners, except upon an emergency to make up the number of Men, wherewith they are not overstock'd, especially since the late great Wars under Gustavus Alolphus. The late King has put their Forces both Horse and Foot into a better condition than ever they were before, and they are maintain'd with very small Charge to the Crown, the Foot being maintain'd by the Boors, and the Horse have for the most part small Farms of the Kings affign'd them, the Rents whereof are their Pay; fo that only the King's Guards are Paid out of the Treafury. For the Naval Security the Kingdom of Sueden has a confiderable Fleet of Ships of War, the Station whereof was formerly at Stockholm, but of late years a new Harbour has been made at Bleking, whence the Ships may put to Sea with more expedition and convenience. And on the Land side Sueden is Guarded with inaccessible Rocks towards Norway, and strong Forts towards Muscovy and Poland.

made Hereditary to his Posterity; this happen'd in the year 1544. And tho' the Estates at that time referv'd to themselves the power of choosing again, if the Race of that Prince should happen to fail, yet when Queen Christina, the only Issue of Gustavus Adolphus, resigned the Crown, and nominated Charles Gustavus Duke of Deux Ponts, her Nephew, to succeed her, it was not opposed: And furthermore in the Year, 1680. in the Affembly of the Nobility held at Stockbolm, it was agreed, That in case of the King's dangerous Sickness he might nominate his Successor without the Advice of the Five Great Officers, which was confirm'd by the Estates. And in 1682. it was further enacted that Daughters should succeed in case of failure of Male Issue.

The Estates of the Realm (whose Authority was much greater before the Form of Government was chang'd) consist of four Orders, viz. The Nobility, the Deputies of the Clergy, Burgesses and Peafants. The Nobility have for their Prefident the Marshal of the Dyet, appointed by the King; the Clergy the Archbishop of Upfal, as Primate of the Kingdom: The Burgeffes usually the Burgomaster of Stockholm; and the Peasants chuse a President or

Speaker of their own.

Next to the States General the Senate is the most considerable Body in the Nation. The Number of Senators is not fix'd, they are fometimes more, and In Queen sometimes fewer, as the King sees sit. Christina's time they were Forty, in Charles Gustavus's time Twenty four, and now they are but Twelve. They were formerly called Senators of the Kingdom, but now the King's Senators. Formerly they were Judges of the King's Actions, but now they are no more than Witnesses. And altho' he takes their Advice in Matters of State, they are not permitted to Prescribe. The King alone has the Power of establishing Imposts, of regularing the Magazines for the Soldiers in the Provinces, of Coining Mony, and Digging Saltpetre-Mines. He Names all Magistrates and Officers, and has Power, in case of necessity, to take the tenth Man in the Nation for the Wars; though oftentimes he takes Mony for them, and hires Foreigners, which is the Reason there are so many Strangers, and especially Germans in the Sue-

The Five Officers of the Crown are, 1. The Drotset, or Chief Justice ; 2. The Lord High Constable, 3. The High Admiral, 4. The High Chancellor, and 5. The Treasurer. The Drotset is the Chief Officer in the Nation, and was formerly a kind of Vice-Roy; he has the Honour of putting on the King's Crown at the Coronation: He Presides in the Supream Court of Justice, to which there is appeal from all other Courts. The Constable Presides peal from all other Courts. in the Council of War, and has the Inspection of the Discipline and managing the Army, and has many great and honourable Privileges. The Admiral's Power is also very great, he has the ordering of the Fleet, and the naming all the Officers in it, with many other Priviledges. The Chancellor is the Chief Officer in the State for administring Justice under the King, for rectifying Abuses, and giving necessary Rules for the good of the Publick; he keeps the Great Seal, and Dispaches all Affairs of State. The Lord High Treasurer has the Administration of the King's Revenues, Pays all the Officers of the Kingdom, and Prefides in the Chamber of Accounts: He has also many Privileges.

The REVENUES of the KING of Sueden

were anciently so small, that they were hardly enough

to maintain him, confifting only of Duties on Exported and Imported Goods, and the discovery of Mines. But the Riches and Revenues of the Church, that have been Seculariz'd fince the Reformation, have contributed much to the encrease of them: And the Resumption of Lands granted away from the Crown by preceding Kings, to the Nobility and Gentry, have raifed them to the highest Degree. This was done by the late Kings, in the Year, 1680, and tho' it was much opposed by the Assembly of the Estates, yet the lower Orders consenting, the Nobility were fain to comply. Besides these Branches the King has a third part of all Fines, when they do not exceed 40 Marks of Silver; and is sthey do, he takes it all. He has also all Forseitures upon Account of High-Treason; and the Estates of Strangers, if their Heirs do not appear within a Year after their Death.

The Administration of JUSTICE in Sueden is perform'd in Five several Courts. 1. The King's Chamber, wherein all superior Causes, as between Noblemen, Senators and Publick Officers are heard, and Appeals received from inferior Courts: The Drotset fits as Judge here. 2. The Court Marshal, wherein all Matters relating to War are determined: The Grand Marshal of the Army is President of it, and has two Affessors that are Senators or Officers of State, to affish him. 3. The Court of Chancery, where all Mandates, Edicts, Commissions, &s. in the King's Name are made: The Chancellor of the Kingdom presides in it, and is assisted by sour Senators, Affesfors, and the two Secretaries of State. 4. The Court of Admiralty, which transacts all Bufiness Marine: Here the High Admiral Presides, attended with four Vice-Admirals, as many Senators, and feveral Captains Affesfors. 5. The Court of Exchequer for deciding Controversies relating to the King's Revenue. The Grand Treasurer Presides here and has four Assessment, two Senators, and two Noble-men to affift him.

There are other Courts that Judge all common Causes, both Civil and Criminal without Appeal; they were Established by King Gustavus Adolphus, and planted in convenient places all over the Kingdom. Each consists of a President, who is a Senator, and a certain number of Lawyers and Gentlemen for Affessors. These Parliaments are held at these Cities, viz. 1. Stockholm. 2. Jonekoping in Gothia. 3. Abo, in Finland. 4. Derpt, in Livonia. And 5. at Wismar, in Germany.

The Dominions of the King of Sueden, con-sist of these Eight Parts.

I. SUEDEN properly so called, lying between Norway on the West, and the Bothnick-Bay on the East.

II. GOTHLAND, on the South of Sueden.

III. FINLAND, on the East side of the Bothnic

IV. LIVONIA, on the South fide of the Finnic Bay.

V. INGRIA, on the East of Livonia.

VI. Sucdifib LAPLAND.

VII. Several ISLANDS, in the Baltick Sea.

VIII. POMERANIA, and some other parts of Germany.

The Sub-divisions whereof are seen in this Table, and the Principal Ciries and Towns in each, are described in the Particular Accounts of the Provinces which follow.

Sueden in General, in Eight Parts, is thus Divided.

> Oplandia. Sudermania. Westmania. Nericia. Gestricia. Dalecarlia.

I. Sueden properly so called, Helfingia. in Eleven Parts.

Angermania. Zemptia. Bothnia. SEast-Gothland.
West-Gothland.

Medelpadia.

II. Gothia, in Three Parts.

& South-Gothland.

These are Sub-divided into Nine smaller Parts.

East-Gothland.

West-Gothland.

West-Gothia. Wermeland. ¿Dalia.

SEast-Gothland proper. Smaland. 20enaland.

VII. The Islands of

Schonen or Scandia;
Bleking. South-Gothland. Halland.

~ Torne-Lapmarck. III. Suedish Lapland, in Five Kimi-Lapmarck. Pitha-Lapmarck. Uma-Lapmarck.

Finland proper. Cajania. Savolaxia. IV. Finland in seven Parts. Kexholm. Carelia. Nylandia:

Tavasthia. 1. Esthonia which is Subdivided Harria. into five Parts V. Livonia, or Liefland, into three Parts. Czervia. 2. Oedepoa. 3. Letten, or Letitia.

Singria proper. Ingermania. VI. Ingria, ¿Soluska.

Gothlandia. Oeland. Oefel. Dagho. Aland. Huena.

Rugen.

VIII. The Upper-Pomerania, Bremen and Ferden, in Germany.

The particular Description of the Kingdom of SUEDEN.

CHAP. II.

Of SUEDEN properly so called.

WEDEN Properly so called is bounded on the North with Lapland, on the South with Goth. land and Schonen, on the East with the Bothnic Bay, and the West with the Dofrine Mountains; extending 300 Miles from North to South, and 200 from East to West, a Fruitful but in some parts Mountainous Country, abounding with Rich Mines of Copper, and affording Conveniencies of Water and Fuel for Working them. It is divided into Eleven Parts, viz.

1. Uplandia, a small Province, but the most Fruitful, it is furrounded by the Baltick Sea on the North-East and South-West, having Sudermania on the South, Nericia and Westmania on the West, and Gestricia on the North.

2. Sudermania, divided from Upland, on the North, by the Lake Meller; hath East-Gothland on the South; Nericia on the West; and the

Baltick on the East. This is the place of Building

3. Westmania, lyes on the West of Uplandia, having Nericia on the South, and Delegarlia on the North. The Soil is Fruitful, and the Mines afford Steel, Iron, Copper, Lead and Sulphur.
4. Nericia, lyes between the three above men-

tioned. It abounds with Mines.

5. Gestricia, is North of Upland, along the Coast of the Bothnic Gulf. It has some Iron Mines, and

good Corn.

6. Heljingia, North of Gestricia, having the Bothnick Gulf on the East, and Dalecarlia on the West. The Soil produces Corn and Pasture, and the Inhabitants are chiefly imploy'd in Breeding

7. Dalecarlia, an inland Province on the West of these Two, and bounded on the West by Norway; it is a large Tract of Land from North to South, but

is a Woody, Barren, and somewhat Mountainous Country, however its Considerable on account of the Mines of Copper, Allum and Vitriol, with which it abounds.

8. Medelpadia on the North of Helfingia, and formerly part of it, is a smaller Country of the like Soil, only more Woody and Mountainous.

9. Angermania. And 10. Jemptia, lye on the North of Medelpadia and Dalecarlia; the former is a very Fruitful and Plesant Country, the Soil Rich, and producing plenty of Corn, but withal somewhat Mountainous; it has the Bothnic Gulf on the East, and Bothnia on the North. Jemptia is more Mountainous, and lyes on the West of Angermania.

11. Bothnia, called West-Bothnia, the opposite Land in Finland being the East-Bothnia, is a narrow Tract of Land lying along the Shoar of the Bothnia Bay, and on the other parts surrounded by Lapland. It is a Sandy Barren Soil, but has store of Fish.

The Cities and chief Towns in these Provinces are these.

" Upland,	Stockholm. Upsal. Engkoping.
Sudermania,	Stregnes. Torfilia.
Westmania,	S Arofio. Koping. Arboga.
Nericia,	SOrdbro. Kunda.
Gestricia,	SGevalia. Coperberget.
Hellingia,	SHundswickwald, Dilsbo. Alta.
Dalecarlia,	SIdra. Limna. Hedemora.
Angermania,	Hernofand. Natra.
Medelpadia,	{Tuna. Judal.
Jempthia,	S Restundt. L idk.
West-Bothnia,	STorne. Uma.

Stockholm, Holmia aut Stocholmia, the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom, beingthe Seat of the King; Is Situated on the fide of the Lake Meller, on feveral small Islands like Venice, in the Latitude of 59.0. and Longitude of 38.0. but few Leagues from the Baltick Sea, near 300 Miles from Copenhagen to the North East, and as many from Christina to the East. It is encompass'd especially toward the Sea with steep craggy Rocks, as also with high Mountains and Lakes, which rendet its Prospect somewhat uncouth. It was heretofore a place of little note, founded by King Birgerus in 1291. and took it's Name from the great quantity of Timber us'd in Building it;

Pila. Lula.

Stock fignifying Wood, and Holm an Island. In 1407. it was confum'd by Lightning, and some Thousands of People perished in the Conslagration. By the Tyrannical Oppression of Christian II. King of Denmark the Inhabitants fled away, but were called home again by Gustavus I. in 1529. In 1552 a Fire happened, which by reason of the Wooden Houses consumed the greatest part of the Town. But it was foon Re-built upon Piles, partly with Stone and partly with Brick, fo that it is at present a beautiful City, and has for these two Ages been the Seat of the Suedish Monarchs. It's Haven which opens into the Baltick, is of dangerous access by reason of the Rocks, but within is one of the most Commodious in Europe, for the Ships of the largest size lye close to the Keys, and so securely from the Wind, that they need no Anchors or Cables to hold 'em: Its Entrance is defended by two Forts, and the City is guarded by a Strong Caltle. It is the most considerable place for Trade in the whole Nation, and one of the chief Empora of Europe: Corn, Hony, Wax, Fir-Timber, Copper, Iron, Steel Lead, Pitch, Tar, Hides, and Tallow, are the Commodities they Export. The City confifts of Six small Islands and two Suburbs, the Islands are Stockholm, Riddersholm, Konung sholm, Hegland sholm, Schipsholm, and Ladduggarstand, which are joyned together by Bridges. In the first, wich is properly called the City, stands the Palace of Kiddarchusct, where are held the Assembly of the States, the Grand Market place, the Citadel and Castle, which is the King's Palace, the King's Chappel, and the Magnificent Church of St. Nicholas, Founded by King John, on Marble Pillars and cover'd with Copper. In the Castle, besides the stately Apartments of the King and Queen, are the Senate House, the Court of Chancery, the Criminal College, and a famous Library. In Riddersholm, or the Knight's Island, are many pleasant Gardens, and the Cloister Church, wherein the two late Kings Gustavus Adolphus, and Carolus Gustavus, lye Interr'd. Heglandsholm is Inhabited chiefly by Mechanicks. In Scripsholm are the Courts of Admiralty, the Arfenal, and other Magazins of Naval Stores. Ladduggarsland is filled with Houses of Pleasure, Gardens, and the King's Warren, Aviaries, &c. And in the Southern Suburbs live the Wealthy and Industrious Merchants, who have a stately Exchange, and drive a great Trade to all the Neighbouring Nations.

**Opfal stands on the River Sall; (which falls into the Lake Ekolen.) 40 Miles from Stockholm to the North. It was heretofore the Capital City of the Kingdom, and Seat of the King, and is at present the only Metropolitan See, and a University. The See was Established in 1148. and the Archbishop is esteemed the first Person in the Kingdom, next the Royal Family: There are seven Suffragan Bishops, and many Superintendents that exercise Episcopal Jurisdiction under him. At the Reformation the Learned Johanes Magnus, who was then Archbishop, not submitting to the Lutheran Confession, was fored to retire to Rome. The University begun at first in the year 1306. by a College of four Prosession in 1476, being honour'd with large Priviledges by Pope Sixtus IV. and Endowed with large Revenues and Immunities by King Charles IX. and Sustanus Adolphus, it became considerable as any, and is stiled by Authors, Academia Insignis & Illustris. The Cathederal Church is cover'd with Copper, adorn'd with a Clock of admirable Workmanship, and honoured with the Tombs of divers Princes-Aaa

Here is also a Royal Palace, wherein the late Queen Christina Abdicated the Crown: And a Castle of Modern Fortsscation seated on a Neighbouring Hill, which Commands the Town.

Enkoping stands on the Lake Meller at the Confines of Westmania, near 40 Miles Westward from Stock-

holm, and 20 South from Opfal.
Nykoping the chief City of Sudermania, and the Seat of it's Ancient Dukes, stands on the Baltick, 50 Miles South-West from Stockbolm; it has a good Haven, and is a Place of Trade. As are also Trofa and Telga, both standing on the same Coast, in the way to Stockholm.

Stregnes a Bishop's See, stands near the Lake Meller, 30 Miles North from Nykoping, and as many South

from Enkoping.

Torsilia, stands on the same Lake, 18 Miles North-

West from Stregnes.

Orebro, The Chief Town of Nericia, stands on the Hielmer Lake, or Telmer Sea, at the Mouth of the

River Trofa, 40 Miles East from Torsilia.

Orofio or Westeras, the chief City of Westmannia, Rands on the North-fide of the Lake Meller, 35 Miles West from Upsal. It is a Bishop's See, and in the Carhedral are found several antient Gothick In-In this City the Agreement was made scriptions. by the Estates of the Kingdom in 1544. whereby the Crown of Sueden was given to Gustavus I. who had rescued the People from the Tyranny of the Danes, and made it Hereditary to his Family, whereas before the Kings were always Elected.

Coping or Koping, and Arbogia, stand to the West of Orosio, the former 20, and the other 25 Miles

Gevalia, The Chief City of Gestricia, is seated on the Gulph of Bothnia, at the Mouth of a River of the same Name, 50 Miles North from Upfal, and is a Place of good Trade.

Coperberget stands 50 miles West from Gevalia. Hundswickwald, The Chief Town of Helsingia, stands on the Gulph of Bothnia, 80 miles North from Gevalia, a Place of great Trade for Fir-Timber. Pitch, Rofin, Corn, Hides, Sc.

Dilfto stands 25 miles West from Hindf-wickwald and Alta, near 40 miles South from

Tuna, the chief Town of Medelpadia, stands on the River Nieurand, near the Bothnic Gulph, 25 miles North-West from Hundickswald, and is said to have been the Seat of the antient Kings of Hel-

Indal stands on a River of the same Name, 20 Miles North from Tuna, and as many West from the

Bothnick Bay.

Hernofand is the chief Town of Angermania, and stands on the Bothnick Bay, 50 Miles from Hudifwickwald, and like that, is a place of good Trade.

Natra stands 30 Miles to the North of Herno-

Uma in West-Bothnia, standson the Bothnick Gulf. at the mouth of a River of the same, 80 Miles North of Hernofand.

Pila and Lula likewise stands at the mouths of two Rivers to which they give Name, 80 Miles

North from Uma.

Torne the chief Town of West-Bothnia, stands at the bottom of the Gulf of Bothnia, near the Confines of Lapland, 60 Miles North-east from Pitha. It has a good Haven, and is a place of

Ressundt a Fortress in Femptia, stands 80 Miles

Weit from Hernofand.

Lidh or Lida reckon'd the Chief Town of Jemptia, stands about 20 Miles North from Ressundt.

Tho' Dalecarlia be a very large Province, yet being an Inland Mountainous Country, it hath but few Towns of note.

Idra, which stands on the River Elsiwan, 170 Miles

West from Hundiswickwald.

Lima, 50 Miles South from Idra, and

Hedemora on the River Dalcoarlen, near the Confines of Westmania, 60 Miles North-west from Upfal; are reckond the chief Towns.

CHAP. III. Of GOTHLAND, or Gothia.

perly so called, and surrounded on the East, West and South, with the Baltick-Sea. Its extent from the Confines of Dalecarlia in the North, to Provinces, thus the Coasts of Schonen in the South, is about 270

OTHIA or Gothland, a large Fruitful Miles, and from Gotteberg in the West to Stegeberg Country, lyes on the South of Sueden, pro-perly to called, and furrounded on the Eaft, three great Parts, Eafl-Gotbland, West-Gotbland, and South-Gothland, which are again sub-divided into

Northoping.

Soderkoping.

Easti-Gothland properly fo call'd; the Lincoping. Wadstena. chief Towns whereof are, Cschoning. Calmar. East-Gothland; contains, Wexia. Gonekoping. Smaland; the chief Towns are, Ekesio. (Westerwick.

West-

Barkboline.



East-Gothland, properly so call'd, lies between Sudermania on the North, Smaland on the South, the Baltick-Sea on the East, and the Lake Wetter on the West; it is a Champaign Country, and produces plenty of Corn and Cattle, as also Fish, Fowl, and Venison.

Smaland has East-Gothland on the North, Bleking on the South, the Baltick on the East, and Halland on the West; it is a large Province, abounds much in Wood, and has great store of Cattle which are exported abroad; here are also Mines of Copper, Lead, and Iron.

Oenalandia is a pleasant and fruitful Island, lying off the Coast of Smaland, formerly belonging to the Dane, but yielded to Gustavus Adolphus, A. 1613.

West-Gothland, properly so call'd, is also a large Province, lying North from Smaland, between the Lake Wetter on the East, and Halland and the Baltick on the West; it affords abundance of excellent Pasturage, whereby great quantities of Cattle are bred, and the Country made wealthy by the Vent

Wermeland is parted from Westro-Gothland, on the South, by the large Lake of Wenner, hath Dalecarlia on the North, Westmannia and Nericia on the East, and Dalia on the West. It is a mountainous and woody Country, having some Mines of Iron, and one of Copper; many Lakes, and some Ri-

Dalia, a smaller Province than any of the former, lies on the West of the Lake Wener and Wermeland, hath the Government of Babus (already mention'd in our Account of Norway) and the Province of Aggerbuys on the East and South: It is a mountainous and barren Country; but being water'd with many Rivers and Lakes, it affords pretty good Pasturage for the Cattle, which are of a larger fize than ordi-

Schonen or Scania, is a Peninfula, furrounded by the Baltick Sea, except on the North, where it is joyned to Smaland. Luyes calls it Provincia Nobilifsima Gothiæ; it abounds with Corn, Cattle, Fowl, and all Conveniencies of Life, and hath also Mines of Silver, Lead, and Iron: It is in Form near square, and about 50 or 60 Miles over either way. Province formerly belong'd to the Dane, and was yielded to the Sweeds in 1660, as was also at the fame time time

Bleking, a narrow Tract of Land, lying along the Coast of the Baltick on the South of Smaland, and East of Schonen: It is a mountainous and woody Country, and not to compare for fruitfulness with

Hallandia is another Tract of Land, lying along the Coast of Sinus Codanus, or mouth of the Baltick. having Westro-Gothia on the East and North, and Schonen on the South: It is a pleasant and fruitful Country. This also was formerly part of Denmark, but was in 1645. put into the Hands of Queen Christina, as a Security for the Sweeds free pairing the Sound; and fince, by Treaty at Refchild in 1658. it was granted to 'em for ever.

A more particular Account of the Cities and Towns of chief Note in Gothland.

Lunden, the Metropolis of Schonen, stands in the Latitude of 56 Deg. 30 miles East from Copenbagen, 250 South East from Stockholm, and about 10 miles West from the Streight of the Sound. It was formerly the Seat of an Archbishop; but in 1659, when the Sweeds took the City, that Dignity was removed to Copenhagen; and it is now only an Episcopal See, and adorn'd with a University, erected by the Sweeds in 1668. It has been a very considerable Ciry, having in it 22 Churches; whereof the Cathedral of St. Laurence is a magnificent Structure, having a very high Spire that is a Land-mark for Sailors; and a Clock of most ingenious Contrivance, said to and a Clock of Mote ingenious contrivance, and to be the Work of Caspar Bartholinus; which not only shews the Hour, Day, Month, and Year, rogether with all the Festivals, but also the Movements are so artificially contriv'd, that at the Hours two Horsemen come forth and encounter each other, giving so many blows as the Hammer is to strike upon the Bell; then a Door opens, discovering the Virgin Mary fitting on a Throne with Christ in her Arms, and the Magi doing Reverence, and two Trumpeters sounding the while. The Alrar Trumpeters founding the while. The Alrar also of this Church is of beautiful Structure, and the Vault under the Quire very spacious. At present, the City is not in so flourishing a State as it has been. Near it is a Hill, where (according to Joan. Meursius) in ancient Times the Kings were elected.

Malmogen, a Port-Town of good Trade, stands on the Sound, over against Copenhagen, and 10 miles South East from Lund; it is sometimes named Elle-

hogen. Landskroon stands also on the Sound, 16 miles West from Lund; it is a strong, well fortified Town, built by Ericus VIII. in 1413. having a very good Haven, a fair Market-Place, and is much reforted to by Merchants, especially at its Annual Fair at Midsummer. Christian III. King of Denmark, built the Castle and improved the Fortifications; and it is at present a Place of great Importance and Strength.

Helsemberg a mean Town, but fortified with an impregnable Castle, stands on the Shoar of the Sound, 20 miles North West from Lund, over against Aaa 2

Elseneur, and is the other Key to the Passage of the Sound; in the Castle there is a very high square Tower, which is a Direction to Sailors; and in the Town are held two Annual Fairs, wherein great Quantities of Merchandize are vended. It was granted to the Sweeds by the Treaty of Roschild in 1558, re-taken by the Danes in 1676, but restored the next Year.

Aluys in Bleking, stands on the Baltick, on the

Confines of Schonen.

Christianstadt stands a few miles to the Northward; it is a strong Place, being built in a Marsh which renders it inaccesible; but it was taken by the Danes in 1676. and re-taken by the Sweeds two Years after.

Elkolm or Elckholm, are both Port-Towns on the

Baltick, as is also

Christianople, the chief Town in Bleking, situated on the extream East part of it, 100 miles North East from Lund, and near 30 South from Calmar: It was very well fortified by Christian IV. against

the Irruptions of the Sweeds.

Calmar, the Capital of Smaland, is a confiderable Ciry, situate on the Baltick, over against the Island Oeland, 160 miles South West from Stockho'm, and about 100 North East from Lund. It has a very convenient Harbour much frequented by Merchants from divers Nations, and gives name to the Channel between it and Oeland, called Calmar Sund. The City is regularly fortified, and the Cittadel much efteemed for its Strength. This was formerly a Bishop's See, and the Cathedral dignisted with the Privileges of an Ecclefiastical College; at present a Superintendent for the Government of the Clergy refides here, who is honoured with a Place in the publick Confistory of the Kingdom. In 1647. fo dreadful a Fire happen'd here, that the whole City, except about 60 Houses, were burnt down; but it was foon re-built, and is a Place of very good Trade, and the Passage from Sweden to Germany. Wars between Sweden and Denmark, this City was feveral times taken and re-taken, particularly in 1611. Christian IV. King of Denmark gaining it by Storm, put all the Inhabitants to the Sword.

Wexio, a Bishop's See, where some of the first Planters of Christianity lie buried, stands on the Bank of a Lake near 60 miles West from Cal-

Westerwick, a Port-Town of good Trade on the Baltick Sea, stands 50 miles North from Calmar.

Ekesio stands 50 miles West from Westerwick,

And,

Jenecoping 20 from it, 75 from Calmar to the North West, and 35 directly North from Wexio, and stands on the Lake Wetter. It is a City naked of Walls, but of great Antiquity; and some Trade by means of the Lake.

Halmstadt, the Capital of Halland, stands on the Sinus Codanus, or Mouth of the Baltick, 130 miles

West from Calmar, and 60 North from Lund, is a good Port and a Place of Trade.

Falckenberg stands on a River of the same name, not 20 miles from Helmstadt.

Laholm, a fortified Town, on the South fide of

Helmstadt, on the River Laga: And, Warberg about 20 miles North from Falckenberg,

are all Port-Towns and Places of Trade.

Gottenburg or Gothburg, the chief Town of We-firo-Gothia, stands on the Sinus Codanus at the Mouth of the River Trolbetta in the Latitude of 58.0. about 110 miles North from Lund, 170 West from Calmar, and 260 South West from Stockbolm. It is a confiderable Mart-Town, with a very commodious Harbour, and endowed with many Privileges which make it frequented by Merchants Ships from all Nations. The Town is strongly fortified, and was able to resist the Danish Fleet, who attack'd it in 1644.

Scara or Scaren, the ancient Seat of the Gothish Kings, and at present a Bishop's See, stands 75 miles to the North East of Gottenburg. It is now a fenceless City, tho' heretofore the Metropolis of

West-Gothia.

Lidkeping stands 15 miles North from Scaren, and on the Banks of the Lake Wener; and Marienstadt on the same Lake, 30 miles East from Lidhoping, are both Cities, but at present not very emi-

Daleborg, the chief Town of Dalia, stands on the Lake Wener, 45 miles North from Gottenburg.

Tweta, stands also on the same Lake, 30 miles

more to the North.

Carolftadt, the Capital of Wermelandia, is seated on the North East fide of the same Lake Wener, 150 miles West from Stockholm. It was built by Charles IX. King of Sweeden in the place of the ancient City Tingvalla.

Philipstadt stands about 20 miles East from Carol-

fladt: And,

Ruscog about the same distance South from Phi-

Linkoping, the Capital of Ostro-Gothia, stands in the middle of that Province, 80 miles North from Calmar, and near 100 South East from Carolflade. It is a pleasant, but small City, the See of a Bishop, and has a stately Church, built by one Herebertus, one of the first Planters of Christianity

Suderkoping, a handsome, but fenceless City, stands about 20 miles East from Linkoping.

Stegeborg stands on the Baltick, a few miles East from Suderkoping.

Norkoping stands on the Banks of a Lake, be-

tween Linkoping and Suderkoping. Schening was anciently a famous City, wherein a

Council was held in 1284. but is now a ruin'd and inconsiderable Town.

Wedstena stands on the Lake Wetter, 25 miles West from Linkoping.

C H A P. IV. Sweedish L A P L A N D.

N D now having surveyed Gothland and Sweeden, we shall pass to Lapland, the Inhabitants whereof being far different in their Manners and Customs from the other Europeans, we shall detain the Reader with a short Account of them.

SWEEDISH LAPLAND is a large Country lying North of Sweeden, properly so called, extending from East to West above 400 miles, and from the 65th to the 68th Degree of Latitude; being bounded on the North by the Province of Wardbuys, or the Norwegian Lapland; on the East by the Muscovian Lapland; on the West by the Mountains of Daarfeild, which divide it from Norway; and on the South by the Provinces of Jemptia, Angermania, West Bothnia, the Gulf or Sea of Bothnia, and East Bothnia. The Air is extream Cold, and the Soil barren, except in the fouthern Parts, where fome Pot-herbs and Roots, as Parsnips, Coleworts, &c. are produc'd, but no fort of Grain will grow here. The Country is water'd with many Rivers and Lakes, so that vast Woods are found here, which shelter abundance of wild Beasts; such as Bears, Elks, Rain Deer, Stags, Wolves, Foxes, Sables, Martins, Ermines, Otters, Beavers, &c. the Skins whereof afford the Inhabitants Cloathing, and their Flesh, Food. Horses, Oxen and Sheep they have none, but make use of Rain-Deer to draw the Sledges on which they Travel and carry Burdens, and slide along on the Snow with great Celerity. The Inhabitants are of short Stature, but strong and nimble, and employ themselves in Hunting the wild Beafts: They are in their Temper, fuperstitious, timorous, and mean spirited, exceedingly addicted to Magick, and very revengeful; but withal, they are Charitable; and tho' notoriously Deceitful in bargaining, are never guilty of Theft. Their Houses are but Tents, made of Posts, and cover'd with Canvas, or by the poorer fort, only with Boughs of Trees; and are removed as their Occasions for Hunting or Fishing require, or as the Season invites 'em Northward or drives 'em Southward. Their Garments are made of the Skins of wild Beasts, or else of our coursest woollen Cloath, which the better fort wear on Holy-days; on their Heads they wear Caps made of the Skin of some Fowl, with the Feathers outwards, and Wings on. Their Diet is either Fish, or the Flesh of Rain-Deer, which they fometimes eat raw, or the better fort boil it, but most commonly it is dryed in the Sun; and for Bread, they make use of dryed Fish ground small: Their Drink is fair Water, and sometimes when they can get it, Brandy, which they much esteem, as also Tobacco: Their Children they use to great Hardiness, dipping 'em as soon as born in cold Water, afterwards in hot Water; and then covering 'em in Moss, carry 'em many Miles to be Baptiz'd; as they grow up, they use them betimes to the Bow and Arrow, and place their Victuals on a Post which they must shoot down before they eat it. Marriage is held sacred among them, and Adultery rarely committed, or if known, constantly punished; Polygamy is never allowed, nor clandestine Marriages ever contracted. Their Wealth consists in the numbers of Rain-Deer; and the Tribure they pay the King, consists in dryed Fish, Furrs, and sometimes Rain-Deer, or in Iteu of it Mony, which every Man pays annually, according to his Circumstances, to the King's Commissioners. They have Markets and Fairs among them, to which Merchants resort out of Sweeden, Mnseway, and Norway, to buy Furrs and fell Cloaths and other Necessaries: Some Mony the richer fort have, but not much; and the generality live without it upon the Beasts and Fish they catch themselves.

The Laplanders are supposed by some, to have been descended from the Finlanders and Samoieds, who were driven from their own Country, first by the Tartars, and afterwards fled from the Sweeds, when about the middle of the Thirteenth Century King Ericus subdued the Finlanders and planted Christianity among them. The word Laplander implies a banish'd Man or Runagade, wherefore the better fort of 'em will not to this day be call'd fo. They lived for some Ages in a stragling condition, without Laws or Government, practifing their stupid Idolatry and diabolical Magick, 'till in the end they were intirely subdued by the sweeds about the Year 1600. and Christianity planted among them. King Gustavus Adolphus built publick Schools and many Churches, which by the pious care of fucceeding Princes being encreased, and Ministers maintain'd by the King out of the Tributes paid by the People, Christianity has made considerable Advances; not but that there are still a great many Idolaters and Magicians in Lapland. In their Idolatry they worship the Sun, and several Deities which they reptelent in Wood, every Family having one. The chief God to whom they make publick Sacrifice, they call Thor; he is represented by the Stump of a Tree, and the usual Sacrifice is a Rain-Deer; another of their Gods they call Storjunkaer, whom they suppose to be Thor's Lieutenant. The Temples of the God Thor are usually in the Woods, confifting in Trees laid in round form one on another without any covering; Storjunkaer they worship in Mountains and Rocks. Their Magick is exceeding wonderful, at least if the Relations of Travellers be true; for they tell us, that the Mariners for a Sum of Mony, can procure of them fuch Winds as their Voyage requires, receiving a String with feveral Knots, which being untied, cause the Wind to encrease. In their Divinations they use a Drum, which having struck violently on, they lye down as in a Trance for a short space, and then answer the Question. They have also magical Darts, whereby they do what Injuries they please; and even so powerful are their Charms, that they will split Rocks and level Mountains. But these devilish Practices are supprest by the Sweeds, and being discovered are severely punished, which makes em much less frequent than formerly.

The Sweedish Lapland is divided into five Provinces, viz.

Torne Lapmark the most Northern part, in which stands the Town Tingwara, in the Latitude of 68. 40. Segwaro about 30 miles to the South of it; Peldojerfui 100 East from Tingwara; Kittilabay on the Confines of Kimi Lapmark, 70 miles South from Peldojerfui; and Torne a Port-Town at the bottom of the Bothnick Gulf.

Kimi-Lapmark on the East of Torne, and on the North of Cajania; in it are Somby, Kimibi, Kolajerfui, all within 20 miles of one another, at the Foot of the Mountains, which part this from the Norwegian and Muscovite Lapland. Solden-Kyle

and Kitijerfuilye more to the Southward, and Kimi on the Bothnick Gulf near Torne.

Lula-Lapmark lies on the South of Torne from the Confines of West Bothnia to the Dofrine Mountains, and has these Towns, Torpajour in the North part, Sirkestucht 30 miles more South, and Jekemuka to the Westward.

Pitha-Lapmark the next southern Province, hath Sitononia in the North near the Defrine Mountains, and Lochtari near the Confines of Bothnia.

Uma-Lapmark the last and most fouthern Province, adjoyning to Angermania with Bothmia on the East, and the Dofrine Mountains on the West, hath Loisby or Laisby in the middle, and Semisjersie on the Consines of Pitha.

In the Province of Torne-Lapmark is a Mine of Iron, and in Pitha-Lapmark is a Mine of Silver.

C H A P. V. F I N L A N D.

INLAND, a large Country, extending from the Arctick Circle, or the Confines of Kimi-Lapmark in the North, to that Branch of the Baltick Sea, to which it gives name in the South; the Onega-Lake and Muscevy being its Boundary on the East, and the Bothnick Bay on the West, being 400 miles in length and as many in breadth. It was formerly a barbarous Nation, govern'd by Kings of their own, but conquer'd about the middle of the Thirteenth Century by Ericus IX, King of Sweden; and since that hath been sometimes the Inheritance of the Brothers of the Kings of Sweden, but is now united to the Crown. It is divided into these seven Parts, viz.

CAJANIA, otherwise called East Bothnia, the most nothern Province extending from Kimi-Lapmark along the Gulf or Sea, to which this and the other Bothnia give name, near 300 miles in length: It abounds with Rivers which empty themselves in the Bothnick-Bay, and hath a large Lake called *Ula Tresk*; Mountains also fill up the northern and eastern Parts, and the rest of the Country is reasonably Fertile.

SAVOLAXIA, which hath Cajania on the North, Carelia on the South, Kexholm on the East, and Tavasshuys on the West. This Province, as also Kexholm, abounds with Lakes and Rivers which discharge themselves into the great Lake Ladoga, and afford the Inhabitants abundance of Fish.

KEXHOLM lies between Savolaxia on the West, and Muscovy on the East, Muscovian-Lapland on the North, and the Lake Ladoga on the South. It is a large Tract of Land, but on the North and East very mountainous, and the other part almost cover'd with Lakes. It formerly belong'd to the Russians, but conquer'd by Gustavus Adolphus, was granted to him at the Treaty in 1616. This Province, by some Geographers, is included under the general name of Carelia.

CARELIA lies on the South of Savolaxia to the Banks of the Gulf of Finland and Lake of Ladoga. It is a flourishing Country, extending from

East to West near 200 miles, but its breadth is not proportionable.

NYL ANDIA is a small Province on the Gulf of Finland, between Carelia on the East, Finland on the West, and Tavasshia on the North, so call'd, q. d. New Land, because its ancient Inhabitants the Finlanders being driven out, new Colonies of Sweeds were sent to possess it.

TAVASTIA is an inland Province between Finland on the West, Savolaxia on the East, Cajania on the North, and Nylandia on the South; it hath several Lakes, especially the great one of Fende.

FINL AND, properly so call'd, hath Nylandia and Tavasshus on the East, the Finnic-Bay on the South, Cejania on the North, and the Bothnick-Bay on the West. It is in some parts mountainous, but otherwise a rich Soil; and being half encompassed by the Sea, hath the advantage of much Traffick. The Country is so pleasant that some have fancied it to be called Finland, q. d. Fine-Land. This Province, Nylandia and Carelia afford good Pasturage and large Breeds of Oxen, Horses, and other Cartle.

The Cities and chief Towns in the respective Provinces are these,

In Cajania,	Cajeneburg. Ulabourg. Ula. Lochta. Wassa.
Savolaxia,	Koskinpe. Rumal. Nyssoc.
Kexholm,	\$Lexa. {Kexholm.
Carelia,	Wiburg. Wekelax. Mala.

Nyland,

Liefland.

SUEDEN.

Helling fors.
Borgo.
Elima. Nyland, STavasthus. Tavasthia, ¿ Padaficki. Biorneborgh. Abo. Findland, divided into South and Raumo. Nykirky. North, Masko. - Raseborg.

Cajaneburg, is a Fort seated on the North-East fide of the Lake Ula, about 30 or 40 miles from the Conlines of Lapland, and 120 from the Coast of the Bothnick Gulf, in the Latitude of 65. o.

Ulabourg, another Fortress stands on the Coast of the Bothnick Bay, in the same Latitude with Cajaneburg.

Ula is a Sea Town near it, at the Mouth of the

River, to which it gives name.

Lochta and Wassa are both Sea-Towns on the same Coast; the former 60 and the latter 150 miles to the South of Ula.

Koskinpa the chief Town of Savolaxia, stands on a Lake in the Latitude of 62. o. about 180 miles

from the Bothnick Coast.

Nyflot is a strong Fort, seated on a Lake about 80 miles East from Kospinge. It was built in the Year 1475. by Eric Axelfon, Governor of Abo, and is of use against the Invasion of the Muscovite.

Runal is named by Luytz as one of the chief Towns of this Province, but by the Maps Saminge, which stands on the Banks of the same Lake, a few miles South from Nyflot, as Rumal does about 30 miles more to the West, seems rather to deserve the Character.

Lexa, in the North part of the Province of Kexbolm, stands on the Banks of a Lake in the Latitude

of 63. 40. Longritude 55. 0.

Kexholm, which gives name to the Province, but called by the Ruffians, Carelogorod, stands on the West-side of the Lake Ladoga, in the Latitude of 61. 10. It is a strong Town, and with the Province, formerly was subject to the Muscovice, 'till about the beginning of this Century, when the Czar promised Charles IX. King of Sueden to surrender this Town and Country to him if he would affift him against the Poles, by whom he was then hardly beset; but being freed from the Danger, refused to perform, which made the Sweeds Invade

his Countries, and oblige the Ruffes to yield up by Treaty, in the Year 1616. Not only this place, but also the most considerable Places of Ing ia.

Wiborg, the chief City of the Su-difth Carelia, ftands at the bottom of a Bay of the Finnick Gulf, about 40 miles South-Welt from Kexholm: It is a Place of great Trade, and the See of a Bishop; has a convenient Haven, and is fortified with Trenches, Forts, and a strong Castle, by the means whereof it has often resisted the surious Attacks of the Muscovites.

Mala stands about 30 miles Scuth from Wiborg, on a small Bay that reaches to Kexholm, and falls into the Lake Onega.

Wekelax is a Sea Port on the Finnick Bay, about

60 miles West from Wiborg.

Helfing fors the chief City of Nylandia, stands near the Mouth of the River Winda, which falls into the Finnick Gulf, 150 miles West from Wiborg, and about 90 East from Abo.

Borgo, another Port-Town, stands at the Mouth of a small River, about 20 miles East from Helsing-

Tavasibus, called also Croneburg, the Capital of Tavasibia, is a strong Fortress built by Berjerus Jerl, the Suedish General in 1250, when he had conquer'd this Country and establish'd Christianity there. It stands 70 miles North from Helsingfors, and about 90 North-West from Abo.

Haubo stands on a Branch of the Lake Jende, which extends almost the length of this Province,

about 20 miles North from Tavasthus.

Padasioski stands on the Lake Jende, about 30

miles North-East from Haubo.

Abo, the Capital of South Finland, stands on the River Aviorki, near the Baltick-Sea, and about 50 miles from the Gulf of Finland, in the Latitude of 61. o. Longitude 44. o. and 160 miles North-East from Stockholm. It is the See of a Bishop, and adorn'd with a University; and is also a City of good Trade.

Biorneburg, the chief Town of North Finland, stands on the Coast of the Bothnick Gulf, 90 miles

North from Abo.

Raumo and Nykirky stand both on the same Coast, the former 30 and the latter 60 miles South from

Biorneburg.

Masko stands about 10 miles West from Abo. Raseborg stands on the Gulf of Finland, 50 miles East from Abo. It is by some Geographers reckon'd to stand within the Limits of Nylandia; and has sometime had a Territory belonging to it which constituted a Principality.

CHAP. VI.

LIVONIA or Liefland.

IVONIA, or as it is called in the Language of the Country, LEIFLAND, is a Ferrile Country, lying on the South fide of the Gulf of Finland, having a part of the Baltick Sea, denominated the Gulf of Riga, on the West, Muscovy and Ingria on the East, the Dutchy of Courland, and some part of Lithuania on the South, and as we have said, the Finnic Gulf on the

North. So that it is surrounded on the West and North with the Sea, on the East hath the great Lake of Peibus, and on the South the commodious River Dwina; which rifing in Muscovy, passes by the Confines of Livonia, dividing it from Courland, and thereby the convenience of Navigation is afforded to every part of this Province: In the middle of it are three other Lakes, and many finall Rivers, which

ing especially Corn, Pasture, and Honey in abundance. Its Extent from North to South is about 160 miles, and from East to West 120 miles. The many Conquests this Country has suffered render its Inhabitants a mixture of Muscovites, Suedes, Polanders, and Germans, the latter whereof being the most numerous makes their Language generally spoken. In its ancient State the Dutchy of Courland and Samigallia were reckon'd part of Livonia; but the Suedes having this, and the Poles those, it has, for fome time flood thus divided. From the first Conversion of this Country, the Archbishop of Riga and the Teutonick Order feem to have had the Government of it, till about 1557, upon a Difference between the Archbishop and the Grand Master, the Czar of Muscovy invaded Livonia; but the Suedes being call'd in to affift the Lieflanders, drove out the Muscovites; and the Poles having Pretentions to this Country, for some time a Contest was carried on between them, 'till by the Muscovites gaining Ground, they perceiv'd their Mistake and agreed; and finally, in the Year 1660, this Province was refigned to Sueden by John Casimir King of Poland. It is to be noted, that the most fouthern Part of Liefland is still subject to Poland. It is divided into three Paris, 1. Esten or Esthonia, which takes up all the northern Pari. 2. Odepoa, the middle; And, 3. Letten or Letitia, the southern Pari. Estenberg. thonia is again divided into five Parts, viz. Alentakia, Wiria, Harria, Wicia, and Jervia. The chief Towns in this Province are these,

{Narva. Nieslot. Wefenberg.
Tolsburg.
Borcholm. In Estionia, sub-divided into Harria, S Revel. 2 Badis. Vika, Wicia, SHabsel. these Parts, or Wikke, Wickel or Wyck. Wittenstein. Operpalen. LLan. S Parnaw. Derpat or Derpt. Warbeck. Ringen. In Odepoa, < Odepol. Nienhausen. Marienburg. Tarnest. Fellin. Riga. Riga. Dunamund. Koekenhaus. In Letten. Walmer.

Narva is scated on a River of the same name (which separates Livonia from Ingria, and here falls in the Finnic Bay) in the Latitude of 59. o. Longitude 50. o. at the distance of 170 miles from Riga to the North-East, and 100 from Revel to the East,

Wenden. E Sevold.

water the Country; and the in fome Parts it is and is called the German Narva, to distinguish it from the Russian Narva. It is a place of great Strength and Consideration, and well garison'd by the Suedish Soldiers; it is also defended by a strong Castle, named Juanogorod, which stands on the other fide of the River in Ingria, and was taken by Gustavus Adolphus in 1617. In general it is reckon'd one of the best Fortresses in this Country. The Town was built by Waldemar II. King of Denmark in 1223. was taken by the Muscovites in 1558. recover'd by the Suedes in 1581. and granted to them by Treaty in 1599. It has a convenient Port to the Gulf of Finland, and is a place of Trade.

Nieslot or Neuschlos is a strong Fort on the River

Narva, near the Lake Peipus.

Borcholm stands about 60 miles West from Narva. Wesenburg, 20 miles North-West from Borcholm, near the River Weisenaa, is a place of Strength, and was taken from the Muscovites by the Suedes in 1581.

Tolsburg, a Port-Town on the Finnic Gulf, is about 12 miles diftant from Wesemburg to the

North.

Revel or Revalia, anciently the Metropolis of Liefland, is a small but handsome and well fortified City, feated on the Finnic Gulf, about 60 miles from Tolsburg, and about 100 from Narva to the West. It is one of the most considerable Mart-Towns in these Parts, and is adorn'd with a Gymnafium or small University, wherein Professors and Tutors are maintain'd to teach the Liberal Arts. It was formerly an Episcopal See, but fince Lutheranism has been established here, a Superintendant governs the Ecclesiastical Affairs. The City was founded by Waldemar II. King of Denmark in 1230. was fold to the great Master; and in 1561. being in danger of falling into the Muscovites Hands, it subjected its self to the Suede, who has ever since had the Protection of it, but it still enjoys large Immunities, and is very confiderable on account of its Trade and commodious Haven.

Badis or Padis, is a Fort feated on the River Affa, about 20 miles West from Revel.

Habsel, Seated on a small Gulph of the Baltick. to which it gives Name, over against the Island Dagho, 30 miles South-West from Padis, and about 40 South-West from Revel, was formerly subject to the Danes, but in 1572. being taken by the Muscovite, was gained by the Suede, in 1581. and was fometime the See of a Bishop.

Lehal stands also on the Baltick, 15 miles South from Habsel, is a place of Strength, and has a Castle

of good Force.

Wickel or Wyke, is another Fort in the same Neight bourhood. Wittenstein, 70 miles East from Lehal, and 45

South-East from Revel: As also Oberpalen and Lan-

ate, all Places of Moment for Strength.

Parnow, Parnavia, seated on a River of the same Name, which here falls into a small Bay of the Baltick, at the distance of about 50 miles from Revel to the South, 90 from Riga to the North. It is a small City, but a Place of good Trade, great quantity of Corn especially being Ship'd hence for the Netherlands. It is pretty well Fortified, but The Poowes it's Strength chiefly to its Citadel. landers made this the Capital of one of their Palatinates, when it was under their Jurisdiction; but fince the Year, 1617. it has been subject to the Suede, after having been taken and re-taken many times in the last Age. Derpat Derpat or Derpt, Torpatum, a large and ancient City on the River Embeck, 15 miles from the Lake Peipus, and somewhat more from the Werczer-zee another Lake, 100 miles from Parnow to the Ealt, and 120 from Riga to the North-East. It was formerly the See of a Bishop, and is at present adorn'd with an University sounded by Gustavis Adalphis in 1632. on account of its being a pleasant, healthy Place, and abounding with Provisions and all Necessaries. The Buildings are of Stone and Brick, but not so well maintained and inhabited as they have been. It has a strong Castle for its Desence, seared on a Hill, but has however been subjected to many Masters, for the Teutonic Knights took it from the Muscovites in 1280, the Poles took it in 1582, afterwards the Suedes drove them out, but in 1603 they regain'd and kept it till 1625, when the Suedes sinally took it again, and have ever since possessions.

Warbeck stands on the Mouth of the River Em-

beck near the Lake Peibus

Nienhaus 40 miles South from Derpt, on the Borbors of Muscovy. And Marienhurg, about 20 miles South-west from

Nienbaus, are all three Forts of good Strength.

Odenpol, 12 miles South from Derpt, is a small
Town, and only considerable for giving Name to

this Division of Livonia.

Fellin stands on a small River that passes from the Werczer-zee to Pernaw, 50 miles from that City to the East, and as many from Derpt to the West.

Ringen is a Fort 35 miles distant from Fellin to the

South.

Tarnest is another Fort formerly very strong when in the Hands of the Muscovites, but so demolished when the Poles took it, that the the Suedes have spent much in repairing it, is not yet arrived to what it was.

Riza called Riig by the Inhabitants, and Rigen by the Germans, is the Metropolis of Livonia, the See of an Arch-bishop, and a great Emporium. It is feated on the River Duina near its Mouth which makes a commodious Haven, from the Gulf of the Baltick Sea that takes its Name from this City, in the Latitude of 57.0. Longitude 46.0. and at the distance of 90 miles from Pernaw, and 120 from Revel to the South, 25 from Mittaw in Courland to the North, not above 4 Leagues from the Gulf of Riga to the East, and about 80 Leagues from Stockbolm to the South-East. It is a very considerable City, being well built, full of Inhabitants, and a

place of vast Traffick for Corn, Hemp, Flax, Pirch, Tar, Planks, Skins and Furs of all forts, all which with many other necessary Commodities are brought hither on Sledges over the Lee and Snow in the Winter, and stor'd up for the English, Dutch and German Merchants, who send large Fleets of Ships in the Summer-time to fetch these, and earry the Inhabitants the other Goods of Southern Countries. The City was first founded about the latter end of the Twelfith Century, and in 1215. was made a Metropolitan See by Pope Innocent III. It was sometime the Seat of the Great Master of the Teuronick Order, and afterwards entred in the Hanseatick League, and was for some Years a free Town, under the Protection of the Emperor; in 1581, it was taken by the Poles, and soon after endowed with large Immunities: The Suedish King, Charles IX, twice attempted it, and his Son Gustavus Adelphus sinally took it, since when it has always been subject to the Suede.

It is a large City, but however well fortified, having strong Walls, Bulwarks, and a very large Trench on the Land-side, and a strong Castle on the River, wherein resides the general Governor of Livonia. The Haven is furthermore securely guard-

ed by the

Dunamund-Fort, or as it is called, the Dunamunder Schans, seated about 2 Leagues below the City near the Mouth of the River Dwina, as its name declares, and is a Fortress of great Importance, having the command of the Passage to Riga; so that without leave from the Governor no Ship can sail thither. It was always esteemed a Place of great strength, but could not however resist the Courage of the King of Poland's Saxon Atmy, who by general Assault rook it in the Year 1699.

Kakenhusen or Kuckehaus, is a strong Fort seated on the River Dwina, 60 miles East from Riga: It was anciently the Residence of the Archbishop.

Sewold or Segenwold, stands 30 miles, and Wenden 45 miles, North-East from Riga, both on the South-side of the River Teyder: And,

Wolmer stands on the North-Bank of the same

River, 60 miles North-East from Riga.

Many leffer Towns and Forts are found in this Country, particularly *Dunenburg*, feated on the *Dwina*, 60 miles above *Kakenbaufen*; but this being subject to *Poland*, may be more properly spoken of there.

CHAP. VII. INGRIA.

NGRIA or INGERMANLAND is a fruitful and pleasant Province lying on the North-East of Livonia, having on the North the Lake Ladoga, the River Nieva (which divides it from Carelia in Finland) and the Gulf of Finland, on the South and East Muscovy, and on the West Livonia. Its Extent from East to West, is near 150 miles, and from North to South about 80 miles. It is a good Country, free from Lakes, but water'd with Rivers, and produces the Necessaries for Life. It abounds with Cattle and Beasts; and has espe-

cially a great number of Elks, who in the Summer Season change their Quarters and swim over the River Nieva into Carelia; but at the approach of Winter return the same way. This Country was formerly subject to the Musicoite, but added to Sueden by Gustavus Adolphus, to whom it was entirely resign'd by the Czar Michael Federowitz, in the Treaty of Stockholm, A. D. 1618. which was afterwards confirm'd in 1661. Its Situation renders it very considerable, being a Communication between Finland and Livonia, and a Frontier against Bbb Musicosy.

Muscovy. It is by some Geographers divided into three Parts, 1. Ingria, 2. Ingermania, and 3. So-luskia. The chief Towns in this Province are,

Notteburg, called by the Russians, Oreska or Nut, from its compactness and strength, is seated on a small Island, in the Mouth of the River Nieva, near the Lake Ladoga, in the Latitude of 60. o. Longitude 54. 0. 300 miles from Riga, and 120 from Narva to the North-East. It is the chief Town of this Province both for Trade and Strength, being very well fortified, and belides well fecured by the breadth of the River. When Gustavns Adolphus befieg'd it, in the Year 1614. it made so vigorous a

Resistance, that 'till an unhappy Distemper seized the Inhabitants, he was by no means able to take it.

Ivanogorod, called also the Russian Narva, is feated over against Narva, and built on a Rock in an Isthmus, made by the Confluence of two Rivers, and is a Place of very great Strength.

Coporio, a strong Fort, stands on the Finnick Gulf, 30 miles North from Ivanagorod.

Jamagorad, another Fortress, is seated on the River Laga, about 15 miles from Ivanogorod to the South-

These and several other Towns and Forts, together with the whole Country, were delivered up to the Suedes by the Muscovites, at the Treaty above

CHAP. VIII.

The ISLANDS belonging to Sueden are these. .

OTHLAND Isle, situate in the Baltick, T 20 Leagues from the Coast of Gothland to the East, about 60 Leagues from Livonia to the West, and in the Latitude of 56. It is a narrow Tract of Land, stretch'd our in length from North to South about 70 miles, and not above 20 in breadth. It is fruitful, and affords good Pasture for Cattle, especially Horses and Oxen. This Island was formerly subject to Denmark, but granted to the King of Sueden in 1645. in 1677. re-taken by the Danes, and in 1679, restored by Treaty to the Suedes.

Wisby or Visburg, the chief Town of this Island, and the Seat of its Governor, was hererofore a large and famous Mart, containing to Churches, and 4 Monasteries, but is now much decayed. It is reported, that Hydrographical Tables and Sea Charts, and the Rules for Navigation were first

Printed here.

OELAND, a narrow flip of Land over against the Continent of Gothland, from which it is diftant not above 5 or 6 Leagues, is in length about 70 miles from North to South, but hardly 10 miles broad. The Soil affords good Pasture, and many Herds of Oxen, Horses, and Fallow Deer. The chief Place upon the Island is Bornbolm or Barkholm, a strong Fortress seated in the middle of the Isle, just over against Calmar. There are many other Forts and Castles to defend this Island, which has been often attack'd; in 1536. Frederick III. King of Denmark took it; foon after it was regain'd by the Suedes, but being loft again, Gustavus Adolphus finally recover'd it in 1613. since when it has been constantly possess'd by the King of

OESEL and DAGHO two Islands lying off the Coast of Livonia, make the Gulf of Riga; the former is much the larger of the two, being about 40 miles long and 20 broad; whereas the other is hardly 20 miles either way. Oefel lies about 15 Leagues West from Pernaw, and has on it the City of Arnsburg, fortified with a Castle, and another Fortress called Sonneburg.

Dagho lies to the North of Oefel, about 7 Leagues West from Lehal; it is of a Triangular Form, and has on it two Castles, called Padem and Dagheroare.

ALAND, an Island in the Mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia, surrounded with a great number of smaller Islands, lies between Uplandia to the West, and Finland to the East, in near the same Latitude with Upsal, and in the Midway between Stockholm and Abo. It abounds with Fish, and has some Cattle; on it stands the Fort of Castleholm.

HUENA, a very small Island in the Ore Sund, just over against Landskroon, Lat. 56. 20. On it stands Vraniburg, a small City and Castle, built at the Cost of the King of Denmark, for the use of the famous Mathematician Tycho-Brahe. It was fur-

rendred to the Suede by the Treaty in 1660.

RUGEN, an Island on the Coast of Pomerania in Germany, is also subject to the King of Sueden; but of that, as also of USEDOM and WOL-LIN, having already spoken in our Account of Germany, need not here be repeated.

To the King of Sueden are also subject some part of Germany, as the Upper Pomerania, and the Dutchies of Bremen and Ferden; which have likewise been

spoken of in their proper Places.

As also the Province of Babus, whereof we have spoken already in our Account of Norway.

POLAND.



CHAP. I. Of POLAND in General.

HE Kingdom of POLAND which is now of vast Extent, was at first (according to Cluverius) not above 320 Miles long, and 240 broad, consisting at that time only of that part, which for distinction, is usually Named, Poland properly so called, but it hath since Received great Additions; Liebuania, the Lesset or Red-Russia, Podo-

lia, Volhinia, Polesia, Massovia, Prussia, Samogicia and part of Livonia, having been annexed to it. The Sarmata, as the same Author shews, were the first Inhabiters of it, and the Country anciently Nam'd Sarmatia. It owes it's present Name, as Resistiva particularly says, to some Colonies of the Sclavi who came into that Country, and either drove out Bbb 2

or mingled themselves, with the ancient Sarmata, and called the Land Pole, which signified in their Language, a Plain. Tho' some are of opinion, that the word Polacki, is as much as to fay, the Posterity of Lechus. This Nation, as Puffendorf fays, did formerly Inhabit nearer to Tartary; but after vast numbers out of Germany enter'd the Roman Provinces, their places were supplied by the Nations behind them; and it feems that Poland being in the same manner left by its Inhabitants, which were then the Venedi or Wends, they made room for the next that took their place. These then as it is said, having taken Possession of this Country, about the year 550 did under the Conduct of Lechus lay the Foundation of a new State.

Poland as it is now extended, is bounded on the North with Livonia, Muscovy, and the Baltick; on the South with Upper Hungary, Transilvania, and Walachia; on the East with Muscowy, and the Little Tartary; and on the West with Germany. It's Extent is from the Frontiers of Silesia in the West, to the Frontiers of Tartary in the South-east, above 700 Miles; and from the Frontiers of Livonia, to the Carpates or Krempach Mountains, which are the Limits of Hungary, above 500 Miles. And its Situation is between the 48th and the 27th. Degree of Latit. commencing in Longit. at the 37th. Degree from Teneriff, and exterding to the 55th. Degree: And fome part of Volhynia, even 2 Degrees more.

By the Situation it may be guessed that the

CLIMATE is Temperare, and the AIR not excessive Cold, as in effect it is, except in the Northern part of Lithuania. The SOIL also is generally very Fertil, fit for Tillage and Pasture, and produces vast quantity of Corn and Cattle; even enough to Feed the Populous Nation of Holland, who yearly fend vast Fleets to Dantzick to Buy the Corn and Oxen, sent downthither from the several parts of Poland. Lithuania produces Hony, Wax, Hemp, Flax, Leather, Potashes, Salt, Woad, Saltpetre, Vitriol, and Quicksilver. With these Staple Commodities they purchase those of other Nations, viz.

Wines, Cloath, Stuffs, Wrought-Silks, &c.
It is a plain flat Country, rather enclining to
Marsh than Mountain Lands, so that no considerable Mountains are found here, except those that make the Frontier to Hungary, which is a craggy Ridge of 300 Miles in Length, and called the Carpates or Krempach Mountains. But RIVERS it abounds with, the most considerable whereof are the Vistula, the Niemen or Chronus, the Nieper or Boristhenes, the Niester or Tyras, the Bog or Vegus, whose Springs and Courses, are more distinctly perceived by Viewing the Map, than by giving account of

As to the GENIUS of the People, they are, as Puffendorf observes, commonly Downright and Honest; very seldom guilty of Dissimulation, of a Honeft; very seldom guilty of Dunning. Generous Spirit and expect a great deal of Respect, They are also fierce and extravagant, much inclin'd to an uncontroled Liberry, or rather Licentiousness and Petulancy, which produces frequent Factions and Conspiracies. They do nor want Courage; but are more fit for sudden Action than the long Fatigue of a War: This is spoken of the Gentry. But the meaner fort are Poor Spirited, and therefore the Polish Infantry are not valuable, but Coffacks, or Foreigners are made use of on all occasions of from the Servile Vassalage they pay to their Lords, who exercise it with all the Haughtiness imaginable; and not only does the poor Labourer never acquire Wealth, but he is even hardly permitted to gain himself Bread, being obliged to Work for his Lord four or five days in the Week without Pay or Food.

As to the Military Force, their chief Strength consists in the Nobility. It has been given out that the Poles could raise 150000 or 200000 Horse, but unless one should Reckon their Attendants and Servants, the number is too great to be Credited. It must be acknowledged, there is no Kingdom in Europe can pretend to so great a Number of Nobility as they can do; and therefore confidering that they are Brave, 'tis morally impossible to Conquer their Country so long as they are unanimous. And the surprizing progress that the Army of Charles Gustavus made here, was owing to the differences at Home; which was made appear by the precipitate Flight of the Suedes as soon as the Poles return'd to their Dury. The Coffacks can furnish them a considerable Infantry, and their Neighbours readily serve in their Armies, if the Noblity will permit the King to Levy Taxes to Pay 'em: But tho' they are Rich enough, they are not over ready in giving Supplies, or paying them when Affels'd.

The Inhabitants of Poland were Converted from

Paganism to Christianity by Adelbert Archbishop of Gnesna, about the year 964. and ever fince the RELIGION of the Church of Rome hath been Predominant here; except in Red-Russia where the People adhere to the Greek Church; and in Prussia there are whole Cities of Lutherans, as Dantzick Elbing, Thorn and Marienburg, and some Calvinists, especially in the Ducal Prussia. Faustus Socious the Reviver of the Arian Heresy, was of this Nation, and his followers from him call'd Socioians, grew numerous in the last Century, but King John Cassimer worlds them in the last Century.

expelled them in the year 1658

Concerning the Form of GOVERNMENT in Poland, it is to be observ'd, that the Poles live under one Head, who bears the Title, and lives in the Splendor becoming a King; but if you consider his Power, as it is circumscrib'd within very narrow Bounds, he is in effect no more than the Prime or Chief Regent in a Free Commonwealth; fince he can do nothing without the bounds of that Authority, which the Laws of the Land have given him, and the Nobles take care to maintain. This King is always Chosen by a Free Election, where every Nobleman present has his Vote; and the the Poles may have some inclination to the Royal Race, yet have they never consented to declare a Successor during the Life of the present King, but have always expected the Vacancy of the Throne, that they might at that time regulate Abuses and by the Pasta Conventa which the King folemnly Affents to, fecure to themselves their Liberties. During an Interregnum the Archbishop of Gnesna is ex Officio Regent of the Kingdom, or if there be no Archbishop of Gnesna the Office devolves to the Bishop of Cujavia; and if that See be Vacant, to the Bishop of Posnania. The Poles have had an ancient Maxim, That their King ought rather to be Elected out of a Foreign Princely Family, than out of their own Nobility; being of opinion that thereby the equality among the Nobility may be the better preserved. In the two Elections preceeding this last, they swerved from this Maxim, and Chose out of their own Nobility; War. This abject Spirit of the Peasantry proceeds but whether it had not been better to have done so

now too, Time will shew, if they are not sensible

of it already.

'Tis the Nobility or Gentry only, that have any thare in the Government, the other Subjects being by the Laws deemed Boors; for the Traders being mostly Foreigners, and the Husbandmen meer Valfals, the Gentry totally exclude them both from any share in the Legislation or Administration. The Senate or Diet of Poland, is made up of the Bishops, Great Officers of State, viz. the Great Marshal of the Kingdom, the Great Marshal of the Duchy, the High Chancellor of the Kingdom, the Chancellor of Lithuania, the Vice-Chancellor of the Kingdom, the Vice-Cancellor of Lithuania, the Treafurer of Lithuania, the Marshal of the Court of the Kingdom, and the Marshal of the Court of the Duchy, and the Palatines: To which are added the Lesser Senators, which are the Castellans or Lieutenants of the Palatinates, and the Deputies of the Nobility: This Court which in the whole confifts of one hundred and fifty Perfors, is look'd upon as the Bulwark of the Commonwealth, against the attempts of the King, and therefore four of them are always about his Person, on pretence of giving him Counsel, but in truth to be Spies upon him. However the King having the disposal of the Great Offices, and the Bishopricks, he can in time make a sufficient Party in the Senate, and the rather, because the Palatines are commonly divided among themselves. This is the Legislative Power of the Nation, like as our Parliament in England, but with this difference, that the Deputies of the Nobility, are like the Tribunes of the People in Old Rome, and have Power by the Diffent of but one Voice, to hinder the Paffing any Decree, And the Time of the Dyet's Sitting being confined to fix Weeks, it has often happen'd that the Labour of a whole Session has been lost, by the Caprice of one Member.

But the Great Dyet, or General Assembly of the Nation, is the whole Body of the Nobility or Gentry, (for they are not diftinguish'd by Titles in these Countries) which is exceeding Powerful, both by reason of their Number and Wealth. These meet on Horseback in the Plains near Warfaw, and are seldom Assembled but for the Election of a King. And 'tis they that prescribe the Rules by which he must Govern, 'call'd the Pasta Conventa: The Heads of the Principal parts whereof, it will not be amiss to fer down, viz. The King must not call in, or admit Foreign Forces, without the Consent of the Estates. He must not encrease the number of the Militia, raise Forces privately, or send Aid to any other Prince without the Consent of He must not commit the Trust of Forts and Castles, to Strangers or Boors. He must not make an Offensive War, without the General Assembly. He must not make Peace, without the Approbation of the Estates: Only ancient Alliances may be Renewed by the King, with confent of the Senators refiding at Court. And because the King has the disposal of all Civil and Ecclesiastical Dignities, it is usually stipulated in the Pasta Conventa, that he shall not encrease or Diminish the number of those Officers. Many other Conditions are prescribed in the Pasta Conventa, which the King

For the Administration of Justice, Civil and Criminal, several Courts as usual, are held in Poland, but the most considerable are the Parliaments Composed of a certain Number of Gentlemen,

folemnly Swears to maintain.

Clergy and Lairy, who are Chosen in each Palatinate, the Lay Members once in four years, and the Ecclefiastical once in two years. Of these Parliaments there are two for the Kingdom, and one for the Duchy. Those for the Kingdom, Sit at Lublin in Upper, and Petricow in Lower Poland. And that for the Duchy is held one year at Vilna, and the other year at Minski or Novogrodeck by turns. Thefe Courts receive Appeals from Inferior Courts, and from them Lyes no Appeal, except to the King and Senate.

The Revenues of the King of Poland arise out of the Salt-Pits, the half of the Customs of Danizick, and the Royal Occonomics, all which may amount to 100000 l. per Arnum, but then it is all clear to himself, for he pays no Troops, not even his own Guards. And all the Officers of the Houshou'd are Gentlemen of Poland, who Serve without Salary in expectation of some Office. And all the Charges of the Army, and other publick Expences, being provided by the Senate, he has no manner of Charge but that of his own Family. Moreover the Estates provide a suitable Maintenance for the Queen, after the King's Death; but then he cannot Marry or Divorce, without their consent, nor can the Queen be Crown'd without being of the Romifts Religion.

The Succession of the Kings and Princes of letted from History, is as follows.

POLAND, as well as it can be Col-Anno Dom. 1. Lechus, The Founder of the Monarchy. After his Death the Government of the Kingdom was committed to 12 Palatines. 2. Cracus, who built Cracow. 3. Lechus II. the Son and Murderer of Cracus. Venda, both a Beautiful and Valiant Princels. 750 After her Death the Kingdom was again Governed by 12 Palatines. 5. Primislaus, or Leschus I. Rais'd from a low condition to the Throne, for his extraordinary Courage and Wildom. 760 6. Leschus II. Sirnam'd the Black. 804 7. Leschus III. Son and Successor of Leschus II. 8. Popiel I. a Debauch'd and Effeminate Man. 9. Popiel II. Son of Popiel I. who was eaten up by Mice. 10. Piastus, advanc'd from the Plow to the Throne. 11. Semovitus, or Ziemonitus, a Warlike Prince. 861 12. Leschus IV. who concluded Peace with all his Neighbours. 13. Semissaus, or Ziemomissus, a Peacable Prince. 913 14. Mescho, or Miecistaus, the first Christian Prince of Poland. 15. Bolestaus I. Sirnam'd Chrobri, who is faid to have affum'd the Title of King, whereas his Predecessors had contented themselves with that of Duke. 16. Mesco, or Miecistaus II. an Effeminate 17. Casimir I. was Dethron'd, and enter'd into a Cloister, but afterwards he Defeated the Usurper. 18. Boleflaur II. Sirnamed the Bold, a Valiant

Prince, before he degenerated into a barbarous Murderer, and fell in Love with a Mare; for which detellable Crimes, both he

and his Successors were Depriv'd of the

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22. Boleslaus IV.	Sirnam'd Crispus.	1146	part.	1.0-
23. Mieciflaus II	I. Sirnam'd the Aged, who wa	ıs	Pruffia on the Banks of the Baltio	Roca.
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I. POLAND, properly so call'd.
II. PRUSSIA.
III. The Great Dukedom of LITHUANIA.
IV. SAMOGITIA and CUORLAND.
V. WARSOVIA, POLACHIA, and POLESIA.

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Of POLAND, properly so call'd; divided into the Upper and Lower.

Novoguira.

Severia. Czenterow. Lelow.

Ozwiecin.

Zator. Wielicz.

Bochna.

Sandecz.

Lubowla.

Polaniez. LPilsno.

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HE Upper or Leffer Poland, is fituated between the Lower Poland and Warfooia on the North, Hungary on the South, RedRuffia on the Eaft, and Germany on the West, containing in extent from East to West, near 200 Miles; and from North to South, above 120; lying between 49. and 51 Degrees of Latitude. The River Vistula passes through it, the River Warea hath its Source here, and several other smaller Rivers Water the Land, which is reasonably Fruitful, but over-run with Woods. It is divided into three Palatinates, wherein are these Cities and chief Towns, viz.

In the Palatinate of Cracow, being the South-west part of the Province, are

Sandomir.

Zawichoft.
Cunow.

Schydlowitz.
Radom.

Zarnaw.

Malogocz.
Pikzow.
Vifflickia.
Corezin.

In the Palatinate of Lublin, which Piotrowin. is the North-east part, are North-east part, are Scodleck,

Cracow, Cracovia, the Metropolis of the Kingdom of Poland, is feated on a Rocky Bank of the River Viftula, about the middle of the Palatinate, 50 Miles North from the Confines of Hungary, 40 East from Germany, 250 South from the Baltick-Sea, and in the Latitude of 49. 40. Longitude 40. 20. It had it is Name as is supposed from one Cracus a Person of great Reputation, and as the Bohemians brag, one of their Princes, whom the Polanders entreated to take upon him the Government, after they were weary of the Twelve Waywodes, that succeeded King Lechus I. but others make it the Carodunum of Ptolomy. It is the largest and best built of any Town in Poland, the Houses being of Free-Stone and very high, the Streets large, and the publick Buildings Magnificent: Among which the King's Palace seated on a Hill which affords it an admirable Prospect, the Cathedtal of St. Stanissus, the Church of St. Mary in the Grand Place, sur

rounded with four ws of very fine Buildings, with 50 other Churches, are the most considerable. This City was made the See of an Arch-bishop, at the first planting of Christianity here, in the year 964. But about 100 years after, upon some difference with the Pope, it was reduced to an Episcopal, and made Suffragan to Gnessia. It is also adorted with a University; Honoured with the Session of the Supresm Gourt of Judicature, the keeping of the Royal Ensigns or Regalia, and is the place of the King's Coronation. Cracow in general Comprehends, the three parts of 1. Cracow, 2. Stradomira, and 3. Cazamira. The first is encompassed with a Ditch and Wall, Flank'd with round Brick Tewers, and in it stands the Castle a Mile in Compass, Founded on a Rock, with noble Buildings of Stone, round a square Court, and Galleries supported by Marble Pillars; the King's Apartments are adorted with very curious Paintings and Statues; and the North Gallery Built by King Sigismund affords a Prospect over all the fine Country in the Neighbourhood.

Novoguira 25 miles west from Cracow. Siberia 30 miles North from it. Lelow the same distance North-east from Siberia, with some other Towns in their Neigh bourhood, are noted for their Silver and Lead Mines. Czentochow on the River Warta, near the Confines of this Palatinate, 60 Miles North-west from Cracow, is famous for it's well endowed Monastry of Hermits and Religious Votaries. Ozwiccin and Zator on the South side of the Vistula, over against Novoguira, are Honoured with the Title of Dukedoms. Wieliez on the same side of the Vistula few Miles from Cracow and Bochna, samous for Rock Salt, as hard as Stones dug out of Mines.

Sandeez 40 Miles South from Cracow, hath Mines of Gold and Copper; as Bycez 20 Miles East from it, hath of Vitriol. Lubowla 20 Miles South from Sandeez, is a strong Fortress, formerly in the hands of the Hungarians, but now Possessible by the Poles.

Sandomir the Capital of the Palarinate, stands on a Rock near the Banks of the Visfula, where it Receives the Sanus, about 100 Miles East from Cracow, and 120 South from Wursaw. It is a pleasant City and Fortified with Walls, a strong Castle, and some Regular Out-works raised by Cassimer the Great. Among the publick Buildings, the Monastry of Dominican Fryars, is chiefly remarkable. This Town was Sack'd by the Tartars in 1240. and was taken by the Suedes in 1655. but Restored the year following.

Zawichoft stands on the East side of the Viftula, near 20 miles below Sandomir. Kunow 40 Miles North from Sandomir, hath Quarries of Marble. Schedlowitz 30 Mils West from Kunow, and 50 Northwest from Sandomir, abounds with Iron and Steel. Radom stands on the North-East of Schedlowitz

Radom stands on the North-Eart of Scheduling about 20 Miles, and Zarnaw is about 40 Miles from it to the West. Mologoez stands 70 Miles East from Sandomir, and Pikzow 25 South from it. Visitezas stands in the midway between that and Corezin, which stands on the Vistula, as doth Polomicz, about 25 Miles below it. Pilsnostands on the South, about 20 Miles

Miles from the Viftula, and near 60 from Sando-

Lublin, the chief Town of the other Palarinate, stands at the Foot of a Hill near the River Uftricza, 50 miles from Sandomir, and 90 from Cracom to the North East, and 80 from Warfam to the South-West. It is not a very large, but well built Town, and much frequented by Merchants from Muscovy, Germany, and other Parts, at the three great Marts kept Annually here. The great Church dedicated to St. Michael, and several Monasteries here are magnificent Structures; and the Town is honoured with being the Seat of one of the two Supream Courts of Judicature in *Poland*. It is walled round, and environ'd with Marshes; and is, besides, desended by an adjacent Castle that was at first built by the Russians, all which render this a Place of Strength.

Kazimiers and Pictrowin, stand on the Viftula, about 15 miles a-sunder, and 25 from Lublin. Urzendow is about 12 miles South-East from Piotrowin. Opal stands 25 miles North from Lublin and Scodlock as far beyond it near the Confines of War-

The LOWER or larger POLAND, fo called, because Leechus the first King of the Poles chofe this Country for his Seat, lies on the North of the Upper Poland, between Warsovia on the East, Germany on the West, Prussia on the North, and the Lesser Poland and Silesia on the South. It extends from the 51st to the 53d Degree of Latitude, and from the 37th to the 42d Degree of Longitude; being from North to South about 100 miles, and from East to West above 200 miles. It is generally a level Champaign Country, abounding with pleasant Rivers, Lakes, and Ponds, among which the River Warta is most considerable, and passes thro a great part. The Land produces plenty of Corn, and the Inhabitants are plentifully surnish'd with Cartle, Fish, and Fowl. This Province comprehends 10 Palatines, wherein these Cities and Towns are of chiefest Note, viz.

In the Palatinate of Pofnania, the Rogofno. most western Part of Poland, Kroscian. Cieblow. The Palatinate of Kalish lies on the Gnesina.

Kamin.

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CUJAVIA lies on the North-East of Kalish, and comprehends the three Palatinates of

Brzestye.

I. Brzestye, Comale. (Kruswick. II. Wladislaw, Wladiflaw. III. Inowlocz, Inowlocz. The Palarinate of Dobrzin, lies on Libna. the East of Cujavia, Rippina. The Palatinate of Plocsko, lies on Rasuntze Plonsko. the South-East of Dobrzin,

The Palatinate of Rava, lies on the Lowicz. South of Dobrzin and Cujavia, Goflymin. (Gabin.

The Palarinate of Lencicia, is on Sereffini. the West of Rava, (Inowlocz.

The Palatinate of Sirad is the most Siradia. fouthern Part of the Lower Po-Swidlun.

Posna, Posnania, called Poznan by the Inhabitants, and Posen by the Germans, is fituated on a Plain, in the midst of Hills, and on the Banks of the River Warta, 170 miles North-West from Cracow, 150 West from Warsaw, and 100 miles South from Dantzick. It is a City of small Compass, but well built and adorn'd with a stately Castle: It is also the See of a Bishop, and a Place of good Trade: The Mayor or chief Magistrare, who is chosen Annually, is dignified with the Title of, General of Great Poland. John Lubranski, sometime Bishop here, founded a small University, in the Suburbs of Pofna; which Structure was afterwards very much beautified by Adam Canar one of his Succeffors, and it is in a flourishing state. The other most considerable Buildings are the Jesuits College and Monastry. The Inhabitants of this City are very Wealthy and Civil, and appear finer in their Apparel and Houses than ordinary.

Rogosno stands about 20 miles North from Posna.

Kroscian in the very middle of the Palatinate, 30 West from Posna. Cieblow 20 miles West from Kroscian, stands on a small River that a little below

falls into the Oder.

Kalish stands in a marshy Land near the Banks of the River Drosna, 40 miles South-East from Posna. It is fortified with a strong Brick-Wall, and adorn'd with a stately College of Jesuits.

Gnesna, called Gnisen by the Germans, the chief City of the Lower Poland, and formerly the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom, and Seat of the King, stands in the middle of the Palatinate, 30 miles from Kalish to the North, and as far from Posna to the West. It was built, as is generally reported, by King Lechus I. Founder of this Monarchy, and called Gnefna from an Eagle's Nest found there, which in the Polish Language is called Gnesiad. A dreadful Fire which happen'd in 1613. miferably laid it wast, and it has ever fince declined. This is the See of the Archbishop, a Person of great Dignity and Power, being Primate of all Poland, Legate of the Holy See; and in case of the King's Death, is Regent 'till a new King be chosen, whom also he claims the right of Declaring and Crowning. The Cathedral is a venerable Building and exceeding Rich, having Gates of Corinthian Brass, and a Treasury of inestimable Value.

Kamin and Laudeck, both stand on the River Warta, 20 or 30 miles East and South-East from Gnesna. Nakel stands on a River to which it gives

name, 35 miles North from Gnefna.

Brziestye stands upon a Causey among Marshes, 60 miles East from Gnesna, and is only considerable on account of its being the Seat of a Palatine. Cowale stands upon the Vistula, 20 miles East from Brziestye. Kruswick stands upon the Lake Gropli, about 30 miles West from Brziestye, and is remarkable for the Death of Popiel II. Duke of Poland, who was devour'd by Rats, a just Punishment

nishment from Heaven for having poisoned a great number of his Friends and Relations at a Featt, as Staravolscius relates. Bidget, in this Palatinate, has been mention'd in Hiltory on account of the Treaty of Peace concluded there, Nov. 6. 1657. between the King of Poland and the Duke of Bran-

denburg.

Wladiflaw, Uladiflavia flands upon the Viftula in the Midway between Ploczko and Thorn, about 20 miles from Brziestye, to the North, in a marshy Soil, but surrounded with a plentiful Country. It is the Seat of the Bishop of Cujavia, whose stately Palace is the chief Ornament of the City. The Cathedral is an old Building, but very rich in Plate and Furniture. This is the chief Palatinate

and Capital of Cujavia.

Inomloca about 30 or 40 miles West from Vladif-lam, is the Scat of the third Palatine of Cujavia, but otherwise not very considerable. Bydgost, a wall'd Town, stands on the River Barde which falls into the Vistula, and is a Place of good Trade, especially for Salmon.

Dobrzin is a little Town, built upon a Rock near the Banks of the Vistula, about 15 miles East from Uladiflaw, and only notable for being a Palatinate; and about 25 miles North from it stands Libna and

Rippina, a Fortress.

Ploczko the chief City of the Palatinate, and the See of a Bishop, is seated on a high Bank on the Vistula, whence is a fair Prospect of a pleasant and fruitful Country: It is distant 15 miles from Dobrzin to the South, near 30 from Brzestye to the East, and about 50 from Warfaw to the North-West; and is a populous Place, having several Religious Houses and Churches, besides the Cathedral, very well endowed. Rassum; and Plonske stand about 30 miles to the North-East from it.

Rava, a populous City, the Head of the Palatinate, stands on a River of the same name, 50 miles

South from Ploczko, and about as far South-West from Warfaw. It is built and guarded by a Caftle which is the Prison of such Persons of Quality as are committed, and also the Repository of part of the Crown Revenues. Here is also a wealthy College of Jesuits. About 25 miles North from hence stands Lowicz, the Residence of the Archbiflop of Gnefna, whose Palace is a magnificent Fabrick: The Town is very populous, and much resorted to by Merchants at its Annual Fair. Goflyrim stands about 10 miles North from Lowicz on the River Bsura, as does Gabin 10 miles East from it.

Lancicia or Lanschet, which gives Denomination to a Palatinate, stands on the River Bsura, about 40 or 50 miles from Rava to the North-West, and 80 from Warfaw to the West. It stands among Marshes, and hath a good Castle for its Desence, built on a Rock. Breffini and Inowlocz, stand in the extream South-West part of this Palatinate, near the Confines of Upper Poland, about 60 miles from

Lancicia.

Sirad stands upon a Plain on the Banks of the River Warta, 60 miles West from Rava, and near 70 South from Posna: 'Tis a mean built Town, the Houses being of Wood, but is surrounded with a ftrong Brick-Wall. It is the Head of a Palatinate, and was formerly a Dukedom, usually given to the fecond Son of the King. Petrikow, about 30 or 40 miles from Sirad, to the East, is a near and well built Town, but stands among Marshes, and was almost quite burnt down in the Year 1640. Here was formerly a Royal Palace, but is now ruinous. The other Parliament or Supream Court of Judicature in Poland, is held yearly in this Town for deciding Differences between the Nobility, and determining Causes by Appeal from inferior Courts. Widlim is a near Town built of Brick, stands about 25 miles South from Sirad.

CHAP. III. Of PRUSSIA.

RUSSIA is a large Country, lying on the North of Poland Proper, between that and the Baltick Sea, with Lithuania and Samogitia on the East, and Pomerania on the West. Poland Proper, as we have faid, with Warfovia, being the fouthern, as the Baltick Sea and Samogitia is the northern Bounds. It lies between the 53d and 55th Degree of Latitude, and in Longitude from the 38th to the 44th Degree. Its length is about 200 miles; the breadth in the Eastern part is at most but 80 miles, but in the Western part it runs up to near twice as much. The Soil is reasonably fruitful, but somewhat over-run with Woods: and abounds with Rivers, whereof the Wesel or Vistula is the most confiderable; that River rises in the Mountains, on the Borders of Hungary, paffes cross Poland, and falls into the Baltick at Dantzick, having first divided its self into several Branches, and made the three Islands called the Werder: The larger Branch passes by Marienburg, and at Elbing falls into the Bay called Frisch-Haft, which is a safe Harbour from the Baltick. Here are also many small Lakes,

which afford the Inhabitants plenty of Fish, as the Woods do with Venison, and the Lands with Cattle and Corn; one Commodity especially, Prussia hath peculiarly, which is Amber, sound on the Sea Coasts in great plenty. Prussia was formerly a rude Country, inhabited by Burbarian Idolaters, long aster Poland had received Christianity; for though many Endeavours were used to Convert 'em, no-thing could be effected 'till the Knights of the Teutonick Order attempted it; who in the middle of the Thirteenth Century conquer'd the Country. planted Christianity, and succeeded in the Sove-reignty of the Eastern part of it; and A'bert, Marquis of Brandenburg and first Duke of Prussia, becoming Master of the Order, conveyed the Dominion of that part, since called the Ducal Prussia, to his Successors the Marquises of Brandenburg, who still enjoy it: But the Eastern part was conquer'd by the Poles, and is still part of their Country. At the Reformation the Lutheran Religion prevail'd here, and is still generally profess'd in the Regal Prussia; but the late Marquis of Brandenburg intro-

of the Ducal Pruffia.

Prussia is divided into two large Parts, viz. Royal and Ducal. The former subject to the King of Poland, is the Western part, bounded on the North by the Baltick, on the South by Poland, on the East by the Ducal Prussia, and on the West by Pomerania. It is divided by the River Vistual, that part lying on the East of the River, being called Pomerelia. The chief Cities and Towns are these,

Dantzick. Dirfchow. Stargard. In Pomercia, Grabow. LPautzko.

Within the Weiffel,

Elbing. Marienburg. Culm. Culmfee. Thorn. Wartemberg. Braunsberg.

Dantzick, Dantiscum aut Gedanum, the Capital City of Pomerania, is seated on a Bay of the Bal-tick-Sea, near the Mouth of the River Vistula, 140 miles North-West from Warsaw, near 120 East from Stetin in Pomerania, and about 30 West from Elbing, in the Latitude of 54. and Longitude of 40. It is a large, well-built, rich, and populous City, the greatest Emporium of the Baltick-Sea, and perhaps one of the greatest Granaries in Europe. It is one of the chief of the Hanse Towns, and a famous Mart Town for Corn and other Commodities of Poland; vast Fleets of Holland Ships come yearly hither, from whence they fetch almost all the Corn used in Holland and Zealand. It was erected into a City in 1295. by King Primislaus, and in 1343. walled round by the Knights of the Teutonick Order, whose Master Conrad Wallenrodt built that part of the City called De rechte Stadt in 1390. besides which, Dantzick confifts of two other Parts, which are govern'd by three distinct Senates, and so might be called three Towns; but is, however, but one City, under the Government of its own Magistracy and Protection of the King of Poland. Two Rivulets pass thro' the Town, and feed it with Water, as well as drive many Mills for the Conveniency and Profit of the People. The publick Buildings are very fair, especially the Church of St. Mary, which is very magnificent in its Building, and rich in its Ornaments, the Font alone being said to have cost five thousand Pounds; The Town-House, the Arfenal, the Exchange, the place of Sr. Dominick, and a College of Jesuits, with several Churches, are the other Buildings of chiefest Note here. This City hath fuffer'd many Revolutions: About the Year 1100. the Danes possess'd it, afterwards the Polanders gain'd it; in 1305. the Teuronick Knights were Masters of it; in 1454. Casmir III. King of Poland regain'd it, and granted great Privileges to the Citizens; who afterwards, in defence of the Augiburg Confession, sided with Maximilian of Au-Stria against the Poles, which provok'd King Stephen Bathori to befiege them in 1577. but by the Media-tion of other Princes, they were reftor'd to their Religion and Liberties in 1597. and in 1632. the City was made a Member of the State, and admitted to a Suffrage in the Election

duc'd Calvinism into Koningsberg, and other Parts of the King. In 1656, they vigorously repuls'd the Suedes, and adhered to the Interest of King John Casimir.

Stargard and Dischow stand about 20 miles South from Dantzick, the latter on the Vistula. Grabow stands on the Borders of Pomerania, 80 miles South-West, and seated on the Bay.

Elbing stands on a little River of the same name, which rifes out of the Lake Drausen, and falls here into the Frisch Haff, a Bay of the Baltick, which is the Haven of this City, at the distance of 4 or 5 miles from the Vistula, 30 from Dantzick to the East, about 60 from Vidadssaw to the North, and 120 North-West from Warsaw. It has a most delightful Situation, is very populous, and a Place of great Trade, the Inhabitants being wholly addicted to Business and Commerce. The City was built in 1239. and is divided into the Old and New Town. It was at first a free and imperial City, but afterterwards fell into the Hands of the Knights of the Teutonick Order, and when Dantzick and Thorn shook off their Yoke, it followed the example, and fubmitted its felf upon certain Conditions to the King of Poland. In the Year 1629. it was taken by the Suedes, and being afterwards surrender'd, was taken again by them in 1655. There is an Univer-fity in it, which was founded by Albert of Brandenburg, Duke of Prussia. This Town, together with Thorn and Dantzick, are the Repositories of the Treasure and Archieves of Royal Prussia. On the 14th of Ollober, 1698. General Brandt, with a Body of Horse, of the Elector of Brandenburg's Forces, came into the Neighbourhood of this Place, with a design to put a Garrison into it, upon account of an Agreement formerly made between the then King of Poland, and the late Elector of Brandenburg at the Treaty of Velaw and Bidgoft, that this City should be put into the Hands of the Elector as Security for Payment of a Debt of 400000 Dollars due to him for the Affistance he had given the Republick of Poland in the War against Sueden, neither of which having been performed he came now to demand it, but the City not receiving his Garrison, he block'd it up and made every thing ready for Bombarding it. Upon which the Citizens, unwilling to let things come to extremity, and despairing of Relief from *Poland*, which was then in great Confusion, submitted upon Articles, and 1200 Brandenburghers entred the 11th of Nowember, and kept Possession of the Place 'till the beginning of the Year 1700. when the Poles agreed to pay the Mony; and 'till it could be raised, put into the Elector's Hands the Jewels of the Crown. and accordingly the Brandenburgers quitted the City which remains in its former State.

Marienburg, Marieburgum, called also Margemburg by the Inhabitants, and Malbork by the Polanders, is seated on the Nogat, a Branch of the Vistula, at the distance of 25 miles from Dantzick to the South-East, and about 20 from Elbing to the South-West. It was heretofore the chief Seat of the Teutonick Knights, having been founded by a Cross-bearer of that Fraternity; and took its name, they say, from a miraculous Image of the Virgin Mary. The Castle was built in 1281. and reckon'd one of the strongest in these Parts; but in the Sue-dish Wars in 1644. it was burnt down, and the new one since built is not so considerable, nor the Town very notable; the Houses being of Wood and but mean, and the Inhabitants but poor. The Town was taken by the Poles in 1460, and

by the Suedes in 1625, and in 1655, but was reflored afterwards to the Poles, who ftill poffes it.

Culm, an ancient famous City, stands on a Hill, the Foot whereof is water'd by the Vistula, 50 miles South from Dantzick, and 40 North-West from Uladiflaw; it is at prefent in mean State, having fuffer'd much in the Suedift War, but was anciently a Fortrels of great importance; the Town built by the Crots-beaters of the Teutonick Knights in 1223. and afterwards well fortified against the Irruptions of the Heathen Pruffians. Herman de Saiza, Maîter of the Order, prescrib'd Laws for its Government, which were so considerable as to be taken notice of publickly, and a Specimen of them have been published by Lambecius. It was also bonoured with an Episcopal See, but since the decay of the City, the B shop hath been translated to

Colmensee or Culmsee, a small Town about 12

miles South East from Culm.

Thorn, Torunum, which stands on the Viftula, about 20 miles South from Culm, and 30 North-East from Uladislaw, 100 North-West from Warfaw, and 50 South-East from Dantzick, is the fairest and best built Town in Royal Prussia, the Streets being much broader, and the Houses statelier than at Dantzick; it is also adorn'd with a Gymnasium, or small University, a Library, Hospital, and a stately Town-House, exceeded by none but Amsterdam. All which Structures were crected in the beginning of this Century, thro' the Care and Indu-fity of Henry Stroband, one of the Burgo-masters, who died in 1609. It was heretofore subject to the Teuronick Order, from whom it revolted in 1454. and was afterwards a free imperial City; and tho at present exempted from the Empire, and under the Protection of Poland, enjoys many Privileges. Here is a Bridge over the River, and at Old Thorn, a mile off, are still the Ruins of a Castle. The famous Nicolas Copernicus, Author of the Theory, was born here. This City was taken and regain d several times in the Suedish Wars, from 1655. to 1665.

Braunslaw stands on the Frisch-Haff, 20 miles

North East from Elbing.

Wartemberg is 45 miles East from Elbing, in that part of the Regal Pruffia, which advances forward into the middle of the Ducal.

The Ducal Prussia (which may now be also called Royal, in regard that the Elector of Brandenturg, bath chosen this part of his Dominiors to Honour with the Title of Kingdom, in his lare Creation) is bounded on the North with the Baltick and Samogitia, on the South with Wa fevia, on the East with Lubuania, and on the West with P. uffia Royal. It is the larger part of Prussia, extending Eastward from the Sea Coast above 100 miles, and Southward towards Wassovia as far. The chief Towns in it are,

Koningsberg.
Memel.
Labiau.
Pillaw.
Hei igpeil. / Labiau.

Koningsberg, the chief City of the Ducal Prussia, and a Place of great Trade, stands at the Mouth of the River Prezel, which here falls into the Frisch-Hiff, 80 miles East from Dantzick, about as far Weit from the Confines of Samogicia, and 130 miles Weit from the Connies of Samogina, and 130 miles North from Warfaw. It is a large and well built Town, divided into three 'parts; whereof that which is properly the Old Koning there, and was built in 1260, by the Teutonick O'der, ha h the Ducal Palace in it; the second stands in an signal, and is a signal of the second than a mile of the same who called Kniphoff, from an Officer of that name, who joined it to Koningsberg in 1380. In this part stands the Cathedral of the Bishoprick of Smarland, and an University founded by Duke Albert; the third is called Lebenicht, which Berthold of Auftria, added to the two former. The Lake called the Frisch-Haff opens to the Baltick Sea, and makes a convenient Port to this City which is thereby a great Emporium, and hath been subject to the Brandenburger since the Year 1525.

Memel stands at the extream North part of Pruffia, upon a Lake of fresh Water, called the Carifeb-Haff, which opening to the Baltick makes a convenient Port, at the distance of comiles from Konings-berg to the North, and 60 from Mittaw in Courland to the West. It is seated among Lakes, and is fortified with a strong Castle which renders it the northern Key of this Country.

Labiau stands at the bottom of the Curifch-Haff, about 25 miles North-East from Koningsberg. law, a very safe Port on the Baltick, at the Mouth of the Frisch-Haff, about 30 miles West from Koningsberg. Heiligpeil stands over against it, within side the Lake.

of Samogitia and Courland.

AMOGITIA lies on the North of Pruffia, in a Triangular Form, between Courland on the North, Lithuania on the East and South-East, and Ducal Prussia on the South-West; a small part of it extending quite to the Baltick on the West, and the extent of it is about 100 miles. It is a marthy Soil, whence the Country has its name, Samo-giez fignifying such in the Language of the Inhabitants, and hath abundance of Rivers and Lakes that often overflow the Land, which yields Pasture and Corn; but especially Woods in abundance; wherein great quantity of excellent Honey is found: A Race of Horses are bred here, which, tho'

fmall, are of a sprightly generous Nature. The River Chronus, otherwise called the Russe, passes, thro the South Point of this Country, whence running cross Prussia falls into the Lake Curisch-Haff. The Inhabitants are a dull stupid People, and were with great difficulty converted from Paganism by King Uladislaus Jagello; nor even to this day is it intirely rooted out, the Inhabitants of some of the more defart Parts worshiping Idols. This Country was sometime subject to the Ruffians, afterwards to the Teutonick Order, and at last conquer'd by Ula-dislaus Jagello King of Poland in the Fourteenth Contury, and hath ever fince been part of the Kingdom. Ccc 2

greatest Note ate,

Rosieim.
Midnik.
Schwnden.

Schwnden.

Resiem or Resiense, is a small City seated near the River Dubissa, in the Latitude of 55. about 70 miles East from the Baltick Sea, near 50 West from the Confines of Lithuania, near 30 North from the River Russ, and about 80 miles North-East from Koningsberg. It is a place of no great Note, but is by some reckon'd the Capital of Samogisia: Tho' others give that Honour to

Midnick or Vormatia; because it is the Seat of the Bishop of Samogitia. It stands on the River Wirmtea, about 25 miles North-West from Rossem,

and is but a very poor ordinary Place.

Kisdany stands 30 miles South-East from Rosiem. Schwinden 60 miles to the North of Rosiem, and near the Confines of Courland. And Birze, which bears the Title of a Dukedom, stands 100 miles East from Schwden.

COURLAND, or Kureland, lies on the North of Samogitia, between that and the River Duina, which divides it from Livonia; whereof this was formerly reckon'd a part. The Baltick Sea bounds it on the West, the Gulf of Riga and Duina on the North, Samogitia on the South, and Lithuania on the East. It is in length above 150 miles, but the breadth is not proportionate, being but 40, and in the Eastern part not above 20 miles. The Country is plain and fruitful, abounding with Corn and Honey; fome parts of it are Fenny and full of Lakes and Rivers. The River Duina washes its Coasts, and affords them Water Carriage for their Goods to Riga, as the Baltick Sea does for Foreign Trade. This Country was formerly subject to the Teutonick Order, afterwards to the Poles,

There are no considerable Citics here; those of and tho at present it has its own Duke, he pays Homage to the King of Poland. It is divided into two Parts, 1. Courland, and 2. Semigallia; the chief Towns whereof are,

> In Courland, which is the Western Coldingen. part, divided from Semigallia by Windaw. the River Mussa,

In Semigallia, the Eastern part be
Smittaw.

Egypten.

Bauske.

Goldingen is usually reckoned the Capital of Cour-land, but otherwise not considerable. It stands upon the River Wetaw, about 30 miles from the Baltick, 130 miles North from Koningsberg, and 60 South-West from Riga.

Piltyn is the Seat of the Bishop of Courland, and stands upon the same River about 20 miles North

from Goldingen.

Windam, called by the Inhabitants Kies, is feated at the Mouth of the River Wetaw near the Baltick. It was formerly the Seat of the Provincial of Liefland; and the Sessions of the Parliament of Courland made it populous; but its ancient Splendor is lost, and at present 'tis only considerable on account of some Trade, Pitch, Tar, Wax, and other Commodities being exported hence to Foreign

Mittam Rands on the Banks of the River Muffa or Maufs, 50 miles South-East from Goldingen, 35 South from Riga, and above 250 North from Warfam. It is the Capital of Semigallia, and the Seat of the Duke of Courland. The Town is mean, but the Castle is magnificent. It was taken by Gustavas Adolphus in 1621, but reftored in 1629.

Bauski stands upon the same River, about 25

miles East from Mittaw.

Egypten stands on the Borders of Lithuania, 70 miles East from Bauski.

CHAP. V.

Of the Great Dutchy of LITHUANIA.

ITHUANIA, called Litma by the Inhabitants, Litweski by the Poles, and Littawen by the Germans, the largest Province of the Kingdom of Poland, lies on the East of the Provinces we have been speaking of, and is bounded on the North by Courland, Livonia, and Muscovy, on the South by Volhinnia and Polesia, and on the East by Polachia and Samogitia. It extends from the 52d to the 56th Degree of Latitude, and from the 44th to the 45th Degree of Longitude, in Form almost Circular, and about 250 miles over. The Land is flat and marshy, and was formerly over-run with Woods, but by the Industry of the Kings they are in some measure cut down and the Land cultivated: Here are many Lakes and Rivers which afford the Inhabitants plenty of Fish, as the Forests do Venison, Honcy, Pitch, and Furs; which last is very useful to the Inhabitants, for the Air is very cold and makes such Cloathing very necessary. The Land yields Corn (but the Cold often spoils the Harvest)

and feeds great Herds of Cattle, wherewith the Country is well flock'd. Pitch, Tar, and Timber are fent hence by the Merchants, and Wine, Salt, and Woollen Cloath receiv'd in Return; all other Necessaries the Inhabitants have at home.

Lithuania was formerly govern'd by its own Prince, called the Great Duke, and comprehended also Volbinia and Polachia; 'till Uladislaus Jagello, their Duke, being chosen King of Poland, annexed it to that Crown, but with the preservation of the ancient Laws and Form of Government: This was fometimes, in future Successions, opposed by the Lithuanians, and many Differences happen'd there-upon; 'till in the Year 1569. it was finally agreed that the Lithuanians should never elect a Great Duke, but should assemble with the Polish Nobility upon an Interregnum, and both Nations together choose one Prince, and that Volhinia and Polachia should be granted to Poland.

The Inhabitants were formerly most stupid Idolaters, 'till Uladislaus Jagello being converted, introduced the Christian Religion here, built a Cahedral, and founded a Bishoprick at Vilna, and erected divers other Churches; so that in time Idolatry was suppress'd; but the lower fort being very ignorant and stupid, do to this day in many places retain some remains of it, and because a Serpent was the God they worshipped formetly, do still keep in their Houses an Adder which they feed and cherish with great Care. The Noblity here, as in Poland, are very Proud, and domineer over the Comonalty, which are as sneaking, and submit to a strange degree, the Tenant being his Lord's Slave, and the greatest part of his time bestowed in his Service. The whole Country is divided into eight Palatinates, wherein are these Cities and Towns of Note.

In the Palatinate of Wilna which Wilna.

adjoyns to Samogitia.

Wilna which Wilna.

In the Palatinate of Braslaw, which Braslaw.
adjoyns also to Samogicia, and lies Miadzial.
on the North of Wilna.
Narocza.

In the Palatinate of Poloczko, lying Poloczko, Druio.

East from Braslaw.

Plissa.

Eastward of Poloczko lies the Palati- Wifejifa.

nate of Witepik; in which are, Surafs,

On the West of Wilna lyes the Palatinate of Troki, divided into two parts by the River Niemen, Bielica. Merecz.

The Palatinate of Minski, lies on the East of Wilna, and South of Brodziet.

Braslaw, in which are.

Minski.

Minski.

Borisow.

Brodziet.

Swisoc.

In the Palatinate of Mfcislaw which Mcislaw.

lies on the East of Minski, and Orssa.

South of Witepsk.

Robaczow.

The Palatinate of Novogrodeck is the South-west corner of Lithuania, Nesweis having Troki on the North, and Minski on the East.

Wilna or Vilna, ealled also Vileniki by the Inhabitants, and die Wilde by the Germans, is seated at the Confluence of the Wilia and Wilna Rivers, in the Latitude of 54 30 at the distance of 120 Miles from Koningsberg to the East, 180 from Wassaw to the North-East, and near 120 South from Mistaw. It is the Capital of Lithuania, and is a large and very populous City, founded by Duke Gediminus in 1305. the Houses are low, of Wood and mean; but the publick Buildings are fine, among which are the Castle, the Duke's Palace, the Cathedral and several Churches all built of Stone, the Bernardine Monastry, the University Founded by King Stephen, in 1379. and the foreign Merchants Houses, which are built of Stone, and well adorn'd, especially that

of the Muscovian Company. Wilna is an Episcopal See, founded as we had said by King Uladislaur Jagello, and a Place of Trade, but it is chiefly carried on by Foreigners, the Inhabitants being Poor and much addicted to Drunkenness. The Parliament or chief Court of Judicature sit here one Year and the next Year at Minik. The Ducal Palace hath an Armory very well furnished. About two Miles from hence stands another Palace built of Wood by King Sigismund, adorned with a Park, Orchards and Gardens: It is called Wirsupa, being near the Water, which the Word signifies. In 1655, the Muscovites 100k Vilna, but it was afterwards recover'd.

The River Wilia, on which this City stands, divides the Palatinate into two equal Parts, and then washing the Borders passes through some part of Samogitia and Prussia, and falls at last into the Baltick, having first received several other Rivers, and changed its Name into that of Russe.

Wilkomirz stands in the lower part of the Palatinate, 35 miles North-West from Wilna, on the River Swiera: And Ofiniana stands in the upper part, 25 Miles South West from Wilna.

Braslaw stands near the Confines of Courland, 70 Miles North-East from Wilna; it is the Capital of a Palatinate, and has a strong Castle built upon a Rock. The Town is seated upon a Lake, whence issues a small River, that about 20 Miles off falls into the Duina.

Miadzial stands 50 miles South from Braslaw, upon another small Lake and River, and Naroez stands upon a River of the same Name, 20 miles South-West from Miadzial. Both these Towns by means of this River have communication with Wilna.

Poloczko stands upon the River Duinn, and another small River to which it gives Name, 100 miles Bast from Breslaw. It is the Capital of the Palatinate, which was formerly a Dutchy, a large and populous Town, and guarded by two Castles, one on the Duina, and the other on the Polotta. It was taken by the Muscovires in 1562, regain dby K. Stephen in 1579, and since that again taken by the Muscovires, and retaken by the Poles.

Druio stands upon the Duina 70 Miles below Polocyko, and 30 East from Braslaw, and hath a Castle near it. Drissa stands at the Mouth of a River of the same Name which falls into the Duina, 20 miles East from Druio; and Lissa is about 30 miles South from it.

Witepsk, the Capital of a Palatinate is seated on the Duina, where it receives the Witzba 50 miles East from Polocyko; it hath a Castle which was often taken and retaken in the last Muscovite War. It had formerly Dukes of its own, till Olgerd was chosen Great Duke.

Wifeissa, stands near the Duina, 20 miles below Witepsk, and Ula 20 Miles below it at the Mouth of a River of the same Name. Surasi on the Duina, also is about 25 miles East from Witepsk.

Troki the Capital of a Palatinate, and formerly the Seat of the Great Duke, is seated among inaccessible Marshes, whence Issues the River Brasalat that 10 miles below falls into the Wilna: It is distant about 20 miles from Wilna to the West, and hath a strong Castle for its defence, built by Guedimin Great Duke, in 1322. taken by the Muscovites, and the Town very much destroy d. in 1655.

Kowno stands on the River Niemen near its mouth into the Wilna, 30 miles West from Troki. Grodno is seated partly on a rising Ground, near the Banks

of the River Niemen, over which it has a stately Bridge of Wood. The Town is Fortified with a Castle Founded upon a Rock, and is 60 miles distant from Troki to the South. Bielica stands also on the Niemen 60 miles above Grodno. And Merecz 40 miles below Grodno on a River of the same Name

which there falls into the Niemen,

Minsk the Capital of an other Palatinate, is seated in a Marsh near the River Suvislocz, 80 miles Southeast from Wilna. It is a well Built Town, and hath a Castle for its defence. Boryson stands upon the River Berezina, 50 miles East from Minsk, which is a regular Fortification, with deep Ditches, and a double Palifade, and hath a Morafs on one fide. Brodzieck upon the fame River 40 miles to the South. And Swiffeez 20 miles more South where the River of the same Name falls into the Bere-

Micifland stands upon the River Sofz, in the Confines of Muscovy, 170 m les East from Minsk. It was taken by the Muscovites in the last War; and regaind by King Sigismund I. whose General Constantine Duke of Oftrog, did here cut to pieces the Muscovite Army of 40000 Men. Mebilow, seated on a Hill near the Banks of the River Borifthenes or Nieper (which passes quite through this Palatinate) 50 miles South-east from Mscislaw, is a good well built Town. It was taken by the Muscovites in 1654. and retaken by the Poles in 1656. Offa stands also on the Nieper, where it receives the River O fa, 60 miles West from Mscislaw. It is a good Town and

hath a strong Castle, but was taken by the Muscovite's Robaczow, the Capital of a Territory, which by fome Geographers is reckon'd as separate from this. Palatine, is a large good Town seared on the Niepers, where it receives the Odrnez, 80 miles South-west from Mscislaw.

Novogrodeck, call'd also Litaviski, is one of the best Cities in Lithuania, and used formerly to be given to the Great Duke's second Son. It is Seated upon the River Niemen, 60 miles South-west from Minsk, and 60 Southfrom Wilna. In this City and in Minski, the Dyet or Parliament of Lithuania is alternately held. Walkowifea stands upon the River Rofs 60 miles West from Novogrodeck. Slonin stands upon the Sezura, 30 Miles South from Novogrodeck, and Nesweis stands on the Eastern Confines, 60 miles from Novogrodeck, and as far South from Minskie solucz bears the Title of a Duchy, and was formerly a feparate Territory. The City flands upon a River of the same Name, 80 miles South-west from Novegrodeck, and is a large Town, but the Houses are of Wood. Near this City a famous Victory was a larged by the Peter South Sout obtain'd by the Poles over the Tartars, in the time of King Sigifmond I.

And now having Survey'd Poland properly fo call'd. Prusia, Lithuania, Samogitia and Courland, we shall proceed to Warsovia, wherein stands the City VV. acfir. whence passing through Polakia, Polesia, Red Ruffia, Podolia and Volhinia finish our Journey in the Ukraine, the extream South east part of the

I allow the transfer of the

Polish Dominions.

Of Warsovia, Polachia and Polesia.

ARSOVIA or Masovia, called by the Poles, Mazowsze, and by the Germans, Die Masaw; may be reckon'd the molt Die Masaw; may be reckon'd the moth considerable part of the Polish Dominion, being the Seat of the King, and the Grand Dyet of the Kingdom, as also of a vast number of Nobility, It lyes in the middle of the Countries we have been Treating of, having Prussia on the North, the Upper Poland on the South, Polachia which parts it from Lithuania on the East, and the I ower Poland on the West. This is it's present Bounds, but formerly all Polachia, and that part of I ower Poland on the other and Ploczko, were part of it, and the whole Govern'd by a Duke of it's own, doing Homage to the King, till in the year 1495, the Race being Extinct, Ploczko and Dobrzin were United to the Crown, and the rest given to Conrade Brother to King John Albert, whose Issue Male failing, in the year 1526, it was finally annexed to the Crown. And Polachia which had been joyned to Lithuania, was also annexed to the Crown

It lyes between the 51 Deg. 30 Min. and 53 Deg. 20 Min. of Latitude, in form near Oval, extending from North-east to South-west about 130 miles, and in breadth about 90 miles. It has the benefit of several Navigable Rivers, especially the Vistula, or VVeissel, which runs through the Southern

port, and the Bug paffes quite cross from East to West. The Country is plain; and the Soil fruitful, yielding Corn, Cattle, Fish and Fowl, in good

plenty.
It is but one Palatinate denominated from Czersko, which is the Seat of the Palatine; but Warfaw is the Principal City, which with the other chief Towns are as follow.

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VVarsaw, the Metropolis of Poland, is Seated upon the Vistula, in the Latitude of 52 Deg. 10 Min. 150 miles North from Cracow, 120 South from " Koninsberg, 100 East from Gnesna, and about 100 West from the Confines of Lithuania. It is a large and populous City, the Seat of the King of Poland, and of the Sessions of the Grand Dyet of the Kingdom. It is divided into four parts, viz. The Old and the New Town, the Suburbs of Cracow, and the Prag. The Palace is a noble Structure, inform four-square, built by Sigismund III. and much beautified by his Successors. The chief Church of St. John Baptist is very fine, as are the other publick Puildings, which are the Archael, the Castle, the Market-place, &c. Over the River here is a starely Wooden Bridge, and beyond it stands another

Palace of the King's, called Viafdow, wherein the above it. Lozicze is on the other fide of the River, 20 miles to the South. Nacew stands 15 miles from dens and Groves; and not far from it in the Suburbs of Cracow, is to be seen the Monument of Demetri118 Suiscius Great Duke of Muscovy, who being taken Prisoner, died a Captive in Poland, whose King to Honour him, built a small Chappel over it. In the Plains near this City the Election of the King is

Czersko stands also on the Vistula, 30 miles South from Warfaw. It is a small City, the Seat of the Palatine, but else not very considerable. Latowiecz stands on the River Livier 30 miles East from Czersko. Wischgrod is seated on the Vistula, where the Bug salls into it, about 50 miles North-welt from Warfam, and hardly 20 from Ploczko. Zakrotzin stands upon the Bug 20 miles above Wijchgrod. Novigrod is feated on the River Narem in the North-east part of this Province, 80 miles from Warfaw; and 20 miles above it stands Lumsa.

POLACHIA, call'dby the Inhabitants Podlaske, and by the Germans Podlachien, is but a small Province, lying between Massovia and Lithuania, with Polesia and Lublin Palatinate on the South, and Prussia on the North. It extends in length, from North to South 120 miles, but in breadth it is hardly 30. The River runs through the Southern part, and several smaller Rivers water the other parts, It is but one Palatinate, whereof the Capital is Bielsk. The Towns of chiefest note are,

Drogiezyn. Narew.
Drogiezyn. Surass.
Mielnick.
Lozicze. Augustow.

Bielsk the chief City of Polachia is seated on the River Biala, in the midway between Grodno in the North, and Breste on the South, 100 miles East from Warsaw, and 80 West from Sluczk. It is guarded by a strong Castle, and is a place of good Force. Drogiezyn stands on the River Bug, 50 miles South-east from Bielsk, as doth also Mielnick 10 miles Bielsk to the North, and Surafs 20 miles further, and Augustow in the extream North part 60 miles from Bielsk.

POLESIA is of much larger extent, comprehending in length from East to West above 200 miles, but in breadth not above 60, or at most 70 miles: It lies on the South of Lithuania and Polesia, on the East it is bounded with Volbinia, on the West with Upper Poland, and on the South with Red Ruffia, and Volhinia. It is a very Marshy Soil, and abounds with Forests, and Rivers, and consequently hath plenty of Venison and Fish: Hony also is found in the Woods, which the Inhabitants vend abroad. This Province is sometimes call'd the Palatinate of Brefle or Breflici, that being the chief City and Seat of the only Palatine in the whole Province. The chief Cities are these, viz.

> Breffici. Wyboneff. z. Kodan. Olewsko. Miedzyrzeci. Pinsk. Davidow. Wielsk. Fanow.

Breste or Bressici, is Scated on the River Bug, 50 miles South from Bielsk, and 100 East from Warfaw; it is the Capital of this Province, and is Fortified with a Castle built upon a Rock. Koden stands upon the same River 20 miles above it. Miedzyrzcci stands in the Confines upon the River Krssina 30 miles to the West. Upon the same River 10 miles to the East, and 20 West from Koden stands Bialla, the Palace of the Duke of Radzivill, adorn'd with a Gymnasium or a small University. Janowstands upon the Bug, 20 miles West from Breste. Pinsk stands upon the River Pina, 90 miles West from Breste.
Wyhonessez is 30 miles North from Pinsk. Davidow
70 East from Pinsk. And Widleez a Castle, 20
miles more to the East. Olewsko stands in the extream South-east part of Polesia, on a River of the same Name.

CHAP. VII.

Of Red Russia, Podolia, Volhynia and the Ukrain.

ED-RUSSIA in its ancient extent comprehended all Volbinia and Podolia, as well as the Province which now bears that Name, Russia, because formerly possess'd by Russes, and Red from a Clay of that Colour very frequent here; and because in the Woods the Earth is very Black, the Country is by some call'd Black-Russia, as also Little-Russia, to distinguish this from Russia or Muscovy: And in those days it was Govern'd by Princes of their own, who were formidable both to Poland and Mufcovy; till in the year 1341. Casimer II. called the Great, did Incorporate it with Poland. It's prefent Bounds are Polesia on the North, Volhynia and Podolia on the East, Upper Poland on the West, and on the South the Carpathian Mountains divide it from Hungary and Transilvania. It extends from 48. to 51 Degrees 20 Minutes of Latitude. 200 Miles from North to South, and in the Southern part 160, but

in the North but half so much in breadth. The Country is fomething Mountainous, but water'd with abundance of Rivers, which render it very Fruitful. The River Bug rifes here, and paffes from South to North, almost the whole length of the Country. The River Niester by the Ancients Nam'd Turla, hath also it's Source here.

The whole Province is divided into three Palatinates, which paffing from North to South Occur in

this Order.

The Palatinate of Chelm in which are,

Schelm. Kranoslaw. Turisk.

The Palatinate of Belz.

Seiz. Zamoscie. Rubiessow.

The Palatinate of Lemberg.
Whereof the South-East part is called Pocutia or Poccuk.

Called Pocutia or Poccuk.

Whereof the South-East part is Grodeck-Fe/fin.
Halicz,
Suiarn.

Lemberg.

Chelm stands in the Latitude of 51 Degrees; 60 miles South from Bresle, 110 South-East from Warfaw, and 30 East from Lublin. It is but a small City tho the chief of the Palatinate, and formerly an Episcopal See; but this place being much destroyed by the Muscovites and Tartars, during the Wars, the Bishops Seat was Translated to Kranslaw. So that at present the Town is not very confiderable, but is Guarded by a Castle of Wood.

Kranastaw, or Krasneslaw, stands 20 Miles to the South-west from Chelm, on the River Wieprz which here makes a Lake; it is a small City, but in good Condition, and enjoys the Honour of an Episcopal See. Twisk stands on the Borders of Volbinia

30 Miles East from Chelm.

Belz, or Belez, stands among Marshes 50 Miles South from Chelm. It is a small City built of Wood, and only considerable by being the chief of the Patainate. Zamoscie stands about 30 Miles South from Chelm, and 40 North-west from Belz, and Rubiessow, 30 Miles from Samoscie, and as far North from Belz.

Lemberg, Leopolis call'd Lwow by the Polcs, is the most considerable place of this part of Poland, being an Archi-Episcopal See, the Capital of a Palatinate, and of all Red-Russia, and also a City of very good Trade. It is Seated upon the River Peltew which fulls into the Bug, and is distant 40 miles from Belz to the South, 90 North from the Consines of Transilvania, 150 East from Cracow, and 180 South East from Warsaw. It is no very large City but well Built, and in good State, and hath two Castles for its Desence, one within the Town, and the other without the Walls. Przemislaw, Premislia, a well Built Populous City, and Episcopal See, is seated on the River Sana, 60 miles West from Lemberg, Neimeraw stands 20 miles West from Lemberg, and Jaroslaw 40 miles beyond that Eastward. Grodeck is 30 miles South-west from Lemberg. And Felsin is near 30 miles South-west from it.

Halicz the Capital of the Territory of Pocutia, stands upon the River Tyra 50 miles South-east from Lemberg. It was formerly a very considerable place, having been the Capital of a little Kingdom, afterwards had its own Dukes: and lastly, was the Seat of the Arch-bishoprick, now Translated to Lemberg. But the Wars and Revolutions have altered it's State, and it is now not very notable, but hath a Castle for its defence. Sniatyn upon the River Pruth, 40 miles South east from Halicz on the Confines of Moldavia is by some reckon'd the Capital

of Pocutia.

PODOLIA lyes on the East of Red-Ruffia, having Volhinia on the North, the River Niester or Turta on the South, Ocziacow Tartary on the East, and the Palatinate of Lemburg on the West. It is a large Country being 250 miles long, and near 80 miles broad. The River Boegh runs quite through it from West to East, and the River Niester washes its Southern Frontier, and several other smaller Rivers water the Country, which is exceeding Fruitful, yeilding especially Wax and Hony in abundance. The

Neighbourhood of the Turks, hath "fubjected this Province to frequent Invasions, especially in the year 1672, the Turkish Army entred it, and took Caminiec, which the King of Poland granted to them, to obtain a Peace; but the Nation resenting it, in 1673 declared War against the Turks, and the Polish Army under the General John Sobieski, asterwards King, obtain'd a great Victory, and took some places; but the Peace at Carlowitz, wherein it was agreed that it should be restor'd to the Poles, and the Turks quit all pretensions to Podolia, and the Turks quit all pretensions to Podolia, and the Ukraine. The Eastern part of this Province, altho' it be good Land, is in a manner a perfect Desart, by reason of the frequent Invasions and Ravage of the Turks.

It is divided into two parts Upper, and Lower,

wherein are these Towns, viz.

In Upper Podolia, which is the Bouckzowka. Trambowl.
Western part, a Populous and Tarnopol.
Fruitful Country.

Zbaras.
Bar.
Cbelminck.

In the Lower Podolia, the Eastern VVinnicza.
part, call'd also the Palatinate of Hanan.
Koniecpole.
Oribow.
Cazarne.

Caminice or Kaminiec, call'd Kaminiec Podolski by the Poles, is the Capital of Podolia, and of a Palatinate, seated on the River Smotrzic, which a little below falls into the Niester, at the distance of 100 miles from Lemburg to the South-east, and not above 12 from the Confines of Moldavia. It is a Populous well built City, and an EpiscopalSee, surrounded with high craggy Rocks, and besides Fortified with Walls, and a very strong Castle; so that it is the strongest place on this side, and used to be reckoned the Key of Poland. It hath several times been attacked by the VValachians, Tartars and Turks; in the year 1669, it suffer'd miserably by Fire, and in 1672. was taken by the Turks, who kept possession of it, and thereby often made Inroads into Poland, and carried away vast numbers of Captives, till by the late happy Peace concluded at Carlowiz, in the year 1699, it was agreed to be surrender'd, and accordingly the next Spring evacuated, and the Poles put in possession of it. Bouckzowka stands 20 miles West from Caminiec, Trambowl 40 miles North from it, and Tarnopol 30 miles more North. Zbaras hath the Title of a Dukedom; it stands 20 miles North from Tarnopol, and near the Confines of Volbinia. Felftyr stands 50 miles North from Caminiec. Bar 60 miles North-east from Caminiec, is a strong Fortress. Chelminck stands on the River Boeg among Marshes, on the Borders of Volhinia.

Braclaw the Capital of a Palatinate, and of the Lower Podolia, is feated on the River Bug, at the distance of 90 miles from Caminiec to the Bast, and 40 from the Confines of Moldavia: It cannot be expected that this should be a very flourishing City, considering the long Neighbourhood of the Turks, by whom it was laid wast in 1672. VVinnicas stands upon the same River, 30 miles to the North. Haman stands 60 miles East from Braclaw towards the Ukraine. Koniecpole stands upon the Bug 60 miles

South

South-east from Braclaw. Orthow is seared on the other side the Niester in the Confines of VValachia. And Cazarne is a Fort on the Confines of Oczakow Tartary near the Neister, in the South-east Corner of this Province.

VOLHINIA is a very large Tract of Land, especially if we comprehend the Upper Volbinia, otherwise called the Ukrain, for then it is 500 miles in length from East to West; but of that we shall speak by it's self, and at present consider Volhinia Superior, or the Palatinate of Lusuc; which is generally known by the Name of Volbinia, and is of it self a large and plentiful Country, near 200 miles in length, and 100 in breadth. It is bounded on the North with Polesia, on the South with Podolia, on the East with the Ukrain, and the on West with Red-Russia. And hath in it's Limits these Cities and Towns of note.

> Lusuck or Lucko. 7 Solyka.
> Krzemienec. 8 Baranowka. Szytomierz. Berdiczow. Oftrog.

Lufuc called Lucko by the Inhabitants, is the Metropolis of Volhinia, and the Palatinate to which it gives Name. It is seated on the River Ster 90 miles North-east from Lemberg, 130 miles North from Caminiec, 170 miles South-east from Warfaw. It is a large City, and the See of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Arch-bishop of Gnesna; but is chiefly Inhabited by Jews, Armenians and other Eastern People, that Traffick in these Countries. Krzemieniec is a small City seated on a Hill near the River Icua, 35 miles South-east from Lusuck, it is the Capital of a Territory, and hatha Castle founded on a Rock. Ostrog formerly the Seat of a Duke, to whom a great part of this Country was Subject, stands about 50 part of this Country was subject, it ands about 50 miles East from Lufuck. Olyka 20 miles East from Lufuck lears the Title of a Duchy; as doth also Zaslaw, 20 miles South from Ostrog. Beretisko stands 20 miles South from Lusuck. Zytomeriez stands towards the Consines of the Ukrain, 120 miles from Lusuck to the East, and Berdiezow upon the same Confesses or miles South from Tytomeriez. fines 40 miles South from Zytomeriez.

VOLHINIA INFERIOR, commonly call'd the UKRAIN, or the Palatinate of Kiow, is of much larger extent than the Upper Volhinia, being near 300 miles in length, and 150 in breadth. The River Boristhenes or Nieper passes through the middle of it, from North-welt, to South-east; and it hath besides abundance of other smaller Rivers. The Land is very Fruitful, but the Eastern part of it is however, a meer Defart by reason of the Neighbourhood of the Tartars. This is the Country of the COSSACKS, which being a People often mention'd in the History of these parts, it will not be amiss to give a short account of 'em. They have their Name from Kofaa Scythe, their usual Weapon, and were originally a Crew of diffolure Rovers, that Affembled together from the Frontiers of Russia Nobinia and Podolia, to practise Piracy on the Baltick Sea: They appeared first in the Reign of Sigismand I. to the Number of fix Thousand, who with shallow Boats, could pass those Rocks in the mouth of the Boristbenes, that hinder the Navigation from the Ukrain to the Black Sea, and during the Summer they Rov'd all over the Black Sea, and it's Coasts, pillaging and spoiling wherever they came. This they continued

many years. Stephen Bathory King of Poland form'd them into an orderly Militia, intending to use them against the Tartars, gave them the Town and Territory of Trethimirow, appointed a General over them, and gave them many Priviledges; and for some time they were serviceable to Poland, in opposing the Tartari. But being sensible of their Strength, they begun to set up for themselves, and in the year 1587. Rebell'd, but their General being taken and Executed, it was quieted for a time. About the year 1600, they were fo Powerful that the Poles were forced to raile a large Army against them, who often worsted 'em, and took their Generals, but still they continued mutinous, wherefore their Priviledges were taken away, and they continued in a state of enmity: Till about the year 1640. King Uladiflaus, VI. making War upon the Tartars, collected them together, and fet over them for General Bogdan Chmielniski; who was afterwards a bitter and formidable Enemy to Poland: For the Coffacks, being oppressed by the Polish Lords their Landlords, and on complaint receiving no redress, they Armed in vast Numbers, and calling in the Tartars, furiously attack'd the Poles; but King John Casimer so well resisted them, that the Tartars accepted of a Peace in 1649. But Chmielniski not trusting to that, obliged the Prince of Moldavia to join with him, which produced another War, in the year 1651. wherein the Tartars and Coffacks were worsted. And since that time they have not been so considrable.

The Land as we have faid, is fruitful, producing Corn and other Commodities, but by reason of the Ravage of the Turks, hath been but little Cultivated: For in the year 1677. by Agreement, this Country was Refigned to the Grand Seignior, who kept it till the year 1699, when by the Peace concluded at Carlowitz, it was restored to the Pole.

The whole Province is but one Palatinate, denominated from Kiow, the chief Cities and Towns, whereof are these.

Kiow. Bialogrod. Bialacerkew. Czirkassy. Kotelma.

Kiow, Kiovia, is seated on the River Boristhenes or Nieper, in the Latitude of 51. at the distance of 200 miles from Lucko to the East, 60 miles South from the Frontiers of Lithuania, and 100 North from Podolia. It is an Episcopal See, a Palatinate, and Adorn'd with a kind of University; hath Ten Churches, whereof four for the Roman, and the rest for the Greek way of Worship; it is also a place of some Trade for Corn, Furs, Tallow, &c. and is Guarded by a Castle, and Surrounded with a Trench, and some other Fortifications; but is not very Populous, nor comparable to the ancient Kiow, which flood a little diffant, and was formerly a very large and opulent City, whereof the Ruins of many stately Buildings and large Walls, are still to be seen. The two Churches of St. Sophia, and St. Michael, which remain in tolerable good State, were Sumptuous Buildings, the Wallsof the former being Adorn'd with Molaick Work; and the Roof of the latter very richly Gilt. The City was Founded by a Ruffian Prince Named Kius in the year 86t. and was the Metropolis of Tauro Sorthia. Then it became the Seat of the Ruffian Empire, and was afterwards Govern'd by it's own Princes. It was Storm'd and Pillag'd by the Tartars in 1615, and has ever fince Ddd Above

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Stayky, and to miles above that Ryfzow, both noted

for Passage of the River Nieper.

Bialogrod, stands 20 miles South-west from Kiow. Kotelma on the Fronteirs of the Upper Volhinia, 40 miles South-west from Kiow. Bialacerkiew stands about the same distance South from Kiow. Trethmirow the place which King Bathory, as has been faid, gave to the Coffacks, stands upon the Nieper, 50 miles above Kiow, and is a place of Strength having a Castle for it's defence. Czernobel stands also on the River, but as many miles below Kiow. Czyrkassy, stands upon the River too, 80 miles above Kiow, and

Above Kiow about 30 miles to the South, stands Kudack a strong Fort, built by the Polanders in 1635. against the Incursions of the Tartars, stands in the extream East Confines of the Polish Dominions, on the West side of the River near the Confines of Tar-

Some part of the Ukrain on the East side of the

River, is Subject to the Mufcovite.

And thus we conclude our Account of Poland, having passed through all the Provinces of this great Kingdom, and according to the best Informations could be procured, not omitted mentioning any confiderable City or Town.

MUSCOVY or RUSSIA.

Muscovia, aut Alba Russia.



CHAP.

Of MUSCOVY in General.

USCOVY otherwise called White Russia, and Russia Magna, to distinguish it from the Province of Poland, called Ruffia Rubra, was anciently the greatest part of the Sarmatia Europea. The Name of Ruffia was taken from the People, called Roffi, q.d. dispersed or scatter'd, being Originally wanderers without any Government. The Moschi mention'd by Strabo, were one Nation of these People, whence the Name of the Province

of Muscovia, most probably, was derived; and fince the Monarch has made this his Seat, the Name of this Province hath been Communicated to the whole Empire. It is the largest Country under one Government in Europe, nay perhaps in the World, being above 3000 miles broad. It lyes between the 46th and 70th Degree of Latitude, including from the 7th Climate of the Temperate Zone, to the 2d. Climate of the Frigid Zone: And in Longitude

from the 55th, to the 105th. Degree. It is bounded on the North with the Ocean, Denominated from its Shoars Mufcovian and Tartarian, Nova Zemla, divided from the Continent by the Straights of Weygatz. On the South with Tartaria Minor, the Palus Meetis, Crim-Tartary and Tucky, and the Caspian Sea, which parts it from Persia. On the East with the Asiatick or Great Tartary, and on the West with some Provinces of Sueden, Lithuania, Poland and the Ukrain. It is in vain to talk of it's utmost Extent, for the Eastern part is all Wilderness, by reason of the Tartars; and the North part the same, because of its extream cold Climate. So that tho' the whole Empire be reckoned 3000 miles extent either way, yet that part of it that is Populous and well Cultivated (being the South-west part) is not above 600

miles Square.
The CLIMATE must necessarily be very different in so vast a Tract of Land, but in general it is very Cold, and at Moscow it felf, in the Winter time the AIR is not tolerable, the extream parts of Men's Bodies, as Nofes, Ears, &c. being often mortified with the Cold; and tho' they wrap themfelves up in Furrs, yet without continual Chafing their Noses and Fingers they are in danger of losing em when they come out of the Air. Tis said if a Man spits it shall be frozen by that time it comes to the Ground, and Water thrown into the Air will fall down Ice. The Summer on the contrary is fultry hot, but then it is short, and immediately follows the Winter; for no sooner is the Snow off the Ground, but the Cornshoots up so fast, that in two Months time they cut it; this is Attributed to the Snow, which lying on the Ground not only Mellows the Land, but also keeps the Plants from the Air, and lets them take good Root. As foon as they have Reaped they must Sow immediately for the Summer is not above three months long. But notwithstanding this extream Cold, the SOIL is very Fruitful, producing Plenty of Corn and divers Sorts of Fruits, particularly excellent Melons; also Rhubarb in great quantity, Flax, Hemp, good Pasture, Wax and Hony. Many of the Provinces have large Forrests, wherein are taken Bears, Foxes, Sables, Ermins, and those other Wild Beasts, whose Furrs are so esteemed in all Parts; besides which, Russia furnishes the World with the Leather, called Ruffian and Buff, Pot-aftes for Soap, Cavear made of the Rows of Sturgion and Belluga, Ising-glass, Morse's Teeth, Sperma Cetis, and divers other very useful COMMODITIES, which are very Commodioufly Transported by means of the many Navigable RIVERS wherein this Country very much abounds. Those of chiefest note are the Wolga, the Don or Tanais, the Occa, the Suchana and Jugh which compose the Dwina, the Kama, the Oby, and the Jenefaida. Of these the Wolga must be reckon'd the Noblest, being of singular use to the Russians who by the means of it, have Water-Carriage from Persia, quite up into the very Heart of their Country. This was the Rha of the Ancients, and hath its Source in the Province of Reschow, which lyes on the West of Moscow; and after a Course of near 2000 miles, it falls into the Caspian-Sea, in 70 mouths at Astrachan, in its way receiving the Occa, which rifes in Worotin, and receives the Moska, as it passes by that Province, and falls into the Wolga at Nifi-Novogorod; The Kama, which rifes in Piermia, and falls into the Wolga, a little below Casan; and several other smaller Rivers, which contribute to enlarge this

before it issues into the Sea. A particular account of it, is given us by a late Dutch Traveller, who Sail'd down the Stream from Moscow quite to Astrachan, by whose Journal it appears that he was near 4 months

on his Voyage.

The Don or Tanais, by some reckon'd the Limits of Asia and Europe; on that side, rises in the Province of Rezan, and passing by Pole, and the Rosdori Donski (dividing it from Crim Tartary) comes so near to the Wolga, that an attempt was made to cut a Canal from one to the other, but the Nagayan-Tartars, who at that time possessed the Kingdom of Astrachan opposed it, and with a great Army beat off the Crim-Tartar and Turks from the Work: From hence the River Don winding to the West, falls at last into the Palus Meotis at Azoph. The Oby, the greatest River of Muscowy, flows out of the Lake Kathay in Great-Tartary, passes through the Muscovian-Tartary, making in its Course divers Lakes and Islands, and receiving many other Rivers, falls into the Northern Ocean at Samoieda. The Jenefaiza rifes also in Tartary, and falls into the same Sea, 100 Leagues East from Oby. The Dwina salls into the White Sea at Archangel; the Courses of the Suchana and Jugh, whose confluence Compose it, will be seen in the Map, as will also the Course of the other Rivers, which we shall have occasion to mention in

our following Description of the Country.

The INHABITANTS of Muscovy have the missortune to bear but an ill Character abroad; whether they deserve so bad as they have, I cannot determin; but considering that they want the two chief means of Improving Men's Morals and Manners, which are Learning and Travel, we may the less scruple to believe Travellers, who all affirm that they are perfectly Illiterate and Bruitish, and so very much addicted to Drunkenness, that more than ordinary severe Laws are made against that Vice, and smoaking Tobacco, with which they also used to Intoxicate themselves. They affect Farness, looking upon it as Graceful. In their Dealings they are Crafty and not over Honest: Jealous, Cruel and Proud; but withal of mean Spirit, when severe-ly Treated. The Common People live in great subjection to the Lords, and they in as absolute dependance on the Emperor, who takes Care to keep em Ignorant, and therefore no Publick School, much less a University, is to be found in all his Dominions; even the Preisthood have no more Learning than ferves them to Read Divine Service. Also the Gentry are by Law forbid to Travel. But the Present Czar, having himself in the years 1696. and 1697. taken a Journey abroad and Vifited the Courts of Poland, Sueden, Denmark, Germany, Flanders, Holland, and England; in seeing the Politeness of those People (added to his own Inclination to Arts and Sciences) hath been induced to change that Politique and on the Contrary to encourage the Study of Languages: and already hath Erected Schools at Moscow, and fent the young Nobility to Travel, fo that in all Probability this Nation will in a short time be much improved. They are of a robust and healthy Constitution, Strong and fit to endure any Fatigue in War; the Women are well Favoured and fair enough, very Obedient to their Husbands, and patient under their Churlishness, tho' it often proceed to Blows; nay fome Authors relate that they expect Beating, and Love their Husbands the better for it.

The Ruffian LANGUAGE is a Dialect of great Stream, so as to make it several Leagues broad, the Sclavonian as well as the Polish; so that he who

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understands either of them cannot be at any great loss in this. The Bibles and such few other Bocks as they have, are writ in Sclavonian; and those who pretend to any degree of Learning, affect that Language in their writing and speaking: The Character they use has a near resemblance to the Greek. but they have augmented the number of their Let-

ters to thirty eight.

The Christian RELIGION was first taught in Muscovy in the Time of Wolodomir Great Duke of Russia (A. D. 989.) who having by the Conquest of many Provinces render'd himfelf very confiderable, was honoured with an Embassy from the Emperor Bafilius, in whose Time (according to Zonaras) a Bishop was sent from Constantinople to convert the Russes, the Prince himself embracing Christianity, and soon after marrying the Daughter of Basilius, he contributed all his Power to the cstablishing it, which was accordingly effected. is the most certain Account in History of the Conversion of Russia from Paganism. But the Russes pretend that St. Andrew the Apostle planted Christianity here, which was afterwards expell'd by the Tartars. As they receiv'd Christianity from Conftantinople, fo they have always continued in the Faith and Practice of the Greek Church, dif-believing Transubstantiation and Purgatory, communicating in both kinds, but pray to Saints and use Images; the Athanasian Creed is their Rule of Faith; and they have a fettled Liturgy which is used three times a day. They observe Lent and many other Falts very religiously, and have abundance of Festivals in Comemoration of Saints. But by reason of their Ignorance, they are miserably involv'd in superstitious Ceremonies. The Government of the Church is by Metropolitans, Archbishops, and Bishops; whereof the Metropolitan of Moscow, who was ordain'd by the Patriarch of Con-stantinople, was Primate, 'till about the Year 1588. when Hieronymus, Patriarch of Constantinople (that City being then in the Hands of the Turks) came to Moscom and very solemnly resign'd his Patriarchal Dignity to the Metropolitan of Muscow, whose Succeffors have ever fince born that Dignity, and is supream Head of the Russian Church: Immediately upon the Elevation of this Metropolitan (who was before the only one) two other Archbishops were made Metropolitans, viz. those of Novogorod, Weliki and Roshow, and fince that two more have been added, whereof one resideth at Casan and the other at Moscow. The Bishops are chosen by the

Emperor, and the Patriarch by the Bishops.

The GOVERNMENT of Russia is absolutely Monarchical; for the Grand Duke, who is called Czar (supposed to be derived from Casar) is absolute Master over all his Subjects; the Legislative, as well as the Administrative, Power being folely in him. He appoints the Waywoods or Governors of Provinces, and all the Civil and Military Officers. The Nobility are very numerous, and were formerly very considerable, the Dukes being absolute Lords in their Provinces; but the Czars have from time to time taken away their Power, and they, as well as the other Nobles, are now Dependants on the Emperor, by whose Favour they obtain the Governments and Offices of Honour and Profit. At present, the chiefest degree of Nobility, is that of the Boiars, which are those whom the Emperor honours with being of his Council; out of which he chooses the

Waywoods and other chief Officers.

The LAWS for deciding Civil Controverses formerly depended upon the Equity of the J. dge: But in the Year 1647. by the Car's command, a Code or Body of the Law was compiled by the wiselt Men in the Kingdom, and comprehenced in one Volume in Folio, entituled, Sabrona Vlol.enia; that is to say, Universal and General Right: By which the Judges are to regulate their Sentences.
Several Courts of Judicature are held furrable to

the Causes that come before 'em; whereof '115

unnecessary to give a particular account.

A Short Abstract of the History of Russia.

T is almost impossible to know the Origine and Acts of a roving Nation of illiterate People; wherefore the Reader must not expect a very ancient Account of the Ruffes, whose very Name, as we have said, denotes Straglers; and who have apparently chang'd their Sear; for the Ruffes Rubra, now a Province of Poland, had undoubtedly its Name from them; and that Volhinia also was posfess'd by the Russes is evident, fince the Seat of their Monarchy was Kiow, before Wolodomir remov'd it to the City of his own Name, which he built; fo tho' the Muscovites are now in Possession of some Provinces formerly belonging to Lithuania and Poland, they are but an equivalent of what they have quitted to Poland. But the Acquificions of the Russes have been all on the other side, viz. on the Tarears, who were for many Ages their most cruel Enemies: So that the Conquests of the Tartatian Provinces they now possess is a singular happiness to them; for whereas formerly the Tartars made Inroads upon the Russes to the very Heart of their Country, and imposed most ignominious Terms upon their Princes. [as for Example, Batus the Tartar in 1237, having flain the Great Duke George, order'd that the Tartars hereafter should choose the Princes of Moscow, who should be obliged to go out to meet the Tartarian Ambassador on foot and bare-headed, present him a Platter of Mare's Milk, and give his Horse Provender out of his Cap; and for 200 Years together the Tartar had a House and a Guard in the Castle of Muscow] I say, whereas formerly the Tartars were their cruel Masters, the Case is now so alter'd, that almost all the European Tartary is subject to the Muscovite. At what time all these vast Regions were conquer'd, will be seen in this

Account of the Princes of Russia.

Of these Princes we have no certain History before the Time of

1. Wolodomir, who having made great Conquests Eastward, removed the Regal Seat to Wolodomir, the chief City of that Province, which he built and gave name to. He also, as we have faid, married the Daughter of the Emperor Bafilius, and planted Christianity in Russia. He died in the Year 1015, and was succeed by his

2. Wolodomir, or according to others Fareflow, and faid to have built that City. He died, A. D. 1146.

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3. Wolodomir his Son succeeded, and was succeeded by his Son

4. Vitzevoldus.

3. George, slain by Battus, a Tartarian Prince, in the Year 1237. from which time the Russes were Tributary to the Tartars.

6. Jaroslau, Brother to George, succeeded.

7. Alexander his Son.

8. Daniel or Danielou, firnam'd Caleta. He re-mov'd the Regal Seat to Moscow, and asfum'd the Title of Great Duke

9. Ivan or John, his Son succeeded, being chosen by the Tartar, and much favour'd by him. 10. Ivan Ivanowitz, or John's Son succeeded.

11. Demetri Ivanowich. He obtain'd great Victories over the Tartars, but at last was slain by them.

12. Vasilie or Basil Demetriwich. He chased the Tartars out of Russia, and conquer'd Bulgar. Thro Jealousie of his Wife he disinherited his Son, and was succeeded by his Brother

13. George, who at his death restor'd the Crown to

his Nephew

14. John Vasiliewick Grotzdyn. He was the first that united Russia into one considerable Body, by taking away the Power of the Dukes, and uniting their Dominions to the Crown. He called himself Czar, King, or Emperor rather, and by fome thought to be, q. d. Cafar, in imitation of the western Emperor. He is judged ro have begun to Reign about the Year 1450. He conquer'd the Duke of Novogorod, and added that Province, as also Twer to the Crown. He turned the Tartar-Governor out of Moscow, and shook off their Yoke. He put by his eldest Son, and appointed Gabriel, his Son by a fecond Marriage, to succeed him, who changed his name to

15. Vafile Ivanowich, and began to Reign in 1492. conquer'd Plescow and Smolensko, and gained great Victories against the Tartars, over whom he set a Governor. He died in 1532. leaving his Uncle George Guardian to his Son

16. Ivan Vasiliewich a Child, who began to Reign in 1540. He became a very great Tyrant, but withal a great Conqueror. In his Time the Tartars ejected the Governor placed over them by his Father, and invading Russia, proceeded as far as Moscow, which they burnt and pillag'd, infomuch that the Czar was forced to submit to very ignominious Terms. This War was carried on by two Brothers, Mendligeri and Sapgeri; who returning homeward, Sapgeri fettl'd himself King of Casan, but Mendligeri far down before Rezan; and summoning it to furrender, told the Governor what had happen'd at Moscow, who replying, he could not believe it, the Tartar sent him the Original Instrument, subscrib'd by the Czar to convince him; the Governor seizing the Paper, return'd answer, That he would keep that and the City as long as he had Life: And so couragiously he defended it, that the Tartar was forced to raise the Siege; and then the Governor sent the Writing to the Czar, with an account of what had happen'd; which fo chang'd the Face of Affairs, that an Army was prefently raised and marched against Sapgeri, who was still in Casan; which City, after a long Siege, he took, July 9. 1552. and thereby very much enlarg'd the Russian Dominions; and pursuing

his Victory, in the Year 1552. he took Aftrachan also, which brought the Monarchy to its utmost height. He died, March 28. 1584.

17. Fedor or Theodore, Son to Ivan Vasiliewich, succeeded, and was a weak Prince. He married the Sifter of Boris Feodorowich Godanove, who murther'd him and his Brother Demetri; and having made a Party in the Kingdom, was chosen Emperor. Theodore reigned 12 Years, and

died, A. 1597

18. Feodorowich Godanou. He made away with many of the Nobility, and gave his Family all the profitable Employments; which gave such Disgust, that an Impostor starting up in the name of Demetrius, the Brother of Feeder abovemention'd, obtained such countenance, that the Army revolted to him. Feodorowich died, April 13. 1605. Supposed by Poifon, and foon after his Wife and Son Feodor. So that

19. Demetrius the Impostor entring Moscow the 20th of June 1605. was crown'd without opposition; but the Russes soon discovering their mistake slew him, and advanced to the

Throne

20. Vasilie Ivanowich Zuskie, who was crown'd June 1. 1606. Another pretended Demetrius started up in Poland, and being affisted by that Nation caus'd great Troubles; and in the end Zuskie was deposed and thrust into a Monaftry, the Ruffes chusing for their Monarch

21. Uladislaus Son to the King of Poland; which raising the Minds of the Polish Army, at that time before Moscow, made 'em Insolent; and upon a Quarrel with the Russes, run in and plunder'd and burnt the City, pillag'd the Treasury, and made such miserable Havock, that it is said 40000 Houses were burnt, and 200000 Persons slain, In this desperate State the Russes were quite heartless, 'till a Butcher stepping out, propos'd a Gentle-man named Pozarskey for their General, under whom, with an honest Treasurer, he told 'em the Disorders might be composed. cordingly the People immediately chose Pozarskey for their General, and made the Butcher Treasurer, bringing to him what Mony they could spare; with which he raised an Army, which, together with a Body of Coffacks then in Service in Muscovy, soon expell'd the Poles and restor'd in some measure the publick Peace; whereupon the Nobility assembled and chose for their Czar Michael Federowich, Son to Philaretes Nikiditz of the House of Remanoue who was made Patriarch.

22. Michael Federowich began to Reign, A. D. 1613. and by the Advice of his Father (a Man of great Wisdom and Virtue) soon restored the publick Tranquility. He made Peace with the Poles, and with the Suedes; who, during the Troubles, had possess'd themselves of divers Russian Cities and Provinces; these were restor'd, and Muscovy made happy in a wise and good Monarch, who dying in 1645. was

succeeded by his Son

23. Alexis Michaelowich a Martial, but mild Go-Years, died in the Year 1675, and was succeeded by his Son

Feodore

24. Feodore Alexiowich, who died in 1682. leaving two Sons, who for some time reigned toge-ther, but the elder being found incapable by reason of his natural Weakness, was put by,

and the younger

25. Peter, his present Czarish Majesty has ever fince had the Sole Government. He is a Valiant Prince, a Lover of Science, especially Mathematicks: And if it please God to give him Life, he will in all probability raise the Russian Empire to the highest degree it ever was: For he has already in the late Turkish War made himfelf Master of Azoph, an eminent Port at the Mouth of the Don in the Palus Meeth, whence is a passage to the Black Sea, as also taken Kafikerment on the Black Sca, at the Mouth of the Nieper; and is very buily in Building Ships of War, by the means whereof he may in time be able to dispute the Mastery of the Black Sea with the Turk: And moreover by the Encouragement he gives the Nobility to Study and Travel abroad, their Manners will be abundantly Polished and the Russians become fit for Conversation, and be esteemed like other Nations.

The REVENUES of this mighty Prince is very large, it arises by 1. The Crown Lands, valued at 250000 Rubbles per Annum, each Rubble being of the value of Ten Shillings Sterling. 2. The Tagla and Podat, which are an Imposition upon Corn, and a Subfidy upon every Town, Reckon'd to bring in 400000 Rubbles yearly. 3. The Customs, producing about 300000 Rubbles per Annum. 4. The Duty upon Stoves. 5. A great Duty upon Law Suits. 6. The Czar hath the Monopoly of Commodities as Furrs, Ising-glass and Caviare. 7. Lands fet apart for the maintenance of his Guards. And besides the Nobility and Gentry are oblig'd to Serve him in the Wars with Men, Horses, Arms, and Provisions, proportionate to the Lands they posses; in the Nature of Knight's Service.

The Emperor maintains a Constant Guard of 16000 Foot, and near 4000 Horse at Moscow, and in Garrisons on the Frontiers to the Number of 100000 Men more; and in time of War, he hath ordinarily an Army in the Field of 300000 Men well Arm'd and provided, besides his Garisons and

Guards.

Thus much for the Civil, proceed we to the Geo-

graphical Account of this Great Empire.

Museovy Consists of a great number of Provinces. which being not distinguished by Priority of Judicature we shall consider them according to Situation, dividing the whole Empire into three Parts, viz.

I. Provinces Situated on the South side of the Wolga between that River and Tartaria Minor; which are,

In the Western Part.

Severia, or Novogord-Siwierski: Worotin. Smolensko. < Bielski. Reschow. Muscovy. Twer. Rosthow. Garostam.

Czernichow.

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Rezan.
                            Ogrinia.
                            Pole.
In the Eastern Part, or
                               And the Péople
   rather the Midland of {
                               Mordua Tartars.
  Muscovy.
                              Rofdori Donski.
                              Vachines.
                              Czermise divided
                                 SNagornoi.
Logowi.
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(Wolodimer.

Sufdal.

II. The Provinces Seated on the North side of the Wolga, and the Muscovian Sea; which

Pleskow.

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Novogorod-Weliki.
Biele Ozoro.
Wologda.
Cargapolia.
Muscovian Lapland, divi-
   ded into three Parrs,
          Sella-morskoi.
Maure-manskoi.
Terskoi.
Duina.
Juhorsky.
Petzora.
Condora.
Permia.
Oustingh.
Nifi-Novogorod
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III. Muscovian Tartary, wherein are,

Siberia, comprehending the Nagaia, Cofaski, People. Scibauski. Lucomoria. Tingoesi, People. Wiadski. North, and upon the River Oby, Samoieda, comprehending Obdora. Manamo. Loppa. Hugritschi, ? People. Vogulici, Nova-Zemla.

South, upon the River The Kingdoms of Scafan. Wolga, CAstracan.

The chief Cities of Muscovy, as more particularly Expressed in the following Account, of the Provinces, are these, viz.

CHAP. II.

Czernibow. Novogrodeck-Sewerski. Bransko. Worotin. Aarol. Crom. Smolensko. Dragobufa. Bielba.	Refchow. Woloczk. Twer. Terfack. Mojcow. Troytes. Columns, Faroflaw. Roma-Nova.
(Bielha.	CHAP.

CHAP. III.

Pleskow.

Novogorod-Weliki.
Stara-Ruffia.
Ladoga.
St. Nicholas.
Mologa.

Signatura Siele Ozoro.
Gebloua-Slaboda.
Sooska.
Streliez.
Cargapol.

In Lapland.

Soma. Omba. Kandalay. Kola. Warsiga. Lockena.

CHAP. IV.

In Duina Province.

Arch-Angel.
St. Nicholas.
Colmagred.
Marfonowitz, Island.
SJuhora.
Colgoya, Island.
Petzora.
Vicliki Poyassa.

Wirchatoura.
Permia.
Ouftiugh.
Shifi-Novogorod.
Wufilogorod.
Balagna.

CHAP. V.

Woldomier. Sufdal. Castromoigorod. Galetz.

CPapinowgorod.

SRezan.
Donkagorod.
Toul.
Moruma.
Adima.

CHAP. VI

In Samoiada.

Zergolt. Naxenscoy.

In Siberia.

Pohem. Tobolsca. Calami.

Japhanim. Vergateria. Taara. Lipen.

Grustinsky.

Serpenow.

Cotelinitz.
Chlioff.

Oftro.

Tumen.

Oorloff.

In Wiadski.

Cafan. Kockschaga. Malmisch. Tetus. S Bulgara.

Samara.

Soratof. Czaritfa. Czarefgorod. Tzornogar.

Astracan:

CHAP. II.

The Western Provinces of MUSCOVY, lying between the Wolga, and the Lesser Tartary.

AVING in our Table shewn Muscovy divided into three large Parts, we shall in this following Account of it, begin with the western Provinces adjoyning to Poland; and having Survey'd all the South-west Part, pass Northward to Lapland; and then return from North to South, through the midland Provinces; and lastly, proceed to the Muscovian Tartary. Accordingly in passing from Poland to Muscovy, we may enter either at Pleskow, Bielski, Smolensko, Novogorod, or Czernibow. But that we may proceed in a Travelling order, and pass through all the Countries as they lye, we will begin with the most South-west part of Muscovy, which is

The Duchy of $C \not\subset ER$ NIHOW bounded on the South by the Ukrain, on the West by Litbuania, and on the East by Severia; it is in length near 120 miles, and in breath, in the South, about 80 miles, but decreases Northward till it ends in a Point.

The chief City, Czernehow, is feated on the River Dezna, but a few miles from the Confines of the Ukrain; and is a well built, tho' finall City.

The Duchy of SEVERIA or NOVOGRO-DECK SEWERSKI adjoyns to Czernebow on the East. It is a large and fruitful Province, formerly subject to its own Princes, who in time became Feodals to the Duke of Lirbuania, and afterwards to the Czar; but the Duke being accused of Treason, in the Reign of Vasilie, lost his Royalty, and the Country was annexed to the Crown.

The chief City Novogrodeck Siwerski stands upon the River Dezna, 50 or 60 miles above Czernihow; hath a Castle and good Fortifications, according to the Russian manner, for its Desence. Bransko reckon'd the other chief City stands 100 miles more

WOROTIN another Duchy, lyes next to Severia on the Eaft, having the Leffer Tartary on the South, whereby being exposed to their Rayage, that part is Defart and Woody. Bur the Northern part is a good Country, Fertil and Populous.

The chief City Wordin, stands on the River Occa, about 200 miles North-East from Novogrod Sewerski, and is guarded by a Castle. And higher upon the same River stands Bolgest,

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Aarol and Crom, the Towns that are next confide-

On the North of these two last mentioned Provinces, lyes the Duchy of SMOLENSKO. Stretcht out from East to West, about 200 miles, but in breadth not half so much. And was formerly subject to Lithuania, but Conquer'd by the Czar, and afterwards Recover'd by the Poles, who kept it for some time, notwithstanding the frequent Attacks of the Russes, till in the year 1654, it was snally Surender'd and is still subject to the Czar. The River Nieper or Boristhenes rises in the North-east Border of this Country, and

passes quite through it.

Smolensko the Capital, is seated on the Nieper, near the Confines of Poland; a large well built City, Fortisted with good Walls and a strong Castle. Baudrand says, the Walls are six Cubits broad, and have 52 Towers upon them, and that the City contains 8000 Houses, or more. This City hath frequently chang'd it's Masters; for sometimes it belonged to the Poles, sometimes to the Muscovites, as did the whole Province. Sigismond III. King of Poland, Established here an Archbishop for the Greeks of the Roman Communion, and a Bishop for the Roman Catholicks; but Czar Alexin put a Grecian Bishop in their place. The City is surrounded with Woods, wherein are taken the best Furrs in Muscovy. Dragobusa the next chief place, is seated also on the Nieper, 50 miles above Smolensko.

BIELS K.I., a very fmall Province, lyes on the North of Smolensko; whose chief City Bielha or Bielow, stands on the River Ofea, about 80 miles North-east from Smolensko. This was formerly a Dukedom, and Govern'd by its own Princes, subject to Liehuania, till Basilius subjected himself to the Czar.

RESCHOW, another Duchy, lyes on the North of Bielski and Smolensko, it joyns to Lithuania on the Weft, and was sometimes subject to that Duke. The Country is sull of Forests and Lakes, particularly the Forest of Wolchoniski, wherein the River Wolga hath its Source, as also the River Dzwina which passes through Lithuania and Livonia. The chief City Reschow, stands in the East part of the Province in the way to Moscow. And Woloczk 40 miles South from it, this place is noted for a People remarkably Courteous and Genteel, and for White Hares in the Neighbour'ng Forests, the Hunting whereof is often the Diversion of the Czar.

TVVE R, a small Province lying on the Northeast of Reselvow, with the Title of a Duchy, is a very Fruitful and Populous Country. The chief City Twer feated on the Tweartza (at its Consluence with the VVolga) 40 miles North from Reschow, is a large Town, having near fixty Churches, very Populous and Rich; the See of a Bishop, and the Station of a Mint. Tersack or Torsack another large Town, stands upon the same River, 20 miles to the North.

The Duchy of MUSCOVY or MOSCUA the chief Province of the Empire, adjoyns to Twer, Resew, and Smolensko, and hath Reselvow on the North, Rezan on the South, and Rezan and Sussal

on the East. Its extent is near 200 miles in length, from East to West; and the breadth about 100 miles. The SOIL is not very fruitful, but the AIR exceeding wholesom; which with the convenience of its Situation amidest the best Provinces of the Empire, makes it Chosen for the Residence of the Czar.

The City Moskow, the Metropolis of the who'e Kingdom, is feated on the River Moska, in the Latitude of 55. 36. Longitude 64. Of its Magnitude in former times, thrange things are related; but it is so subject to Fire by reason of its Wooden Houses, that mighty Conflagrations have happen'd there, and reduced the bulk of it half in haif In the great Fire and Ravage of the Tartars, which happen'd in 1540, they relate that 80000 Persons perish'd, being either Burnt, Slain, Drown'd or Trod to Death. In 1611, the Poles burnt down (as they Report) 41000 Houses: And yet in the year 1662. when my Lord Carlifle was there, Embaffador from our King Charles, it was judg'd to be 16 miles in Compass, and contain'd about 40000 Houses; but the Russians pretend it contain'd above twice that Number. It is of Circular Form, and confifts of 4 diffinct Parts, viz. 1. Cataigorod or Mid-City, furrounded by a Brick-Wall, in it flands the Castle, which is Fortified with 3 strong Walls and a Ditch, and in the Castle are 2 Palaces of the Czar's, one of Timber, and the other of Stone; the Palace of the Patriarch, the Exchequer, the Magazine, Two Monasteries, 5 Churches, (among which that of St. Michael is adorn'd with the Tombs of the Grand Dukes or Czars) and several other publick and private Buildings. At the Castle Gate stands the stately Church of Ferusalem, and before the Castle is the great Market place: The great Bell, weighing 336000 pounds, hangs in a Tower in the Castle, it is 23 Foot Diameter. 2. Trangorod encompasses the other, and is Wall'd about with Stone; herein is the Arsenal. 3. Skoradom on the North-west of the other, is chiefly Inhabited by the Woodmongers, that Sell Houses ready made. 4. Strelitza Slavoda is the Quarters of the Strelitz or Guards of the Czar, and is Fortified with Wooden Ramparts. The Houses here are generally very mean, being built only of Fir-Timber Squar'd, and Doverail'd one into another, and the Chinks fill'd with Moss; these are ready cut out, and when a Fire happens 'tis but going to Market, and you have a new House presently: Nor is their Furniture much better; fo that except the Merchandife and Lives that may be loft by a Fire, the damage is inconsiderable, which makes them never attempt to extinguish it any other way, than by pulling down the Neighbourhood, to hinder its fpreading. The Streets are not Paved with Stones, but Plank'd with Fir-Timber. The Merchants have Vaults of Stone for their Magazines, to prevent the fo frequent damage by Fire. In the City there are no less than 2000 Churches and Chappels, if we may believe the constant Accounts. Mifcom was first Founded in the year 1334. by George Duke of Wolodimer, and soon after the Great Duke Daniel Alexandrovitz taking a liking to the Place, made it his Residence, from which time it continually encreased, till it became the Greatest and Richest City in all the North. But the Tartars reduc'd it much, when they Took and Burnt the City, on the 24th of May, 1570. already mention d. The Polanders also Took it in 1611. and Burnt down, as we have faid, 41000 Houses. Eee

However the Enemies were Beat off, and the City Repair'd; and tho' it may not now be so exceeding large, as formerly, it is however very considerable, being the ordinary Residence of this great Monarch, the Seat of the Patriarch, and a great Emporium, or Place of Trade.

The other most remarkable Towns are, Troytes, 30 miles North from Moscow, and Columna or Coumnas, upon the River Mosca, near its confluence with the Occa, 60 miles South-east from Moscow; it is a fair City encompassed with a Wall, and

Dignified with an Episcopal See.

ROSTOW or ROSTHOW lyes on the North of Muscovia, a Fruitful and plentiful Country, anciently Govern'd by its own Princes, till town Voslowick put to Death the last Prince, and annex'd it to the Crown. The chief City Roshbow stands on a Lake of the same Name, 120 miles North from Moscow. Uglix in the same Province feated on the Wolga, 80 miles West from Roshbow

is noted for its excellent Bread. A few miles below stands Chlopigrod, which was formerly a great Mart, for all the Neighbouring Nations, but is now ruined. Perislaw another chief Town of this Province stands on the Borders of Museowy, 50 miles South from Rosthow. It is a large Town and very Populous. The Czar comes frequently hither in the Hunting-Season, to divert himself.

If A ROSLAW lyes next to Restow on the North, and is a Rich and Fruitful Country, abounding with Corn, Cattle, and Hony. It was formerly the Royalty of the younger Sons of the Czar, till Ivan Vasilowick in 1565. took it to himself. The chief City Jaroslaw is large and populous, said to contain above 40000 Inhabitants; strongly Fortified, and hath a great Trade; it stands upon the River Wolga, which passes through the middle of this Province. Roma Nova the other chief Town, stands on the other fide the Wolga, 20 miles above Jaraslaw.

CHAP. III.

Of the Western Part of Muscovy, between the Wolga and the Sea.

HIS Part of the Czarish Empire, is bounded on the West by Sueden and Norway, on the North by the Muscovian Ocean, on the South by the Provinces we have mention'd, and on the East by the Duina and White Sea. Comprehending these six Provinces, viz. Plestow, Novogorod-Weliki, Biele-Jegoro, Wologda, Cargapolia, and Muscovian Lapland.

The Duchy of PLESKOW, formerly a Powerful and Free State, but now subject to the Czar, is the most western part of his Dominions; bounded on the North with Ingria, on the West with Livonia, (part of the Suediso Dominions) on the South with Lithuania, and on the East with Novogorod. The chief City Pleskow, called by the Ruser Psow, is the See of an Archbishop, a City of very large extent, and reckon'd one of the strongest in all the North: It is divided into four Qarters, each of which hath its Wall, and is defended by a Castle built on a Rock. It was Govern'd by its own Princes, till Ivan Vassiowitz in 1509. united it to the Crown, and the Citizens who were till then famous for their Valour, Civility and Honesty in Trade, were Transported, and Muscovites put in their place. There are several other strong Places in this Province, which as they gave the Czar great trouble in Conquering, are maintain'd now for desence of this advanc'd Frontier. Below Plessow is the Lake Peibui, the Eastern part where-of which hath many Islands, is in this, Duchy the rest in Livonia.

NOVOGOROD, call'd WELIKI, or the Great, to diffinguish it from others of the same Name, is a large and fruitful Province, seated between Pleskow on the West, Ingria, Carelia and Kexbolm (parts of Sueden) on the North, Rescom and Twer on the South, and Roshow, Jaroslaw, &c., on the East. Its extent from East to West in the

Southern part, is 250 miles, but Northwards it grows exceedingly narrow. The Products of the Country are Wheat, Flax, Hemp, Hony, Wax and Leather, which formerly caus'd a vast Traffick here, when Govern'd by it's own Princes; but the Muscovites often Warring against em diminish'd their Trassick, and since it has been under their Dominion its not in so Flourishing a State. In the middle of the Southern part is the Lake Ilmen, whence Issues the River Wolohowa, which passes into the Lake Ladoga. On this River stands the chief City Novogorod Weliki, in the Latitude of 58.

23. Longitude 55. o. called by the Duch Newgarten: It is a large City surrounded with a Rampart of Timber and Fasth and Guarded hy one Colle Timber and Earth, and Guarded by one Castle in the middle of the City well Fortified, and another on the other fide the River, which is joyn'd to the City by a large Bridge; and werein lives the Weywood or chief Governor in Civil affairs, and the Metropolitan or Archbishop, who has the care of Ecclesiastical Matters. This City was once of vast Extent as the Ruins of it's ancient Walls demonstrate, and its Power and Wealth, obtained by the mighty Traffick, was so great that it became a Proverb, VVho can burt God and Great Novogorod? Vitold Great Duke of Lithuania, and at that time General of the Polish Army, was the first that diminish'd its Grandeur, having in the year 1427. oblig'd it to pay a Tribute to that Crown. about 50 years after John Bafilovitz Grotzdyn Warring against them, obtain'd a great Victory, and forced them to submit to his Government, and not long after caused the City to be Pillag'd, and many of the Inhabitants to be Transported to other places, and in the Pillage 'tis said he carried off 300 Cart Loadsof Gold, Silver, and Jewels, besides abundance of other rich Goods; so Wealthy was the place at that time. Afterwards in 1569. John Bafilowitz came again with an Army, and destroy'd the Inhabitants most cruelly. The City and Province

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have fince been subject to the Czar, except in the year 1611. when it was taken by the Poles, but in the following Treaty restor'd. The Town is but forrily built, the Houses being of Wood, but is adorn'd with 70 Monastries, and above 100 Churches, whose Steeples and Towers are cover'd with Copper gilt; among them that of St. Sophia is the Cathedral of this Archi-Episcopal See. In the same Province are, Stara Russa seated on the oppofite shoar of the Lake Ilmen, whence issues a River that passes through the Town, and out of which Salt is made, that yields the Inhabitants a profitable Traffick. Some Authors affirm that from the Name of this Town the whole Nation were call'd Russes. Ladoga and St. Nicholas upon the River about 100 miles North from Novegored, and near the Lake Ladoga (which in part belongs to this Province, and part to Sueden.) Mologa at the Confluence of the Nissa with the Wolga on the Confines of of Biele Ozoro, are the other Towns of Note in this Province.

BIELE IEZORO or OZORO a small Province of circular form lying on the East of Novogorod, takes it's Name from a Lake of about 13 L. long, call'd the White Lake, as the Name fignifies, on which frands the chief Town of the fame Name, 200 miles East from Novogorod, and as many North from Moscow: It is a considerable Town and frong, especially the Castle which stands in the Lake, is esteem'd Impregnable. The Province is full of Woods and Lakes, and therefore the Ways impassable but in Winter.

Geblowa Sabloda on the Wolga 60 miles above

Faroflaw is a place of Trade.

WOLOGD'A lyes on the East of Nevogorod, and on the North of Faroflaw, it is a large Province, but very Woody and Mountainous. The chief City Wologda stands in a Bog on the River of the fame Name (which falls into the Duina) at the distance of 120 miles from Biele Ozoro to the East: It is Walled with Stone, and it's Castle is reckon'd fo strong that to it and the Castle of Biele Ozoro, the Emperor fends his Treasure in time of Danger. Sooska and Strelitz upon the River, 60 or 70 miles to the East, are reckon'd the next chief Towns of this Province.

CARGAPOLIA lyes, on the North of Wologda and on the West of Duina, extending to the White Sea, otherwise called the Bay of St. Nicholas. It is a large Province, but Mountainous and Barren. The People live fomewhat like the Laplanders, tho' not quite fo barbarous, having among them some Towns, whereof Kargapol is the chief, seated on a Lake out of which flows the River Onega, that croffing this Province falls at last into the White Sea.

Northward from hence lyes the Muscevian LAPLAND, called LEPORIE, by the Russes, and divided into three Parts, viz.

BELLAMORESKOT LEPORIE, which lyes at the bottom of the Bay called the White Sea, or Bella More, extending from the 64th. to the 68th. Degree of Latitude, and round about all the West and North-west Coast of that Bay: The Country is Barren, the Air extream Cold, and the Inhabitants a rude uncultivated People: And in general the whole Country is like the Suedish Lapland, of which we have already given an Account. Some few Towns here are, whereof the chief are, Soma, on the Frontiers of Cargapol, and the very entrance of Lapland, feated on the White Sea, in the Latitude of 64. More North on the same Sea stands Keretti, Latitude 66. 30. Ombay on the opposite shoar of the same Bay, 20 Leagues to the North-eaft; and Kandalax more Northward, at the very utmost Northern Shoar of the same Bay. MOUREMANSKOY LEPORIE the most Northern part, lying between the Norwegian Lapland on the North-west, the Suedish Lapland on the West, and the Bella Moreskoy on the South. It is a Mountainous and Woody Country, and hath no Towns of any note; Kola a small Port-Town at the Mouth of a River of the same, which falls into the Muscovian Ocean, is the chief, it stands in the Latitude of 69 Deg. TERSKOY LEPORIE is the East part of the Muscovian Lapland, it is almost surrounded by the Sea, and is the Land that makes the Bay called th. White Sea. This is also a Woody Barren Country. Warfiga is the chief Town in it, and stands on the South Coast over against Archangel. Lockena another small Port stands at the Mouth of the River of the same, which falls into the Ocean, in the Latitude of 68 Deg.

Of the Eastern part of Muscovy, between the Wolga and the Sea.

THE Eastern part of Muscovy, which lyes between the Wolga and the Muscovian Sea, contains these Eight Provinces, viz. Duina, Juhorsky, Petzora, Condora, Permia, Oustiough, and Nifi-Novogorod.

DUINA is a Province of very large extent being near 300 miles broad, in form of a Lozenge; having the Straights of the White Sea on the North-west, Cargapol on the South-west, Condora on the East, and Ouslings on the South-east. It

takes its Name from the River which runs cross it, and is called Duina q. d. Twain, because it consists of the two Rivers Suebana and Jugb united, and falls into the White Sea. The Country is Barren and hath but very sew Cities and great Towns: The Inhabitants live upon dry'd Fish and Venifon, (the Land producing no Corn) and their chief Commodity is Salt, the Vent whereof was their only Trade, before the English came to Traffick at Archangel; but now the conveying Goods from all parts of Muscovy to that Market, Eec 2 doth takes its Name from the River which runs cross it,

doth somewhat enrich the Country. The Chief

City of the Province is

Archangel or St. Michael Arch-Angel, called by the Russes Archania, seated on the East Side of the River Duina, near its Mouth, in the Latitude of 65, and Longitude of 63 Degrees. It is no very large City, but Rich and Populous, of modern Structure, being not confiderable till the English Ships coming there to Traffick made it reforted to. At present its the See of an Arch-bishop, and its Haven so much frequented, that in the Summer Season (for in the Winter 'tis frozen up) there are often seen 3 or 4 Hundred Ships at a time from England, Holland, Sueden and Denmark. And indeed ris in a manner the only Port of Mulcovy; for fince the way to it has been discovered, the Voyages to Narva, where formerly the Russian Commodities were bought, are lest off. The Custom of Merchandize in this City amounts to Twenty thousand Pound Sterling per Annum. The Buglish were the first Discoverers of it, for Sir Hugh Willoughby in the Year, 1553. having receiv'd a Commission to discover the North-East Passage to China, Richard Chancellor, Master of one of the Ships, was separated from the Fleet, and accidentally fell into the Bay of St. Nicholas or White-Sea, where he was well received, and being sent for to Court, was kindly Entertained by the Czar Ivan Vasilowich, and a free liberty given to the English to Trade in his Dominions; infomuch that a Company of Merchants were Incorporated at London, in 1555. and large Priviledges granted them by the Czar; upon which Encouragement a Trade to Russia was carried on, to the great Profit of both Nations, which for some Time the English enjoy'd only. The Dutch and other Nations struck in for a share of it, but could not Trade upon the fame Advantages, by reason of our Priviledges, till the Civil War, and the Death of K. Charles I. provok'd the Czar so far against the English, that he rook away those Priviledges; and tho' by a solemn Embassy from K. Charles II. soon after the Restauration, they were endeavour'd to be regain'd, it could not be effected, and our Merchants have now little better Advantages than other Nations. About 20 Miles to the East of Arch-Angel stands St. Nicholas, a small Port on the VVhite-Sea, which seems to be the more ancient Place, fince it has given Name to all this Bay. Colmogorod upon the Duina 20 miles above Arch-Angel, is also reckon'd one of the chief Towns of this Province.

On the North of Duina, in the Muscovian-Sea, lies the Island Marsonowitz, divided by a narrow Straight; in the East Part of it stands the Town Candenoes, whence the Island is sometimes called Candenova, and is mentioned in some of the Nor-

thern Voyages.

TUHORSKI, called also Jugoria, Jugria, &c. lies on the North-East of Duina, having the Sea on the North and East, and Ousting b' on the South. By its Northern Situation 'tis no Wonder that the Land is Barren, the Soil overrun with Forrests, and the People of mean Condition. Juhora, the chief Town, stands on a small Bay in the North Coast, in the Laitinde of 68 Degrees. And over against it, about 20 Leagues off in the Sea, lies the Island Colgoya.

PETZORA, a Barren and Woody Country,

furrounded with Mountains. A River of the same Name rifes in the East Confines, and runs quite thro' the Province, and falls at last into the Ocean by many Mouths, on which stands the Chief Town Petzora or Puste Ozoro, about 30 Leagues from the Sea, Weiki Poyassa stands near the head of the River, and Papinongorod about 100 miles below it.

The Montes Ryphei five Obii, commonly called Stolp, and by the Russes Weliki Kameny Poyas, i. e. the great Girdle of Rocks, begin from the Bay of the Muscovian-Sea, near the Straights of Weygats, and continue on almost quite round this Province,

and a good part of Siberia.

CONDORA or CONDINSKY, lies between Duina on the Weft, Juhonfky on the North, Petzora and Siberia on the East, and Permia on the South. It is a large Province with the Title of a Dutchy, but not confiderable, being very Woody and Mountainous. The chief Town is Wirchatoura, seated in the Northern Part, in the Latitude of 66.

PERMIA or PERMSKT, lies on the South of Condora, between that, Ouflingh, Wiadski and Siberia. It is a Mountainous Country, and not confiderable but for the Rivers; the great River Kama hath its rife here, as also Tuga, which falls into the Wisogda and several other smaller Streams arise in these Mountains. The chief Town Permia should be large by its Name, being called Weliki or Great Permia; but it is not mention'd by Authors as considerable, and sew Travellers have been this way to inform us. It stands upon a small River that falls into the Kama, Lat. 62.

OUSTIUGH a large Province, lies between Permia, Condora, Duina, Cargopola and Wologda; this also is but a Poor Country; a great part of it is cover'd with Woods, wherein are the best black Foxes, whose Furrs are the chief Commodity of the Land: The River Jugh rises on the East Side of the Province, and the Suchana enters it out of Wologda on the West, and both meeting together about the middle make the great River Duina, at the Consluence whereof stands the chief Town Oussingh, q. d. (according to Luyer) Ostium Juga, which is noted for the Fairs held Annually in it for the Sale of Fox Skins, &c.

The Dutchy of NISI-NOVOGOROD or Novogorod Inferior, lies on the South of Ouflingh; it is a large Province, and though a great part of it be cover'd with Woods, yet it is a pleasant and fruitful Country. The River Wolga passes thro' it, and receives the Occa here, near which Confluence on the South Side of the River stands the City of Nisi-Novogorod in the Latitude of 56.40. Longitude 75. and at the distance of 350 miles from Moscom to the East; it hath a Castle Seated on a Rock, but it is not in very good Condition; being less useful since the adjoyning Provinces of Tartary have been Subject to the Czar. Wasilogorod (Built by the Czar Vafilie against the Inroads of the Tarrars) on the same side the River near 160 miles to the East, and Balagna somewhat more to the West, are the other Towns of chief Note in this Province; with which we finish our Account of the Countries lying between the Wolga and the

CHAP. V.

Of the Eastern Part of Muscovy, between the Wolga and the Lesser Tartary.

Herein are comprehended the Provinces of VVolodimer, Susdal, Rezan, Ogrinia, Pole, the People or Hords of Rosdori-Donski, Vachines, Czermissi and Mordua-Tarears.

The Duchy of WOLODIMER is a small Province, but one of the most fruitful in all Muscowy, is Seated between the Rivers Wolga and Occas, on the South-West of Nisi-Novogorod, having Susdal on the West, which divides it from Muscowia, Rezan on the South, and Tartaria Mordua on the East. The River Clesma, which rises in Muscowy, runs thro' this Province, and on it stands the cheif City Wolcdimer 200 miles East from Moscow, and 150 West from Nisi-Novogorod; it has its Name from Wolodimer its Founder about the Year, 928. and was for a considerable time the Residence of the Great Dukes of Muscowy, till Danielau Michaelowiez removed the Regal Seat to Moscow, since which time it declined, but the Ruins of its large Walls and Houses are undeniable Proofs of its former Grandeur. The City is still considerable, and the Country about it so Fruitful that it yeilds Thirty for One.

The Duchy of SUSD AL, a much larger Province than Wolodimer, lies on the North-West of that, having Nisi-Novogorod on the East, Wologda on the North, Faroslaw and Rosthow on the West, and Muscovia on the South-West. It is Water d by the River Wolga, which runs cross the middle of it; and the Clessa in the South Part, on which stands the City Susdal an Episcopal See, Seated as we have said on the River Clessa, 70 miles West from Wolodimer, and 130 East from Moscow; samous for a stately Monastry of Nuns, and for having been sometime the Metropolis of Russia. Castromagorod, called also Castrum, on the River VVolga in the Western, and Galetz in the North Consines, 180 miles from Susdal, are the other chief Towns of this Province.

The Dutchy of REZAN, a long Tract of Land, lies on the South of Muscovia, Sustain and Wolodomer, extending from East to West near 300 miles along the Banks of the River Occa, its the most fruitful Soil in the World, if the Russian Accounts may be credited, who fay, that one Grain produceth many Stalks, and each Stalk many Ears, and grows so thick that a Horse can hardly pass thro: The Fruits also are very good, and the Inhabitants Couragious and Civil; and so Ropulous is this Province that they are able to fend 15000 Horse and 40000 Foot to the Wars. It was formerly Govern'd by it's own Duke, who was a very powerful Prince, but it's now Subject to the Czar. The great River Don or Tanais hash its Sourse here, which, after along anguilar Course, falls into the Palus Meotis at Azoph. The chief-City Rezan is Seated on the River Occa, 150 miles East from Moscow, and 60 South-West from Wolodimer. It is a large City, the See of a Bishop; Populous and in good State, and especially samous on account of its notable

Defence against the Tartars, in the Year, 1570. whereby the whole Empire was preserved. Donkagered 40 miles South from Rezan near the Head of the River Don and Toul in the western Consines, near the Limits of Wordin, which hath a strong Cassle Built by the Czar Basilius, soon after he took it; are the Places of chiefest Note.

The Province of OGRAINA, a large Tract of Land lying on the South of Regan, is water'd with divers Rivers, and hath a reasonable good Soil, but adjoyning to the Lesser Tartary it is so subjected to the Insults of that Barbarous People, that it is not very Rich or Populous. Many small Towns there are, but no Cities nor any Places of confiderable Note except VVoronits or Veronecz scated on the River Don, and of late Years especially very considerable, on account of the great Ships of War built there by the immediate Direction and Inspection of the Czar, The River being it feems deep enough to carry them down to the Black-Sea; to which, fince the taking of Afoph, the Muscovites have free Access. We must not omit taking norice of a Mistake in all the common Maps, of the Situation of this Town, and the Course of the River Don; for whereas they place it East-South-East from Moscow, and make the Course of the River (in the 70 Deg. Long.) to arise Northward as high as the 56 Deg. Lat. and pass Eastward to the 74 Deg. of Longitude; The Town in Truth stands almost directly South from Moscow, at about 200 miles distance; and the River continues running Southward from its very Fountain, without ever turning Northward at all: It also flows Eastward no farther than the 69 Deg. of Long. and then returns Westard and falls into the Black-Sea at Azoph, in the 47 Degree of Latitude, and not in the 51 Degree as they lay it. This Correction we have from Mr. Thefing, an Ingenious Merchant in Holland, at whose House the Czar himself Lodged, and gave him an Opportunity of making a Map from the original Surveys that that Prince had caused to be made of the Course of this River, and Situation of Afoph. Again, the quick Passage of the Ships from Woronitz to Afoph confirms this Account, which is perform'd in four Days; but if the River winded about so much as the old Maps make it, 'twould take up more than double that Time.

On the West of Ograina lies POLE, and on the South of it the ROSDORI DONS KI, the former a large Bog, and the latter almost all Forest; so that tho there be some Villages on the Banks of the Don, which River passes thro' both Provinces, and divides the latter from the Circass Tartary, yet no City or Town of Note is found here. This Country, as also the greatest part of what follows, was formerly part of Tartary, and from time to time has been Conquer'd by the Czars. The ancient Tanaitae, and the Essence side here. At present it is Inhabited by the Cossac who are obliged to assist the Czar in his Wars, and are in return protected by him, but are not immediately

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Govern'd by him, or indeed by any Body, only as their Wars make 'em chuse a General, whom they obey with great Submission.

TARTARIA MORDUA, is furrounded by Pole on the South, Rezan and Woledimer on the West, Nisi-Novogored on the North, and Czermisse on the East. It is the Habitation of the Mordua-Tartars, who are the more Civiliz'd of those People, and have Towns, whereof the chief is Adema, 120 miles East from Wolodimer, and 60 South from Nisi-Novogrodeck. And Moruma seated on the Occa. This is but a small Country, but

The CZERMISSE on the East of it is a very large Tract of Land, extending from the 54 to the 61 degree of Latitude; it is divided by the River Wolga into two Parts, the Southern whereof, which adjoyns to Mordua, is called the NAGORNOI, because Mountainous, and the Northern LOGO-

WI because a Flat Pasture Land. On the South of these live the VACHINES on the Banks of

the Wolga.

The Inhabitants of these Countries are a rude barbarous People, having a peculiar Language among themselves, and living in Tents and Huts. Those of the Logowitz are notable Graziers; for their Country yeilding good Pafture, they breed abundance of Cattle; they are also very ex-pert Archers and Hunt in the Woods. In Religion they are Pagans, believing there is one supream God, and a Devil to whom they Sacrifice to avoid harm. They also Worship the Sun and Moon, but have neither Temple nor Priest. The Women are clad in white Cloath, and all cover'd but their Face; Polygamy is frequent among em, and for. want of Children a Wife is often put away. They are Subject to the Czar, and are oblig'd to affift him in War, but pay no certain Tribute, and only make voluntary Presents.

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Of Samoiedá, Nova-Zemla and the Tartarian-Muscovy.

Aving described all the Western and Midland part of the Muscovian Empire from North to South, we proceed next to the Eastern Part, which the of near as large Extent, is by no means comparable for Wealth and Cultivation; this being Inhabited by Tartars, who being in general a rude unpolished People, we must not expect to hear of fine Cities and cultivated Lands amongst them; fo that tho here be large Kingdoms, there are only a few Cities which the Ruffians have Built to maintain their Authority over the Natives. In paffing thro' these Countries we shall begin in the North, and proceed to the South till we come to Astrachan the utmost City in Europe.

NOVA ZEMLA q. d. New Land, is separated from the Continent of Muscowy, by the Straights of VVaygats, or as the Dutch call it, the Straet van Nassau, which Iyes in the Latitude of 70 Degrees North from the Equator; and this Land which makes the Straight, is a Promontory advancing Southward from the main Country; which is conceived to reach far more North; and is by some affirm'd to joyn to Tartary. But the contrary was supposed by our Navigators, who sought that way to pass to Cathay and China.

The English first discover'd this Land in the year 1556, fince when it has been often vifited by English and Dutch, in search of the North-east Passage. But the Coldness of the Air, and the Mountains of Snow which cover'd the Land, hinder'd 'em from giving any great Account of it. Some Dutch Men Winter'd there in the Year 1595, but the Cold was so severe that they had enough to do to keep themselves alive. However some parts of it, they say, are Inhabited by a People of low Stature, Idolaters, and Barbarous. The Grand Czar having fent to discover the Country assumes the Title of it, tho he receives no Obedience nor

exercifes any Authority there, the Air being too Cold for a Governor to live in it. What can more be faid of it, the Reader will find in our Account of the Countries about the Pole, at the latter end of this Work

The most Northern part of the Continent of Muscovy is Inhabited by several Nations of Barbarous People, call'd by the Ruffes SAMOIDES or Self-Eaters, and thence the Country SAMO-IEDA: Which is divided into OBDORA (where liv'd the Vogulici and Hugririschi) seared on the West side of the River Oby; and MANA; MO and LOPPA on the East side of the River. The Mountains Ryphai, that furround Petzora, is the Boundary on the South fide, and the Sea on the North, but Eastward it extends to the Assarck Tartary. The Inhabitants are of low Stature, with broad flat Faces, black Eyes, resembling much the Laplanders and Greenlanders, as well in Form, as way of Living; only they Feed more vilely, for they eat raw Flest, and even Cartion, and to Regale a Stranger, Kill a young Child and Serve it up. Those that live near VVaygatz will not suffer the Ruses to Land, but if they Catch any, Kill and eat 'em: They have no Towns nor fettled Habitations, but like the Lap-landers remove from Place to Place feeking the best Game for themselves, and Pasture for their Rain-Deer; which, as in Lapland, is their only Cattle of Service. They Travel in Sleds drawn by Rain-Deer, in which they will run 200 miles in a day. They Lodge in Tents made of Skins and Furs, extended upon Sticks and Poles, are very nimble, and excellent Archers, which they accquire by Hunting Wild Beafts for their Food. Their Habits are all of Fur, and made close to their Bodies: They are of a Hardy and Hardy. Healthy Constitution, Strong and Active. In Religion they are Pagans, Worthiping the Sun, and Sacrificing to Idols: They are also addicted to Sorcery, like the Laplanders: But this is much Suppreffed in those Parts Subject to the Muscowite, where Christianity hath been Planted, and pretty well Received.

The means whereby they became Subjected to the Czar, may be worth Relating. In the Time of Ivan Basilowitz, that is about 150 Years ago, there lived in the Province of Oustingh upon the River Witfogda, a Husbandman Named Onako, who by Industry had acquired some Wealth; and having Three Sons to affift him, they fell into a Trade with the Samoieds that used to bring Furrs to the Fair at Ostiugh. And finding the Furrs exceeding fine, had the Curiofity to Enquire out their Country; accordingly he infinuated himself into their Acquaintance, and fent some of his Servants Home with them, with strict Orders to observe the Country, and way to it. At their Return, Commanding his Servants to be filent, he fent divers Friends, and more Servants the next Year, and with them some Commodities of small Value, which might be useful there; these passing as far as the River Ob, found those Rich Furrs very Plenty, and to be purchased at easy Rates: Wherefore Lading themselves with their Purchase, brought Home a very profitable Return to their Master. Which Trade being continued by this Fa-mily, they grew exceeding Rich, so as to Build many Churches and Towns, Employ 10000 Servants, and Pay the King 20000 Rubbles a Year for Custom. But when they had sufficiently Feather'd their Nest, to prevent Destruction by Envy, they resolved to inform the Czar: Accordingly fome of them Repairing to Court, with Presents to the chief Minister, informed him what they knew of these Countries, which was received very kindly; and the Czar Theodore being informed of it, Rewarded the Family of Onako's with great Privileges and Honours; and fent many Gentlemen and Soldiers under their Conduct, to make further Discovery. Thele being Richly Clad and Furnished with such small Presents as might be acceptable to the Natives, took a Journey to Samoieda; where behaving themselves discreetly, and bestowing their Prefents freely, they gained the Affection of the People; and by extolling the Goodness and Great-ness of their Monarch, prevailed upon them to fubmit to his Government, and pay as an Acknowledgment a pair of Sables every Year for every Head that was able to Shoot, which was but a Trifle to them, but a great Wealth to the Czar: and to satisfy the Samoieds, they took several of them with em to Moscow, (leaving Hostages for their Return) who were so astonished at the Pomp of that Court, the Greatness of the Armies, the Convenience of the Houses, and the like, that they immediately defired to be accepted as the Czar's Subjects, and have Persons sent to Instruct them in this Regular way of Living. Since which time the Christian Religion hath been taught among them, and the People are become more Civilized.

The Chief Towns Built by the Ruffes here are Olfchoygorod in a Peninfula near the Mouth of the Oby; but that being found too near the Sea was razed, and in its ftead Zergele was built in an Island the Oby, in the Latitude of 69 Degrees, and above that upon the Oby in the Latitude of 67. 30.

Naxensey, or as others wrote it, Nieuensey, at first a Castle only, now grown into a good City. Southward from hence on the Oby also stands Toom, in the Latitude of 66. o. The Chief City of that part of the Countrey is called Loppa, and seems by the Maps to be the Chief City of all Samoieda. Several other smaller Towns have been built on the other side.

South and East from hence lies TINGOESIA, or Habitation of the Tingoesi, a Mountainous Country beyond the River Jenizaia, and properly belonging to Tartary, but is by some Geographers reckon'd part of Muscovy.

The Great Province or Kingdom of SIBERIA, lies on the South of Obdora, between the River Oby on the East, and Petzora, Permia, and Wiadski on the West, extending no less than Ten Degrees in Length, viz. from the 58th to the 68th. The Land is Woody and Marshy, and the Inhabitants are chiefly of the Tartarian Race. The Chief Civies Built here by the Ruffes are, Polem, a Castle near the Confines of Obdora, and Petzora. Tobolfca the chief City, feated upon the Rivers Ireifch, and Tobol, in the Latitude of 65. Here is a Bishop's See, a Supreme Court of Judicature for all Samoieda, and Siberia; and hither the Tribute is brought from all the Provinces beyond, and conveyed 10 Mo/cow. Calami upon the Oby, and Ostro on the other fide a little above it. Tumen or Tinna, South from Tobolsca, on a River of the same Name, where is held a great Market for Furrs. Japhanim more to the North-west, Seated upon the River Toera, Built for a Stage to Travellers this way, as was also Vergateria, the First Town in Siberia, out of Permia, it was Built in the Year 1590, and is the Refidence of a Governor and Garrison, who yearly distribute our the Corn and Provisions to the further Garrisons that live where the Ground is not Tilled. Taara in the middle of the Province, Seated on the Irlische, in the Latitude of 62. o. Lipen, or Lopen, much farther South, viz. in the Latitude of 59.

In this Province are comprehended the People, Calami, Pega-Horda, Schibanski, Cofaski, and Nagaya-Horda.

On the East-side the Oby, over-against Siberia lie LUCOMORIA, and Grustinsky, wherein are Grustina on the Oby, in Latitude 62, and Serpenow above 200 miles from it to the East.

The Duchy of WIADSKI lies an the West of Siberia, having Permia on the North, Oufsingh on the West, and Casan on the South. It is a Barren and Marshy Country, Conquer'd from the Tarrars by the Emperor Vasilie. The great River Kampasses thro it, and falls into the Wolga at Casan, and the River Windka gives Name to the Country. The Chief Towns are Catelinitz, upon the Windka, near the Confines of Casan. Slaboda, more to the North-west. Chlinoff on the Windka, near the Confines of Permia, and Oorloss on the same River in the middle of the Province.

Southward from hence lies the Kingdom of CASAN, formerly Subject to its own Prince, who was a powerful Monatch, but Conquer'd by the Great Duke John Baflowitz. The River Kam runs thro' it from North to South; and the River Wolga washes it's South-west part. The Chief

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City Casan is Seated on a River of the same Name near its Confluence with the Wolga: It is a large City, the See of a Metropolitan, and the Seat of the Czar's Governor of these Parts, and is well fortified. On the Wolga 70 miles more West, stands Kockschaga, and 130 miles to the North is Malmifeld on the River Casan; and on the Borders of Bulgar, Tetus Seated on the West-side the Wolga.

The Kingdom of BULGARIA, otherwise called the Region or Horda of Zavolhani, lies on the South of Casan. The Chief Cities are Bulgaria in the North part, 70 miles South from Cafan, and Samara, 120 miles South from Bulgar, and not far from the Wolga.

More South lies the Great Kingdom of ASTRACHAN, which reaches from the Confines of the Czermisse, and Bulgaria, as far as the Caspian Sea, and is the most Eastern Country of Europe; being divided from Asia, by the Mountains on the East, and by the Caspian Sea on the South East; the former separates it from Great Tartary, and the Latter from Persia. Its West and Southern Bounds are Rosdori Donski, and Pole, and on the North the Kingdom of Bulgar. The Land is fructiferous enough; but the Tartars that Inhabit it are a People that never Cultivate; fo that the Country lies in a manner Delatt, and the Inhabitants only Live in Tents, which they Pitch where their Convenience or Fancy invite them. The Russians have several Towns on the Banks of the River Wolga which runs through this Kingdom, and falls into the Caspian Sea at the Chief City of it. Those of the chiefest Note are these that follow.

Soratof, Seared in the Latitude of 52 Degrees, 12 Minutes: It is a Fort with a Garrison constantly in it, to defend Travellers from the Robberies and Insults of the Tartars. Here begins the Country of the Calmuc Tartars, a very Deformed, Barbarous, and Rapacious People. Tzaritza, Czaritza,q.d. Cafaria, and in some Maps erroneously written Lariffa, which lies on the West fide the River Wolga, is a strong Town having a good Wall with Six Bulwarks, and a good Garrison always maintained in it. It is Seated in the La-

titude of 49 Degrees, 42 Minutes.
A little below this City is the Trench that was attempted to be cut to make a Communication of the Wolga with the Don or Tanais.

Below this is seen the Ruins of Czares gorod, which was Demolish'd by Tamerlain. And some Leagues lower, in the Latitude of 48. Degrees, 40 Minutes, on the west side the River stands Tzornogar, call'd otherwise, Michael-Novogorod, a small City, but well Fortified, and the Station of a good Garison; it is Environ'd with Palisadoes, and hath Watch-Houses at a miles distance on every fide, whence they can see an Enemy. The reason of building of this place, was to defend the Passage of the River against the Cossacks who used to Rob here, and in particular defeated a Russian Convoy with great Wealth, letting the Soldiers pass first, who by reason of the rapidity of the Stream could not return to the affistance of the Merchants

though they faw 'em Robb'd. Upon the Banks of the River all along grows abundance of Liquorice, but the Country Iyes all Waste and Untill'd. Three days passage more down the River lyes the

Famous City

Aftrachan in the Latitude of 46. Degrees, 22. Minutes, and about 50 Leagues from the Caspian sea. It stands in an Island made by two Branches of the Wolga, which by many Mouths falls into the Caspian Sea. It was heretofore the Royal Seat of the Nagayan-Tartars, till taken by Affault by the Czar, Ivan Bafilowitz, after his Conquest of Cafan, in the year 1554, and the Tartars being driven out, he Re-peopl'd it with Muscovites, and Encompass'd it with a Stone Wall and other Fortifications. It was at that time a small City, but becoming a place of Trade, the Czar Michael Federowiz added a large part, call'd, the Strelitza-gorod, or Soldiers-Town, to which many private and publick Buildings have been added, which has encreas'd it to a large City: The Walls are strong, and guarded with 500 Peices of Brass Canon, the Gates carefully shut up every Night, and no Tarrar ever suffer'd to live in the City, neither are they permitted to build Towns, or to Fortify places. The convenient fituation of this City makes it reforted to by Persian, Armenian, and other Mer-chants, and creates so great a Traffick that the Czar Receives for the Customs, 25000 Crowns per Annum, altho' the Duties be very low; Befides the convenience of vending all the Native Commodities of Russia, and receiving in Exchange the Silks and other valuable Commodities of Persia and India.

It is seated in a Temperate AIR, and in a Fruitful SOIL, producing all forts of European Fruits, particularly Vines fo plentiful as to make a great quantity of Wine. They have Beef, Mutton, Wild-Swine which make very good Pork, Fowl and Fift, in great Plenty. On one fide the Town in a dry and barren Heath, they find abundance of Salt which is due out of the Hellery dance of Salt, which is dug out of the Hollows of Rocks, and is vended abroad to great profit. Hereabouts is found a strange fort of Fruit, call'd Baronez, or the Lamb, being in Form Resembling that Creature, and cover'd with a Down fo thick and strong, that the Skins are used in Garments; it grows upon a Stalk 2 Foot high fasten'd at its Navel, the Head always inclining to the Grass; and such is its Vegetative Heat, that it confumes all the Grass near it; which makes the People confidently aver that it eats Grass. In the year 1669, this City was taken and plunder'd by the Cossacks, under the Leading of Steno-Radzin, who upon a disgust, on account of his Brother, being punished at Moscow, Rais'd a Rebellion and ravag'd all this Country, and even passed over to Persia, where he Plun-der'd Tercki and other Cities on the Caspian-Sea. But the year after the Czar sent an Army against him which Retook the City and totally Routed him

and his Party. Below this City towards the Caspian-Sea, in the River Wolga, they take abundance of the Fish call'd Biloege, the Rows whereof makes that which we call Cavear, whereof they make great

profit.

HUNGARY, Hungaria.



TNG ART is a part of the Ancient Pannonia, which comprehended all that is now called Carniola, Croatia, Carinthia, Sriria, a great part of Austria, almost the half of Hungary, Slavonia, Bosnia, and a part of Servia. It was divided into Pannonia Superior, or Prima Consularis, and Inserior, or Secunda Consularis. The Former lay towards the West, and comprehended Carniola, Croatia, Windorum Marchia, Carinthia, Siriia, and the greater part of Austria. The Latter lay towards the East, comprehending Bosnia, Slavonia, and as much

of Hungary as lies between the Rivers above a Third Danube, Drave, and the Raab. So that not Part of that which is now called Hungary, lay within the Ancient Pannonia, the rest lying in the Countries of the Jazyges Metanasse, and the Daci. Whether the Pannonii, who first Inhabited Pannonia, gave Name to the Country, or it to them, is more than can be Learned, (as Reiskius Cossar first invaded it, C. Osavius Cossa Augustus Subdued it, and Tiberius Reduced it into a Profit of the Pannonia Reduced it into a Profit of the Reduced it into a

vince. From that time until the declining State of the Roman Empire, it was under the Jurisdiction of Rome; but afterwards the Goths invaded it, who were expelled by the Huns, as these were by the Longobards; whom the Huns drove our again. At all all about the Year 900; in the time-of the Emperor Arnolphus, there came a Warlike People out of Scythia, who overcame the Hunns, and mixing with the Remnants of those that were less; made themselves Matters of all that Country, that is now called Hungary; which is bounded (according to Cluverius) with the Mountains Crappack on the North, which divide it from Poland and Russia; on the East with Transilvania, and Valachia; on the South with the Drave; and on the Wost with Stiria, Anstria, and Moravia. It lies between 45 and 49 Degrees Latitude, and 38 and 44 Longitude.

The Air of this Country is abundantly Temperate, but not very Healthful in many Places, where Mifts and Fogs are too frequent; but the Soil is good, and yields such plenty of all things, for the Life and Delight of Man, that it hardly yields to any Country in Europe; For it brings forth all forts of Corn, especially Wheat, in great Abundance, and produces plenty of Generous Wine. It so abounds in Cattel, that one Year with another the Number of Oxen and Cows that go from thence to Vienna, have been computed to be about Fourscore thousand; which are not all consumed there, but dispersed over a great part of Ger-many. And there is so great Plenty of Venison and Wild-Fowl, that (Hunting and Fowling being free to every Body) Hares, Phealants, Partridges, and other fuch like, which feem the property of the Great and Rich among us, are the common Food of the meanest Boars there. This Country is also mighty Rich in Mines of Gold, Silver, and other Metals of less value, which we shall give a particular Account of when we come to describe the Towns and Places near to which they are, and especially that at Cremnitz, in which they have Worked Nine hundred and Fifty Years. There are also many Excellent Hot Baths in this Country; particularly those at Buda, which are esteemed the Noblest in Europe, not only in respect of the Large and Hot Springs; but the Magnificence of their Buildings.

There is no Country in Europe better River'd than Hungary; on the East-side it is washed with that Noble and Navigable River Tibiscus, or the Teyffe, which runs into the Danube beween Peter-Waradin, and Belgrade. On the West-side runs the River Arabo, or Raab, which rifes in Styria, and falls into the Danube near Javrinum or Raab. On the South runs the Drave; which rifing in the Territory of Salezburgland, falls into the Danube near Erdoed, or Old Temoburgium and Effeck, about Three hundred miles from its Spring. On the fame fide is also the River Save, which arising in Carin. this, entreth the Danube at Belgrade. Upon the Northfide of Hungary are the Rivers Gran and Wasg, which rise from the Carpathian Mountains. But above all, the great Danubius or Thonau is most considerable. It runs quite through Hungary, and begins to to be Navigable at the City of Ulme in Swabenland or Suevia; and paffing by Ingolftadt, Ratisbonn, Straubing, Paffan, Lintz, and Vienna to Presburg, and from thence through Hungary, makes a Course of above Three hundred miles before it passes by Belgrade; and having washed the Shoars of Servia, Bulgaria, Walachia, and Moldavia, at last emptics

at many Mouths, into the Euxine, or Black Sea, after having drank in above Sixty confiderable Rivers, and performed a Course of above Fifteen hundred miles.

As this Contry excels in Rivers; so has it also many Considerable and Long Bridges, as that at Vignna, which takes above Two thousand Trees to Plank it; The Long Bridge of Boats over the Danibe between Strigenium and Burchan. That between Buda, and Polt, is above Half a mile long. There is also a Bridge at Careeza, very Handsome and well contrived. But the most considerable of all is that at Effeck, built partly over the Drave, partly ever the Fenns, which are often overstowed. It is Five miles long, and has Towers built upon it at the distance of every Quarter of a mile, and is handsomely Railed on each side, and Supported by great Trees, Erecked under it, Nine or Ten in a Rank to each Arch

There are also in this Country Two considerable Lakes, viz. the Lake Balaton, or Platsee, which lies between Vesp inum and the Drave, and has some Forts upon it: And the Newsidel-See, so called from the Town Newsidel. The former of which is said to be above Forty, the other about Twenty Eight miles long. There are also in this Country several Long and Spacious Plains: Insomuch that Dr. Brown, in his Description of it, says, he Travelled from Vienna to Be grade, about Four hundred miles, upon continued and uninterrupted Plains.

Many Roman Emperors have Honoured this Country with their Prefence, Birth, Death and Archievements, For (to omit Trajan, Caracalla, Galienus, Constantius, and many more) the Emperors Aurelianus, Probus, Gratianus, Maximianus were Born at Sinmium. Claudius Gethicus Died in or near it. Jovian and Valentinian were Born in Pannonia, Ingenuus and Vetranio were saluted Emperors there. And at Sirmium was held a General Council. And the Roman Armies being much in this Country, is the reason why such vast Quantities of Old Medals have been found in it.

As to the Genius of the Hungarians, however Barbarous their Ancient Predecessors might be, the Modern Hungarians are a Warlike and Politick People; but are by the Generality of Writers charged with Laziness, Idleness, and Gluttony, which seems to be the Natural Erfect of their Excellent and Fruitful Soil; and they are generally of a Turbulent and Rebellious Disposition. This Country having been the Seat of War so long, and the Turkijb Power so much prevailing in those Parts, Learning has not been allowed to flourish, and so we are not to expect any University beyond Vienna. Those who have a mind to be Scholars, and have Mony to bestow upon their Education, do commonly Study at Vienna, Prague, or Breslaw.

The Language of the Hungarians is proper to themselves, and different from all other: A Specimen of which we shall set down for the Curions Reader's Speculation, out of the Lord's-Prayer. Mi Aryanck Ky vagy az menicyle megh Szentel Tesseck az te newed, &c. In some parts of Hungary they speak Slavenian. The great difference between the Languages of these Countries, obliges them to learn other Languages, especially the Latin, which the Gentry and Soldiers generally speak. It is very useful for a Traveller till he come to Belgrasle, but below it of no use to him at all.

As to the Government of Hungary, Historians are divided about it; for some maintain, particularly Consinguas.

Conringius, that even after the Establishment of Christianity, Hungary was no Kingdom, nor Governed by any fet kind of Laws, before the 12th Century; but the Hungarian Writers fay, That in the Time of Paganism, their Country was Ruled by Dukes, who Exercised Monarchial Power, tho' they never assumed the Title of Kings; and that the last of these Dukes was one Geysea, or Geyfa, who in his Old days refigned the Government, and recommended his Son Stephen to the Nobility; who out of the respect they bare to the Old Man, chose his Son their King, and Crowned him during his Father's Life; from whom down to this present Time we have a Sucession of 45 Kings, as the Reader may see in the following Catalogue. The Nature of the Hungarian Monarchy has been long in Dispute, some maintaining that it was Hereditary, others, that it was Elective; but the Civilians of that Nation are now generally agreed, That the present Emperor has a just Title to that Kingdom, and that Jure Hareditario. It has been also hotly disputed, Whether Hungary was an Independent and Absolute Kingdom, or a Tributary Province, under the Emperor of Germany's Protection; but Lazius proves by many Examples, That the Kings of Hungary have always done Homage to the Emperors, before their Accession to the Crown of that Nation.

The Hungarian Horsemen, whom they call Husars, are much better Soldiers than the Foot, whom they call Heyducks; which may be ascribed in a great Measure to the vast Number of Excellent Horses, which are bred in this Countrey. In former Ages, the Hungarians never went to the Field without their long Sheilds; but in the Year 1572. their General, George Count of Serin, persuaded them to lay them aside, by reason they were too great a Bur-then to them. Their Naval Force which the Emperor uses for defending this Country, confifts in his Ships and Gallies upon the Danube. At the Siege of Belgrade, as Doctor Brown Relates, from the Turkish History, the Hungarians sent down the Stream from Buda 200 Ships and Gallies, as Mahomet the Great brought the same Number up the Stream, all well appointed: And certainly there never was such Numbers of Ships of Force, nor fuch Signal Engagements at fuch a distance from the Sea, as there have been upon the Danube.

The Revenues of this Crown arise from the Mines of Silver and other Metals, the Impost upon Cattel, and other Customs and Taxes less considerable; which in all is computed to amount to Two hundredTwenty and FourThousand Ducats Yearly: And an Hungarian Ducat being valued at 10 Shillings Englift, the Emperors Revenue, as King of Hungary, is an Hundred and Twelve thousand pound Sterling.

The Established RELIGION of Hungary, fince the Emperor's Conquest of it, is the Roman Catholick; tho' the Number of Protestants be very great; for the Lutheran Reform'd Religion prevailed here, but for many Years it was Perfecuted, and Civil Wars Ensued thereupon, the People chusing rather to be under the Turk, with whom they might enjoy Liberty of Conscience, than submit to the Emperor who was Zealous in Establishing Popery. But now, as we have said, that is the Predominant Religion, and for the Government of the Church there are Two Archbishops at Gran and Colocza, and Sixteen Suffragan Bishops, Sclavonia, Creatia, Bufnia, and Dalmatia, as well

whereof Five are Subordinate to the Archbishop of Gran; Eight to the Archbishop of Colocza, and the other Three are under the Archbishop of Spalaro in Dalmatia.

A Chronological Table of the Succession of the Kings of Hungary, fince the year of our Lord, 1000.

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4	Peter the German, Restor'd	1044
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7	Solomon	1063
8	Geiza or Geycza I.	1074
9	Ladisteus I.	1077
	Coloman or Colman	1095
11		1114
12	Bela II.	1132
13	Geiza II.	1141
14	Stephen III.	1161
15	Ladistaus, an Usurper	1172
16	Stephen IV.	1172
17	Bela III.	1173
18	Emerycus	1195
	Ladislaus II.	1204
	Andrew II, of Ferufalem	1205
21	Bela IV.	1235
	Stephen V.	1260
	Ladistaus III.	1272
	Andrew III. the Venetian	1290
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	Otho	1305
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	Lewes I.	1342
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-	Charles III. the Little	1383
31	Sigifmund	1387
	Albert of Austria	1438
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34	Joan. Corvinus Huniades	1445
35		1452
36	Matthias Corvinus	1458
37	Ladislaus VI.	1460
38	Lewes II. the Younger	1486
39	John of Zapol	1526
40	John Stephen, or Sigismund	1540
41	Ferdinand I.	1527
	Maximilian I.	1564
43	Rodolph	1576
44	Matthias	1612
45	Ferdinand II.	1629
16	Ferdinand III.	1637
47	Ferdinand-Francis, Elected in	1657
48	Leopoldus-Ignatius, now Keigning	1657
49	Joseph Elected in	1687
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HUNGARY, by the Inhabitants call'd MA-GIAR, and by the Sclavonians Wagierska; was fomerime a Kingdom of vast Extent; for in the middle Ages these Monarchs subdued all the neighbouring Provinces, Eastward as far as the B'ack-Sea, and Southward to the Adriatick Sea; so that Fff2

as Transsivania, Servia, Walachia, Moldavia and Besserabia, were under their Subjection till the Turks took Possession of em. But now as we have shewn the Drave is the Southern, and the Mountains on the Limits of Transylvania, the

Eastern Boundaries.

It was divided into many Counties, the Number whereof, is not agreed on by Authors, some reckon 74. others 73. and some again Contract the Number to 60, 54, or 50. But the large and long Possession of the Turks, might well confound those Divisions: And we shall consider it as divided by the Danube into two parts. The Upper or Larger, on the North and East fide of that River, and the Lower on the South fide of it. These two Parts are subdivided into Governments; the Upper into Four, viz. of 1. Presburg. 2. Bergster, or the Berg Towns. 3. Newhausel. And 4. Caschaw. And the Lower into Three, viz. of 1. Buda. 2. Raab. And 3. Canisia.

The Principal Cities and Remarkable Towns are,

In the Upper Hungary.

Presburg. 7 [Eisenbach. Esperies. Newhausel. Caschaw. Schinta. Ungwar. Tirnaw. Leopolstadt. Tockay. Novigrad. Neytra. Agria. Trenschin. Filleck. Chremnitz. > < Peft. Schemnitz. Newfol. Colocza. Zolnock. Segedin. Puggantz. Koningsburg. Gyula. VVaradin. Hern-Grundt. Glassbitten. Zatmar. Libeten. Mongatz. Leutsche. JL

In the Lower Hungary.

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PRESBURG, otherwise call'd POSON by the Inhabitants, is pleasantly seated on the North side of the Danube, 32 miles East from Vienna, 28 from Raab to the North-west, 32 from Newbausel to the West, and not above 5 miles from the Frontiers of Austria. It is a pleasant well built City, the Capital of the Upper Hungary, and of a particular County; and after the loss of Strigonium or Gran, made the Place of Convention of the States of the Realm: It is well Fortified, and has a Castle built of Stone on the top of a Hill, which has four Towers, in the strongest whereof is kept the Royal Crown of Hungary, somuch talk'd of, and by the Hungarians wonderfully esteem'd, as being believ'd to be presented

Christian King. Here are many Churches, among them a Fair on Built for the Lutherans, in the year 1638. and a Dome or Cathedral whereof, the Jefuits have the Ule. The Archbishop hath a Palace here in the Suburbs, well adoin'd with Gardens, Walks, Fountains, &c.,

Newbaufel, call'd Vywar by the Hungarians, stands on the River Neura, or Nitrach, 32 m.les East from Presburg, 64 North-west from Buda, and 10 miles from the Danube; a place of small extent, but the Capital of a large County, and a Fortress of great Importance, being the Bulwark against the Turks on this side. It is built in a Moorish Plain, but hard at the bottom, and every where passable; its Fortifications are in form of a Star, with 6 points, each Defended by a high rais'd Bastion, encompass'd with a large wet Ditch; to which is added by the present Emperor, a Fort nam'd Leopoldstat. There are but two Gates to the Town which are defended by a Half-Moon on each. In the year 1663. it was taken by the Turks, vafter a great Loss, and a long Siege. But in the late War Prince Charles of Lorraine, Set down before this Town, An. 1685. and having defeated the Serasquier, who was marching to its Relief, he took it by Affault, after a Seige of 40 days, and found in it 100 Peices of Brass Cannon and a Booty of Immense Value.

Schinta, a large Fort of 4 Bastions, stands on the River Vagus, 20 miles North from New-

bauset.

Neytra stands 10 miles East from Schinea, on a small River of the same Name, which 25 Miles below falls into the Danube.

Leopolstadt, a noble, regular Fortification, of 6 Bastions; stands on the River Vagus, 20 miles from Schinta, and 40 from Newhausel to the

Tyrnaw, Tyrn or Dyrn, otherwise call'd Szombat, is a small Town on a River of the same Name, 20 miles South-west from Leopolstadt, and 30 North-east, from Presburg: Chiefly noted for the Residence of the Archbishop and Chapter of Gran, whilest that City was in the Possession of

the Turks.

Transchin the Capital of a County, is a very fair Town seated on the Top of a Rock, 20 miles from Tyrnaw, and 10 from Leopoldstade to the North, and not very far from the Confines of Silefia. It is defended by a very ftrong Caftle, which renders it almost Impregnable, and stands so high that it is seen at a great distance. About a Mile from this Town are two Hot Baths, much frequented by Strangers. These Waters are so common hereabouts, that the People dig Pits wherein they find hot Water, and that so near the Rivers, that they can reach their Arms into the cold Water whilft the rest of their Body is Sweating in the Pit.

Chremnitz is reckon'd the first among the Berg or Mine-Towns, which Honour is paid to its Antiquity rather than Grandeur, being of small extent, but furrounded with Suburbs, and defended by a strong Castle, supposed to stand on the highest Ground in Hungary, 50 miles distant from Newbausel to the North-east, 40 miles from Leopold-flade to the East, and 50 miles North from the Danube. It is Famous on account of its Gold-Mine, which has been wrought above 900 Years; the Entrance into the Mine is thro' one Cuniculus or by an Angel from Heaven to St. Stephen their first Horizontal Passage, call'd the Erbstal, which is 170

Fatheins

Fathoms deep, and the Vein runs 9 or 10 miles in length, and some of the Passages, which have formerly been cut thro' Rocks, by being disused are grown up again and hardly passable, tho' undoubtedly at first they were wide enough. So Rich is this Mine that they sometimes find lumps of pure Gold, Specimens whereof are seen in the Emperors Repository at Vienna. And even the common Earth on the neighbouring Hills being washed affords Gold.

Not far from the Gold Mine there is another of Vitriol 80 Fathoms deep, the Earth whereof purified and reduc'd to a Calx is used in making Aqua Fortis. In the Town is established a Mint wherein Gold Ducats and other Pieces are Coincided.

Schemnitz, the fairest of all the Seven Berg or Mine-Towns, is built on a Rocky Hill which renders the Streets uneven, 20 miles distant from Cremnitz to the South, and 30 from the Danube to the North. The Town is adorn'd with Three beautiful Churches, and defended by as many One whereof is exceeding high, and was used as a Watch-Tower, to discover the Approach. The Air of this Place is not Healthy, but the neighbouring Baths are very restorative. And the Country being Rocky, Provisions are difficulty brought hither, so that if it were not for the Rich Silver-Mines, this Town would have few Inhabitants. Of these Mines there are several, but the Two call'd the Trinity, and the Windschat, are the chief, the former is 70 Fathom deep, and mostly supported by Props, being an Earthy Soil; the latter is much deeper, and in some Places wonderfully Hot. The Ore is Rich, and besides most of it holds some Gold; which they separate by melting the Silver, then grinding it, and afterwards dissolving it in Aqua-Fortis, made out of the Vitriol of Chremnitz, wherein the Gold subfides, and the Aqua-Fortis is drawn from the Silver by Distillati-Not far from on, and made to ferve again. Schemnitz is a Rock where is found a red Substance which grows to the Ore called Cinnaber of Silver, and which is used for Paint, making as fine a Vermilian as the Cinnaber its self. There are also fourd in these Mines Crystals, Amethysts,

Newfol or Bestricia, 10 miles North stom Cremnitz, is the Third in the Number of the Berg-Towns, and stands on the River Gran at the Foot of a Hill, on which stands the Castle and the great Church cover'd with Copper. It is a good Market Town, to which is brought plenty of Provisions; but is chiefly remarkable for the Copper-Mines near it, the most considerable in Hungary; wherein the Ore is so firmly Incorporated with its Stone-Bed, that the separation cannot be made without great Pains and Difficulty, the Ore being often melted 14 times before it can be made fit for use. The Inhabitants are Lutherans, and Speak the German, Hungarian and Wealish Tongues. At Mismills, a Village near Newfol, are many Furnaces for melting the Mettle, and Silver is some

and Vitriol naturally Cristalliz'd.

times extracted out of the Copper.

Puggania was heretofere a fair Town, and fill retains a fourth Place in the Rank of the Berg-Towns, but harb been so often burnt and laid walt by the frequent Incursions of the Turks, that the Miners were forced to give over their Work till peaceable Times should come.

Konignsberg, the Fifth of the Berg-Towns, stands

near the River Gran, 10 miles West from Schemnitz; it doth not much exceed Puggantz in Note and Dignity at this Day, the Miners having for the most part retired from thence to Chremnitz and Schemnitz, where they meet with much better Employment. However this Town is noted for a fort of sower Mineral Water that hath wrought many notable Cures.

Tillen another Berg-Town of great Antiquity, but of late Years fallen to decay and deferred, beautiful of the fails and the fails and the fails and the fails are fallen to decay and deferred, beautiful of the fails and the fails are fallen to decay and deferred, beautiful of the fails are fallen to decay and deferred, beautiful of the fails are fallen to decay and deferred, beautiful of the fails are fallen to decay and deferred, beautiful of the fails are fallen to decay and deferred to decay and decay and decay and decay

cause of the failure of the Veins.

Libeten, 15 miles North-East from Newfol, the last of the seven Berg-Towns, was likewise formerly more noted than at present, being sest for the same Reason. Altho' still some small Quantities of Copper, with a little Silver, are dug out of the Mines.

Besides these there are other Towns remarkable for Mines, tho they are not registred among the sor-

ier, viz.

Hern-Grundt, about 7 miles distant from Newfol, where lies a Copper Mine in the Rocks, the Ore whereof is extream Rich, yielding ordinarily 20 or 30, nay fometimes 40, 50, and even to 60 Pounds of Metal in the Hundred Pound of Ore; which is either of a yellow or black Colour, the former yielding the more Mettal, but the latter containing some Silver. There are also several Sorts of Vitriol found in this Mine, viz. White, Green, Blew, and clear transparent Red, besides a green Earth or waterish Sedement call dergeg un, used in Painting. Moreover here are two Springs of Vitriolate Water that in 14 Days turn Iron and Copper; these Fountains are esteemed, because thereby the worst old Iron is made pure Copper, more Ductile and Malleable than other.

Glasspitten, 7 Miles from Schemvitz, was sometime noted for a rich Gold Mine, which has been lost ever since Bethlem Gabor, Prince of Transfivania, over-run this Country, and forced the Inhabitants away. The Place is however much resorted to on account of the Hor-Baths, whereof there are Five; the Waters are very clear, the Sedement Red and Green, and the Wooden Seats under Water incrustated with a Stony Substance. And Silver is gilded by lying in the Water. Among these, the Hot Springs of that call'd the Sweating Bath Grain thro' a Hill, and fall into a Bagnio built on purpose to receive em. At one end whereof is erected a noble Stove, heated by the Steams of those Waters, and so contrived, that by choosing a higher or lower Seat, ones Sweating may be regulated, and any Degree of Heat obtain'd at Plea-

Eisenbach lies about 4 miles from Glasshitten and 5 or 6 from Schemnitz, and is Famous for its Hot-Baths, Two of which are very convenient and much frequented; but the Third, which is made of the wast Water of the former, is not much used, being almost continually full of Snakes, who delight in this Warmth. The Water is of a Petrifying Nature, the Sedement, which is of a red Colour, turns to Stone, and the Planks which surround the Bath are all Petrified. Silver is changed Yellow by lying in it.

Esperies or Eperies, is a strong Town seared on the River Tarkzel, near the Frontiers of Peland, 150 miles East from Pressurg, and 60 miles North from the River Teysse. It is the Capital of the County of Sero, and Famous for its Fayrs and Salt-Mines. And about half an Heur from the Town

ther:

Here is a famous Salt-Mine, the Veins whereof are fo large, that there are dug out Pieces of 10000 Pound Weight of pure Salt, which is of a grayift Colour, but being ground to Powder becomes exceeding White; Some Pieces are Blew, fome Yellow, &c. and fo hard that they Carve it into divers Figures. The Water of this Mine is fo impregnated with Salt, that being Boyled up it affords a Blackift Salt which they give to their Cattel. Near this place Spring Two deadly Fountains, the Waters whereof kill the Birds and Beafts that Taft 'em; wherefore they are always kept Cover'd and Walled tound to prevent any coming to them.

Leutsche, the Capital of the County of Zips, stands near the Frontiers of Poland 20 miles West from Eperies, on the Top of a High-hill, whence is a fine Prospect of the Neighbouring Country. It is a handsome Large Town, having a considerable Annual Fair, and Inhabited chiefly by Germans of the Lutheran Religion, who however Talk the Hungarian Tongue, and hold a Traffick with all the Neighbouring Places: They are Remarkable for their Courteous Behaviour and Sincerity in

Dealing

Caschaw Seated on the small River Tareza 20 miles South from Eperies, and 40 North from the Teyffe and 100 N. East from Newhausel. It is one of the Royal Free Towns Govern'd by the Emperor's immediate Deputy, which makes a great refort of Persons of Quality, and hath render'd the Town one of the best built in Hungary. It is very well Fortified, and hath an Arfenal the most considerable in the Kingdom. The great Church is supplied by a German and Hungarian Minister by Turns, both which Languages are ordinarily spoken here. The Air is as pettilential and unhealthy as any in Hungary, which renders Strangers subject to Sickness. Moreover their Wine is bad, being tinged with Chalk or Lime, and breeds Lameness in the Joints; and yet the same Wine being carry'd abroad is very good; and the chief Trade of the Town consists in the Vent of it into Poland and elsewhere. This Place being formerly possess'd by the Turks, was regain'd in the Year 1685.

Agria, called Eger by the Germans, and Erlaw by the Inhabitants, is seated in the middle of all Hungary on the small River Agria, which about 15 mile below falls into the Teysse, 60 miles from Buda to the North-East, and 120 from Presburg to the East. It is a considerable City, being the See of a Bishop, and a regular Fortification of great Strength. The Castle stands on the other side the River on a Hill, and has the reputation of being one of the strongest Holds in the Kingdom. When Solman II. befieg'd this City in the year 1552. with 70000 Men, tho' it was not then guarded by fuch Fortifications, it was defended with wonderful Courage and Resolution, so that after the Turks had Batter'd it 40 days with 50 pieces of Canon, and made many Affaults in which they loft 8000 Men, they were fain to draw off and quit the Siege. But in the Year 1596, Mahomet III. took it, and put the Garison to the Sword. Since when the Turks held it till the late War, when it was regain'd by the Imperial Forces after they had Block'd it up for three Year, in which time 10000 Turks perish'd in it, either through Hunger or Diseases, 4000 Inhabitants march'd out with the Garison, 300 staid and demanded Baprism, and many Christian Slaves were set at Liberty. The Turks left in the place 150 pieces of Artillery, 7 Mortars, and great store of Provisions and Ammunition. And by this Conquest all the adjacent Country was reduc'd to the Imperial Obedience.

Filleck is a very considerable Fortress by reason of its advantageous Situation, on the top of a Craggy Hill; so inaccessible that there is only one way up to it, and that so very Narrow that only one Person can pass at a time. It stands on the Road from Presburg to Transilvania, 20 miles West from Agria, and 40 North from Buda. It was Fortisted with a Castle and Strong Walls, but taken by the Turks however in 1560, and recovered by the Imperialists in 1593, and again taken by the Bassa of Wardin in 1682. But some Differences arising between him and Count Teckely's Party, he caused it to be Dismantled and Deserted. Near this Town is a Curiosity Viewed by Travellers, being a Hole or Cavern in a Rock, wherein the Water dropping from the Arch at Top, Petrifies at the bottom, and becomes a White Stone used by Painters.

Novigrad, a small but very strong Town, and the Capital of a County, is Seated 30 miles Southwest from Filleck, 15 miles from the Danube, and 50 South-east from Newhausel. It is desended by a strong Castle, Founded on a High-Rock, and Encompassed with a Moat cut in the Rock 34 Foor deep. It was taken by the Germans from the Turks in the Year 1594, but lost again in 1663, and now Recover'd and Subject to the Emperor.

Peft or Pesth, a Large Town Seated on the Danube over-against Buda, to which you pass by a Fine Bridge of Boats Half a mile long. It is built of a Quadrangular Form, and by reason of its fair Walls and Towers of the Turkish Mosques, affords a delightful Prospect at a distance. This place hath been often Taken and Re-taken by the Turks and Christians, but was affured to the Emperor by the Conquest of Buda in 1686.

Colocza, Colocia, Coloza, & ad Statuas Colossas, is an Ancient City Seated on the Danube, 50 miles South-east from Pest: The Capital of the County of Bath, and the See of an Archbishop, but for some Ages over-run with Mahometanism, and recover'd by the Imperialists in the Year 1686.

Bath Monster, which gives Name to the County stands near the Danube, 25 miles South-east from Colocza. Bodrock which gives Name to another County stands also on the Danube 25 miles below Bath.

Segedin, or Seged, the principal Town of the County of Bodrock is Seated on the River Teyffe, or Tibifous, over-against the Mouth of the Merifch, 55 miles from Colocza to the South east, and 60 from Belgrade to the North. It was taken by the Turks in 1552, and Recover'd by the Imperialists after the taking of Buda in 1686. This is the furthest Town on the Tibife Subject to the Emperor.

Grula called Gywa by the Hungarians, is a strong Town Seated on a Lake 30 miles North-east from Segedin, and as many South from Great Waradin: It was taken by the Turks in 1566, but Recover'd with the rest of Hungary in the late War.

Lippa stands on the South-side of the Maresch, 35 miles South-east from Grula. Being Situate in the County of Terneswar, which was granted to the Turks by the Treaty of Carlowizz, it was by the same Article agreed to be dismarted.

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Caranfebes stands in the same Territory upon the River Temes, 50 miles East from Temesmar, also dif-

mantled by the fame Treaty.

The Iron-Gate mention'd in the History of the late War, stands on the Frontier of Transilvania and Walachia, 30 miles East from Caransebes.

Temeswar being surrender'd to the Turks, we shall speak of that in our Account of their Coun-

Waradin, commonly call'd Great Waradin, is Seated on the River Kerez, in the Confines of Tranfilvania, to which it sometime belonged, 60 miles from Segedin to the North-east, and 50 miles from Zolneck to the East. It is the See of a Bishop, and a Place of great Strength, being Fortified with a strong Castle on the East-side, and firm Rampatts, besides Five Royal Bastions, and a Regular Ditch Supply'd by Water from the Rivers: And within is another Enclosure confilting of some Bastions, and a High Wall to serve as it were for a Citadel. In the Year 1290 K. Ladiflaus III. built the Cathedral Church: And in 1642, the City was raken by the Crim Tartars, but quitted foon after: In 1662, it submitted to the Turks, but was recovered by the Imperialifts after a Memorable Siege and Blockade in 1692.

Zolnock, the Capital of a County to which it gives Name, stands at the Confluence of the River Zagnya with the Tersse, 60 miles above Segedin to the North, and in the Midway between Great Waradin to the West, and Buda to the East about 50 miles from both. The Two Rivers almost surround it, and make it a convenient place for a Garrison, being also large enough to receive 4000 Men, and very well Fortisted. Nevertheless this ftrong Hold was shamefully quitted by a Garrison of 850 Men in the Year 1552, when the Turks had Besieged it but Three days, notwithstanding the Governor's Courage and Resolution to Hold out to extremity; who being taken in the Castle was civilly Treated, and at his Request the Garrison was purfued, and all cut to pieces by the Turks. It continued in their Hands till the Year 1685, when it

was recovet'd by the Imperialists.

Debreczen stands 40 miles East from Zolnock towards Transilvania, and isnotable for an Illustrious School, or small University Establish'd in it.

Zatmar, a small but well Fortified Town in the Mountains towards Poland and Transilvania, 50 miles North from Waradin, as many East from Tockay, and about 40 South-west from the Head of the River Teysse. It is surrounded by the River Samasch, and is a Hold of great Strength taken by Count Teckely in the Year 1680, and afterwards Regain'd by the Imperialists. It is the chief of a Territory lately made a County under the Empe-

ror's Jurisdictions.

Montgatz, or Munkatz, stands a little beyond the River Teyffe, towards the Frontiers of Poland, 40 miles East from the Head of that River, 30 North from Zatmar, 50 South-east from Eperies. It is a Fortress of impregnable Strength, built on a Steep Rock, and consists of Three Castle one above another, the First commanding the Second, and the Second the Third, each encompass'd with a Trench cut in the Rock, and the whole surrounded with a Morass. The Town stands at the bottom of the Rock in the County of Pereczas. This Place was for a long time defended by the Princess Ragorsky, Wife to Count Teckely, against a very con-

siderable Army, that were oblig'd to raise the Siege; but continuing a Blockade for some Years, the was at last forced to surrender in the Year 1683

Ungwar, or Unghuar, Seated on the River Ungh, near the Frontiers of that part of Poland, Nam d Red-Russia, 20 miles North west from M ngarz, 40 East from Eperies, and 90 North-east from Zolneck, is by some Authors affirm'd to give Name to the whole Kingdom, altho' at present it be not conficerable except for its Strength, and Commodious 5 .tuation at the Foot of the Kappach Mountains. It is the chief of a County; and being in the possession of Count Tecker, he Lodged his Treasures and best Goods in it, till it was taken by the Imperialists in 1683.

Tockay, a very strong Town and Citadel, is Seated on a Marshy Plain at the Considerace of the Teyffe, and the Bodrach, 40 miles South from Ungwar, 50 North from Zolnock, and 30 East from Agria. It is the chief Town of the County denominated from Zemlin, which stands 20 miles North of it, and is Noted for its good Wine. Count Techely seized it in 1683. but the Imperialifts recover'd it in 1685. Near this place is found a fort of Earth called Bolus Tockaviensis much esteemed for its Medicinal

These are the Places of chiefest Note in Upper Hungary.

In Lower Hungary, are

BUDA, Buda aut Aquineum, called Offen by the Inhabitants, and Buden by the Turks Anciently and still reckon'd the Capital of the Kingdom, took it's Name probably from Buda K ng Attilla's Brother it's Restorer, or according to others from the Budini, a Septhian People mention'd by Herodotus. It is Seated on a Hill on the South-Bank of the River Danube over-against Pefth, 90 miles from Presburg to the South-east, 100 Miles from Effeck to the North-west. It is a large City, Rich, Populous, and very strongly Fortified; it was very much Enlarg'd, and Adorn'd with publick Edifices by Sigismund K. of Hungary, who was Crown'd in 1387. and among others he built the Cattle, which is very firong, and was afterwards the Sean of the Kings, it flands on the Top of the Hill, and commands the Town, and is furrounded by a deep Ditch, divers old Towers, and some Modern Ramparts. The City lies on the Declivity of the Hill, and the Suburbs call'd Wasterland, beyond it towards the Danube, over which you pass by a very fair Bridge of Boats to Pest. The many Sumptuous Buildings that were formerly feen in this City, are all fallen to decay during the time the Turks Possess'd it: For in the Year 1526. Solyman 11, took this City; but Ferdinand Archduke of Austria recover'd it the next Year. In 1529 the same Solyman took it a second time, after the Garrison had endured Eleven General Affaults. Again in 1541, it was attack'd by Ferdinand, but by Solyman again Reliev'd, and the Siege Raifed. Archduke Matthias attempted to Besiege it in 1598, and 1601. But both these Enterprizes proved in-effectual. At length the late most Valiant Prince Charles Duke of Lorraine, fet down before this City in 1684, but could not then effect what he afterwards accomplished: For in the Year 1686, after a Memorable Siege of Ten Weeks continuance, he recover'd this important Place to Christian Obedience, being taken by Assault on the 15 June 1686. The Baths of Buda are reputed the Noblett in Europe, not only on Account of the plentiful Hot-Springs, but also for the Magnificence of their Buildings. They are Eight in Number, being appointed for Men in the Morning, and Women in the Afternoon: The chiefest of them is that of Veleby, having a strong sulphureous Smell and petrifying Juice; but it is so intensely Hot, that to make it tolerable a mixture of Cold Water is usually thrown in.

GRAN, Strigonium, stands on the South Bank of the Danube, 30 miles above Buda, 60 South-East from Presburg, over against Barchan, which stands at the Mouth of the River Gran. It is a very considerable City, formerly the Seat of the Kings, and at present the See of an Archbishop who is Primate of the Kingdom, Chancellor and Prefi-dent of the Royal Council: And adorn'd with many magnificent Buildings, whereof the Cathedral Church dedicated to St. Stephen, the Archbithop's Palace and the Cattle are the most considerable: Here are also two large Towers, one towards Thonesburg, and the other facing the River towards Barchan; these are joined by a Wall, fortified with divers Redoubts and a Ditch flank'd with hewn Stone, besides a Terrals, environ'd with strong Pallisado's, and 4 great Points like Ravelins. The whole is divided into two Parts, the upper standing on the fide of a Hill, and the lower along the Banks of the Danube, and fenced with a strong Fort built on the Hill of St. Thomas, so that an Enemy has in a manner three different Towns to take before he can be Master of Gran. But notwithstanding this Strength it was taken by Solyman II. in the Year 1543. and in vain Besieg'd by Matthias Arch-Duke of Austria with 50000 Men in 1574. Afterwards the Imperialists again set down before it in 1595. and their General Count Mansfield routed the Turkish Army; but he dying foon after, the Siege was continued by the Arch-Duke with great Vigour, and the City at last taken. In this Siege Sir Tho. Arundel of Wardour-Castle in Wiltshire fignaliz'd great Valour, he storm'd the Water-Tower, and pull'd down the Turkish Banner; for which Service and his continual Bravery during the whole Siege, the Emperor Rodolphus created him a Count of the Empire, and King Fames I. made him a Baron of England; which Honours his Posterity still enjoy. Afterwards the Turks under Mahomet III. retook it in the Year 1606, and possess'd it till the late War, when in Year 1683. after the Defeat of the Turkish Army before Vienna, the Imperialists recover'd it, and defended it against the Turks, who again attack'd it in 1685, but were entirely defeated by the Dukes of Lorrain and Bavaria. The adjacent Country is exceeding fruitful, affording great quantities of generous Wines.

Romorra, Comorra, Komara or Komora, is a very frong and populous Town, feated on the East-corner of the Island Schut on the Bank of the Danube, 40 miles East from Presburg, and 25 West from Gran: It is almost encompassed with the Rivers Danube and Wrag, and surrounded with a pleasant Champaign Country, over which from its Towers may be seen many Turkish Forts. It was first Fortisted by King Matthias Corvinus, and became the chiefest Bulwark of Christendom against the Turks after the loss of Gran. And therefore a good Garison was always there maintain'd, under

a trufty Governor, of whom Baron Brasn teftified his Fidelity very fignally, for after the taking of Ranb in 1591. Simon Bassa besieged Comora with 60 Ships, and a large Army of Turks and Tartars, endeavouring at the same time to Corrupt the Governor; but he instead of accepting the Bribe, beheaded four of the five Turks sent to him on the Errand, and spared the 5th only to go back to his Master with the Answer, that he scorn'd his Offers: And in the end they were fain to raise the Siege. Since that time the Town hath been enlarged, and better strengthned with a Fort, call'd the Tortoise, and 4 Bastions.

Rado or Favarin, a small City dignissed with an Episcopal See, stands on the Southern Branch of the Danube, that makes the Island Schue, where it receives the River Rado, 20 miles South from Komorra, 40 South-east from Presburg, and 30 West from Gran. It is a strong Town, being Fortissed with Seven Large Bastions, and Four Cavaliers, or High Mounts overlooking them. The Country round it is Champion, and nothing can command it but a Neighbouring Hill, which is undermined, and may be blown up at pleasure: Somewhat farther in the open Field stands a Watch-Tower; from hence an Enemy's Approach may be seen at a distance. Sinan Bassa Belieg'd this City, and at one Attack lost 12000 Men before it: But at last it fell into their Hands, by the Treachety of Count Hardeck its Governor, for which he was Beheaded at Vienna; and was surprized by Stratagem in the Year 1606, by Count Swartzenburg Governor of Comorra, and so Recoverd, and ever since Remain'd in the Emperor's Possessino. The Famous General Mentecuculi was Governor of this Town, and used to Reside here when his seisure permitted.

Altenburg, Ovaria, call'd Owar by the Hungarians, is a very strong Town and Fortress, Seared on the Danube, where it receives the Leytha, by which Rivers it is surrounded, over-against the West-End of the Island Schue, and 20 miles South from Presburg. It is Esteem'd the best Fence the Austrians have on this side, and is a considerable Out-work to Vienna, from which it is

distant 50 miles to the East.

Alba Regalis, Stubi Weissemberg, called Stolinibiograd, by the Sclavonians, and Ekekeis Feierwa by the Hungarians, stands in the midst of an inaccessible Marsh on the Banks of the River Zarwiza near the Lake Balaton, whence that River issues, in the midsle between the Danube and the Drave, 40 miles South from Gran, as many South-west from Buda, and 80 South-east from Presburg. It is well Fortified with Three Bastions, and Two other Works on one side, the other being sufficiently cover'd with the Moras, and joyned to the firm Land by Three Causeways. It was heretofore Famous for the Coronation and Interment of the Kings of Hungary, till it was taken by the Turks 1543. From whence it was recover'd by the Duke of Merceur in 1602. But they took it again the year following, and kept it till the year 1688. when it was Regain'd by the Imperialists.

Vefprin, or Weisburn, the Capital of a County, and the See of a Bishop, stands near the Lake Balatton, 15 miles from Alba Regalis, and 55 from Buda to the West. This City was taken by

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Canisa, or Kanischa, is one of the strongest Holds in these Parts, Seated on the River Sala, which a little below falls into the Drave about 20 miles West from the Lake Baletton, 6 Southwest from Alba Regalis, and near 100 South from Presburg. It sell into the Hands of the Turks in the Year 1600, and in the following Year the Archduke of Austria endeavour'd to Regain it; but after a Siege of Two Months he was fain to quit it. In 1604. Count Serini laid Siege to it, and had carried it if timely Succours had been fent him. In the late War it was block'd up by an Army of 8000 under Count de Budiani from the 30 July 1688, till Apr. 1690. when at last it was surrender'd with this Expression from the Turkish Officer, I here resign you the strongest Fortress in the Ottoman Empire.

Sigeth, or Zygeth, is Seated in a Moras's near the River Alme, which 20 miles below falls into the Drave, 44 miles from Alba Regalis, to the South, 64 from Canisia to the East, and 74 from Buda to the South-west. It is a strong Town being Fortified with a well-built Castle besides Three Walls, and as many Ditches. It was taken by the Turk in the Year 1566. after a Siege of Two Months, notwithstanding the brave Defence of Nicolas Esdrin its Governor, who perished with his Guard of 200 Men in Encountring the whole Body of Octoman Forces: During this Siege Solyman II. died in the Camp. In the Year 1688, the Imperialists recover'd this Important Fortress, and found 85 Pieces of Ca-non in it. There is another Town of this Name in Transilvania near the Spring-Head of the Ri-

ver Teysse or Tibiscus.

Five Churches, or Funff Kirken, Quinque Ecclesia, takes its Name from Five Fair Christian Churches in the Town, it stands on the River Keoritz 12 miles from the Drave, 30 miles East from Sigeth, 50 West from Esch, and 70 South from

the Turks in 1593, but afterwards Recover'd, and now Subject to the Emperor.

Canifa, or Kanifcha, is one of the strongest bability six that Old Roman Fort at Erday, a Hamlet on the Mouth of the Drave. It is not a place of equal strength with those we have been mentioning. It was burnt by Count Serini in the former War, in his Return from Effeck, and in the late War in the Year 1686, it was taken by surprize by Prince Lewis of Baden. St. Stephen King of Hungary, made this

City a Bishop's Sec. Mohatz, a small Town Seated near the Danube, between the Rivers Zarwiza, and the Drave 30 miles South from Colocza, 25 North-Draw 30 miles South from Colocza, 25 North-west from Esseck, and 35 East from Five Churches, chiefly memorable for Two Battels sought near it: The first between Solyman the Magnisscent, and Lewis or Lodowick II. King of Hungary. Wherein this Prince being in the Heat of his Youth, Adventur'd with an Army of 20000 Men to Engage the Army of 300000 Turks, by whom he was over-power'd, many of the No-hiliwkill'd and himself in endayourings Brane Brane bility kill'd, and himself in endeavouring to Escape, Rode into a Bog; where thro' the Weight of his Armour, he perished in the 20th Year of his Age. The Consequence of this Battel was very Faral; for the Turks pursuing their Blow Riew 200000 Hungarians, and got such Footing in the Countrey, that they could never be removed, till the late happy War, whereby all Hungary was regain'd. The Second Battel was almost a fortunate on the Childian side. as fortunate on the Christian side; for on the 29th of July 1687. the Prime Visier passed the Drave at Esseck, with design to attack the Chri-stian Army under the Duke of Lorraine; accordingly on the 12th of August the Battel was Fought, wherein the Turks were entirely Defeated with the loss of 12000 Men, all the Tents, Baggage, Treasure, and 100 Pieces of Ordinance, 12 Mortars, with Ammunition and Provisions proportionate.

TRANSILVANIA.

RANSILVANIA, call'd Erdely by the Hungarians, and Siebenburgen by the Germans, derives both its Latin and Hungarian Names from Woods and Forests, with which it is encompass'd, almost on all sides; but the High-Dutch Denomination hath a different Original of much later Date, taken from the 7 chief Towns in this Principality, and alluding to the manner of Living of the ancient Pannonians, who having fix'd their Tents in those Parts, for the more ready suppressing of any Insurrection that might be rais'd against them by the Natives, were wont to keep in distinct Bodies, and accordingly divided themfelves into 7 Bands or Regiments, every one of which contain'd 3857 able Soldiers. Thus being encamp'd in several quarters of Transilvania, they made Entrenchments round about, and for their better Security built a Fortress or Castle at every Camp, which first occasion'd the alteration of the Name of this Country; Siebenburgen in the German Tongue, fignifying 7 Forts or Towns. It was added to the Roman Empire under the Name of Dacia, by the Emperor Trajan, and contain'd in compass about 1000 Italian miles, according to the Report of Eutropius and Jornandes; but at present nothing more is comprehended under the Name of Transilvania than only a part of the Old Walachia, lying in form of a Rhomb or Lozenge, and being bounded on the North by Poland, on the South by Walachia proper, and part of Hungary, on the East by Moldavia, and part of the same Walachia, and on the West by Upper Hungary: It's extent from North to South, confilting of about 50 Leagues, and 68 from East to West. The AIR is altogether as temperate here as in any part of Hungary, and not fo much corrupted with Infectious Vapors, altho the Waters are Unwholsom, by reason that they pass through Mines of Alum and Mercury. The Country (as the Name imports) is every where environ'd with Forests, growing for the most Part on the Sides of high Hills and Moun-The chief of these is Mount Carpathus, nam'd Crapack by the Transilvanians, and Biescid by the Russians, which runs along the North of the whole Principality, dividing it from the Ruffian Empire; and indeed the Inlands are almost as Mountainous as the Limits, infomuch that one can hardly Travel from one great Town to another, but by a Road, leading through a Wood, and over some rocky Hill. The highest inland Mountain stands near Fogaras, on the River Alt, its Top being inaccessible and always cover'd with Snow However the SOIL brings forth abundance of Corn, Pulse, and delicious Fruits; affording likewise good Grapes, Hony and Wax, together with feveral Mines of Gold, Silver, Lead, Quick-filver

and other Minerals. The chief Mines are as Sculatti and Rimili Dominurdez, in the latter whereof the Miners have sometimes found large lumps of Virgin-Gold, and fent them to the Mint without any further Purifying. The best Silver Mines are near Offera and Radna, where they have also good store of Copper, and accidentally light on a Vein of Gold. In the Copper-Mines they usually meet with Brimstone and Ising-Glass, as also plenty of Steel at Cyck, and of Iron at Thorosch and Humiad. Lastly, the County of Maromarus affords vast quantities of Stone-Salt, even fo far as to supply the greater part of the Neighbour-ing Nations with that Mineral. The Pasture Grounds yield Fodder to innumerable Herds of Cattle, more especially large Oxen, with which the Transilvanians, in time of Peace, are so over stock'd, that a fat Ox may be then bought for 12 or 14 Shillings, and fold again for 50 or 60 Rix-Dollars in Auftria. They have also a good Breed of front and swift Horses, that are very much esteemed in Foreign Countries. The Forests abound with Buffles, Elks, Stags, and a fort of wild Horses that run incredibly swift, and have large Mains hanging down to the Ground, wild Boars, Foxes, Martins and other forts of Game. The Hares are much larger here than in the Western parts of Europe, and their Skins carry a far purer Furr. The Wolves and Bears in Altland, and other adjacent Counties, run often in Droves, viz. 30. or 40 together, and do much Mischief, during the Winter, among the Horse and other Cattle. There is no Nation in the World where Wheat grows more plentifully than in Transilvania, so that even the Peasants seed on no other sort of Bread, the Blade of this Grain being here usually as thick as an ordinary Reed, and shooting up to a great height. Their Wines are reckon'd much more noble than those of Walachia, the Windich Marquisate, Au-firia and Moravia, but far inferior to the Rhenish and Hungarian, having commonly a Tincture of Chalk or Sulphur; for which Reason it is repured a mighty promoter of the Gout, and fuch like Diftempers. The most remarkable Rivers are, the Marisk, the Alt, the Samos and the Chrysa: The 2 former of these Spring forth out of the Scythian Carpathus; the Alt falls into the Danube, but the Marisk and Samos intermix their Waters with those of the Teisse.

The Principality of Transilvania is Inhabited by three forts of People, that have different Laws and Customs, viz. The Ciculi or Siculi, the Saxons and the Hungarians. Of these the first lay claim to the greatest Antiquity, and are still Govern'd by their old Laws and Constitutions, being really a Branch of the ancient Systhians, who were

driven

driven out of Pannonia, by Attila and his Huns. They divide themselves into seven Cantons, every one of which is Absolute with in it self: Tho' all of them are united with the Transilvanians, and one with another for the defence of their Country against the Common Enemy. As for the Saxons (according to the Opinion of Toppeltine) they are the true Relicts of the Ancient Daci; calling themselves even at this day Decen Desen, or Detschen, which is an easie Corruption of the Daci or Deci. The German Writers, especially those of the best Repute, acknowledge the whole German Nation (and consequently their Saxons) to be the Off-spring of the ancient Transilvanians. But whence soever their Original is deriv'd, they are certainly near of Kin to the Inhabitants of the Lower Saxony, and use the same Dialect, altho' the corruption of their Tongue, by a mixture with the Hungarian, renders the High Dutch more difficult to be understood a-mong them. Those Saxons possess the Province call'd the Seven Towns: The Siculi dwell on the Banks of the River Marisk; and the Hungarians possess the Frontiers of Walachia; the two latter are for the most part Calvinists, and the Saxons almost generally embrace the Doctrine of Luther, but none will allow any Pictures or Images to be fet up in their Churches. There are also among them some Roman Catholicks, Greeks, Trinitarians, Photinians and Anabaptists, tho' their Party is not so considerable.

However, these three distinct Nations are Govern'd by one Sovereign, stiled the Waywood, or Prince of Transilvania, whom the Grand Signior often caus'd to be Elected and Depos'd ar his pleafure. But the Power of the Turks is now expell'd. The two Noble Families of Bathori and Ragotski, have supplied this Country with many Princes, who were oblig'd to fend a certain Tribute to the Port, until Michael Abafti the 23d. Prince from John Huniades, who succeeded John Kermant, A. D. 1661. with the consent of the States of Tranfilvania, refign'd the whole Country to the Emperor of Germany and King of Hungary for ever, as it appears from the Act bearing Date at Herman-stadt, May 9. 1688. Whereupon Imperial Garisons were accordingly received into all the principal Places. Afterward, the faid Prince dying in 1690. the States in a general Assembly, resolv'd to adhere to the Interests of the Emperor and the young Prince Son to the Deceased, who was confirm'd by his Imperial Majesty, against all the Pretentions of Count Teckely and the Ottoman Port. Thus the Principality of Transilvania remains entirely Incorporated with the Crown of Hungary, under the Imperial Protection. Its chief Revenues arise from the Sale of Salt, very great quantities whereof are made at Tarda, and convey'd from thence on the River Marisch, into Hungary. And the first Article of the Treaty of Peace between the Emperor and the Turk, at Carlowitz, declares that Transilvania shall remain entire to his Imperial Majesty, with the ancient Limits as before the War. The chief Towns here are,

Hermanstadt, Hermanopolis, aut Cibinium, call'd Zeben by the Inhabitants, the Metropolis of Tranfilvania, and the Royal Seat of the Prince, stands in the middle of a large Plain, on the fide of the Rivulet Ciben, which a little below falls into the Alt, being distant 60 miles from Coloswar or Clau-Senburg to the East, and 32 from Gula Feiruar, or German Tongue is understood, the Sclavonian entring Weissemburg, toward the Frontiers of Meldavia; on the Frontiers of Walachia. Moreover, it may

as also 500 from Belgrade to the North-east. It is a large and fair City, bearing the Title of an Epifcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Colonza in Hungary, altho' at present destitute of a Bishop; neither is its Strength less considerable, the great Number of Fish-ponds and Pools of Water rendring it inaccessible, besides its firm Walls and Ramperts. The Houles within the Gates are generally wellbuilt, and for the most part cover'd with Slate, which is esteem'd an extraordinary piece of Magnificence in the Apartments of a Transilvanian Citizen. There are also many good Springs; and the River-water is convey'd by small Channels through every Street; nevertheless the Air is thought to be very Unhealthy, and to cause the Gout, the epidemical Diltemper of the Burghers, infomuch, that many of the best Houses want Inhabitants. Here are usually held the General Conventions and Courts of Judicature of the other 6 chief Towns of the Saxons, all Actions at Law being brought thither to Tryal. The principal Trade of the Place confifts in Cloath and Mead, both which are here made in great quantities and fent into the Neighbouring Territories. The Princes of Transitvania were wont formerly to put themselves under the Protection of the Grand Signior; but Prince Abafti at the follicitation of the late Duke of Lorraine adher'd to the Emperor's Interest, and was prevail'd with to receive an Imperial Garison of 3000 Men into this City, A.D. 1687.

Having Travelled about a German mile from

Hermanstadt, we meet with Saltzburg, or Wizagra, that takes its Name from the Salt-pits, which (as it hath been already intimated) bring yearly a very confiderable Revenue into the Prince's Exchequer. Not far from hence appears Michelberg, a strong Fortress erected on the top of a Hill, wherein are laid up all the Arms and Military Ammunition of the whole Territory of Hermanstade. Two miles from this place stands Roche-Thurn, or the Red-Tower, so Nam'd from the Colour of the Free-stone with which it is built, where the Inhabitants are forc'd to keep a continual Watch and Ward, for fear of some sudden invasion by the Turks, out of whose Dominions there lies only a very narrow Road this way into Transilvania.

Cronstadt or Brassaw, Corona aut Stephanopolis and Braffovia, is pleasantly situated in the midst of fair and rich Vineyards, about 65 miles from Hermanstadt, almost to the North-east, near the Confines of Moldavia and the Carpathian Mountains. It is also taken by some Authors for the Pretoria Augusta of Ptolemy. However it is a Bishop's See, and a place of fome strength, as being tolera-bly well Fortified with Walls and Ramperts of Earth. The Houses are high and well-built, bur generally cover'd with Laths instead of Slate. The Citizens are all Saxons, without the least mixture of Hungarians or Walachians; fo that their peculiar Language is here spoken in its greatest Purity. A good School hath been Founded here for some time, besides a Library, that goes beyoud any throughout the wholeKingdom of Hungary.

The Country round about Cronstade, bears the Name of Burzia, or Burzland, and is the outmoit boundary of the Principality of Transilvania, which gave occasion to the Hungarian Proverb, That Burzia fars Amen to the High-Dutch Paternester: Meaning, that this Country is the last wherein the German Tongue is understood, the Sclavonian entring Ggg 2

not be improper to observe here, that the Road from Altland and other parts of Transilvania, leads directly to Zeidenwald, a Forest extending for the space of 10 miles in length; during which unpleafant Passage, Travellers are carried over a continued Bridge or Causey of Planks, the Soil being for the most part Marshy and full of Boggs.

Bistricz, Bestercza, or Besteriza, Bistricia; sometimes also call'd Nosenstadt, by the Germans, is remarkable for its situation in a spacious Plain, on the Banks of a River of its own Name. It is a Town of small extent, but very neat, and of so good Note, that many of the Hungarian Historiographers allow it the third place in the Catalogue of the Saxon Cities, giving it the precedency to Segiswar and Megicz. The Burghers (as it is generally reported) speak as good Dutch here or better than at Cronstadt. But the Air and Water of the adjacent Country are both reputed very Unwholsome; so that the Inhabitants, especially the meaner fort, that drink Water, are very apt to be Deaf, Dumb, and very Unactive. This Town is distant about 80 miles from Hermanstadt to the North-west, as also 20 from Burgles, and 60 from Weissemburg to the North.

Megicz or Medwesch is seated in the very heart of Transilvania, on the Banks of the same River with Segeswar, in a Country well furnish'd with Wine and other rich Merchandizes. Indeed it is not very large, yet indifferently well fortify'd with a deep Ditch and an old Wall. But its greatest Srength lies in the Church sounded on the top of a Hill, according to the usual custom of the Inhabitants of those parts, who built their Churches Castle-wise, to avoid being put to a double Charge.

Scheiburg, or Segeswar, (as it is Nam'd by the Hungarians) Segerbusa, extends it self along the side of a Hill and the Banks of the River Cochel, at the soot of the Carpathian Mountains, about 10 miles from Hermanssadt to the North, and 14 from Cronstadt to the West. As to its Form, it very much resembles Buda, but falls far short of that City inits largeness and number of Inhabitants. It is divided into two parts, viz. the Upper and Lower, the former being built on a Hill and a place of great Strength; but the latter is not well defended, tho more Populous by reason of the convenience of Water for the 18e of the Burghers for carrying on their several Manusactures; more especially that of dressing their Cloth, whereas the other part of the Town is destitute of any Brook or Spring.

Milembach, or Zaassebes according to the Hungarian denomination, Zabesus aut Sabeseus, is a Town of much Antiquity, but otherwise scarcely considerable, lying on a very hollow Valley, and Westward tolerably well secured with Bogs and Moorish Grounds. But it may be easily attacked on the other side, and is by no means a place of Srength.

Clausenburg, Claudiopolis, is situated on the Rivulet Samos near the foot of the Mountains towards the Borders of Hungary, at the distance of 36 miles from Weissemburg to the North, as many from Bestercza or Bistricz, and 60 from Waradin to the East. It is a large Populous Town, and the principal of a County of the same Name, being Fortify'd with an old Castle and other Bulwarks, so as to be capable of enduring a smart Siege; as it did in the year 1661, when Abasse Prince of Transsilvania, joyning with a Body of Turks, laid Siege to it; it being at that time Govern'd by David Retani, a valiant and faithful Souldier, who notwithstand-

ing the Town was but indifferently Fortify'd, and very ill provided with Cannon and Ammunition (infomuch that he was forc'd to Found Artillery out of the Town Bells) bravely Sally'd out upon the Enemy, and was very fuccessful, rill General Schedinau who was then in Hungary, getting together about 6000 Men, came to his Relief; upon the News of which, the Turks thought fit to raise the Siege, and make the best use they could of their Heels, leaving great quantities of Victuals and Provision behind them. It is also a place of great Traffick, and well frequented by reason that all the Conventions of the States of Transilvania and Provincial Courts of Justice are held therein by the Prince. It heretofore perhaps bore the Name of Patruissa, but is at present call'd Coleswar by the Hungarians. The greatest part of the Towns-men are Arians and Photinians, insomuch that the other fix Towns (where Lutheranism is generally profess'd) took an occasion to exclude Clausenburg out of the number of the seven States of Transilvanian-Saxons, and to admit Bross or Zasuars into it's room. Moreover, the Hungarians may be made free of this Town, and are allow'd to bear Offices therein; a Priviledge never granted them in any other Saxon City.

There are divers other small Towns and Burghs in Transilvania entirely Inhabited by the Saxons, but all of them by some means or other, depend

on the feven preceeding.

The chief Towns in Transilvania Inhabited by the Hungarians, Walachians, Siculi, &c.

Weissemburg, Alba Julia, call'd by the Hungarians, Giula Fejerwar, is conveniently fituated on a rifing Ground, from whence, almost 2 miles round about, one may take a most delightful Prospect of a champain and fruitful Country. It is water'd with the gentle Streams of the River Marisk, and was in times past much larger than it is at present; as may still be discern'd from its old Boundaries without the Walls, containing 5 miles in compass. And it continu'd for a long time the Metropolis of Dacia, being honour'd with the Royal Palace and constant Residence of the Monarchs of that Kingdom. It was also formerly a Bishop's See under the Metropolitan of Colocza, but that Dignity was transferr'd elsewhere by Queen Habel, the Widow of John I. King of Hungary. This City is distant 34 miles from Hermanstadt to the West, 68 from Temesware to the North-east, 90 from Waradin to the East, and 196 from Buda. The ancient Inscriptions and Characters, upon Tombs and Tables, that are found in and about this Place, do plainly show that the Goths anciently Inhabited this Country. And the Coins and Medals that are found in it, are an evident Proof that the Roman Legions were once here: It ow's its Name of Alba Julia to Julia Augusta the Mother of Marcus Aurelius Anthonius Pius, as appears from an old In-scription upon a Marble Table in the Church of St. Michael, which is this,

I. O. M. E. Junoni.

Pro Salute Imp. M. Aur. Antonii Pii Aug. & Julie Aug. Matris Aug. M. Ulpius. Mucianus, Mil. Leg. XIII. Gem. Horologiare Templum a Solo de suo ex voto secit, Ealcone & Claro. Coss.

Thorda

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Thorda is supposed to stand in or near the same place with the Salin of Peolomy, which Town took its Name from the great number of Salt-Pits in the

adjacent Territory.

Deva, a Town chiefly noted for affording a fort of excellent Wine, and guarding the Paffage thro the Essential Transition of the Essential Resistance by Michael Abasis taken after a small Resistance by Michael Abasis tate Prince of Transilvania, during the Wars maintain'd by him against his Competitor Kemeni Janos, A. D. 1662.

Enguedine, call'd Annium by the Romans, from a Causey leading towards it, which one Annius a Captain of one of their Cohorts had caus'd to be rais'd. Some Fragments of this ancient military Way are yet to be seen, besides other Monuments of Antiquity often sound in and about this

Town.

Newmark, Nova Marchia, or Wafer-Heley according to the Hungarian denomination, is seated on the River Marifch at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains, 36 miles from Clausemberg or Codeswar to the North-East. In this Town the general Affemblies of the Siculi, are usually convend at cer-

tain appointed times.

Agnabat or Agnetlin, is one of the chief Towns of Transsilvania, though of little Strength, and water'd by the River Herbach, 25 miles from Hermanstadt almost to the North. Queen Islabel assembled a Diet there for the Preservation of her Son, but Marvinsius caus'd it to be dissolved, and levy'd War against his Sovereign Prince, the end of which prov'd stat to both.

PROVINCES recover'd from the Turks, viz. SCLAVONIA, CROATIA and MORLACHIA.

The Province of SCLAVONIA lies on the South-West of Hungary between the two Rivers Drave and Save, having the Danube for its Eastern and Stiria for its Western Bounds, comprehending in extent from East to West, according to Cluverius, 50 German Leagues (or 200 English miles) and in Breadth 12 Germ. Leagues (or 48 Eng. mil.) it is part of the ancient Panonia, and took its pre-fent Name from the Sclavi a Northern Nation, who came from Scythia about the time of the Emperor Justinian, and over-run Greece and the neighbouring Countries, as well as Poland and Moravia. And on their account in those times, all the ancient Illyricum also (which comprehended Croatia, Bosnia and Dalmatia) bore the Name of Sclavonia. Their Force was first broken by the Venetians who conquer'd this Country, and to keep the Natives under, oblig'd them to submit to the most service Employments which their robust, strong Bodies, made them fit for; and some Etymologists pretend that the word Slave came from these People thus subjected. They were undoubtedly in former times a very confiderable Nation, as is demonstrated by the Extent of their Language, which is one of the four original ones of Europe, and is spoken by the Poles, Russes, Hungarians, and many other Nations: Dr. Heylin reckons up twelve, but Gefner says no less than 60 Nations speak the Sclavonian Language. By divers Revolutions the Country became at last tributary to the Hungarians, from whom it was taken by the Turks; Solyman the Magnificent invading this Province in 1540. and reduc'd ir to his Subjection, under which it remained till the late War, when in the year 1687, after the defeat of the Octoman Forces at Mohata, they mutinied against the Grand Visier, which obliged the Turks to Desert it, and so the whole Territory, except Gradsea, submitted to the Emperor; and by the late Treaty at Carlowitz the greatest part of the Province is for ever resigned up by the Grand Seignor to his Imperial Majusty.

The Air is temperate and the Soil fruitful, producing Corn, Cattle and Pasture. The People Robust and Warlike; those that Inhabit the Eastern Parts on the Banks of the Save as well as on this side as the Servian are called Razziant, by which Name they are often mentioned in the History of the late War. Both the Greek and Roman Prosection of Christianity is followed here, and the Papists are permitted to have Mass said in their own Language. The Division of the Province into Counties cannot exactly be set down; some divide it into seven, and others six, and others make but four. The Turkish Power has consounded that distinction, and 'tis sufficient to say these are

principal Cities, viz.

POSSEGA, otherwise call'd Picentina, and Segovitza, the Metropolis of the Province and the Capital of a County to which it gives Name, lies in the middle of the Province with respect to East and West, and 15 miles North from the River Save, in the Lat. 45. 30. Long. 36. and is seated on the River Oriana, 50 miles from Five Churches to the South, and 120 from Belgrade to the West, in an exceeding fertil Country. It contains about 1000 Houses, and is surrounded with Walls and other Fortifications; and is a place of consequence on account of its Jurisdiction over 400 Villages, and its considerable Traffick. The Turks under Sohman took it in 1544. and retained it till the year 1687, when the Germans besseging it, the Turkish Governor made some shew of Resistance by string some Canon, but son deserted the Place, and left in it a great quantity of Ammunition and Provision, and 5 Pieces of Canon.

Walpo or Valpo, stands on a River of the same Name 35 miles North-East from Possega, and about 10 from the Drave, It was taken by the Turks in 1543. and retaken after a short Siege by

General Dunewalt in 1687.

Effeck, a Place of much Antiquity, and suppos'd to be the ancient Murfa, which Conjecture is corroborated by part of an ancient Latin Inscription fill to be seen on one side the Gate, wherein is read the Emperor Ælian's Name in sair Characters. It is a large and populous Town seated at the confluence of the Drave with the Danube, and is particularly remarkable on account of its famous Bridge which is five English miles long, and near 30 yards broad; the reason of its Length is because it not only lies over the River Drave which divides into Branches, but also passes over a large Morals. It consists of thick Oaken Planks supported by great Trees, nine or ten in a Rank be-tween every Arch; It is railed on each fide, and hath Watch-Towers at every quarter of a mile's di-ftance; and is in the whole so noble a Work that it surprizes the Eye with the View of it, and the Imagination in confidering whence that vast quantity of Timber could be fetch'd. By this Bridge the Turkish Forces used to march and invade the Christian Countries; wherefore in the former War, viz. A. 1664. Count Serini attacked and

A. 1685. Count Lefty fer Fire to it a second time, and took the Town, but the Castle holding out he blew up the Magazines and left it. The next year, the Turks having begun to Repair it, the Duke of Lorrain after the taking of Buda, marched this way and again destroyed what they had in many Months, by the Hands of 8000 Men, been raising. In the year 1687, the Turks deserted the Town, which the Imperialists took possession of and held it, notwithstanding the Attack made in 1690. by an Army of 15000 Turks. The Town is large and populous, well furnished with Shops and Caravansera's or Inns (as Sir P. Rycaus tells us) for accommodation of the Armies and great num-ber of Travellers that pass through it. The Houses are of Wood, and the Streets instead of Paving, plank'd with Trees; which render'd it fo liable to Fire, as to be almost entirely burnt down by accident in 1685. when Count Lesley was there. The Fortifications are not very strong notwithstanding the Cost and Pains the Turks have bestow'd on 'em. In History 'tis noted that Magnentius the Usurper and Murderer of Constantine II. was defeated by Constantius in the year 359. and Lewis II. the young King of Hungary was routed by Solyman II. near this place. Effeck is distant 80 miles from Poffega to the North-East, and 60 from Belgrade to the North-West.

upon the River Walpo near its Mouth into the Danube, about 20 miles South from

Effeck. And

Ilock about 10 miles South-West from Walcowar and near the Banks of the Danube, have been both often mention'd in the History of the late

Peterwaradin, Acuminium aut Petro-Varadinum, feated on the Bank of the Danube 30 miles South-East from Esseck, in the County of ancient Sirmium, hath been famous during the late War. The Turks made it a Head Quarters after they had lost Buda, and kept a Bridge of Boats here over the Danube. It was often Taken and Reraken during the late War, and being dismantled in 1688, by the Imperialifts, and afterwards burnt by the Turks, it was re-fortify'd by the Emperor in 1691. and made a place of great Strength.

Salankament stands 15 miles East from Peterwaradin, which is a Town of no great Note except for the Battle fought near it in the Year, 1691. between Prince Louis of Baden and the Grand Visier, wherein the former obtain'd a very signal Vi-Ctory with the death of 25000 Turks, among which were the Grand Visier, the Serasquier, and many of the principal Officers; The Particulars whereof rhe Reader will find in Sir Paul Rycaut's late Hi-

story of that War.

Carlowitz, famous for the late Treaty of Peace in the Year 1699, between the Emperor and his Confederates on one Part, and the Grand Seignor on the other, stands near Salankament.

Semlyn in the Road to Relgrade, and on that account often mention'd, flands 12 miles East from Salankament, and about as far West from Bel-

Alt-Sirmium, Sirmium, or Sirmich, called Szwim by the Hungarians, the Capital of a County to which it gives Name, was heretofore the Metropolis of Panonia Inferior, afterwards the Seat of the Præfectus Prætorii Illyrii, and hath been honour'd with the Personal Residence of many Emperors,

burnt a great part of it; and in this late War, and on that account the Scene of many Actions Here Vetranio or Bertanio was proclaimed Emperor by the Illyrian Soldiers at the death of Constantine the Great, but was deferred and foon obliged to submit ro Constantius. In its Christian State it was the See of a Bishop, and honour'd with a Council wherein the Emperor Constantius was present, A.356. An Arian Synod was also held here soon after; and the City was confiderable till the Turks became Masters of it, who have so far alter'd its State, that modern Travellers tell us 'tis but a poor Village. It stands 25 miles South-West from Peter-waradin, 60 West from Belgrade, and not above 5 from the River Save.

From hence to Possega, along the Banks of the Save, being subject to the Turks, no considerable Town is feen, only Bredt a small Town on the Save 15 miles South from Possega, is remarkable for a Victory obtained over the Turks by Prince Lewis of Baden in 1688. Beyond Possega to the

West, stands

Gradifica or Gradisk, seated on the Banks of the Save, about 30 miles from Poffega, a strong fortified Town, taken by the Imperialists under the Duke of Croy in the year, 1691.

Virovitz or Wirobitiza a City guarded with a Castle, which was taken by Count Lesley in 1684. and thereby the Passage open'd to Esfeck; stands near the Drave 50 miles North-West from Pos-

sega.

Zagrab or Agram, seated near the River Save 100 miles West from Possega, and about 12 from the Frontiers of Carniola, is the Capital of a County, and the See of a Bishop; its divided by a small Rivulet into two Parts, one of which being nam'd Agram, has occasioned the whole Town to be sometime so called: It is adorn'd with a fair Cathedral; dedicated to St. Peter the fitst Christian King of Hungary, and strengthred with good Walls and other Fortifications, and is a populous City.

CROATIA and MORLACHIA.

This Country was part of the ancient Panonia Superior, according to Ortelius and Cluverius, or part of Illyricum according to the late Oxford Maps. And after the declining of the Roman Empire was over-run by the Northern Barbarians, and in time became a confiderable Kingdom: Which, according to Baudrand, extended from the River Drave to the Adriatick Sea, and was divided into three Parts, viz. 1. Croatia Savia or interamnensis, which lay between the Drave and the Save [the present Sclavonia]. 2. Crotia propria, or the present Croatia, lying between the Save and the Mountains Re-bius and Albius. The Third lay between those Mountains and the Adriatick Sea, which is the pre-fent Morlachia: And tho that Monarchy be long fince terminated, yet the Emperor of Germany still retains the Title of King of Croatia.

The present Boundaries of this Province are the River Save on the North, and Morlachia on the South, if Morlachia may be reckon'd a separate Country, and not rather a part of Creatia, as many Geographers do, and then the Adriatick Sea must be reckon'd the Southern Boundary. Bosnia lies on the East, and Carniola on the West; its utmost exrent may be reckon'd about 80 miles either way. It is a fruitful Soil, producing Wine and Oyl as well as all Necessaries for Life. The People are called

Creats,

Croats, and by the Germans Krabaten, are valiant. hardy, and good Soldiers, especially the Horsemen, who are so noted that they are Entertained in most of the Courts in Germany as the Princes Horse-Guards. The Foot, called Uskokes, are exceeding not above 25 miles in breadth. The chief Towns fwift, and run up the Mountains like Bucks.

The Chief Towns are,

Carlstadt. Sifeg. In Morlachia, Petrinia. Castanovitz. Welay. Fablowitz. (Wibitz, 3 Turkish. Ostrowina. Novigradt.

Carlstadt, seated on the River Marcsnitza near the Frontiers of Carniola, and 20 miles South from the River Drave, the Capital of the Imperial Croa-Austria, who first caus'd it to be Fortified, A. D. 1579. It is a strong Fortress, and always well furnished with a good Garrison and Stores, which is maintained by the Carniolans, to whom it is a Bulwark against the Turks.

Sifeg or Sifaken, mention'd by Pliny and Antoninus under the Name of Sisia, is seated on the Save 35 miles from Carlstade to the East. It was famous for the front Refistance it made against the Turks in 1593. when they besieged it and hoped to force a Passage this way into Germany; but the Inhabitants gallantly held out till some Dutch Regiments came up, and falling on the Turks totally defeated them with the Slaughter of 8000 of their Men.

Castanovitz is a strong Castle consisting of three Towers and a Wall according to the ancient manner of Fortification, near the River Wana or Unna, 34 miles from Gradifca to the West, and 40 from Carlstadt. It was taken from the Turks by Prince Lewis of Baden in 1688. Note, this River Unna is made the Boundary of the Turkish Dominion on this side, by the late Treaty of Peace. Accord-

Dubiza on the East-side the same River and near

the Save, is subject to the Turk; as also

Wibitz or Bighion, seated on the same River 40 miles S. from the Save, and near 50 South-E. from Carlstadt. It was formerly the Capital of Croatia till taken by the Turks in 1392. which was a mighty Loss; for this had been the Bulwark of Christendom for 150 years, and that Conquest open'd a Passage for the Turks to Sclavonia, which they soon after over-run.

MORLACHIA, which was the ancient Liburania, lies on the South of Croatia on the Banks

Segna or Zeng, seated on the Bay of Carnaro or Quarnaro, antiq. Flanaticum, over against the Islands Vegia and Arbe, is the Metropolis of Morlachia, and an Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of Spalato, diftant 45 miles from Carlftade to the S. and 50 from Wibitz to the W. It is well Fortified as well as naturally strong, having vast Woods and craggy Mountains on the Land-side, and but a bad Haven on the Sea. This Place, being about the year 1539, in the possession of the Count de Frangipani, was claimed by Solyman II. as a dependance on Hungary, a great part whereof he had then subdu'd. Which made the Emperor Ferdinand take it under his Protection, and for its better Defence entertain'd the Ufcokes, who practis'd Piracies upon the Coasts like our Bucaniers, sheltring themselves in the adjacent Rocks, Creeks and small Islands. These Rocks became powerful in time, and so much annoyed the Turks, that it occa-sion'd a new War in 1592, between them and the Austrian Family. However, the Town continu'd still a Receptacle for those fort of People. Father Paul in his History of the Uschochi, tells us that in 1613. Segna was inhabited by three forts of People, viz. the Casalini or Citizens, confisting in about 100 Families; the Stipendarii or listed Men being 200 under 4 Captains; and the Venturini, who were Renegado's out of Turky, Dalmatia, and Apulia; their whole number not amounting to above 2000, and yet they were wonderfully ferviceable to the House of Austria; which made Arch-Duke Ferdinand take their part against the Venetians, who had been provok'd by their many Piracies, and endeavour'd to Root them out; this occasion'd a War in 1615. wherein the Dutch taking part with the Venetians, the Arch-Duke was constrain'd the next Year to suppress this Nest of Pyrates, who were never heard of after.

Jabloniez, Ostrowina and Novigrade, ly 15, 20 and 25 miles East from Segna, but are not very

considerable.

The Islands lying on the Coast of Morlachia, being subject to the Venetians, have been already spoken of in our Account of the Dominions of that

Turkey in Europe.



HAT Part of Europe now Subject to the Turks, and by their Arbitrary Government, render'd in a great Measure depopulated, was formerly the most considerable of all this Continent, and hath been the Habitation of Nations that made the greatest Figure in Ancient History. The Valour, Wisdom, and Learning of the Ancient Grecians is known to all the World. Thrace, Massa, Dacia, Pannonia, and Illyricum, were for many Ages, the Seats of

considerable Nations, and their Actions often remember'd in History. And these Parts were by much the most Cultivated and Populous of all Europe. But as Wealth begets Luxury and Pride, and those breed Esseminacy and Animosties; These People lost their Primitive Virtue, and by Wars for Superiority, were in time so weaken'd, that they became a Prey, first to the Macedonians, and afterwards to the Romans; who made all these Countries Provinces of their Empire. But still

fo confiderable was this Country, that Constantine the Great removed his Seat into Thrace, and the Succession of that Monarchy continued here, after it was Terminated in Italy. But as the Numerous Swarms of Goths and other Northern Nations, had over-run Spain and Italy; So the Hunns, Goths, Selavi, &c. as much inselted the Eastern Empire in Europe, as the Sarazins did in Africa and Asia, insomuch that the latter Emperors had little more than the Title of that Dignity (their Dominions and Power being reduc'd to a small Compass) before the Turks attack dthem.

Mahomet, the great Prophet of the Turks, from whom the Origine of that Nation is deduc'd, came into the World foon after the Year of Christ, 600. He was by Profession a Merchant at Mecca in Arabia, Illiterate, but of a great Spirit and fubril Wir; and having acquir'd Wealth, fet himfelf to Work to obtain Reputation, by pretending himself a Prophet; which he was at first tempted to by Fits of the Falling-sickness that he was subject to. These Fits he pretended to be Trances that he was cast into by God Almighty, and in them instructed in his Will; and by the assistance of a Sergean Monk, he formed a Religion which consisted of Gentilism, Judaism, and Arian-Christianity blended together. For he Taught that Mofes was a Prophet fent by God, whom the Gentiles having not Receiv'd, nor the Jews Obeyed, he had fent Jesus Christ the Second and Greater Prophet; but his Doctrin being not duly Receiv'd, God had now sent his Last and greatest Prophet Mahomet. By owning Moses and Jesus Christ, he gained the Jews and Arians; who being at that time prosecuted by the Greek Emperors, fled in great Numbers to Arabia; and by his other Doctrins of Polygamy, and Promise of Sensual Delights after this Life, he gained all the Libertines of the Times. And that he might Erect an Earthly as well as Spiritual Power, he enjoyned all his Votaries to propagate their Faith; and to those that lost their Life in that Service, an especial Promise of suture Beatitude was These Doctrines pleased so well, that they spread far and near, and even in his own Lifetime Mahomet had the satisfaction to see his Religion Receiv'd, not only in Arabia, but also in Syria, Ægypt, and a great part of Persia. And under the Name of Sarazens they made mighty Conquests in Asia, and elsewhere. In time they became a People distinct from the Sarazens, and under their own Princes from Tangrolipix (who began to Reign about 1050.) Conquer'd Syria, Persia, &c. but were stopp'd in their Career by the Tartars and Mammalukes, who suppress'd the Turkish Power from about the Year 1200, to near 1300, at which time Ottoman, a Man of Great Spirit and Active Parts, tho' by his Birth-right a Prince of but small Dominions, acquired a mighty Monarchy; for he succeeded in the Throne of Persia, and by his Arms Conquer'd Nice in Bithynia, and then invaded Europe, where the unhappy Divisions at that time on Foot gave him opportunity of having too much Success. In short, his Successors pursued the Work; and the for some time they were in-terrupted by the Invasion of the Tartars upon them, they never rested till Constantinople, and soon after all Greece, and the Neighbouring Provinces

were subjected to them. That fatal Conquest happen'd A. D. 1453. Since which time Constantinople has always been the Seat of the Ottoman Empire. A particular Account of the Progress of their Arms would be too long to fet down here, but the Reader will be able to gather it up, out of the Accounts we have given in the Description of these Countries.

The Present Boundaries of TURKET in EUROPE, are the River Niester or Turla, and the Carpack Mountains, which divide it from Poland on the North; the Archiepelago, the Gulfi of Lepanto, and the Ionian Sea on the South; the Euxine or Black-Sea with the Thracian Besphorus, and the Proportis on the East; and Transsivania, Hungaria, Sclavonia, and Croatia on the West, comprehending in the whole these Countries, viz.

G R E E C E, which is subdivided into Five Countries, 2. Thessaly, viz.

1. Macedon,
2. Thessaly,
3. Achaia,
4. Epirus,
5. Albania.

To which must be added, (being always reckon'd part of Greece) tho' now not subject to the Turks.

6. The MOREA, or Peloponne fus.

The Provinces of ROMANIA,
BULGARIA,
SERVIA,
BOSNIA, and part of DALMATIA.

The Republick of RAGUSA, Tributary to The Provinces of \(\begin{array}{ll} WALACHIA, & Tributary to the Turks. & Allies of the Turks. & OCZAKOW, and CRIM-TARTARIES. & OW,

Islands on the Coasts of GREECE, Viz.

In the Ionian Sea,

Corfu,

Coffun,

St. Maura,

Zant,

Paehsu,

Colombos.

GREECE, Viz.

In the Mediterranean

Sea,

CANDIA,

Cirego,

Sapienza.

The Cyclades Inf. viz. Milo, Pario, Naxia. In the Ægean Sea. Morgo, Sdilles, Tono, L Andro. Termia, &c. Negropont, Agina, Colurs, In the Archipelago. & Sciro, Lemnos, Tasso, and many other smaller Iflands.

CHAP. II.

Of GREECE, hodie Rumelia.

REECE is judg'd to have been the part of makes 400 English miles; and its utmost breadth Europe first Inhabited, which its early flou-rishing State, together with its Neighbourhood to Afia, from whence we know all he Earth was Peopled, give very good Grounds to believe. Ancient History is full of the Actions of the many Nations that Inhabited these Parts; and the Learned World is still indebted to the many Wife Philosophers of this Country, whose Writings continue to be most instructive to Mankind. To lay nothing of its Celebrated Historians, Orators and Poets; the Wildom of its Lawgivers, the Valour of its Captains, and Morality of its Inhabitants are sufficiently known to every body that knows any thing of Antiqui y: In short, Greece was anciently the most Celebrated Region of the Universe, surpassing all others in Arms, Arts and Science. It was for many Ages divided into many small K ngdoms and States, till Philip King of Macedon, and Alexander his Son reduc'd it all to his Subjection This Kingdom was afterwards pull'd down by the Romans, and Greece made a Province of the Empire, as it continued (but mangled by the Goths and Huns) till the Turks over run it these are its present Masters, and have esfaced all its ancient and magnificent Monuments, as well as reduc'd the People to the most fervile Slavery, and gnorant Stupidity.

The ancient Name of this Country was Hellas, which the Latins chang'd into Gracia, and the Turks now call Rumelia. But it muss be remember'd that the ancient Hellas comprehended only that Province fince nam'd Achaia and by the Turks is call'd Livadia; but that Name is often extended and made to mean the whole Country; which is Seated between the 36 and 43 Degree of Latitude, and between the 37 and 45 Degree of Longitude: Bounded on the North by Remania, Bulgaria and Servia whence it is divided by a Chain of Mountains, whose Eastern part was call'd Scodrus by the Ancients; on the South the Morea is washed by the Mediterranean Sea; on the East the Archepelago; and on the West the Adriatick Sea, or Gulph of Venice bounds it. Extending in length, from the Mountains above mention'd in the North, to Cape Caglia in the Morea, in the South, 100 German Leagues, according to Cluverius, which

he reckons to be 89 German Leagues, i. e. 356 miles.

The AIR is exceeding Temperate and Healthy; and the SOIL very Fruitful, abounding in Corn, Wine, delicious Fruits, and great Herds of Cattle, together with Foul and Venison in great

CHRISTIAN RELIGION was planted in Greece, immediately after the Death of our Saviour by St. Paul and Timothy, and ir flourished there for many Ages with more Purity than in the Western Church; Producing many Champions for the Faith, and venerable Fathers, whose Writings convey to us the Discipline and Dodrin of the Church in its Native Purity: Of which Religion there hath been a continu'd Succession to this time; but since the Turks have been Masters, and made the People Slaves, its State is much declin'd.

The Ancient LANGUAGE of Greece is still known to us, being preferv'd in the Writings of Arisotle, Plato, Xenophon, Herodotus, Thucydides, Plutarch, Demosthenes, Æschincs, Isocrates, Hesiod, Homer, Sophocles, Aristophanes, and many other Philosophers. Historians, Orators and Poets; and has been deservedly esteem'd as well by the Romans in their mon flourishing State, as by all Europe ever fince; And to us Christians it is particularly Valuable, by being the Language of the Gospels and the rest of the New-Teltament, whereby we receive the means of Eternal Salvarion. The Greek was spoken in 5 different Dialects, viz. The Attick, the Dorick, the Æolick, the Ionick, and the Common Dialect; and was the most Manly, Haughty, Comprehensive, and yet most Sweet and Mellow, of any Language extant. But the Modern Greek is so far Chang'd by the mixture of Foreign Lan-guages, that the Genuine Stile is very little understood among the present Inhabitants.

Because this Country is very much mention'd in ancient History, and the Classick Authors; we shall set down its ancient Division, according to Cluverius and Laurenburger, before we proceed to its present State, viz.

Ancient Greece was Divided into Five Parts, viz. HELLAS, THESSALIA, MACEDONIA, EPIRUS, and PELOPONNESUS. were Sub-divided thus,

Locris Ozolæa, Hellas vel Gracia propria, ut & Achaia, was divided Megaris, into these Regions.

Phocis, Attica, Bœtia, Orchomenus, Locris Epicnemidia,

f Ætolia,

Doris,

The chief Cities, and places Teste Cluverius. Chalcis, Chalydon, Olenus, Naupactus, now Lepanto. Bojum, Cytinium, Pindus. Anticyra, Chyrrha, Pythia, Delphi, Parnassus. Megara, Eleusis. Marathon, ATHENS. Thespia, Lebadia, Cheronea, THEBA, Platax. Delium, Aulis, Leuctra, Ostium, Helicon. Cenemides, Opus, Elasia, Lilaa.

Thefalia

Theffalia	vel	Emonia,	
which is fometimes reckon'd			
part of Mac	edon.		

Macedonia, Amathia

antea dict.

1 nemary	proper,
Estiotis,	

Pelafgia,

Magnesia;

Phthiotis,

Daffarera,

Æmathia,

Mygdonia,

Chalcidica,

⊀ Amphaxitis,

Paraxia,

Bifaltæ,

Edonij,

Orbeli,

Sintici,

Pelagones,

Lyncistæ,

Jororum,

Almopum,

Æstræorum,

LEordeorum,

Ægea,

Pieria,

Hypaia, Sostenes, Cypera.

S Gomphi, Phostus, Tricca, Ætinium, Philippi, Pythaum, Atrax.

Folcus, Hermenium, Castanea, Melibaa, Methone, Thermopyla.

5 Phthia, Thebæ Theffal. Echinus, Laviffa, Demetrias, Pagafe, Tempe.

Taulantia, Æpidamnum vel Dyrrachium, Apollonia, Aulon. Ælymiota, Ælimaca, Bullis. Orestis,

Grytone. Lychnidos, Evia.

Pella.

Ædessa, Idomena, Scydra, Europus, Tyrissa. Pidna, Phylace, Dion.

Antigonia, Physica, Carrhabia, Leta, Terpilus. Antigone, Pellone, Cassandra, Torone.

Augea, Singus, Acanthus Thessalonica, Stagira. Euporda, Ossa, Callitera.

Amphipolis, Scotusa, Berga. Garifcus.

Heraclea, Paracopolis, Tristolus, Stobi.

Heraclea. Forum, Alorus.

Dodone.

Europas, Albanopolis, Apfalus. Aftraum.

Daulia, Dibolia, Scampis.

Moloffia, Dryopis, Chaonia,

Thesprotia, Epirus, qui & Albania, dict. Caffiopæa,

Dolopia, Almene, Amphilochia, Oricum, Antigonia, Panormus, Elaus-

Nicopolis.

Buthaum.

L Acranania,

Achaia, Propr. dict. Elis. Messenia, Arcadia,

Laconia, Argia,

Ambracia, Actium, Leucras, Stratos. Corinthus.

Amphilochia, Argos Amphil.

Olympia, Cyllene. Messene, Pylus. Tegea, Stimphalus, Mantinea, Megalopolis.

\$LAC \(\mathcal{E} \) D E MON vel Sparta, Leustrum,

Amycle.

Argos, Hippium, Nemea, Troezen, Epidaurus.

Peloponnejus hodie Morea.

GREECE in its present State may be thus divided.

Macedon, wherein these Cavalla.
Towns are of Note. Contessa.

Salonichi. Amphipoli. Siderocapfa. Philippi. Pella.

Strymon.

Stagyra.

[Scutari.

Durazza.

la Valond.

Ducagini.

Albanopoli.

Lychnidas

Aleffio.

Croya.

Epirus.

Preveza. Chimera. Larta. Butrinto. Perga. Actium.

[Larifa. Armiro. Volo. Pharfalus.

Theffaly, now Janna.

Scotufa. S Tricala. Demetriada. Fanna. Gomfi.

Zitton.

Hhh 2

Mount-Olympus. Achais

Albania now Arnaut.

Achaia now Livadia,

Lepanto.
Delphi or Cafiri.
Athens or Setines.
Maraton.
Thebes or Stives.
Aulis.
Megara.
Livallia.
Orchomene.
The Dardanels.
Helicon & Parnaflus.

MACEDON

Sometime called **Emathia*, from **Emathius* one of its Kings; and took its prefent Name from **Macedon*, the Grandson of **Deucalion*, as **Solinus*, or more particularly*, Son of **Jupiter* and **Thyie* the Daughter of **Deucalion*, as **Stephanus*; but by **Cluverius* rather thought to be deriv'd from **Mygdonia* a Province of this Country*. Was a considerable Kingdom founded by **Cevuannis*, and of above 400 years standing before **Philip* extended its Bounds*, and added **Thessay* with part of **Epirus* and **Albania* to it; but his Son **Alexander*, sirnam'd the Great*, raised it to the highest pitch of Grandeur; for he not only subdu'd all **Greece* and **Thrace*, but also conquer'd **Alia*, **Egypt* and **Lybia*, so that his **Empire* extended from the **Danube* to the **River* Indus*, and from the **Black* to the **Red Sea*.

The ancient Bounds of Macedonia propria, were Thrace and Mount Scardus on the North, which divided it from the Upper Masia and Illyricum; on the West the Adriatick Sea; on the South Epirus and Theffaly. Its ancient Division we have already set down; but when Paulus Emilius the Roman General had overcome Perseus the last Macedonian King (which happen'd A. M. 3782. U. C. 585. after the first erecting this Monarchy by Ceraumius, 645. and before Christ 168 years) and made this a Province of the Empire, it was divided into four Provinces or Regions, Teste Livio; The first, which border'd on Thrace was subdivided into four parts, Edonis, Odomantice, Bifaltia and Sintica, feated on the River Strymon. In the fecond Region were nine Parts, Orbelia, Almopia, part of Pæonia, Joria, Pelagonia, Mygdonia, Amphaxitis, Chalcidicia, and Praxia. In the third were six parts, Pieria, Bottica, Æmathia, Lyncestis, part of Pæoria, and Æstræis. In the fourth and last Region, which was the Western part, and lay on the Ionian or Adriatick Sea, were twelve or rather ten parts, Albania, Taulantia, Elymiotis, Eordetis, Dassareta, Parthyai, Deuriopus, Pelagonia, Stym-phalia and Orestis. Teste Luyes.

The present Macedon is bounded on the West by Albania, on the East by several Bays of the Archipelago, on the North by Romania and Bulgaria, on the South by Tbessay. It is Rich in divers Mines of Gold, abcunds with Corn, Pasture, Cattle, Venison, and in some parts Wine and Oil. Here are many Mountains and Rivers, but none very Large or Remarkable, except Mount Ashos, whereof we shall speak in its place. By the Turks, Macedon is divided into three Parts, viz. 1. Jamboli, which contains the first and second Region of the Romans. 2. Comenolitari, part of the third Region. And 3. Macedon, which is the greatest part of the third Region. The chief Cities are,

The salanica, commonly called Salonichi, heretofore the Capital of the second Region of Macedon, now the Metropolis of the whole, and the Seat of the Turkith Præfect, stands on the bottom of a Bay to which it gives Name, in the Latitude of 41. 20. Long. 43. 200 miles East from the Coast of the Adriarick Sea, 350 West from Constantinaple, 180 South from the Danube, and 100 North from the Isthmus of the Morea. The Ciry was anciently called Thermia, and the Bay Sinus Thermecus, and it was formerly adorn'd with many fumptuous publick Buildings, whereof only a Trium-phal Arch remains. St. Paul preach'd the Gospel and wrote two Epifiles to the People of this City; all which denote its ancient Splendor, and tho' by many Revolutions and the Turkish Government it be somewhat reduc'd, it is however still a very confiderable Place, being a celebrated Emporium and a large and populous City, inhabited by Christians and Jews as well as Turks; and bears the Title of a Metropolitan See. It is encompass'd with old Walls which are reckon'd to be four Leagues in circuit, and defended by a Citadel on a Hill o' one fide, and two Forts on t'other. The Christians have 30 Churches and 5 Convents; and the Jews 36 Synagogues, and two Colleges whereto their Youth refort from all Parts, to study: The Churches are stately, especially that of St. Mary, but the Turks have taken that as well as St. Demefor Mosques. There is a great Traffick here and the Haven much resorted to, for Silk, Leather, Iron, Cotton, Wax, Hony, Wool, Corn, &c. which is chiefly carried on by the Jews, who are numerous and wealthy. Salonichi was first built by Cassander and Thessalonica Daughter to King Philip and Sister to Alexander the Great. It was the Birth-place of Eustathius who wrote the Comment on Homer, of Constantius Hermenopolus, De-metrius Cydonius, and Theodorus Gaza. It always underwent the Fate of Macedon, and so was subject to the Greek Emperors, from whom it was fnatch'd in 1180. by William King of Sicily, but foon recover'd by Andronicus Paleologus, and fold to the Republick of Venice in 1313. from whom Sultan Amurath II. took it, and the Turks have

ever fince possess dit. Amphipolis, Tur. Emboli, sometime the Capital of Macedon, stands upon the River Strymon, which a little below falls into a Bay of the Archipelago, and gave Name to it; 60 miles from Salonichi to the North-East. It was hetetofore known by the Names of Urbs Martis, and Novem Vie, and is often mention'd in ancient History, for Arifagoras the Milesian slying from Darius, endeavour'd to settle here but was oppos'd by the Edonii; the Athenians planted a Colony here, which were cut off by the Thracians; afterwards Aginon the Son of Nicias repell'd the Edonii and planted a Colony It is an Archbishop's See and inhabited by some Christians, but it has now only its ancient Grandeur to Brag on.

Siderocapfa, Sidrus, Syderos & Scydra, Ptol. a fmall Town notable for its neighbouring Gold-Mines, which were discover'd in King Philip's time, and yielded him 1000 Talents every year; they are still wrought, and afford the Grand Seignor a considerable Revenue. It is a Bishop's See, and stands on the South-East of Salenichi near Mount Athos.

Philippi or Filippo, a City at the foot of Mount Pangeus, on the Confines of Thrace, 20 or 30 miles North from Amphipolis, is famous for the Battle fought in its neighbouring Fields, where Brutus and Cassius the Murderers of Casar were deseated by Marc Antony and Oslavius. Its ancient Splendor is testified by an Amphitheatre almost entire, and other Ruins of sumptuous Buildings. Christianity was planted there by St. Paul, and the People honour'd with an Epistle, which is part of our Canon of Scripture; 'tis still an Archbishop's See, but a place of small Habitation.

Contessa and Cavalla, seated on the Strymonian Bay (which runs between Thrace and Mount Athos) do both give Names to it, being by some called Golfo di Contessa, and by others de Cavalla. Strymon, which first gave Name to this Bay and the River on which it stands, is a little distant from Amphipolis. Stagyra, now Libanova, famous for the Birth of Ariftetle, stands on the West Shore of the

fame Bay.

Mount Athos often mention'd in Antiquity for its Heigth: Pomp. Mela tells us, That it rifes into the Clouds, above the lower Region of the Air: And Pliny fays, Its Evening Shadow reaches as far as the Island Lemnos. which is 60 miles distant : It stands on a Promontory jetting into the Sea, between the Gulph of Strymonium or Contessa, and the Sinus Singiticus or Golfo di Monte Santo, about 70 miles East from Saloniki: The Isthmus being 12 Stadia broad, Xerxes dug through, and from thence Athor is fometimes call'd an Island. It is now Nam'd Monte Santo, from 24 Monastries which stand upon it, mostly of the Order of Sr. Basil, these are so fully stock'd with Monks of the Greek Church, and are so well esteem'd, that the Patriarch of Constantinople, Elects all his Bishops out of them.

Pella 30 miles South-west from Theffalonica, and now call'd Zuchria, (and by others Jeniza or Janiza, tho' that be only a new Town of the Turks built near it) is judg'd to have been a Royal Seat of Philip and Alexander, which the Marbles and

Royal Buildings dayly dug up do Testifie.

ALBANIA hod. Arnaut,

Between Macedon and the most Eastern part of the Venetian Gulph, and near its Mouth, lyes Albania, by the Tunks call'd Arnaut: It is fometimes call'd Albania Proper, or Upper, to distinguish it from Epirus which is the Lower, and bounds it on the South, as the Mountains Maritas, or Argentaio, and Servia do on the North. It extends about 160 miles from North to South, and about 100 from East to West. The SOIL is Fruitful, producing Generous Wine, Flax, and Cotton, as also Wax in the Woods, and Salt dug out of the Mountains. The Inhabitants make Tapistry, which with the other Commodities they vend

This with Epirus, was the Country of the Famous Prince George Castriot, commoly call'd Scanderbeg, whose mighty Valour against the Turks is Celebrated in History: With a small Army, for many Years, he oppos'd the whole Turkish Power, and gain'd 22 Battles over them. At his Death he left his Country to the Venetians, but they were not able to maintain the Inland part of ir, which

was foon reduc'd by Mahomet II. whose Successors have held it for the last two Ages. The People are eminently Valiant, and their Horses exceeding Swift, so that their Cavalry are made use of by Turks. The chief Towns are

Scutari, Scodra, Turc. Iscodar the Metropolis, is seated on a Rock, near a Lake, whence Islues the River Boiana, 25 miles North from the Venetian Gulph, about 20 from ithe Frontiers of Dalmatia, and 70 from Ragufa to the East, 240 from Saleniki to the Welt, and about 40 from the Mountains to the South. Bandrand lays, It was the Seat of the ancient Kings of Illyrium: It is now a good large City, defended with a Castle seated on a Hill, and has been for these 200 years Subject to the Turks. But the Christians have however a Bishop here, and some Churches.

Ducagni, Ducaginum, flands on the East side of the River Drino, 29 miles from Scutari to the

East.

Aleffio, Liffus, stands on the fame River, 30 miles below Ducagni, near its Mouth into the Adriatick Sea, and forms a Bay now call'd the Gulph of Dring, anciently the Illyric Bay. It is by some reckon'd the Capital of Albania, and is particularly famous for the Sepulchre of Scanderbeg, who died here in 1467, and even the Turks have such veneration for him, that they carry away pieces of his Tomb for Relicks, aud esteem it as a Charm to animate their Courage in Battle. It is senced with a Castle, and is the Sear of a Bishop; but Subject to the

Dolcigno, Dulcinium, Olcinium, feu Ulcinium, is a safe Port Town, with a Castle, seated on the Gulph of Venice, 30 miles South-west from Scutari, and 40 West from Alessio.

Antivari, Antibarum, another Port Town feated on a Rock, 10 miles West from Dol-

they took it.

Croya, Croia, or Crua, by Brietius stil'd the Metropolis of Albania, is an impregnable and inaccessible Fort, seated on the River Lizane, 30 miles South from Alessio, and as many East from the Sea. By reason of its Strength it was chosen by Scanderbeg, for his place of Residence, and by him strongly desended against the frequent Attacks of the Turks; but a few after years his Death

Durazzo, Drazzi, the Dyrrhachium of the Remans, and Epidamnus more anciently. Is a noted Sea Port on the Gulph of Venice, at the Mouth of the River Argentaro, 20 miles South from the Gulph of Drino, and 40 South-west from Alessio: It is a large, and was formerly a very fair City; Memorable for the Exile of Cicero in it, and the Landing of Pompey (when he retir'd before Cxfar) from Brundusium in Italy, over against which it stands, and this was therefore the common Passage thither. In early times, viz. A. U. C. 315. this City was Besieg'd by a Company of Banditti or Corfairs, and the Citizens implor'd the affistance of the Corinthians, who were defeated by the Corfair, and these affisted by the Athenians, which gave occasion to the Corinthian War, and became at last the Leaven as it were of the great Pelepennessan War, so famous in the Greek History. Latterly it has been Subject to the Turks, fince the time of Bajazet II. who took it, but it is not much Inhabited by reason of the unwholsomness of the

Albanopoli, an Inland Town seated not far from the head of the River Drino, 70 miles East from Durazzo, and as many South East from Ducagni, was anciently the Capital of Albania, but now deftroy'd, and but a small Town.

Ocryda, Lychnidas, Turc. Guistandel, seated upon a Lake of the same Name, whence issues the River Drino, 25 miles South from Albanopoli,

and 80 South-east from Durazzo; an Archishop's See; but now Subject to the Turks.

La Valona, Aulen, Ptol. Aulon Navalis, stands on the Mouth of the Gulph of Venice, 40 miles from Durazzo, and 60 from the Gulph of Drinoto the South, and 80 from Ocrida to the West. It is a very capacious Porr, and was formerly a place of Strength, but the Turks took it from the Venetian, and held it till the late War, when in the year 1690, they deserted ir, upon the taking of Canina, by the Venetians, and the appearance of their Army before it.

Over against Valona, about 2 Leagues to Sea, stands the Rocky Island of Sascno, a deserted place, and frequented by none but Turkish

Pirates.

EPIRUS, or Canina.

On the South of Albania, along the Coast of the Ionian Sea, lies Epirus (call'd by some Albania Inferior, and by others Canina, which Name others restrain to the North-part of Epirus) having Thessaly on the North-east, and Achaia on the South-east. It is from South-East to North-west near 100 miles in Length, and about 60 in Breadth. It is divided from Albania by the Mountains Chimera, olim Montes Acroceraunii, or the Ceraunian Mountains, which by reason of their great heighth were often torn by Thunder; and from Thessaly by the Mountains Mezzuo, olim Mons Pindus, and from Achaia by the River Achelous, now Catochi. The Soil is good, and especially on Mount Chimera the Cattel are exceedingly Fatned.

This Country was Anciently Subject to it's own Princes; then was United to the Kingdom of Macedon, afterwards Subjected to the Romans, and by them very much Ravag'd by reason the Inhabitants often Revolted. Then again to it's own Princes, and now to the Turks, except some Places which the Venetians have Regain'd in the late

War.

In the Ancient Account of Albania, this comprehended the Provinces of Chaonia, Thesprotia, Almena, Dolopia, Amphilochia, and Acarninia. And in the middle of it in the Province of Thesprotia, stood the famous City Dodona, near which was the Temple and Grove of Jupiter, wherein were Trees that Answer'd, and Vocal Oaks, as the Poets Relate. The Chief Towns at present are,

Chimera, a very strong Town, Seated in the North part of Epirus on the Mouth of the Gulf of Venice, near the Confines of Albania, 80 miles from Durazzo to the South, and 20 from the Island Corfu to the North. It is a well-built City, and a Place of Trade, the Capital of a Territory of the same Name, and the See of a Bishop, but Subject to the Turks.

Butrinto, Buthrotum, five Buthrotus, a Port Town over-against the Island Corfu 35 miles S. E.

from Chimera, 100 from the Mountains to the South, and 60 from Larta to the North-east. It was formerly a confiderable, now but an ordi-nary Town inhabited chiefly by Fishermen by reason of the abundance of Fish in the Bay to which it gives Name. It is the See of a Bishop, but has been Subject to the Turks above 100 Years.

Perga, Torone, a Port-Town, with a Castle Subject to the Venetians, stands also over-against Corfu, 20 miles South from Butrinto; the Venetians gave the Inhabitants the Two Islands on the South of Corfu, call'd Pachsu, and Anti-Pachsu, wherein is very Fat Pasture.

Larta, or Ambrachia, Ambracia, and Arta. It grew up out of the Ruins of the Ancient City Ambrachia, sometime the Regal Seat of the Kings of Epirus; others make Ambrachia a different Place. It is Seated at the bottom of the Sinus Ambrochianus now Gulf of Larta, 20 miles from the Sea, 60 from Butrinto, and 140 from Durazzo to the South-east, 60 from Lepanto to the Northwest, and 200 from Saloniki to the South-west.

Preveza, Seated at the Mouth of the Gulf, 20 Miles West from Larta, and 40 South-east from the Island Corfu, stands in the place of the Ancient City Nicopolis. It was a place of Strength, and possess by the Turks till the Year 1684, when the Venetian General Morosini took it, and by the Treaty of Carlowitz it was agreed to be de-

molished.

Over-against it on the Mouth of the same Bay stands Adium, now Cape Figalo, Famous for the Naval Battel between Marc Antony and Augustus, formerly an Eminent City, wherein stood a Temple of Apollo, now an Ordinary Sea-Port and Promontory.

The Island CORFU, Corcyra, ut et Phaacia, lies in the Ionian Sea, over-against the Coast of Epirus, but a few Leagues from it, and 30 Leagues from the Coast of Italy, extending from South-east to North-west about 40 miles. It was Aneast to North-west about 40 miles. It was Anciently Inhabited by a sort of Corsairs, and the People are mention'd in History, particularly in the Corintian War above-mention'd. The Island is possess'd by the Venetians, to whom it has been Subject ever fince the Year 1382. and enjoys a most fertile Soil, producing Corn, Wine, Oyl, Honey, Flax, Salt, Medicinal Herbs, &c. It is divided into Four parts, and befides many Towns and Villages hath one good City.

Corfu, Seated on the Eastern Coast over-against Butrinto, and in the Latitude of 40 Degrees, it has a very Capacious Port, and is guarded by Two

THESSALT, Theffalia.

The Countrey next adjoyning to Epirus on the East between that and the Agean Sea, and Gulf of Salonichi, is Theffaly, anciently called Æmonia, and Pyrrhea. According to Briefius, a large part of it is now called Fanna, and the other part Comenolitari, Macedon bounds it on the North, and Achaia, or Livadia on the South. From both which it is divided by Mountains, and also from Epirus by Mont Pindus, so that it is surrounded with them except on the East, where it opens to the Sea-

It enjoys a Fertile Soil, and Healthy Air, and yields all forts of Grain and Delicious Fruits, such as Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Pomegranates, Grapes Olives, &c. The Ancient Inhabitants were Noted for their Courtefy, but accused of Gluttony and Sorcery. In the Tradition of those Times they were accounted the first that tamed Horses, and fet out Ships. Deucalion Reigned here cotemporary with Cecrops the first King of Athens, in whose time happen'd the Deluge (by the overflowing of the River Peneus) known by his Name, and mention'd in History. And to his Sons are Attributed the Honour of giving Name to many parts of Greece, as Hellen to Hellas; Doris to the Dorians, near Mount Parnassus. Xuthus his Third Son was Father to Acheus Founder of the Acheans, and Ion from whom the Ionians or Inhabitants of Attica.

The Modern Theffalians are for the most part Christians, but Subject to the Turk, remarkable for their Comeliness and Warlike Disposition. The Extent of Thessay is about 120 miles either way,

and the chief Towns in it are,

Larissa, Turc. Asababa, the Capital, is on the Banks of the River Peneus, about 40 miles above its Mouth into the Gulph of Saloniki, 80 from Saloniki to the South, 50 from the Island Negropont to the North-west, and 100 from Lepanto to the Northeast, and very near Mount Olympus. It is one of the most flourishing Cities of Greece; and hath been sometime honoured with the Grand Seignior's Refidence (especially during the War of Candia) who hath a Palace here in the upper-part of the Town. It is the See of an Archbithop, and Adorn'd with good Buildings, particularly a very fair Stone Bridge of Nine Arches over the River. This was the Birth-place of the famous Achilles. It was taken by the Bulgarians in 981. and by the Turks in the 15th Century.

Tricala stands upon the same River Peneus about 50 miles West from Larissa, and was formerly Notable for a Fine Temple Dedicated to Escu-

Janna, from which all this part of the Country is Named, is a good well-built City, Seated on a Lake of the same Name, 40 miles from Tricali, and as many North from Lepanto.

Scotusa, a small City, and the See of a Bishop,

is Seated 18 miles West from Larissa. In this place there was an Oracle of Old, not inferior to that of Dodona. And near it Q. Flaminius with the Roman Army obrained a Signal Victory over Philip

the Son of Demetrius. Pharsalus, Farsa, Famous for the Battel fought in irs Fields between Pompey and Cafar, wherein the former was intirely Defeated; whence Lucan's Poem of this Battel is Entituled Pharfalia; is Seated 30 miles South from Larissa, as many North from Zeiton, and is the See of an Archbishop. But we dare not determine this to be the Ancient Pharfalus, because Cluverius places that in Estiotis, and then it ought to lie more to the Westward, and Laurenburger in his Map places it in Pelasgia, 50 miles North from Larissa, whereas Sansen, and the Modern Maps place Farsa, as we have said in the mid-way between Larissa and Zeiton, and about 20 West from the Gulf of Armiso.

Demetriada, Demetrias, 50 miles South-east from Larissa, Seated upon the Gulf which is sometimes called by its Name, otherwise Named Sinus Pelafgicus, or Pegaficus from the City

Pagafa, now Volo, on the North-side of the same

Bay, 20 miles East from Demetriada, 50 East from Larissa, and 40 North from the Island Negropone. It hath a spacious Harbour, and was a strong Fortress after the Ancient manner, and in the late War made use of by the Turks for a Magazine for the Provisions they gather'd in the Neighbouring Provinces, till General Morofini took it, and found there a valt quantity of Victuals, and 27 Pieces of Canon; which having carried off, he fer Fire to the Magazines, Houses, and Mosques, and demolished the Walls.

Armiro, Eretria, at the bottom of the same Bay, and gives the present Name to it, being still in the Modern Maps Golfo del Armiro, Itands over-against Demetriada, 20 miles South from it, and 25 No:th from Negropont, is an Ancient place, being mention'd by Scrabo, Thucydides, Polybius, Scephanus, Livy, and others; and by fome reckon'd the Port whence the Argonauts set Sail; and that it was here that Xerxes Fleet was so forely shatter'd by Tempest, that Greece was deliver'd from his intended Invalion.

Zitton, or Zeitton, Thebæ Pthiotice, or Theffalice, Seated upon the Sinum Malicum, gives the Modern Name to that Bay which runs between into the Land of Theffaly over-against Negropone, being now called Golfo de Zeitton, it stands 30 miles from Armiro, and near 60 from the River Peneus to the South, and 30 from the Shoar of Negropont to the

Capo di san Georgia, Magnesia Promontorium, a Cape with a Sea-Town on the North of the Golfo del Armiro, 20 miles from it, and 30 East from Pegafa, and not far from the Mount Pelion.

Before we leave Theffaly, we must take notice of Mount Olympus so Famed in Antiquity for its heighth, the Top reaching above the middle Region of the Air, it stands on the North of Lariffa, and

is a continued Ridge for many miles.

Ossa, more to the South on the other fide the River Peneus, and Pelion somewhat more to the East are Two other Notable Mountains. And bebetween Olympus and Offa on the Banks of the River Peneus, lie the fruitful and pleasant Valleys of Tempe.

ACHAIA; HELLAS, sive Gracia Propria, hodie LIVADIA.

This Province, tho' the last in our Description. may be reckon'd the most considerable part of Greece, as comprehending the Famous Cities of Thebes, Athens, Delphi, Pythia, &c. also the Mountain Parnassus, Helicon, and other places most Eminent in Ancient History. And it is plain that it was Anciently esteemed the principal part, by its Name being Communicated to the Whole; and the Ancient Geographers by way of Excellence term this Gracia Propria. Its Name of Achaia feems to have been borrow'd from a small Province in Peloponesus so called. And the present, of Livadia, is most probably taken from the Town so called, of which we shall speak in its Place.

Achaia lies on the South of Thessaly, from which

it is divided by Mount Octa, now Lacha, having on the South, the Morea, divided from it by the Corinthicus Sinus, now Golfo di Lepanto, the Corinthian Ishmus, and the Mare Saronicum, now Golfo di Engia. On the West the Ionian Sea; on the N. W. by Epirus; and on the East the Egean Sca

and the Euripan Straight, which feparates it from Negropont, and is thence denominated Golfo de Negropont. It is a Pleasant and Fruitful Country, extending from East to West along the Sea-Coast about 220 miles, and from North and South about 50 miles.

It was divided, as we have shewn in our Table of Ancient Greece into Eight Parts: At present being Subject to the Turks who are not very polite; we cannot pretend to set down any Division; but the

Principal Towns are,

THEBES, Thebæ, Surnam'd Bæotica, being the Capital of that Province, and Ogygia, from Ogyges the King of Bæotia; also Heptapylos from its Seven Gates; at present by the Inhabitants called Thiva, and by others Stiva or Stives, as it is written in the common Maps. Stands on a rifing Ground near the River Afopo, 20 miles from the Gulph of Negropont to the South-west, 40 from the Ishmus of Corinth to the North-cast, and 150 miles from Lepanto to the East, in the Latitude of 38 Degrees, 22 Minutes. It was Anciently a very confiderable City, and with the Country about it one of the most powerful States of Greece. At present, as Sir Geo. Wheeler informs us, it is reduc'd to a small Town, and hardly Inhabited but in that place, which was the Castle of Cadmus; so that the extent of it may be near 3 miles in Circuit, the Inhabitants are not reckon'd above 3 or 4000, whereof the greatest part are Christians, they having several Churches, and an Archbishop whose Cathedral is Named Panagia Chrysophoritia, whereas the Turks have only Two Mosques. As to its Ancient State 'tis said to have been Built by Cadmus, who as the Poets Story, being sent by his Father Agener in quest of his Sister Europa carried away by Jupiter, after many fruitless Journies coming to Baotia, he was admonished by the Oracle to Build a City, to which he added a Fort which always after bore his Name. Many Stories are Related of Cadmus, that he Killed a Dragon, whose Teeth being Sowed in the Ground grew up Armed Men; that he was the Son of a King of Sidonia, whereas in Truth he was but the Son of a Cook; that he brought Letters into Greece. Some fay he had a large Posterity that Reigned after him; Others that he lived to see the end of his Family, and he with his Wife turned into Serpents: That Amphion expell'd him out of Thebes, and Built the Walls of it by the Harmony of his Lute. Thus far the Poets. Ancient History deduces the Princes of Thebes from Cadmus, and Name Amphion as the 5th Prince, who expell'd the Line of Cadmus, and Walled the City; his Son Lajus succeeded, and him Oedipus, whose Story is well known; his Sons Eteocles, and Polynices quarrelling, caused the samous Siege of Thebes. Cadmus is reckon'd to have been Cotemporary with Josuah, and the Theban Siege to have happen'd 37 years after that of Troy. King Philip of Macedon took the City, and put the Garison to the Sword; and afterwards Alexander quite destroy'd it, leaving no House standing but that of the Poet Pindar. Cassander, the Son of Antipater, and King of Macedon, Rebuilt it. Hercules, and the God Bacchus, as well as the Poet Pindar, are said to be Natives of this Place; as also the two great Captains Epaminondas and Pelopidas. But of all its ancient Grandure there now only remain some Vestigia of the Cadmean Fort, and some Inscripti-

ons that certify its former State. In the Suburbs is feen a mott clear Fountain, supposed to be the ancient Dirce. It must be noted that there were other Cities of the same Name, which are mention'd in History, as Thebes in Cilicia, which was Sack'd by the Greeks when they went against Troy. Thebes in Egypt, near Troy, the largest of that Name; it had 100 Gates, and gave Name to the Province Thebesis. Another in Ionia: Another in Theffaly, &c.

Aulis, a Sea Port, over against Negropont, about 20 miles East from Thebes, was famous for its Harbour; and was the Rendezvouz of the Grecian Fleet when they Sailed to the Siege of Troy.

Orcomone, Orchomenus, formerly celebrated for its Horfes, flands 30 miles Welt from Thebes, and near the Centre of the Country, a few miles North from the Lake of Thebes, anciently Copias Lacus. Here was a very rich Temple, Dedicated to the Graces, now a firong Castle.

Livadia, Libadia, Whence the Country is Nam'd,

Livadia, Libadia, Whence the Country is Nam'd, ftands on the Gulph of Lepanto, about 20 miles West from the Isthmus of Corinth. Here was anciently the Altar of Trophonius, celebrated for its Oracle. It is Inhabited chiefly by Greeks and Jems, who drive a Trade in Corn, &c.

Platæ, a City often mention'd in History, but especially on account of the notable Battle sought between Mardonius the Persian General, and Pausanias the Lacedemonian, wherein the vast Army of Persians were routed, and 40000 kill'd, by a handful of Greeks, which sinish'd the Ruin of Xerxes. It stands between Thebes and Athens.

ATHENS, Athena, by the Turks Athina, corruptly Saitina, Satinas and Setines, as it is written in the Modern Maps, is feated near the Sea, 40 miles from Thebes, and a little more from Negropont to the South, 40 miles East from the Isthmus of Corinth, and about the same distance West from Cape Raphæi, the utmost eastern Land of Achaia. It was anciently the Metropolis of Greece, as well as the Capital of Attica, and one of the most famous and Flourishing Cities of the Universe; whether you consider its Antiquity, Power, Grandeur of its Republick, Senate and Academy; or especially that it was a long time the Seat of the Muses, and the Nursery of all Arts and Siences, which made it Renown'd throughout all Nations. And we have Cicero's Testimony That the Athenians were perfect Masters of Politicks, Philosophy, and Husbandry: That they were the first Founders of Law and Equity: And that they Transmitted these Things to the rest of Mankind. It is at present the Capital of a Duchy, which before the Turks took it, was Subject to its own Dukes, and had the good Fortune to escape the Turkish Fury, better than the other Cities of Greece, being still a good large City, well Inhabited, and place of a pretty good Trade for Wine, Oil, Fish, &c. the Town standing but 2 miles from the Sea, call'd the Gulph of Engia, which opens to the Archipelago. It is water'd with the Rivers Ciphifus, and Iliffus, whence by Aqueducts under Grownd, the Water is convey'd into the City, to the publick Fountains, and private Houses. The SOIL round it is exceeding fruitful, and yields very rich Wines, incomparable Olives, as well as Corn, and Pasture in good plenty. And the AIR is so pure, that when the Plague rages all round it, Athens is Healthful. The City

is encompass'd on the North fide with the Mountain Parmus; on the North-east by that of Pentelicus, 6 miles off; and the Hills Coridalia now Daphni-bouni, on the North-west; and Hemattus or Teli-Bouni, on the South-east; and on the Sea fide flands the Citadel, a mile and a half in length, but it is not very ftrong. Near the Town stands a pointed Rock, now call'd from the Chappel on the Top, St. George's Mountain, which is probably the Anchesmus of Paulanies: The River ilissus flows round it by the Hill heretofore Nam'd Musaum, from the Poet Musaus, whence it falls into the Cipbifus, which passes through a Wood of Olive Trees, at least 6 miles long, now the greatest Wealth and Ornament of the Athenian plain. In the Town the Houses stand very close, and the Streets are narrow. The Haven, formerly known by the Name of Portus Phalereus, was formerly a very good one, but now much choak'd up with Sand. The Inhabitants are reckon'd about 10000, whereof three parts are always Christian Greeks, and no Jews are admitted. Christianity was in pretty good State here, when the Town was under the Turks, the Archbishop having then a Revenue of 4000 Dollars per Annum, and the Christians enjoyed no less than 200 Churches, in and about the City, besides several Convents. The Turks had 5 Mosques, whereof one is the ancient

Temple of Minerva. As to the Ancient State of Athens, we are told it was founded by Cecrops, who Nam'd the Town Cecropia, and Reign'd King there 50 years; this is suppos'd to have happen'd soon after the Deucalian Flood, 800 years before the building of Rome, and 1550 before the Birth of Christ; He Enacted many excellent Laws, Erected the Council Areopagus afterwards fo celebrated in the World, and added other Cities to his Kingdom; which daily encreas'd in Wealth Grandeur and Strength. In the time of Ericthonius the 4th King, the Name of the City was alter'd to Aginn, Athena, in Honour of Minerva, whom the Greeks call'd by that Name, and to whom the City was Dedicated. It continued a Monarchy for near 500 years, till Codrus by his fingular Magnanimity threw himself among the Enemies in Battle, that by his Death he might fave his Country; the Oracle having Predicted that the Party who lost their King should be Victors: After which the Athenians would not admit of a King, that no Man might enjoy the Honour that Codrus had had, whose Memory they so much Reverenced. They were afterwards Govern'd by Magistrates, call'd Archontes, under whom they most Valiantly defended their Liberties and Terrirories, against all Enemies, even the Persians with their numerous Armies under Darius and Xerxes. The Lacedomians were their constant Enemies, with whom they contended for the Soveraignty of Greece. The Spartans once took the City and fet 30 Tyrants over it, but they foon threw off that Yoak, and with the affiltance of the Thebans under Epaminondas entirely defeated them, and thereby extended their Dominion exceedingly. But at last growing into Luxury, they were Effeminated and became a Prey to the Macedonian Monarch. Under the Romans they were Protected, and enjoy'd Liberty; except when Sylla to Revenge their fiding with Mithridates, Plunder'd the City, and put the Inhabitants to the Sword. Among the Empeores, Constantine the Great was their peculiar Patron and Benefactor, Honouring their Government, with the Title of Arch-Duke: And Constantine II. gave them several Islands in the Archpelago. In the time of Arcadiur, they were miserably harafs'd and pillag'd by the Goths; and underwent divers Revolutions afterwards, till at last the City was taken by the Turks, in 1455, and remain'd Subject to them till the year 1687, when the Venetians, happily retook it after a short Siege. The Christian Religion was Planted here by St. Paul, as we are told in Sacred Scripture, and one of the Arcopagus, with other Persons of the fift Quality were his Converts.

of the first Quality were his Converts.

The present Vestigia shew the ancient Splendor of its Buildings. Sir George Wheeler, gives us an ample Account of those Monuments, too large to Infert here; having only Room to Name the ch'et of 'em; which are, The Aeropolis, a Fortress built on a Rock, on the West end of the Town, with inaccessible Precipices on every side but the Northwest where you mount by a steep Ascent to the Entrance. This is supposed to have been the first City, round which the Buildings encreas'd, this serv'd afterwards for a Castle, as it still does, but is now separate from the Town, the Houses about it being fallon down; toward the bottom of the Hill, are seen the Remains of ancient Walls, fuppos'd to be those built by Theseus, when he enlarged the City. The Temple of Minerus, the most Beautiful Piece of Antiquity, stands in the Citadel: The Theatre of Bacchus, on the South side of the Castle: The Magnisicent Pillars, Gate, and Aqueduct of the Emperor Adrian: The Stadium where the Publick Games call'd Panathenea were exercis'd, as also the Publick Races, Fighting of wild Beasts, &c. The Ruins of the Arcopagus: The Odeum, or Musick Theatre: The Temples of Theseus, Augustus, and Jupiter Olympus: The Tower of Andronicus Cyrrhastes, or Temple of the Eight Winds: The Phanari, or Lanthorn of Demesthenes: These are still to be seen, but the Academy where Plato Taught his Philosophy; The Portico where Zeno the Cynick held his Lectures; and the Lyccum, which was the College where the incomparabe Aristotle taught Philosophy; are all effac'd.

Marathon, still call'd Marathona, and Marafon, seared on the Gulph of Negropont, 40 miles North-east from Athens, and 60 South-east from Thebes, is now an ordinary Village, but formerly a considerable Town; memorable for the great Victory of the Athenians under Militiades, over the Persians; wherein 11000 of the former, beat 600000 of the latter, having kill'd no less than 100000 of them. It is also mention'd by Ovid, on account of Thesian, who drag'd a wild Bull through the Town and Sacrific'd it to Apollo at Delphos.

Megara, Lisea vel Lissa, Anciently the Seat of a Monarch, and afterwards a Republick, who were considerably enough to maintain Wars against the Athenians and others, and Plant a Colony in Sicily; was Honour'd with the Eirth of Euclid the great Mathematician, and gave Name to the Country round it; is now but a poor Village Seated about 10 miles from the Sea, 30 miles West from Athens, and 20 East from the Isthmus of Corinth. The old City Rood on two little Rocks, where some of its Footsteps remain, but at present it consists of about 3 or 400 forty Hutts rather than Houses, on one of those Rocks. The Turks had formerly a Veyvode here, but a

Party of the Pirates, that frequently infested these Coasts, carried him a way, which has frighted all from thence; so that none but Christians are

its Inhabitants.

Eleusis now call'd Lepsina, a Sea Town 20 miles West from Athens, tho' now a poor Village was formerly a considerable City, and some time even Vied with Athens. But it has been so often pillag'd by Pirates, that it is now in a manner destitute of Inhabitants. The starely Temple of Ceres made the City much resorted to, and the ruins of it do still invite Travilers to Visit it; where are visible marks of a most superb Structure, all of a very since white Marble adorn'd with excellent Carvings and Statues.

Delphi, Salona, now Castri, the Capital of Phocis, was anciently much Celebrared for its Temple and Oracle of Appollo, the Temple was a Magnificent Structure enrich'd with inumerable Gifts which render'd it exceeding Glorious: In it was a dark Cave where the Piestess Nam'd Pythia, and the Cave Pythium, fitting on a Tripos, or Stool with three Legs, receiv'd the Inspiration of the God, Swelling, Foaming, and Raving like one posses'd, or Distracted; the Answers were always Ambiguous, and fo Mysterious, that it was difficult to understand 'em; and yet it was plainer than others, for Hermeas the Philosopher says, that those that did not understand the Answers at Dodona, came hither for an Explication. The Town of Castri which sprung out of the ruins of Delphi consists only of about 200 Houses Inhabited most by Christians who have 5 or 6 Churches, and the Turks but 1 Mosque. It is surrounded with craggy Rocks. Delphi stands in the middle of Greece, and by ancient Greeks, call'd the Navel of the Eatth, the Poets telling that Jupiter let fly two Eagles, one from the East, and the other from the West, that he might discover the middle, and those Eagles met at this place. Near it stands the Famouns Mountain

Parnassus, Sacred to Apollo and the Muses, the high Cliffs of it appear in 2 points, which makes it to be call'd Bieeps Parnassus, and between em the Water salls down after Rain or Snow in great abundance, and hath almost worn them assundance, and hath almost worn them assundance, and hath almost worn them assundance, and put below the Clift rises a Spring with a very plentiful Source of Water, which is undoubtedly the ancient Cassals, wherein the Pythian Prophetes and the Poets that pretended to Inspiration us'd to Bath themselves, and Drink of its Waters: It has Marble Steps at its descent, and Niches for Statues cut into the Rock: This Stream running down a steep Precipice, salls into the River Pleistos, and separates Mount Cirphis from Parnassus, whence it runs by Crissa, and falls into the Bay of Salona.

Not far from Parnassus, but more Eastward, and reckon'd in the Limits of Bactia, stands Helicon, the other Mountain Consecrated to

Apollo

Lepanto, Naupacius aut Naupacium, now call'd Epactos by the Greeks, and Einebachri by the Turks, is the chief City on the Gulph whereto it hath lately communicated its Name, tho' formerly it was denominated of Corinth. It stands near the Straight of the Dardanels, 40 miles from Delphi,

80 from the Corinthian Isthmus, and 120 from Athens to the West, 120 from the Island Corfu to the South-east, and not above 8 Leagues from the opposite Shoar of the Morea to the North. It is built on the fide of a high Hill, rifing up from the Shoar, in 4 several Stages, between every one of which is a Wall, and at the bottom lies the Port, of Oval form, whose Mouth is so narrow that a Chain may be drawn Cross it, and it is defended by a small Castle on each side, with Cannon; this Harbor is lin'd with Walls, which appear of ancient Structure; but the Port cannot admit large Ships, because the Mouth is shallow: Neither are the Christian Ships of bulk permitted to come up to the Cassle, but stay at Patras on the Peloponessian Shoar. It is a place of Trade for Turky Leather, Oil, Tobacco, Rice, Barly, &c. And on each side of the Town, under the Mountain (which is probably the ancient Corax) fruitsul Vallies are ftretch'd out toward the Sea; that westward is planted with Olive Trees, Vineyards and Corn; and the other fide is divided into Gardens of Oranges, Citrons and Lemons; it is also water'd with many fresh Streams, that iffue from the Mountain, and shadow'd with Plain Trees: The Wine here is the best in Greece. This is the Account Sir George Wheeler gives us of this Place, which must needs be very Pleasant, and would undoubtedly be well Inhabited, if the Turks did not treat the Christians ill, infomuch that the Archishop is oblig'd to live at Arta. The Emperor Manuel Palæo-logus, gave this City to the Venetians, in the year 1408. who Fortifi'd it, and made it so Strong, that in 1475. it was able to Refist Mahomet the Great, who Befieg'd it with an Army of 30000 Men. But Bajazet II. in 1498, partly by the Power of 150000 Men, and partly by Corrupting the Governor, took it. In the late War Anno 1697, the Venetians retook it, after a few hours Battery; having just before disheartn'd the Turks, by the taking of Petras, the Dardanels, and other places. But by the Treaty of Carlowitz in 1699, the Venetians are oblig'd to quit Lepanto, and demolish the Castle call'd Romelia.

Not far from hence happen'd a most memorable Sea Fight between the Christians and Turks, on the 2d. of Octob. 157t. Wherein the Venetian Fleet consisting of 210 Gallies, 6 Galeasses, and 28 great Transport Ships, obtain'd a most signal Victory over the Turkish Fleet consisting of 200 Gallies, and 70 Frigats, whereof 130 Gallies were taken, many more burnt and sunk, 30000 of their Men kill'd, and near 20000 Christian Slaves set at Liberty; with the loss of only 8000 Men, on the

Christian side.

A few Leagues to the West of Lepanto, and 20 Leagues East from the Island Cefalonia, is the Straight of the Gulph of Lepanto, guarded by two Castles. The two Promontories that make the Straight were anciently Nam'd Rhium and Anti-Rheum, the former on the Peloponesian side now nam'd the Castle of Morea or Parras, and the latter on the Achaian Shoar now call'd Capa Molicreo, and the Castle Romelia. These Castles are strong and well provided with Cannon; and are Nam'd the Dardanels of Lepando, in allusion to those of the Helispont.

CHAP. III.

Of PELOPONNESUS, or the MOREA.

N the South of Achaia, lies the Peninsula of the Morea, joyn'd to the Continent by the small Ishmus denominated from Corinth, because that City stands upon it; but otherwife surrounded by the Sea. On the North the Gulph of Lepanto and Engia, flow between it and Achaia; the Gulph of Patras between it and Cefalonia, on the North-west; the Ionian Sea on the South-west; the Mer de Sapienza, and the Sea of Candia on the South; and the Agean Sea on the East. It lies between 36 and 38 Degrees of Latitude, and between 40 and 44 Degrees of Longitude: Comprehending about 150 miles in breadth.

This Country hath been known by different Names in several Ages: It was at first call'd Argos, with the addition of Achaicum, to distinguish from Argos Pelasgicum or Thessaly. Afterwards Ægialia, from Ægialus a King of the Sicyonians: Then Apia, from Apis the third King of Argos: And at length Peloponnefus, from Pelops, the Son of Tantalus, who brought a Colony hither, out of Phrygia, and Reigned there for some time. The Modern Name of Morea, is said to have been derived from Morus, a Mulberry Tree, call'd in Greek Mogéa, either because the form of it resembles the form of that Leaf, or because those Trees grow plentifully here. Others make it deriv'd from Romea by a change of the Letters. And again, others fay,

the Moors gave it the Name.

This Peninsula is the most Noble of Europe, whether we consider the Courage and Virtue of its ancient Inhabitants, the Splendor of their Cities, and Power of their States; or the fertility of its SOIL, which produces plenty of Corn, Wine, Oil, most delicious Fruits, and all that can contribute to the Delight as well as Necessaries of The Mountains, fill'd with Game and Medicinal Plants, were Celebrated by the ancient Poets; the most Remarkable are, Mount Cyllene in Arcadia, on which Maia brought forth Mercury. 2. Manalus, Consecrated to the God Pan, so call'd from Menalus, the Son of Lycaon. 3. Minthe now Oline. 4. Nenacris, where the River Styx takes its rife. 5. Taigolus, &c.

The Principal Rivers are, 1. Carbon or Orfea, anciently call'd Alpheus, and fam'd for its Virtue

in taking away Spots and Blemishes in the Skin:

The Poets attribute a miraculous Course to this River, through the Ionian Sea, till it intermixeth with the Fountain Arethusa, in Sicily, because it is often swallow'd up in the Earth, and rises again with greater Force; but it really rises in the Mountain Stymphalus, runs through Arcadia and receives the Rivers Celadon and Amarinthe, with 140 other Rivulets, and falls into the Gulph of Castel di Tornese. 2. Eurotas or Valali Patamos, which rifes in Arcadia, runs through Laconia, and falls into the Gulph of Pastel Rampani. 3. Planizza, formerly call'd Inachus, and Haliacmon. 4. Pamissus or Spirnazza, that falls into the Gulph of Coron, near Calamata. 5. Styx, whose Waters are deadly, through their excessive Coldness, which gave occasion to the Poets to fain it to be one of the Rivers of Hell.

The Inhabitants are efteem'd Ingenious and Warlike, imitating their Ancestors, who maintain'd a War against the Athenians for 27 years, which is the Subject of the excellent Histories of Thu-cydides and Xenophon. Paufanias reckons but three Nations here, viz. the Achaians, Arcadians, and Dorians: But according to Ptolomy, It was anciently divided into eight Parts, tho Cluverius reckons but fix, as we have shewn in our Table (the other two, Corinthia and Sicyonia, being by him included in Achaia propria) wherein were comprehended many Powerful States, as, the Lacedemonians, Corinthians, Sicyonians, Argives, Arcadians, &c. whose Actions are notably Remembred in History. After many Revolutions the whole Country became subject to the Emperor Manuel Comnenus about the year 1150, who divided it at his Death among his seven Sons; these Princes were call'd Despotes, and tho appointed by, and subordinate to the Emperor, were in a manner Absolute at Home, and the Emperor feldom putting by the next of kin, it was also Hereditary. Demetrius and Thomas the Brothers of Constantine Palæologus, were the last of these, for in their time the Turkish Sultan Mahomet II. took ir, and beat out the Venetians, that were then upon it, fince when they always held it and maintain'd a Sangiack at Modon till in the late War, the Venetians under General Morofini Re-conquer'd it, and by the Treaty at Carlowit 7, the whole Morea is entitely telign'd by the Turks, to the Venetians.

It is now usually distinguish'd into Four Parts, viz.

- I. The Duchy of Clarenza, bounded on the North by the Gulph of Lepanto, on the East by Saccania, on the West by the Gulph of Patras, and on the South by Zaconia and Belvedere. Containing the old Districts of Achaia proper, and Sicyonia. The most Remarkable Towns Chiarenza.
- II. Belvedere, extended between the River Carbon or Orfea, which parts it from Chiarenza on the North, the Sea of Sapienza on the South, Zactionia on the East, and the lonian Sea on the West. It contains the ancient Massenia and Elis. The chief Towns are

III. Zachonia, or Braccio di Mana, the largest of the four, comprehend Missira, or Lacedemen. ing the ancient Arcadia and Laconia, and is fituated between Chiavenza on the North, Sacconia on the East, Belvedere on the West, and the Sea of Sapienza on the South.

Zarnata. Chielefa. & Megalopolis or Leontari. Colochina.

IV. Saccania, or Romania Minor; Comprehending the ancient Argia, Sicyonia and Corinthia. It is Seated between the Gulph of Engia on the North, and that of Napoli on the South, Chiarenza on the West, Argos. and the Ægan Sea on the East.

Patras, Patrie, call'd Badra and Balubathra by the Turks, is Seated on a Hill near the Sea, at a little distance from the Mountain formerly Nam'd Cerynea, not above 10 miles from the Mouth of the Gulph of Lepanto to the South, near 20 Leagues from the Coasts of the Island Cefalonia to the East, and 90 miles from the Ithmus of Corinth to the West. It was Founded (according to Paufanias) by one Eumelus, who was instructed in the Arts of Husbandry and Atchitecture, by Triptolemus, and call'd the Place Arva, afterwards when the Ionians were expell'd the Peloponesian Achaia, another Benefactor Nam'd Patreus, very much Enlarg'd it, fo as to swallow up the old Arva, and gave it his Name. It is commonly writen in the Maps Paleo Patra, or sometimes Patraso. It was ruin'd some time after, in the Wars between the Ætolians and the Gauls, and was in ill State, till the time of Augustus Casar, who having made use of its Harbour for his Navy, took notice of the Town, and conferr'd many Priviledges on the Inhabitants he Invited to it from the Neighbouring Towns, calling it Colonia Augusta Arva Patrensis. It is a confiderable City, very Populous, especially of Jews; a place of good Trade, and the See of an Archbishop. It is desended by a strong Castle built on the Highest point of the Hills, from whence there is an easie descent every way, to a fruitful Valley, well Planted with Oranges, Lemons, and Citrons, much esteemed for their most delicious Taste: In these Gardens, besides a great number of tall Cedars, there is a famous Cyprels Tree, perhaps the oldest and biggeft in the World, being 18 foot round, and the Branches shooting out 20 foot an end. In ancient times the Goddess Diana was Worship'd here, in most cruel manner, for a Beautiful young Man and Maid were Annually Sacrific'd to her; till by the Preaching of St. Andrew, Eurypilus was Converted to Christianity, and that horrid Super-fition laid aside. But afterwards that Apostle suffer'd Martyrdom here, being Crucifi'd by order of Agaus the Proconsul of the Province. The Christian Religion however was so well Planted by him, that it continu'd to Flourish, and the Archbishop in the primitive Ages, was Honour'd with the lecond place in the Councils; and ar prefent hath a Thousand Churches under his Jurisdiction. In the time of the Despotes of the Morea, it injoy'd the Title of a Duchy, and was Sold by the last of those Princes, to the State of Venice, in the year 1408. From whom the Turks took it, in 1463. The Venetians under the Famous And. Dorias, Recover'd it in 1533. but lost it again the next year, and the Turks continu'd Masters of it till the late War. When in the year 1687, it was raken by the Venetian General Morofini, and is now Subject to the State.

This City gives Name to the Gulph or Sea that flows between the Coasts of the Morea, and the Island Cefalonia.

Clarenza or Chiarenza, which gives Name to the Duchy, stands upon the Gulf of Patras, 25 miles South from that City. This is Suppos'd to be the ancient Cyllene, and was sometime of great Note, the Capital of the Duchy, and under its own Princes; it was also a place of Trade, having then a Commodious Haven, but is now choak'd with Sand: And the condition of the Town is fo far alter'd, that there remains hardly any Foorsteps of its former Grandcur. P. Mela honours this place with the Birth of Mercury, tho' others impute it to a Hill in Arcadia call'd Cyllene, and thence is he call'd Cyllenius. The Town of Cyllene was anciently the Sea Port of the City Elis, and a Commodious Harbour for Ships, that come from Sicily. But some are of opinion that not Chiavenza, but Antravida, stands in the place of the ancient Cyllene.

Caminitza a little Town upon the River Evenus, about 12 miles South from Patras, is thought to be the ancient Olenus, which Strabo and Ptolomy call a Town of Achaia in the Peloponnesus, built by Olenus the Son of Vulcan. It was an Episcopal

See, under the Archbishop of Patras.

Modon, anciently call'd Methone, now Maitune or Mutum by the Turks, is feated on the Southern Shoar of the Morea, near the Cape, over against the small Island of Sapienza, about 140 miles South from Papras. It hath a fair Commodious Haven, and is a Strong, Rich and Trading City. Dignified with a Bishop's See, and was the Place of Residence of the Turkish Sangiack, or Governor of the Moren. This was one of the 7 Cities which Agamemnon promis'd to Achilles, and was at that time possess'd by Menelaus King of Lacedemon. In the Actian War with Anthony, Agrippa at his first Landing made himself Master of this place, and took in it Bochus King of Mauritania, whom he Slew. It fustain'd much damage in the time of the Emperor Trajan, by the Inroads of the Iyllyrians; but that Prince to make amends Granted it many Priviledges which were confirm'd by Constantine the Great. The Venctions took it in 1124, but were outed the next year by the Greek Emperor. In 1204, they got it again, but lost it for some time to the Genoese Pirates, whose Captain Leo Veteran being taken, the Town was again recover'd, and held till 1498. when Bajazer II. Besieg'd it with an Army of 150000. Men, whose Power forc'd a Surrender, tho' it was long Defended. In 1659, the Venetians took it again, but the Turks recover'd it in the end of the Candian War. And finally, In the late War, the Venetians retook it, and now enjoy it.

Coron, Corona, one of the most Important

Places in the Morea, is Seated about 20 miles East from the Cape de Gallo, which is the Acritas Pro-montorium of Ptolomy, on the welt fide of a Gulph to which it now gives Name, but formerly call'd

Sinus Messeniacus, on the Southern Shoar of the Morea, about 25 miles East from Modon. It was anciently a Colony of the Thebans, call'd Pedasus by the Poets, Epea by Paufanias, and Corona by Syrabo and Pliny, from a Brass Coronet found in digging its Foundation. The Town lies on a Tongue of Land, advancing into the Sea, the Land fide being Guarded by a large Tower, built by the Venetians in 1463, and the two Angles to the Sea surrounded with an old Wall, and flank'd with ftrong Towers. It hath no immediate Port, but the Gulph which bears its Name, is a safe Harbour. The Country about affords good store of Fruits, Grain, Oil and Silks, which the Inhabitants Vend abroad, to their great Advantage. This Town also was Subject to the Venetians taken by Leo Veteran, in 1204. as well as Modon, and recover'd with that soon after. And with that also was lost to Bajazet II. in 1498. The Spaniards under Andr. Doria, Charles V's. Admiral took it, in 1532. but foon lost it. And it remain'd under the Turks, till General Morofini in the year 1685 reduc'd it, notwithstanding the obstinate defence of the Besieg'd, and the Succors that came to their relief.

Mosseniga, 10 miles North from Coron, is the

ancient Messene.

Calamata tho' an unwall'd Town, had a Castle of good Force, which was surpris'd, and burnt, by General Morosini, in 1659. And again in the late War Anno 1685, the same General retook it, and caus'd it to be entirely demolish'd. It stands on the Confluence of the River Aris, with the Camiffus, not above to miles from the bottom of the Gulph of Coron, about 20 miles from that City to the North, and 35 from Modon to the North-east, and is a place indifferently well Inha-

bited.

Navarino, Navarinum, aut Pylus Meffeniaca, one of the most ancient Towns in the Morea, is seated on the West side of the same Promontory of Land, that Modon and Coron stands on, 13 miles North from the former, and 28 miles West from the latter. It is divided into the Old Town and the New, the former is feated on a Rock that advances out into the Sea, which is Naturally very strong, and besides well Fortifi'd: The latter stands on the side of a Hill, and is defended by strong Walls, and a Citadel with 6 Bastions, built by the Turks, in 1572. At the Bottom whereof, lies the Haven, the best and most capacious of all the Morea, and its Entrance Commanded by the Cannon of the Old Town: and therefore it was chosen by Sultan Ibrahim, for the Rendezvous of his Fleet, defign'd for Candia in 1644. The Turks were Masters of this Place, from the year 1498. till 1686, when General Morofini, with a Fleet of 200 Ships, foon forc'd the Old Town to surrender, but the New Town made a resolute Desence, in hopes of Relief, till they heard of the Deseat of the Serasquier, by General Coningsmark, which made 'em then furrender.

Castle Tornese, call'd Clemontzi by the Turks, is a small Town near the Cape of Tornese, which shoots out into the Sea, on the West side of the Morea, between the Gulph of Arcadia, and that of Patras, and is distant 30 miles from Chiarenza to the South, 50 from Navarino to the North-west, and about 3 miles from the Sea Coasts. It was formerly Nam'd Chelonates, and stands on an Eminence that overlooks a pleasant Country. General Morosini took this place, after the taking of

Patras, in 1687.

Belvedere, the Elis of the Ancients, gave Name to this Duchy, and is a large Town, feated on the River Peneus, 15 miles from the Ionian Sea to the Eaft, about 10 from Castle Tornese to the North, as many from Chiarenza, and 40 from Patras to the South. Formerly famous for producing excellent Horses, and had its Name Callescepium of the Greeks, and Belvedere of the Iealians, from its pleasant Situation.

Cyparissa, sen Cyparissa, now Acadia, sometime a City, and good Port, but now in decay; stands 20 miles North from Navarino, and gives its modern Name to a large Gulph now, as its ancient one did formerly, being then called Sinus

Langanico, the ancient Olympia, vel Olympia Pifa is feated on the River Alpheus, not far from its mouth into the Gulph of Arcadia, 25 miles from; that Town, and near 50 from Navarino to the North, and 55 from Patras to the South. It was anciently known throughout the World, for the famous Games instituted by Hercules, and Celebrated every fifth year, in its neighbouring Fields, wherein the bravest Youths of Greece, contended for the Prize, and esteem'd the obtaining it, the greatest Honour in the World. Hence came the Computation of Time by Olympiads, well known to Historians. It is now but a small Town, and not at all confiderable.

Missira, or Missira, the ancient LACEDE-MON, or SPARTA; or rather a City about miles from the Ruins of that, as Sir George Wheeler tells us; stands in the South-east part of the Morea, on the River Eurotas, 30 miles North from its Mouth, into the Gulph Colochina, or Sinus Laconicus, 100 miles Southfrom Corineh, 60 Northeast from Coron, 40 South-west from Napoli di Romania, and 40 from Malvasia to the West. The City was first call'd Lelegia from Lelex its first King, who was Cotemporary with Cecrops the first King of A-thens, afterwards Lacedemon from the Name of his Successor, and Sparta from his Daughter or Wife, so Nam'd; or according to others, from Spartus the Son of Phoroneus King of Argos, whom they make its Founder. Its Antiquity was very great, so that a true Account of its Foundation is not extant; but 'tis judg'd to have been built in the Time of the Patriarch Jacob, and near 1000 years before the Building of Rome. We are Inform'd by Polybius that it was of a round form, extending 48 Greek Stadia or Furlongs, that is to fay, 6 English miles in compass. There never was any City that surpass'd it for Military Glory, as having had the greatest share in those Noble Atchievments, that made the Grecian Name fo Illustrious; for they contended with Athens for Mastery, and Subdu'd almost all Greece. Their Law-giver Lycurgus, was famous for Wisdom, and left them such Rules for Government, that the Lacedemonians were as eminent for Politicks, as the Athenians were for Learning. They were Govern'd for many Ages by 2 Kings, at the same time under the Inspection of the 28 Gerontes or Senators, and afterwards of Five Magistrates, call'd Ephori. The last of the Kings was Cleamenes, who destroy'd the Power of the Ephori, and was himself Conquer'd by Antigonus Doson King of Macedon, and the City, and State, made part of that Monar-This happen'd about 230 years before Christ, and about 1300 years after the Foundation of the

City. The Ruins of this City which Testify its ancient Mangificence are still to be seen, at Misitra, which is an Epifcopal City of fome Magnitude, consisting of four different Parts, viz. The Town, the Castle, and the two large Suburbs, one of which is call'd Mesichorion or the Middleborough, and the other Hexochorion or the Outerborough. The Castle, City, and Mesocho ion, lie on one fide the River Eurotas now call'd Vaseli-potamos; and the Hexochorion on the other fide of the River. The Castle or Citadel, now call'd To Castrum, advantagiously seated on the top of Monnt Tayge-tus, is surrounded with good Walls, and by some is affirm'd to be fo strong, as never to have been taken by open Force: Within it formerly stood the Temples of Diana Lipatharia, and Minerva Panachaiada, besides the Monument of Euripylus Son of Euemon, who was present at the taking of Troy. The Town lies at the Foot of the Castle, which Covers it towards the North; it confifts of 2 spa-cious Streets, and several small cross ones; the old Market place, call'd Agora by the Greeks, is beautifi'd with a curious Fountain, and hath a Church near it, built out, of the ruins of Minerva's Temple: Here are also the remains of 4 Marble Buildings, which are the most considerable Antiquities of Missera, viz. The Persian Gallery, or Portico, built in Memory of the Victory over the Persians at Placta; The Temple of Helena; The Temple of Hercules; And the Temple of Venus Armata. In the Town stands also the Cathedral Church call'd Panagia, or All-Holy, It is a fine Building, having Marble Pillars to Suport the Roof, which has 7 Domes, and the Pavement is a curious piece of Mosaick Work; The Bishop's Palace; The Monastery of the Pandanessis, whose Church exceeds the Cathedral, for beauty the not so large. In the Mesochorion or Middle-Suburb, is another Church call'd also Panagia, that is far more Sumptuous, than the two already Nam'd: And there also stood the Turks finest Mosque, for the Building of which they made use of the Ruins of Lacedemon, and thereby undoubtedly destroy'd many notable Antiquities. Without the Walls are still to be seen the Dromas where the Spartan Youth perform'd their Racing, Wreftling and other Sports; and the Platon or Grove of Plan Trees, the shade whereof is very refreshing and delightful. The Grecian Emperors made this City an Appennage, of one of their Sons with the Title of Despot or Lord of Sparta; in which it remain'd till it was taken by the Turkish Sultan Mahomet II. soon after the taking of Constantinople about the year 1460. Three years after the Italians storm'd it, but could not Conquer the Citadel, and so rais'd the Siege. And again in 1473. the Venetians took the Town, but not the Castle, and it remain'd Subject to the Turks, till the year 1687. when General Morisini, having Conquer'd the greatest part of the Morea, oblig'd both Town and Castle to Surrender.

Malvasia or Napoli di Malvasia, heretofore known by the Name of Epidaurus, and afterwards Monambasia, is seated on a Rock in the Sea, on the Eastern Coast of the Morea near the Mouth of the Gulph of Napoli di Romania, near 60 miles from that City to the South-east, about 40 from Misura to the East, and about 30 from the Island Cerigo to the North. It is joyn'd to the Continent by a fair Timber Bridge, and is a place of notable Strength, being inaccessible but on one side, and desended by a triple Wall. It has a convenient

Harbour defended by the Fortress, which is of great advantage to the Inhabitants for their Traffick. Tho it stands on a Rock it is supply'd with good Springs of fresh Water, sufficient for the use of the Town, and Gardens about it, which are very fruitful, and produce excellent Fruits, especially the Grapes whereof the Wine we call Malmey is made. The City, tho it be a small one, is dignisi'd with a Metropolitan See, and has a Suburb enclos'd with a firong Rampart besides the Citadel. Tis said to owe its Foundation to a Colony of Argos, and was frequented on account of the Temple of Æsculapius; but Baudrand gives away this Honour to another Town; calling this Epidaurus Limera, in Laconia; and diftinguishes it from another Epidaurus in Argia, now call'd Pigadia, according to Niger, and Esculapio, according to Pinetus; wherein stood that samous Temple which gave occasion to the Poets to call Esculapius the Epidaurian Deity. Buno in his Notes on Cluverius, says the same, and places it in A gia. Epi-daurus was also the old Name of Ragusi Vecchio, in Dalmatia. The the Fortress of Malvasia seem almost impregnable, it was taken by the French and Venetians, from the Greck Emperor, and retaken by the Venetians, who held it till 1 573. when they deliver'd it to Sultan Solyman, to purchase a Peace. In the Candian War, the Venetians Storm'd and Burnt it, but the Turks re-built and held it till the late War. In the year 1689, the Doge Morisini Attack'd it, but being call'd home, he left the place Block'd up, which continu'd from the 14th of September, to the 10th of August following, when they Surrender'd, and was the last place in the Morea, that held out.

Zanata, a Fortreis of confiderable Strength, stands on the West side of Zaccnia, 30 miles South-west from Mistra, and but a few miles from the Sea call'd the Gulph of Coron. It is seated on a Hill, and defended by Towers, and other Fortifications. But was however taken by the Venetians, in the year 1685. In the very sight of the Captain Bassa who durst not attempt its

Relief.

Chielefa, a strong Town of a mile in Compass, seated on a Rock, at the distance of 20 miles from Zarnata to the South-cast, and about 15 from Cape Matapan to the North, but 2 miles from the Sea, and near the place where stood the ancient Vitule, a Trading City of good note, which gave Name to the Port, formerly well frequented, but now neither Commodious nor Safe. Chielefa is chiefly valu'd for its Strength, being surrounded with Walls, and slank'd with Towers, and the Rock on which it stands is very steep and craggy. General Morosimi took it in 1685, and the Turks endeavouring to regain it next year, were Ronted, and lost all their Artillery and Baggage.

Cape Matapan is the most Southern point of

Land in the Morea.

Colochina in the midway between that Cape, and Missira, and 30 miles East from Zarnata, is only notable for giving Name to a Bay, anciently Nam'd Laconicus Sinus.

Cape Malio, Malea Promone. is the most Eastern point of the Morea, and 25 miles South from Malvasia. Overagainst it on the South, lies the Island

Cithera, now Cerigo.

Megalopolis, the ancient Metropolis of Arcadia, and the Birth-place of the Historian Polybius, is now a small City, but Episcopal, Nam'd Leontari;

it is seated at the foot of a mountain, on the River Alpheus, 40 miles North-west from Lacedemon, 75 from Corinth to the South; in the the Center of the Morea, and in the North Limits of the Duchy

of Zaconia.

Napoli di Romania, the Capital of the Duchy of Seccania or Romania minor, was anciently Nam'd Nauplia, from Nauplius the Son of Neptune, and is call'd Anaplia by the Modern Greeks; it is a frong and fair City, seated at the bottom of a Gulph of the Ægean Sea, to which it gives the Modern Name, but anciently call'd Argolicus Sinus. It stands on the top of a small Promontory or Cape, which is divided into two Parts, one fide whereof shoots forth into the Sea, making a fafe and spacious Harbour, and the other toward the Land, renders the passage to the Town almost Inaccessible, being only thro' a narrow stony way between the Mountain Palamida and the Sea Shoar. The Haven is Spacious enough to receive a large Fleet, but yet so straight in its Entrance, that only one Gally can pass at a time. Besides this Natural Strength, there is a strong Citadel, about 100 yards from the City, and in the whole this is one of the strongest Places in all the Morea, and longer resisted the Turks. It is the Capital City of the Morea, with respect to Government, and the See of an Archbishop. And reckon'd to contain above 60000 Greeks, besides many other Inhabitants. It is feated, as we have faid, near the bottom of the Gulph, about 60 miles North from Missira, and 30 South from Corinth. This City had been Subject to divers Masters, before it was Sold to the Venetians in the year 1383, who bravely defended it against the Attacks of Mahomet II. in 1460. and Solyman II. in 1537. but were oblig'd to resign it two years after to procure a Peace. And it was the Seat of a Turkish Sangiack, till the Venetians recover'd it again in the year 1686, when General Coning smark Besieg'd the Town, and Morisini defeated the Serasquier, on the 29th of August, which oblig'd the Garison to Capitulate.

Argos or Argo, aut Argos Peloponnesiacum, was heretofore the Metropolis of the Dominions of King Agamemnon, and the Country of Argia. It is seated on the River Planizza or Inachus, now Najo, 30 miles North from Napoli di Romania, and 40 South from Corinth. It was anciently a very stately magnificent City, and the Capital of a Kingdom, for feveral Ages, till Perfeus remov'd the Regal Seat to Mycene, afterwards it was a Commonwealth, and had a share in all the Wars of Greece. But it is now reduc'd to a very low Estate, consisting only of Paltry Houses, except the Citadeland the Bishop's Palace, for it is an Episcopal See. This City was Purchas'd by the Venetians in 1388. from whom it was taken by Mahomet II. in 1463. but recover'd by General Morofini in 1686. But we must note, that besides this, there were other Cities in Greece of the same Name, viz. Argos Amphilochium in Epirus, Argos Pelasgicum in Thessaly, and Argos Hippium in Achaia, fam'd for its excel-

lent Horses.

CORINTH, now commonly call'd Corintho, and Coranto, and by the Turks Gereme, was anciently call'd Ephyra. It stands about the middle of the Ithmus between the Gulph of Lepanto, and Angia, about 2 miles from the former, and 5 from the other, 85 from Patras to the East, 54 from Athens to the Southwest, 25 from Argos, and 85

from Missiera to the North. Whether Sisphus, the Son of Aeolus, built it, about the year of the World 2616. or a Wrestler, call'd Aleees, or by neither is uncertain, but it was anciently the Capital City of Achaia, and the Glory and Ornament of Greece. Its Situation between the Ionian and Ægean Seas, render it Beautiful, Strong, and Rich. It was a Place of great Trade, and in Power and Command, Inferior only to Athens and Lacedemon. The Athenians and Coregress were fensible of its Naval Force, and it gave rife to the Peloponesian War. Dionysius the Sicilian Tyrant, being Banish'd his own Country, came here and set up a School. Its commodious Situaton between the Sea-ports of Lecheus and Cenchrea, the former of which in the Sinus Corinthiacus or Gulph of Lepanto, the other in the Sinus Saraconicus, or Gulph of Angia, contributed mightily to its Richnels; for Leehus lay to the West of it, and prov'd a most convenient and safe Port for the Ships which came from Italy and Sicily; the other, Cenchrea, lay towards the East, and receiv'd the Ships that came from Asia. But as Trade brought Wealth, so that brought in Lewdness and Luxury, Infolence and Contempt of their Neigbours; having the boldness to put Indignities even upon the Roman Ambassadors; which, with the Apprehensions which Rome had of its growing Power, was the Reason why A. Luc. Mummius, was fent to burn it; The Corinthian Brass is said to owe its beginning to the burning of this City; being a mixture of a great many Statues and Images of Gold, Silver, and Brass, which were melted down in that Conflagration; tho' others maintain that the Corinthian Brass or Metal was well known before this happen'd. Whoredom was fo much practis'd, and Whores in fuch esteem in this Place, that they not only put all marks of Honour and Respect upon them, but offer'd up Publick Prayers to Venus for their Preservation and Encrease. Julius Cefar in great measure Rebuilt and Peopl'd this City a new, by sending a Colony of Veteran Soldiers to it. It is defended by a Castle, known formerly by the Name of Acto-Corinthus, standing on a very high Rock, which is a perfect Precipice all round, except on the South side, where it slopes a little more. The the South side, where it slopes a little more. ancient Despotes, or Lords of it, gave it to the Vene-tians, who kept Possession of it till Mahomet II. took it from them, together with the adjacent Country; but they recover'd it from the Turks, in the year 1687. It is now no better than a good Country Town: Nor must we judge of the number of its Inhabitants from its Compass, the Houses not being contiguous; but standing in 10, 20, or sometimes more together, with a good space between each of these parcels, commonly so large as to be a good Cornfield.

The Ishmus of Corinth being but 6 miles over, was often attempted to be cut, viz. by Demerius, Julis Cafar, Caligula, Nero, and by one Herodes Atticus a private Man. There was a Wall built cross from Lecheus to Cenebres call'd Hexamilion, because it was 6 miles long; which stood till the time of the Turks, and was by them twice thrown down, the Venetians having rebuiltit. The Ionians of old Erected a Pillar here, upon the side whereof that look'd to Attica, was written Ta' N' 250 for the hordon of the Attica, was written Ta' N' 250 for the hordon of the Hold of the theory of the hordon of the hor

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Isthmian Games) in Honour of Phalamon the Son of Athamos King of Thebes, and his Mother Ino who leapt into the Sea with her Son in her Arms to avoid her Husband's Fury, who had in a mad Fit kill'd his other Son, and as the Poets Fable, they were received by Neptune into the Number of the Divinities of his Train. Others fay they were Instituted by Theseus in Honour of Neptune, See Potter's Antiq. Greece. The Ruins of the Thearre, Stadium, Temple of Neptune, Sec. are still to

be feen.

Sicyon, now Bafilica, or Vafilica, the Capital of Sicyonia, an ancient Kingdom, which was also call'd Ionia, and Agialia, according to Strabo; and Demerriat, by Plutarch: Stands on the River Asopus, about 20 miles South-west from Corinth, and not above 5 miles from the Sea, or Gulph of Lepanto. It is often mention'd by the Poets, being noted for the fine Oil's growing in its Neighbourhood, also for Marble, Statuary and Painting.

It was the Country of the Poet Aratus. At prefent tis but a Poor Town, and has only the Ruins to demonstrate its ancient Splendor,

Nemea a Village with a Grove, anciently famous for the Games there Celebrated in Honour of Hercules, who flew the Lyon whose Skin he afterwards wore, in this Wood. Or, according to others, in Honour of Archemorus, slain by a Serpent. It is now call'd Tristina, and slands about 30 miles South from Corinth.

Mycene, now Nam'd Charia, or Agios Adrianse, from a Castle built there by the Emperor Adrian; once the Capital of a Kingdom, remov'd from Argos by Perseus, and continu'd 200 years. This City was built by Lacedemon, the Son of Semele, and was in its time very considerable, but now tis no more than an ordinary Village, seated about 10 miles North from Argos, and 35 South from Covints.

CHAP. IV.

Of the ISLANDS on the Coasts of GREECE, &c.

AVING. Travell'd through the Continent of Greece, we come now to the Islands that the round about its Coatts, whereof there are a vast Number in these Seas, but many of them are so small that they are hardly worth mentioning. Those that deserve particular notice, such as Candia, Negropont, &c. we give as ample Account as is necessary, and if we pass over the rest with only Naming em, and their Situation, and a general Character, we hope it will not displease the Reader. Beginning then at the lonian Sea, on the Coast of Epirus, we meet with Corfu, and the two Pachsu, whereof we have already spoken in our Account of Epirus. The next is

St. Maura, Leucadia, Neritia, on the Coast of Achaia, a pleasant, fruitful Place, with Vines in abundance. It was first Inhabited by a Colony of Corinthians, now subject to the Venetians. On the North-east Point stands the Town of St. Maur, which gives the Modern Name to the Island, and is not above a League distant from the Coasts of Achaia.

The Echniades, or Curzolari, are a Cluster of Islands that Iye on the East of St. Maura, and at the Mouth of River Achelous. Whereof the chief is Colombo. Dulichium, near the Shoar of Achaia, subject to the Turks. The rest are very small.

Cephalogna or Cefalonia, Cephalenia qua & Samos, an Island of good extent being 120 miles in Circuit, and a Fertil Soil, producing Wool, Wax, Hony, Silk, Wine and Oil; Seated between St. Maura on the North, and Zant on the South, and about 20 Leagues West from the Mouth of the Gulph of Lepanto. It is subject to the Venetian, and hath 2 chief Towns, viz. Cefalonia an Episcopal See; and Argostoli a very good Port on the Southern Shoar.

Zant, Zacynthus, about 4 Leagues South from Cefalonia, and above 7 or 8 Welt from the Coast of the Morea; is not of half the extent of Cefalonia, but is very Fruitful, affording Wine, and Oil, befides Currants in great plenty, Subject to the Venetians. The chief Town of the same name is large and populous, surrounded with a Wall, hath large Suburbs, and a very capacious Port, where the English have a Factory. There are also many other Towns, (some say 50) upon this Island.

The Strophades, or Strivali, are 2 fmall Islands on the South of Zant, producing Wine, and Oil: But subject to the Turks.

Sapienza, Sephagia, Oenussa, on the South of the Morea, over against Cape de Gallo; gives Name to the Sea that flows about it. But otherwise not considerable, being almost deserted by reason of the Incursions of the Pirates,

CANDIA, olim CRETA, the largest and most Celebrated Island on the Coasts of Greece, was formerly known by divers Names, as Hecarompolis, Aeria, Curetis, Marcaros, Marcaronefos, &c. And was in times past a considerable Kingdom. It took its Name from Crete a Nymph, the Daughter of Hesperin, or as others from Cretus its King. It is seated in Latitude between 34 and 35 Degrees, being not above 60 miles in breadth, but from East to West, it extends from 42 Degrees 30 Min. to 47 Degrees, being in length from Cape Salomon in the East, to Cape Cornico in the West, (according to Cluverius, 70 German Leagues, i. e.) 280 English miles. It lyes South-east of the Morea, and is the Land that Includes the Sea call'd the Archipelago.

Archipelago.
Its Soil is most Fruitful, producing Corn, Wine, the best Oil, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, and other delicious Fruits, Salt, Pleafant Pastures, Cypress, Laurel, Myrtle, and other curious ever-

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greens. The AIR also is Healthy and Temperate, except the South Wind, which is sometimes too Robust. Here are no Stags, Wolves, Foxes, or other Wild Beasts; but the Spider Tarantula is very troublesom, his Sting being Mottal unless Musick be appli'd to the Patient. Nor are here any large Rivers, only Brooks that Water the Meads. The most notable Mountain is Psiloriti or Mount Ida, mention'd in Antiquity for the Corybantes or Idai-Dallyli, the Priests of Cybele, that took care to Nourish Jupicer, in his Infancy, and continually beat their Drums lest Saturn should hear the Child cry

The INHABITANTS were always Infamous for their Vice and Piracy, but withal, The Invention of Navigation, The Use of Arrows, The Art of War; and Recording their Laws, is Attributed to them. Teste Cluverio. They were very early Govern'd by Kings; and afterwards by Dukes, till Q. Metellus Conquer'd, and made the Island a Province of the Roman Empire, and it continu'd under the Emperors of Constantinople

till about the year 823. when the Sarazens furpriz'd and took it, and built the City Candia, which in time gave Name to the whole Island. The Emperor Nicephorus Phocas retook it; and Baldwin Earl of Flanders and Emperor, gave it to Boniface Marquels of Monferrat who Sold it to the Venetians for a great Sum of Mony. They held it for above 400 years, till Anno 1645. the Turks fell upon this Island, took Canea, and lat down before Candia, which was fo well defended being affifted by divers Nations, that it held out 24 years, but was at last taken in 1669, and has since with the whole Island been subject to the Turks.

The Island was anciently notable for its Hundred Cities, whence it was call'd Hecatompolis. Whereof the most considerable (according to Cluverius,) were, Cortyna the Capital of the Island, Codon which the Greeks call'd the Mother of Cities, Gnossus the Regal Seat of Minos, Therapna, Dium, Lyceus , Lycastus , Phastus , Manethusa , Diana. Under the Venetians it was divided into 4 Teritories, denominated from the 4 chief Cities, viz.

The Territory of Setia, which is the most Eastern Part; where- Boniporto. in are these chief Towns,

Lasthi. Cinosa.

In the Territory of Candia, which lies on the West of Setia, are Scandia.

Espinalonga.

The Territory of Retimo, lies next to that of Candia on the West & Retimo.

The Territory of Canea is the most Western Part, and contains Sfachia.

Garabufa. Caftle Selino.

Candia aut Matium, the Capital of the Island, is seated on the Northern Coast in the middle of the Isle, in respect to East and West. On a Plain, at the Foot of a Mountain, and hath a Commodious Harbour. It is a very large City, divided into the Old Town, and the New, and was a Metropolitan See (now the Seat of the Turkish Sangiack) Strongly Fortified by the Venetians, with a Castle and other Bulwarks, and an Arfenal well furnish'd with Military Stores, which enabl'd it to hold out that memorable Siege of 24 years continuance. For the Turks fat down before it in the year 1645, but were beaten off with great lofs, yet not so but that they continu'd it Block'd up, till 1667, and then the Siege was renew'd with great Vigour, and the Town taken Sept. 27.1669. Thus the Famous and Fruitful Isle of Candia, the Cause, and Occasion of all that Blood and Treasure, that was spilt, and expenses the september of the second of th that Blood and Treasure that was spilt, and exhausted in 24 years War, fell at length to the Fortune and Increase of the Turkish Empire, being the most Impregnable Fortress of the World, firengthen'd with as much Art and Industry, as the Human Wit of this Age was capable to invent. After a strait Siege of 2 years, 3 months, the 27 days, allotted for the Surrender, being expired on the 27 of Sept. 1669. being Friday, the great Cross Erected on the Wall, wastaken down, after Midnight; and about 9 that Morning, the Principal Citizens offer'd the Keys of the City to the Grand

Visier, in a Bason of Silver, on the Breach of St. Andrea. The Turkish Army took Possession that day, and the Grand Visier, made his Entry on the 4th. of Ollober. Four Parts of five of the City was Ruin'd and Demolifi'd, during the Siege. All the Bells and Ornaments of the Churches and Houses, to the very Locks of the Doors, were carri'd away; the Arms remaining, were old and rusty, and not above 350 Pieces of Cannon left upon the Walls, and those for the most part bur very small. The Inhabitants (as Sir Paul Ricaur goes on) remaining were only 5, except some few decrepit Jews and Greeks, about 30 in Number, so that never could be a more sad Spectacle of Desolation, nor a more clear Mirrour of the Miseries of War.

During this Siege, on the Venetians fide were kill'd and wounded 30985. of the Turks 180754-The Storms which the Turks made upon the Town, were 56. The Combats under Ground 45. Sallies made by the Venetians 96. Mines Sprung by the Venetians 1173. By the Turks 472. Barrels of Powder spent by the Venetians 50317. Granadoes of Brass and Iron 100960. Granadoes of Glass 84875. Canon-shot of all forts 276743. Pounds of Lead 18044957. Pounds of Match 13012500. It is not certain what quantitie of Ammunition the Turks spent, only the Brass taken up in the Streets, which came from the Enemies Bombs, was so much, that whole Ware-houses were fill'd Kkk

with the Metal, and was worth many thousand Crowns. In the year 1692, the Venetians at-rempted to Besiege Candia; but were repuls'd

Goreina, formerly one of the chief Cities of Crete, now a large Village, Nam'd Gurtina, stands on the River Letheus 20 miles east from Mount Ida, and near as far from the Southern Shoar. Abour 20 miles East of this Town, towards Gnoffus, flood the Labyrineh the Srupendious Work of Dedalus, and the Seat of the Minotaur, some Ruins whereof are still seen.

Spina longa, a Castle, on a good Port, in the Northern Shoar, 50 miles East from Candia.

Setia or Sittia, Cyteum, the least of the four Principal Ciries, frands on a very good Haven, in the North Coast, 70 miles East from Can-

Gnoffus formerly the Regal Seat of Minos, now a Village, call'd Cinosa, stands about 30 miles West

Gerapetra or Hierapetra, Sacra Petra, a Town with a Castle, on the South Coast, 20 miles Southwest from Scria, whence the Neighbouring Promontory takes its Name.

In the extream East part of the Island are the 2 Capes Sidero and Salomon, near which was the

Portus Pulcher now Boniporto.

Retimo, Rhitymna, Rethymnum, the Capital of at Territory, stands on the Northern Coast, 50 miles West from Candia. Ir hath a Castle on a Rock, and a reasonable good Port.

The Mountain Ida, now Pfiloriti, mention'd above, flands in the Limits of this Territory.

Canea the ancient Cydon, call'd the Mother of Cities, a strong City of Quadrangular Form, with a Port, on the North Coatt, 100 miles West

Sfachia olim Leuci Montes, a Castle on the

Southern Shoar over against Canea.

Castle Selino, Lissus, on the same Shoar 30 miles

West from Sfachia.

Cape Crio, Criumetopon, The South west Point of the Island, over against which, lies the Island Claudes now Goza.

On the North-west of Candia, near the Coast of Laconia, lies the Island Cythera, now Cerigo, subject to the Venetians, with a Castle on the West side, and a safe Port.

The Cyclades, or Islands of the Archipelago,

So call'd from the Circular Form they lye in, are situated between Candia on the South, and Negropont on the North. The Number of them is various. Isidorus makes 'em 50. These rhat follow are of chief Note, and are all subject to the Turks, but Tenos, which the Venetians

Millo, call'd Zephyria by Aristotle, Mimallis by Callymachus, and Melos by Serabo, about 20 Leagues North from Candia, an excellent Port, but chiefly frequented by Pirates: It is about 40 miles in Circuir, and the whole Country is Mountainous, except a Pleasant and Fertile Plain, 6 or 7 miles long, in the midst of which stands the Ciry of Millo, con-

taining(according to the Sieur du Mont's Description) about 20 narrow Streets. The Inhabitants are generally Greeks, but there are also 300 or 400 Souls of the Latin Church, who have their Bishop and Cathedral. The Venetians maintain a Pedeftas in the Island, to gather the Tribute; but there is no Garison kepr in ir, so that the first well attended Corfair that comes is King of it, so long as he pleases to reside in it. The Women are so accustom d to the Converse of the Pirats, that they are generally very liberal of their Favours, but not quite so frank as their Neighbours of Argentiere, (anciently call'd Cimolus) which is another little Island about 20 miles in Compass, containing only a little Town, and Village, both Inhabited by about 500 Women; for there is not a Man in the Island except 7 or 8 Papa's, who perform Divine Service. These Women have no Trade to mainrain 'em, but live purely on the Work of Nature; so that all the Marchants and Corfairs who come to the Island, chuse a Female Companion, either Fair or Brown, according to every Man's particular Fancy. The Children are left to the disposal of the Women; the Girls grow up, and Work to mantain their Mothers: but as foon as the Boys are 12 years old, they are put on Board the first Vessel that touches on the Island. Milo is surrounded by many smaller Islands, particularly Argentera, above mention'd so call'd from a Mine of Silver.

Siffano, olim Siphnus, a few Leagues on the North of Milo, hath a good Town of the same Name, and several Villages, it is about 40 miles in compass, (according to Baudrand) and belong'd formerly to the Family of Gozadini in Venice ; but the Turks have been Masters of it ever fince the year 1450. It was anciently famous for its Gold and Silver Mines. Its principal Town is Nam'd Schinufa, and stands on a high Hill. The Inhabitants are divided in matter of Religion, some following the Greek, and some the Romish way of Worship.

Paros, Paris, or Pario, a few Leagues to the East of Siffano, hath a good Town of the same Name, and a Commodious Haven; Famous for its good Wine, and excellent Marble.

Naxus now Nicsia, lies on the East of Paros, divided by a Channel of 2 or 3 Leagues Broad, hath a Town of the same Name, and some Commodious Havens. It has been noted for its plenty of good Wine, and excellent Marble.

Amorgo or Morgo, on the South-east of Naxus, hath a Castle, and some Villages.

Delos, or S. Deli, or Sdilles, 10 Leagues North from Naxus, formerly noted by the Poets, for the reception of Latona, who is faid to have been deliver'd there of Apollo, and Diana: Here was a Temple of Apollo richly Endow'd.

Mycone on the East side very near Delos, Populous, and Fruitful, but the Inhabitants are Pirats tho' Christians.

Tenos, now Tine or Titte, on the West side of Delos, subject to the Venetians, is a high Rock of Marble, but in some parts Fertil. It has 2 Porrs.

and a Castle with a Town of the same, seated on a high Rock on the West-side.

Rhena, now Suda, and Seladussa, on the Southwest of Delos.

Andros, or Andrus, olim Cauros, of near 30 miles extent, but Mountainous. The chief Town of the same Name stands on a Rock on a Bay in the South-Coast, and in the middle of the Island. Here are also Two other good Towns; Dium on the West-Coast, and Hydrussa on another Bay in the South-Coast from Andros.

Zea, Cythnus, Ophiusa Dryopis, 8 or 9 Leagues South from Andros, and West from Delos, hath a Town of the same upon the Coast.

Polyagos, now Fermenia, lies next to Zea on the

South, Mountainous and Woody.

Seriphus, Serfino, next to it, hath a Town of the same Name.

Thera, olim Caliste, now Zermia, lies a few Leagues South-west from Seriphus, and West from Siphorus; hath Salubrious Baths which are much frequented.

Islands in the Gulph of Engia, Sinu Saronico, are,

Engia, or Egina, in the Mouth of that Gulph, which, as we have faid, flows between Achaia, and the Morea. The Country of the Fabulous Æacus Judge of Hell: It is a fruitful Soil, and has a Town of the same Name with a Haven.

Salamis, now Colure, lies more within the Bay on the Coast of Achaia: It is of 50 miles compass, and has Three Towns, viz. Coloumi, Mitropis, and Ambalachi, near which stood the ancient City Salamis, memorable for the Defeat of Xerxes's Fleet, by Themistocles, and the Arbenians. The Birthplace of Solon, and the Regal State of Telamon the Father of Ajax.

Kæra, a Rock on which Xerxes fate on a Silver Throne to behold the Battle of the Two

Navies.

Istands in the Ægean Sea.

NEGROPONT, anciently Nam'd EUBOEA, and now Egripos by the Modern Greeks, is an Island lying along the Coast of that part of Achaia, formerly nam'd Baotia, extending above 100 miles in Length, but not above 25 in Breadth. It is suppos'd to have been first joyn'd to the Continent of Greece by an Isthmus, which, either by the violence of the Tides, or as others, by an Earthquake was broken: It is divided from the Continent by the narrow Channel Euripus, whose Tide Ebbs and Flows Seven times a day, as says Pomp. Mela; nay, even sometimes much oftner, as 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14 times a day, being often very irregular; and again at other times observing the course of the Moon, and slows as regularly as the Sea. It is next to Candia, the largest Island in these Seas, and is called the Queen of the Egean Sea, on account of

its Fertility as well as Largeness: The Soil producing Corn, Wine, Fruits, and Cattle In so great abundance, that all sorts of Provisions are wonderfully Cheap. The Mountain of Cariffo is somous for its excellent Marble, and the Stone Anianthes, or Asbestor, whereof 'is pretended incombutible Cloath was made was found here. After the Earlern Emperors had parted with Negropont, it sell into the hands of the Venetians, from whom it was taken by the Turks under Mahomet II about the year 1470. who with a Fleet of 300 Sail, and 120000 Men attacked it, and have ever since held it.

The chief Towns are, Negropont, or Egripos, in a Peninsula on the South-Coast, in the middle of the Island with respect to East and West, and over against Aulis in Achaia, to which it hath a Stone-Bridge with a Castle in the midst of the Channel built by the Venetians. It stands in the place of the Ancient Chalcis, and is a large place, the Walls of the City being Two miles in Compass, and the Suburbs much larger. In the former live the Tucks and Jews, and in the latter the Christians, the whole being esteem'd 14 or 15 Thousand Inhabitants. The Turks have Four Mosques, one whereof was the Cathedral Church of St. Mark : And the Christians have several Churches and a Bishop. This is the Seat of the Captain Bassa, or Admiral of the Turkish Navy, who is Govetnor of this City and Island, and also of Achaia: And in the Harbour which is very safe and capacious; there constantly rides a large Fleet of Gallies, ready at all times to go out against the Corfairs or other Enemies. The City is so strong that it cost the Turks 40000 Men to take it: And when the Venetians attack'd it in the Year 1688. they were fain to leave it without Success.

Carifto, or Castelrosso, a good City with a Commodious Port on the Eastern Shore of the Island 50 miles distant from Negropont. And a few miles North from it, is the Promontory Capherus menton'd in Antiquity, on account of Naupsius the Father of Palemedes, who there drowned himself because Ulysses and Diomedes had escaped him.

On the North-east of Negropont lies the Island Scyros, by Ortelius said to be the surking-place of Achilles: It is of Triangular, or rather Pyramidal Form, with a Ridge of Mountains cross it Two ways, and has a Town of the same Name, with a safe Haven on the Western Shore, besides some Villages.

At some distance to the North-east, and in the Mouth of the Gulph of Salonichi lie a Cluster of Islands, among which Pelagnisi, olim Alonesus, Sciatta, Scopelius, now Sciatta, Scopelius, now Scopulo, are the chief, but they contain nothing memorable.

LEMNOS, now Stalimene, a large Fruitful and well Cultivated Island, feated in the North of the Ægean Sea, at an equal distance almost from the Coasts of Greece: Natclia, and Thrace, in the Latitude of 41 Degrees, the chief Town standing directly over-against Monte Santo, or Mount Athos, whose Shadow reaches to its Market-place, tho' it be 86 mile distant, as some say, tho' by the Maps it does not appear to be above 60 miles. The Form of the Island is Quadrangular, and its extent about 25 miles over. The chief Town of the same shands on the West-shoar: It is a small City, and hath a good K k k ½

Port. Opposite to it on the East-shoar stands Madra another good Town, near which is dug the Terra Lemnia, a fort of Mineral Earth reckond good against Poysons, Infections, &c. and is much esteem'd, being sent Abroad in small Pellets mark'd with a Publick Seal. This Island is noted in Anriquity for the fabulous Fall of Vulcan; and for the Entertainment of Jason, and the Argonauts by Hyp-

Samothrace, now Samandrachi, a small Island North from Sealimene, in the midst between that and Thrace, has plenty of Honey and Wild-Dear, but no convenient Port, nor frequented but by

Lembro, Imbros, lies on the East of Stalimene. near the Mouth of the Dardanells. It has a Cafile on the Top of a Mountain, and a fafe Port. you

Taffo, Thaffus, seu Thalaffia, lies near the Coast of Thrace, about 12 Leagues North-west from Stalimene. It has a Town with a good Harbour on the North-shoar, and several Castles.

The other Islands in the Archipelago, as Tenedos, Lesbos, Scio, Samos, Icaria, Pathmos, Lero, Choas, Astypalea, Carpethus, and Sporades, being situate on the Coast of Asia are described there, as well as Cyprus and Rhodes; so we shall now proceed to speak of the rest of the European Turky.

CHAP. V.

Of the Western Part of Turkey in Europe, comprehending the Province of Bosnia, with a small Part of Sclavonia, and Hungary; as also of the Republick of Ragusa, and Dalmatia.

AVING Travell'd through Hungary, Sclavonia, Croatia, and Moriacona; and Deganour Account of Turkey in Europe, with Greece, because the most noble part of it: We Return now to speak of the other Provinces of Dalmatia vonia, Croatia, and Morlachia; and begun that Empire; and here the Province of Dalmatia first offers it self; but that being mostly recover'd by the Venetians, the principal Cities of it have been described in our Account of the Dominions of that State; fo that it is only necessary here to

DALMATIA is feated along the Coasts of the Adriatick Sea, between Albania on the East, and Morlachia on the West, having Bosnia and Servia on the North, and the Sea on the South, except where Ragusa intervenes: It extends very much in Length even near 200 miles, but its Breadth is not above 30, or at most 40 miles.

The Soil of it is in some parts Mountainous, but otherwise very fertil, producing Corn, Wine,

Oyl, Honey, and Wax.
This Province was part of the Ancient ILLY-RICUM, but that extended much farther both West and East ; for Cluverius tells us, That it was joyned to Italy on the West, being parted by the River Arsia, in Istria; thence by a Line drawn to that Ridge of Mountains that part Morlachia from Croatia; which Mountains divided it from Panonia on the North, and Eastward it extended to Mount Scodrus, now Chimera, and the River Drilo, now Drin, in Albania; and so comprehended the present Morlachia, Dalmatia, and part of Albania. But its Limits were often exrended and restrain'd during the time of its being a Kingdom; which was suppress'd by the Romans, and Illyricum made a Province of their Empire, a little before the Third Punick War. Afterwards the Dalmatians afferted their Liberty, and were for some time a considerable People, extending their Country on all sides; but in the end it became part of the Eastern Empire till its Declension, when the Sclavi made it part of their Kingdom. Afterwards the Huns over-run it; who committing Piracies on their Neighbours, were Attack'd and made Tributary by the Venetians. In Process of time Dalmatia became a separate Government under its own Dukes, of whom Demetrius was about the Year 1076, invested by the Pope with the Title of King. Upon the failure of his Line in 1310, it was claimed by the King of Hungary as part of the Kingdom of Croatia, and part of it was posses'd by him, and part by the Venetians. At present the Venetians have all the Coasts, and the Principal Cities; and the Turks the Skirt of the Upland Coun-

The chief Towns Subject to the Venetians, as we have faid in our Account of Italy, are,

S Traw, Cliffa, Cattaro_ Zara, Sebenico,

Other chief Towns not mention'd there.

Scardona, } \$ Budoa. Castel-novo,

And the chief Towns Subject to the Turks, viz.

Trebigna, } { Antivari.

Scardona, call'd Skardin by the Sclavonians, is a place of great Antiquity; by Ptolomy, plac'd in Liburnia, by Strabo call'd Scardo, and Scordona by Porphyrogenita, formerly the Metropolis of Dalmatia, but now Ruinous; however the See of a Bishop Translated from Belgrade. It stands on the River Kerka in the Frontiers of Morlachia and Bofnia, 20 miles North from Sebenico. It was fold to the Venetians in 1411. by the Waywood of Bosnia; but being afterwards taken by the Turks, was tecover'd by the Venetians in 1683.

Narenza, or Narenta, which P. Mela calls Nara, and Pliny Narona, stands on the River Naro, 70

miles East from Spalatro, and 40 North from Ragula. It was anciently a very Great and Powerful City, having under its Jurisdiction (according to Varro) 89 Towns, and affum'd the Sovereignty of the Gulph of Venice, but was subdued by the Venetians in 987, and lost almost all its Ancient Splendor. It was an Episcopal See; but in 1479 the Turky took and fill possess it. Near to this place there is a Plain 30 miles Long, and 2 miles Broad, which is very Fruitful, and produces plenty of Corn in Six Months of the Year; but constantly about the middle of Ostober it is overslow'd, and continues so the other Six Months.

Trebigna stands 40 miles South-east from Narenza, and the Frontiers of Ragusa, Subject to the Turks. An Episcopal See, formerly Subject to

the Rigusians.

Bolnia.

Caffel-Novo, is feated on the West-side of the Gulph of Cattaro, 3 Leagues from its Mouth, 15 miles West from that City, and near 60 East from Ragusa. It is a very strong place, being Built on a Rocky Ground, and defended on the North-side by the Castle Salimanega. This Town was taken from the Turks in 1583, by the Consederate Forces, but lost the next year. But in the year 1687, the Venetians sinally took and still possess in finally took and still possess.

Budoa, mention'd by Pliny, Ptolomy, and Stephanus, under the Names of Butua, Bulua, and Buthaer, is fittlated on the Sea-Coafts between the Gulph of Cattaro, and the Town of Dolcigno, about 20 miles East from the former. It is an Epifcopal See, and Subject to the Venetians.

Antivari, Antibarum, stands on the Borders of Albania, of which it is sometime reckoned part, on the Coast in the midway between Budoa and Doleigno. It was under the Venetians an Archiepiscopal See; but has been Subject to the Turks above an Age.

The Territory of the Republick of RAGUSA, lies on the Sea-Coasts, partly Island and Peninsula, and partly on the main Land of Dalmatia, which bounds it on the East, as the Bay of Narenza, and the Island Lesina do on the North, and the Adriamiles Long, but not proportionately Broad. The Soil is not over-fruitful, but the Country is reafonably Populous, and a well-govern'd Republick, but Tributary to the Turks, and often snubb'd by the Venetians, and insulted by other Princes. But they are so fond of their imaginary Liberty, that they will not be perfuaded to put themselves under any Potent Master who could protect 'em. The Government is fornewhat like that of Venice, except that thro' the jealousy of the Inhabitants, the Doge is changed every Month, as also the Governor of the Castle of Ragusa. This little Republick brags of Antiquity beyond Venice, and put it self (as Sir P. Rycaut says) under the Protection of the Turks before they were Masters of any part of Europe: And by the Treaty of Carlowitz this Soveteignty is particularly conferv'd by the Turks.

The chief Towns are,
Ragusa,
Stagno,
Stagno,
Stagno,

RAGUSA, call'd by the Sclavonians Dubrounick, suppos'd to be the Ancient Epidaurus; but as others, Built by the Epidaurians after the Destruction of their own City, whereof they say Ragust

Vecchio, 2 miles from it is the Ruins. The City is not much above a mile in Compals, but Popu lous, the See of a Metropolitan, and one of the chiefest Marts in these Parts, having a safe and commodious Harbour on the Adviatick Sea, near 100 miles South-east from Spalatro, 60 West from Cattaro, as also 120 West from Durazzo. It is well Fortised with a strong Castle, a steep craggy Rock, and good Bulwarks, and Environd with large Suburbs. It hath also a Garison of 200 Men, and the Burghers keep constant Guard. The Port is named Santa-Croce, and is secur'd by the small Island Lacroma, which lies about half a mile from the Town on the one side, and a Cape of Land on the other, which is Fortised. This City was miserably shatter'd by an Earthquake on the 6th of April in the Year 1667, whereby the greatest part of it was destroy'd.

Stagno, Stagnum, a small City with a Commodious Harbour, and an Episcopal See, 20 miles North from Ragula, at the Ishmus of the Peninsula, in whose Western Part, 25 miles from it stands Sabioncello, or Sabio, another good Town, with a Haven over-against the Island Carzola.

To the Ragusians are also Subject,

The Islands, Meleda and Augusta, or Austa, both lying near the Coasts of the Peninsula; the former about 20 miles in Length with a Town of the same Name, is not above a League distant; the other lies to the West of it, and on the South of Curzola, not so large.

Curzola Corcyra niger, Strab. an Island larger than either of these, lies also not above a League or

Curzola Corcyra niger, Strab. an Island larger than either of these, lies also not above a League or Two from the Western Coast of Ragusa, the chief Town of the same Name, being seated on the North-shoar over-against Sabioncello, formerly Subject to Ragusa, but now to the Venetians.

There are Three or Four other small Islands but not considerable.

BOSNIA.

On the North of Dalmatia lies Bosnia, call'd Wossen by the Germans, between that and the River Save, which parts it from Sclavonia on the North, as the River does it from Servia on the East, and the Unna from Croatia on the West. It was anciently that part of Panonia, call'd Inserior, or Secunda Consularis, and took its present Name from the River Bosna, or Possia, which runs through some part of it, and falls into the Save. It was sometime an independent Kingdom; afterwards became Tributary to the Hungarians; and Lastly, was Subjected by the Turks, who still enjoy it.

The AIR is Sharp, but the SOIL produces fome Corn, and fome Mines of Gold and Silver. It is divided into the Upper and Lower; the former being the Southern part toward Dalmatia; the latter on the Banks of the Save.

The chief Towns are, In the Upper Bagnaluca,

Bagnaluca, or Banialuck, stands on the Confines of Dalmatia, 30 miles North from Spalato. It was taken by the Turks in 1527, and

is the Scat of their Governor.

Tina, is 30 miles West from Bagnaluca, near
the Head of the River il Kirk, and near the Confines of Croatia and Dalmatia, 30 miles North

from Sebenico.

Jaycza, Gieza, or Gaitia, thought to be the Ancient Emate, flands upon a Hill 50 miles North from Tina, 20 South from the Save, and near from Iina, 20 South from the Save, and hear 40 East from from Wibicz in Croatia. It was formerly the Metropolis of Bofnia, and Seat of their King, taken by the Turks, and recover'd by the Hungarians in the 15th Century; but finally reconquer'd by the Turks in 1530, and the Sact of their Savaich. It has a from made the Seat of their Sangiack. It has a ftrong Castle, and other Fortifications for its Defence

Bosna-Saraya, or Saraio, stands upon the River Miglazza, 75 miles East from 3ayeza, 25 South from the Save, and 15 West from the Frontiers of Servia. It is now reckon'd the chief

Town of Bosnia.

Of the Part of Sclavonia and Hungary granted to the Turks.

By the Treaty of Carlowitz, it is agreed, That a Line drawn from the Bank of the Tibifch, opposite to Titul, and to that Angle of Land made by the Confluence of the Tibifch

and Danube, thence over the Danube, and thence over part of Sclavonia to the place where the Bossur falls into the Save (which is over-against the Limits of Bossur,) shall be the Boundary of the Two Empires: That part toward Belgrade being Subject to the Turk, and the rest of Sclavonia remain to the Empire. In the Turkish part stands no considerable City; Salankement, Semlyn, and what else was worth notice, we have already mention'd in our account

of Sclavonia in General.

By the same Treaty of Carlowitz, it is also Fortress of Temeswar, (which is the South-east Corner of Hungary) bounded by Transisvania, and Walachia on the East and North-East, the River Merisch on the North, the River Tibisch on the West, and the River Danube on the South, shall remain under the Ottoman Dominion; and that the Imperialists shall demolish, Caransebes, Lippa, Czanad, Berscho, Sabla, and Three or Four other places never to be Resor-tissed. The Imperialists and Turks to enjoy in common the use of the Rivers Marosch, and Teyffe, and the Islands which his Imperial Majesty hath therein shall remain in his posses-

Temeswaer, the Capital of this Province, is a large and strong Town, seated on the River Temes, (whence it took its Name) near the Confines of Transilvania, 40 miles North-east from Belgrade, 75 from Great-Waradin to the South, and 130 from Buda to the South-east. It was taken by the Turks in 1552. after a Vigorous Defence, made by a Spanish Garison, then in the place, who contrary to Treaty, were all cut to pieces by the Turks. It has ever fince been the Seat of a Bassa; and is so strongly Fortified, that

they call it Invincible.

CHAP. VI.

Of SERVIA and BULGARIA, olim Moesia, Superior & Inferior.

THE Ancient Moesia, containing these two large Provinces, except the most Eastern part, on the Banks of the Black Sea, which was posses'd by the Scythians, and call'd Scythia Pontica. It was divided into the Superior or Prior Secunda, now Rulgaria; the Division being at the River Ciabrus. In the Upper bordering upon Macedon, livid the Dardani, whence the Country was Nam'd Dardania. In the Lower, which borders upon Thrace, the Triballi were the most noted Nation; these had the Honour to Vanquish Philip King of Macedon, in his Return through their Country, from an expedition into Sarmatia. Beyond them Eastward, lay the Scythians, of whom the most considerable part were the .Geta, Inhabitants of both fides the Danube, in Dacia, as well as Moesia.

M. Licinius Crassus intirely Subdu'd it, to the Roman Empire; and afterwards the Upper Moefia took the Name of Servia; and the Lower, that of Bulgaria; and became in time two Indepedent Kingdoms; which were finally Conquer'd, by Mahomet II. and are still subject to the Turks.

SERVIA lies Eastwad from Bosnia, having the Rivers Danube, and Save, on the North, Albania and Macedon, on the South, Bulgaria on the East, Dalmatia on the South-west, and Sclavonia on the North-west, from which it is divided by the River Save, as the River Drina is its division from Bosnia. Its extent is above 250 miles in length, from East to West; and 130 in breadth, from North to South. Being seated in Latitude from 43 to 45 Degree. And in Longitude from 37 to 43 Degree.

The AIR is Temperate and Healthy, and the

SOIL fo Fruitful that Moefia was call'd by the Romans, the Granary for Corn; but by reason of the severe Government of the Turks, it is not half

Cultivated. Dr. Brown tells us, 'tisa Fruitful and Pleasant Country, consisting of Plains, Woods, and Hills, which would produce Wine, Corn, and Metals, if duly Manur'd: It hath also excellent Horses; and is well Water'd with Rivers.

The INHABITANTS were always reckon'd a Barbarous Cruel fort of People, much enclin'd to Robbery and Drunkenness, and the professing Christianity, according to the Greek Church, are often guilty 'of Selling Children to the Turks. There are Roman Catholicks among 'em, but the Greeks and Jews (who manage the Traffick) Inhabit the Cities, and the Turks the Burghs and Fortresses.

The chief Towns in Servia ate,

Belgrade.
Semendria.
Widin.

Servia ate,
Niffa.
Scopia.
Novibazar.

BELGRADE, call'd by the Germans, Greichfh-Weisemburg, and Nandor Alba by the Hungarians, Alba Graca, aut Alba Bulgaria; suppos'd to be the ancient Taurunum, feeing that is plac'd in the Peutingerian Tables, 3 miles from the Confluence of the Danube and Save, at least it grew up out of its Ruins. It is seated on a Hill in the Country of Rascia, on the South fide of the Danube, and East fide of the Save, at the Confluence of those 2 Rivers; in the Latitude of 45 Deg. and Longitude 38 Deg. 30 Min. It is a large City, very well Fortifid, and admirably seared for Trade; having besides the Danube, the convenience of the Save, Drave, Tibiscus, and other Navigable Rivers, to convey the Commodities, which the Fertility of the Country would Produce, if it were Inhabited by a Virtuous, and Industrious People; under a regular, and Favourable Government. And in effect this is the greatest Mart in all these Parts, being Traded to by the Ragulans, by the Merchants of Vienna, who have Factories in this City, and by the Armenians and Jews. who are numerous here, especially the former who have a Church. Belgrade was formerly the Bul-wark of Hungary. It resisted the 2 Sieges of Amurath II. in 1439. and Mahomet II. in 1456. but was at last taken by Solyman the Magnisicent in 1521. The Turks slighted it for many years, having Frontiers fo much more advanc'd. But when the Imperialists had taken Buda in 1686. they thought of repairing these Fortifications, which they imediately set to work upon. But however could not make it strong enough to refist the Christian Army, who under the Duke of Bavaria fat down before it, and Septemb. 6. took it. But it was a place of too much Importance to the Turks to fit down with the loss of: wherefore in 1690, they Invested it with an Army of 60000 Men, under the Command of the Grand Visier. The Garison consisting of 6000 Men, made a brave Defence, till the Magazine was unhapply blown up by the fall of a Bomb, the Store-houses Fired, part of the Walls blown up, and the Trenches fill'd with Rubbish, which gave the Turks fo much advantage, that they enter'd with Sword in Hand, and cut all the Garison off, except the Governor and 300 Men, who found means to escape. And it is now the Frontier of Turky on this side. The River Danube is very broad here, and its Stream so Rapid that it permits not the Waters of the Save to mix with it, but (as Dr. Brown expresses it) cuts that River off, and the Waters of the one, and the other, are very visibly distinguish'd; that of the Danube being white and thick, and the Save green and clear.

Semendria, anciently a Roman Colony, and afterwards the Capital of Servia, but now rumous, stands near the Banks of the Danube, 20 miles East from Belgrade; near this Place Sigifmend King of Hungary, was defeated by the Turks in the year 1409, and in 1427, they took the Place; which the Christians beat 'em out of, after they had taken Belgrade in 1688, but 2 years after the Turks rectook it by Storm, and put all the Garison to the Sword.

Widin or Viddin, scated on the Danube at the Mouth of the River Lom, is a Fortress of great moment, for Covering the adjacent Parts, which made Prince Lewis of Baden, after he had beaten the Tunks in 1639, and soon after taken Nissa. to march with a Party of Germans in the Month of Ostober that year, to this place, which he rock by Surprize; but the Cassle held out for some time, which however was fore'd to submit to the Conqueror; and they held it till the year 1690. It stands 150 miles east from Belgrade, and about 70 North from Nissa. In the Neighbourhood of this Town, has happen'd several Battles, viz. in 1443. the Memorable one of Hunniades, who set upon the Turks by Night, and kill'd 30000 of them. In 1595, the Turks lost 19000 in Battle at a little distance from this place. And at the taking of the Town above mention'd, Prince Lewis slew 2000 of those that made desence.

Nissa, seated on a River of the same Name, which falls into the Morawa, the chief River of this Country, at the distance of 140 miles South-east from Belgrade, and 60 South from the Danube. It is as Town of Strength, and great Importance, and was the most advancid Town that the Christian Army Possess in their Progress in this Province. A. 1689. Prince Lewis of Baden with an Army of 15000. Sought the Turky near it, entirely descated their Army of 80000 Men, and immediately took Possessin of the Town, which was reasonably well Fortified. But in the year 1690, the Turks retook it after a Siege of 3 weeks; and soon after the Frontiers of Turky were again extended to Belgrade, tho on this loss, the Turks were ready to accept Peace on any Terms. But it pleas'd God to Order it otherwise, and permit this Province to head it lighted to these Arbitrary Mosses.

be still subject to these Arbitrary Masters.

Scopia or Uscopia, Scupi, Pres. a City of great
Trade, and the Largest in these Parts, as Dr. Brown says, is seated in a pleasant and plentiful Country, partly Hills, and partly Plains, on the River Vardar or Axius, at the Foot of Mount Orbelus, near the Confines of Macedon, 60 miles from Nissa, and 120 from the Danube to the South, 60 from Sophia to the West, and 100 from Salonichi to the North-west. It is a populous place, adorn'd with fair Houses, many Mosques, and delightful Walks all round it. 'Tis also a place of considerable Commerce, between Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Belgrade, and has Streets of Shops cover'd over, as the manner is at Belgrade, and other Trading Cities of Turky. When Mahomet I. Conquer'd it, he plac'd here a Colony of Afiaticks, which with Jews were its chief Inhabitants. Before that it had been an Archi-Episcopal Sec. In the year 1689, the Turks abandon'd this City, and General Picolomini took possession, but because it was not strong enough to hold, he burnt and lest it.

BULGARIA, sive Moesia Inferior.

Eaftward from Servia, along the Southern Banks of the Danube, quite to the Black Sea lies Bulgaria, bounded on the South by a Ridge of Mountains, which part it from Tbrace or Romania. Its Extent is more in length than Servia, being near 300 miles from East West; but in breadth 'tis not above 60 in the Middle part, but near twice as much at each end. It hath high Mountains, fruitful Vallies, plenty of Oxen and Sheep, and in General a good Fertile Country. Formerly subject to its own Kings, now the Turks; and Inhabited by Greek Christians, as well as Turks and Jews.

The chief Cities are
Sophia.
Siliftria.
Nigeboli.
Ternova.
Hafgrad.
Doroftero.

The chief Cities are
Axiopoli.
Proflaviza.
Baba.
Magnegalia.
Hafgrad.
Varna.
Mefember.

Sophia, or Sofia. otherwise call'd Triadizza, the Capital of this Province, is seated on the River Ichar, in a spacious Plain, near Mount Hemus, at an equal distance from the Consines of Servia, Romania and Macedon, being 65 miles distant from Scopia to the East, 1 to from Salonichi to the North, 90 from the Danube to the South, and 100 from Phillipipoli in Romania to the West. It is a large populous and well built City, on the Road from Constantinople to Belgrade; the Seat of the Beglerbeg of Rumeli, but however destitute of Walls. It was anciently Nam'd Sardica, and took its present Name (as is generally believ'd) from Sophia the Wife of the Emperor Justinian, in whose Honour that Prince Re-sounded it. It was for some time the See of an Archbishop, and was samous for a General Council held in it, in the

Silifria, a large City, the second of Note in Bulgaria, and by some reckon'd as the Capital, and the Seat of a Turkish Sangiack. Srands on the River Abis, or Jatrus, 70 miles North from Sopbia, and 25 South from the Danube: Sanson Places this City on the Danube, 150 miles more East, but with what reason, I can't tell, since all other Maps and Writings Place it as we have

said

Nicopolis or Nigeboli, and by the Turks Sciltare, ftands on the Danube, at the Mouth of the Jarrus, or Ischar, 25 miles North from Silistria. Zurst calls it Gemina, major & minor, quas Danubius interstuit; but as no Maps express so much, nor other Authors mention it, we must leave it to the Readers surther search. It was built by the Emperor Trajan, after the Defeat of King Decebalus; and as Baudrand tells us, was an Archi-Episcopal See, in its Christian State. Near this Place Sigismond King of Hungary, was unfortuately Defeated, by Bajazett the Turkis Emperor, in the year 1396. Which was owing more to the Divisions among the Christians, than the Bravery of the Turks; for as History relates there fell 60000 of the Turks, and 20000 of the Christians.

Ternova, another good City, stands on the River Jantra near Mount Hemus, about 20 miles from the Confines of Romania, 30 from Silistria to the East, and 40 from the Danube to the South. Ferrarius calls it, Archi-Episcopal, and the Metro-

polis of Bulgaria.

Dorostero, Dorostorus, Dorostolon aut Dorostena, formerly a considerable City, and a Bishop's See, now a Village only, seated near the Danube, 130 miles East from Silistria.

Axiopolis stands also on the Danube, 30 mile

below Dorostero.

Towns in Bulgaria, on the Coasts of the Black-Sea, are

Tomi, Tomistrare or Balla, seated in an Island made by the Mouths of the Danube, is the Place to which the Poet Ovid was Banish'd.

Profloviza or Chiustenge, olim Istropolis stands at the Mouth of the South Branch of the

Danube.

Magneglia, 20 miles more to the South, a small

Por

Varna, the Dionysiopolis of Pliny, stands upon the River Zyra, a few miles from Sea. A few miles from it a notable Battle was fought in the year 1444, between the Turks and Christians, wherein Lewis King of Hungary was kill'd. It stands in the Midway between Magneglia and Mcfember.

Mesember, Mesembria, ut & Menebria, Strabo, Mesambria, Herod. Stands on the Confines of Romania, and on a small Bay, which is an ancient Port, mention'd by Historians, as the People about are by the Poet Ovid. Ferrarius calls it Urbs Archi-Episcopalis, but whether it be

so still we dare not say.

CHAP. VII.

Of ROMANIA aut THRACIA. And of the Greek and Turkish Emperors.

HIS Country had its first Name, as tis thought, from Thrace the Son Mars; or as others, from the sharpness of the Air, and the rough Temper of the People, quasi Teuxéia aspera regio, a sharp or cruel Country; Thus Gluverius. The Name of Romania was given it by the Emperors, when they had established their Throne here: And since the Turky Conquer'd

it, tis Named Rumeli.

It is a large Country, bounded on the North by Mount Hamus, call'd by the Greeks Balkan, Sclavonians Cumoniza, Italians Monte Argentaro or Costonazza, a long continu'd Ridge of high Mountains, which divide this Province from Bulgaria, on the South by the Archipelago, on the East the Propontis, and Bosphorus, and the Euxine or Black Sea, and on the West by Macedon and Bulgaria. Its utmost extent from East to West, is near 300 miles, that is from the City of Constantinople, to the Consines of Macedon: And its breadth is about 150 miles. The Air is Cold, but the Soil however produces plenty of good Corn and Pasture, and some, but very little, Wine. In the Mountains are Mines of Silver, Lead and Alom. It was anciently divided among many Nations or People, even no less than 50 according to Pliny. Afterwards made Tributary to the Macedonians; then Conquer'd by the Romans, under Caius Scribonius Curio Proconsul; long posses'd by the Eastern Emperors; and lastly Conquer'd by the Turks, who have Govern'd it for near 250 years past. The chief River is the Mariza, olim Habrus, which takes its rise at the foot of Mount Rhodope, near the Consines of Macedon, passes by Philippipoli and Adrianople, and falls at last into the Archipelago; in this River 'tis said Gold Sand is sometimes found.

The Christian Religion, according to the Greek.

The Christian Religion, according to the Greek Church, is generally Profess'd, notwithstanding that the Government is all Mahometan: there are

also many Jews, and some Papists.

The chief Cities are,

Ganicoli.
Philippipolis.
Nicopoli.
Adrianople.
Trajanople.
Conflantinople.
Galata.

Scutari.
Abdera.
Gallipoli.
Seflos.
Selivera.
Rudisto.

Janicoli or Nonocolo, stands on the River Meriza, on the Road between Sophia and Philippipoli, 60 miles East from the former, and 40 West from the

Philippipoli, or Philiba, olim Trimontium, a large City, but without Walls, seated also on the Meriza, near 60 miles East from the Confines of Bulgaria, and as many North from the Archiepelago. It is an Archiepiscopal See, and was taken by the

Turks in the Year 1360, who have ever fince held it.

Nicopoli stands near the Confines of Macedon,
20 miles from the Archiepelago, and 40 South

from Philippipoli.

Adrianople, or Adrinopolis, call'd Endrem & Drenale, took its Name from the Emperor Adrian, by whom it was Repair'd in the Year 122, and is Seated on the River Meriza in the middle of the Province, 130 miles from the Confines of Bulgaria to the Eaft, 150 from Confiantinople to the Weft, 70 from the Archiepelago to the North, and 60 from Mount Hamus to the South. It is a large well-built City in a wholesome Air, efteem'd the Second of Romania; and before the taking of Consaminople was the Seat of the Turkish Emperor, after the year 1362, in which they took it: And it is still very frequently honoured with his Presence, especially during the late War, and at any time when the Plague rages at Consantinople.

Trajanople, so named from the Emperor Trajan, being before call'd Zermis, stands on the Merica, so miles South from Adrianople; it was formerly a considerable City, and the See of an Archbishop, but is now dwindled into a small Town.

Abdera or Asperofa, Seated on the Coast of the Archipelago, 70 miles South-west from Adrianople, and 50 West from the Mouth of the River Meriza, and about 15 from the Bislonian Lake. It is more notable for Antiquity than its present State. It was Built by Abderus the Son of Diomedes, or Abdera the Sister of Diomedes, according to Solinus and others. Again it is by others imputed to Abderus one of the Companions of Hercules, torn to pieces by Diomedes Horses; and was once in so good Estate as to be proverbially call'd Abdera the Beautiful. It was the Birth-place of Dimeritus the Philosopher, who put out his Eyes that he might the better Contemplate, as also of Protagoras the Philosopher. The Inhabitants were addicted to Frenzy and Lunacy, which occasion'd the Proverb Abderesica mens to denote a Lunatick.

Gallipoli, a large City with a Castle, Magazine and Fortification, and a good Port in the Mouth of the Dardanells and Proponiis, stands in the Thrafian Chersonelus or Peninsula over-against Lampsaco in Asia, at the Mouth of the Straight call'd the Dardanells or Hellespone toward the Propontis or Sea of Mamora, 110 miles S. W. from Constantinople, and 130 S. E. from Adrianople. This place was hereofore much more considerable than at present; for tho' it be 5 or 6 miles in compass, it is not proportionately populous: The Inhabitants are reckon'd about 20000, whereof two Thirds are Turks, and the rest Christians and Jews. It hash two Bays convenient for Gallies, whereof that on the Southside is capable of Ships of Burden. And on the Shoar are some dry Stations for Ships. The Town appears more advantageously from without than within side; for the high Steeples of the Mosques, and the Cupolas of the Bezessan, or places of Lill Trade

Trade like Exchanges, both here and in all the chief Cities in Turky, make a fine Show at a distance; whereas within the Towns the Houses being low, Built of Wood and Earth; the Streets narrow and cover'd, make but an ordinary appearance. This is the Seat of the Beglerbeg of the Islands

the Prefect of these Seas.

Seftos the Ancient Town and Castle, the Ruins whereof still appear 25 miles South from Gallipoli, over-against Abydos on the Asian Shoar call'd the Dardanells, famous for Xerxes-Bridge here over the Hellespone; and for the Story of Hero and Leander. These two Castles serve to command the passage of this narrow Straight, and secure Constantinople on this fide, as do rhose on the Thracian Bosphorus on

the other fide of the Propontis.

Rudisto, or Rodesto, a City of good Trade, having a Commodious Haven on the Propontis 20

Leagues North from Gallipoli.

Selivera, another Port and large Trading City on the Propontis 12 Leagues North-east from Rudisto,

and as many West from Constantinople.

The Propontis on which these Towns as well as Constantinople are Seated, otherwise called the Sea of Mamora, flows between the Archiepelago, and the Euxine or Black Sea, to both which it communicates only by Two narrow Straights; that on the South is the Hellespont, of which we have been speaking; the other on the North is the Bosphorus of Thrace, which leads to the Black Sea, both these Straights are very narrow, especially the latter; fo that the Propontis feems but a Lake, the Asian Land, and the Cape on which Constantinople stands surrounding it, except where these two Channels have broke through. It's 140 miles from East to West, and 60 from North to South.

CONSTANTINOPLE is Seated in Europe, very near the Shoar of Asia, on a Point or Tongue of Land that juts out into the Sea of Marmora, in a Triangular Figure, Six miles Long, and Foutteen in Compass, Two of its sides being washed by the Sea. At the distance of about Twenty miles it affords a Prospect of the finest Landskip in the World, to the Wonder and Aftonishment of all those who look upon it; for it lies along the Shoar for above Six miles, and so fituated floping towards the Sea, that you perceive at once an infinite Number of Mosques, adorned with high Domes covered with Lead, and high Turrets, but especially with a lovely Prospect of the Castle of the Seven Towers, and of the Seraglio, which are particularly remarkable, both for their Large-ness, and the vast number of gilt Globes and Spires resembling little Steeples. But it appears much more Glorious and Delightful without than it does within; for the Houses are generally of Wood, and the Streets so narrow, that in the greatest part of 'em Two loaded Horses cannot go a-breast; and their Houses jut out so far near the Top, that in feveral places one may step from one Window to another; which exposes it to the fatal Inconveniences of Fire, which breaks out frequently, and proceeds irrefiftibly till it meets with fome Garden or empty place, where there are no Hou-les to be burnt: And besides, this sort of Architecture is very offensive to the Eye; for the Streets are extremely disfigured by this Irregularity: Nor have their Houses any External Ornament; for they are made for the most part of rough unplan'd Wood, daub'd over with nasty Red Paint, and look very ugly.

This City was founded by Pausanias King of Sparta, about 660 years before the Birth of Christ, and was called Byzantium; which Name it retained till Constantine the Great, resolving to make it 'the Metropolis of the World, ordered it to be Rebuilt with all imaginable Magnificence, and called it Constantinople, or Constantine's Town; but the Turks call it Stamboul. The French in Conjunction with the Venetians, took it in the year 1203, and Fifty years after 'twas re-taken by the Greeks, who remained Masters of it till the year 1453, when it fell into the hands of Mahomet II. and at present it is the Capital City of the Ottoman Empire. The Air is so extremely pure here, that the Inhabitants are never Subject to any Reigning Disease except the Plague, which once every year sweeps off vast Numbers of 'em. The Walls which furround this City at present are the same that were built by Constantine the Great, except in some places where they have been repaired. They are double on one fide next the Land, with Battlements after the Oriental Fashion, and Towers from place to place; and besides they are desended with a lin'd but shallow Ditch. These, with the Castle of the Seven Towers, are also the strength of Con-fiantinople; for the Inhabitants, not being accustom'd to War, would only serve to hasten a Famine; and Bombs would make terrible Work, confidering the Manner and Materials of their Houses.

The Places and Things most worth seeing are, 1. The Besestin, which is a distinct Canton of the City, enclosed with Walls and Gates, where all the Merchants keep Shops. This is the finest and most regular place in Constantinople: It is divided into Streets, and covered above with Planks, joyned together with Rafters, which form a kind of Roof sufficient to secure them against all the Inconveniences of bad Weather. The Merchants in these Shops keep only a Pattern of what they have in their Warehouses. In one part of it there are Goldsmiths, in another Drapers, in another Mercers, and so all other Shopkeepers. And this is the only place in Constantinople where there are Shops; for the rest of the City consists of little narrow Streets so desolate, that one may see more Streets than Persons as he passes along. The Second place remarkable, is the Hippodrome, which was Built by the Emperor Constantine for Exercises on Horseback, and is still called the Place of Horfes. It is an Oblong Square 400 Paces Long, and about 200 Broad: In the End of which that is opposite to the Seraglio, there are Two Obelisks, one of 'em confilting of one Stone, is 70 Foot high. The Third thing remarkable is, the Church of Sancta Sophia, which questionless hath lost much of its Magnificence, and is now the principal Mosque of the City. It is at present 120 Paces Long, and 80 Broad. The Walls are square, but the Vault or Roof is round, and so Artificially contrived, that fo large a Structure is supported without any Columns; for those Rows of Columns that form the Two lower Porticos, serve only for Ornament, and are so placed, that they cannot be supposed to carry any other weight than that of Two Galleries, and even the greatest part of these Columns are so old, that they are forced to bind them about with great Iron Hoops to prevent their falling. At the Four Corners of the Building where the Vault begins to be round, the Four Beafts mentioned in the Apocalyps are painted in Mosaick; but the Turks have disfigured these, as they have done the Image

of our Saviour, which is over the principal Door. This Temple is paved with very fine Marble, Covered with Mats by reason of the Coldness of the Marble, which might incommode these who come to pay their Devotion, who always put off their Shoes before they enter. This Mosque is the only Ancient Structure of that Nature in Constantinople; for all the rest were built in this and the last Age, by the Sultans or Sultanesses, whose Names they bear, the finest of which is that Built by the Sultanos Valide, Mother of Sultan Mahomet IV. The Grand Signier's Arfenal is at the end of the Port beyond Cassum-pacha and Galata, and contains a confiderable Extent of Ground. The Gallies are laid up under 120 Arches; and 'tis said there are Arms in it for 60000 Men; but no Christian is allowed to see them. The Seraglio, so much admired and talk'd of by those who never faw it, is Built on a Point of Land that juts out into the Sea, and is furrounded with high Walls, with a Parapet at the Top, and Battlements like those of the City. It is almost Four miles in compass, the greatest part of which is taken up with Gardens. The Structure is irregular, and is nothing but a vast heap of Buildings, not unlike to some old Castles in Christendom. The principal Entry is near Sancta Sophia, and exactly resembles the Gate of an old paltry Town without Architecture or Ornament. On the Righthand of the first Court , there are Apartments for the Sick, who are lodged as poorly as if it were in an Hospital. On the other hand are Magazines for 1000 Men, in case the Grand Signior had occasion at any time to arm his Domestick Servants for the Security of his per-Ion. In the next Court are the Grand Signior's Kitchins on one fide, and Stables on the other for too Horses. Very near this Seraglio, and within the same Inclosure, stands the Old Seraglio, where the Wives of the Sultan's Predecessors are kept, and in a Third Seraglio the present Sultan's Wives are Lodged, joyn'd close to that of the Grand Signior. But a longer account of this samous place is not easy to be given, since sew are allowed to survey it all, and besides by this time 'tis like the Reader has enough on't. fon. In the next Court are the Grand Signior's has enough on't.

But above all those things that are to be seen about this City, the Harbour, which is called the Port by way of Excellency, is the most agreeably surprizing. Tis Three miles Long, and almost One Broad, clean and deep throughout, even to the Shoar, the largest Ship coming up to the Land. At the Entry into it there is a high square Tower, commonly called the Tower of Leander, from a person of led the Tower of Leander, from a person of that Name; who, as the Story goes, used to swim thither every Night to his Mistres, who was Imptisoned in the Tower.

- Description

It would be too tedious, and would swell the Description of this City, beyond what the Nature of this Work will allow, if we should relate all the various Accidents and Revolutions that have happened in it, from the time that Constantine the Great removed thither from Rome, till Ma-bomet II. Emperor of the Turks made himself absolute Master of ir, on the 27th of Msy 1453, after having Slain Constantine XV, and last of the Grecian Emperors.

Constantinople Itands in the Latitude of 41 Degrees, and 30 Minutes, and Longitude of 41 Degrees, and 30 Minutes. On the Proportis on one fide, and the Thracian Befylorus on the other, by which it is separated from Asia, but at so little distance, that common Boats pass over; and Scutari on the Asian side is reckon'd a Suburbs to it, as is

Galata adjoyning to Constantinople on the North-fide the Port: It stands on the Southfide of a steep Hill, which jets cut a Promontory into the Bosphorus. It is a City of its felf, being surrounded with Walls and large Suburbs, exceeding Populous, and chiefly inhabited by Christians and Jews. It is a place of great Trade, and hath a Caravanserai, or Publick Store-house wherein the Merchants Lodge their Goods: It is handsomely Built and well Adorn'd with Cupula's, &c. On the Top of the Hill stands a round Tower adorn'd with Spires, and might be intended for a For-tress. On the North-side of Galata lies the Suburb

Pera, by which Name is sometime understood all Galata. It consists of one large Street running Northward, with divers cross ones, and is honoured with the Residence of the Christian Ambassadors.

Scutari, or Scudaret, is Seated on the Asian Shoar over-against the Port between the Two Promontories of the Seraglio and Galata. It is a large Town, suppos'd to be the Chrysopolis, and Diana Forum of the Ancients, although there be now no Remains of Antiquity. It is. Adorn'd with a Royal Mosque, Built and Endowed by the Sultanesi's Mother: As also a Palace or House of Pleasure of the Grand Seignior's. Not far from hence on the Brow of a Hill may be seen one of the most beautiful Prospects in the World; for the City of Constantinople, Galata, and Pera, the Bosphorus, and the Propontis, with the Country about on both Shoars may be seen at once.

Constantinople thus encreas'd with Scutari, Pera, Galata, as also Cassum Pacha, and To-phana, which all lie contingous, may be reckon'd one of the largest Cities in the World, being thought to be near twice as big as London.

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of the East, from Constantine the G	real,	61 Michael Calephates	1041
to Constantine Palæologus, Depos	d by	62 Constantine Monomachus	1042
		63 Zoe and Theodorus	1054
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		65 Isaac Comnenus	1057
1 Constantine the Great	312	66 Constantine Ducas 67 Romanus Diogenes	1059
2 Constantius	337	68 Michael Parapinaceus	1071
3 Gallus	351 365	69 Nicephorus Botoniates	1078
4 Julian the Apostate	367	Michael Ducas, and Constantine.	10/0
5 Fovian	368	70 Alexis Comnenus	1801
6 Valentinian	364	71 John Comnenus or Calo Johannes	1118
7 Valens	364	72 Manuel Comnenus	1143
8 Procopius Control Theodofius the Great	370	73 Alexis Comnenus the Younger	1180
10 Arcadius disposses'd by	383	74 Andronicus Comnenus	1182
11 Rufinus and	395	75 Isaacius Angelus	1185
12 Gainas	401	76 Alexis Angelus the Tyrant	1195
13 Theodosius the Younger	408	77 Alexis the Younger	1203
14 Marcianus	450	78 Alexis Ducas Murzofte	1204
15 Leo the Elder	457		
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16 Zeno the Isaurian	474	79 Baldwin I.	1204
17 Bafilicus	475	80 Henry	1206
18 Marcianus and Procopius	479	81 Peter de Courtency	1217
19 Leontius	487	82 Robert de Courtency	1224
20 Anastatius	491	83 Baldwin II. who in 1261. lost Constantinople.	1234
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21 Justin the Elder	527		1204
22 Justinian	566		1222
23 Justin the Younger 24 Tiberius	578	86 Theodorus the Younger	1255
25 Mauritius	582	87 Fohnthe Blind	1258
26 Phocas	602	88 Michael Palæologus	1259
27 Heraclius	610	89 Andronicus Palæologus the Elder	1283
28 Constantine II.	641	Michael.	4
29 Heracleonas	641	90 Andronicus Palæologus the Younger	1327
30 Constans	641		1341
31 Constantius Pagonatus	669		1355
32 Justinian Rhinotmetus	685	93 Manuel Palæologus	1384
33 Leontius	694	94 Fohn Palæologus II.	1419
34 Tiberius Apsimarus	698	95 Constantine Palaologus Dracoses	1438
35 Justinian Rhinotmetus, Re-establish'd	703	The City of Constantinople was taken by Mahon	mat IF
36 Philippicus Bardanes 37 Artemius OF Anastasius II.	711	Emperor of the Turks. A. D. 1453.	ner II.
38 Theodosius of Adrumetum	713	Emperor of the 13/10. 21. 2. 14/5.	
39 Leo the Isaurian	716	((
40 Constantine Copronymus	741		
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45 Michael Rhangabes	811	2 Bajazet II.	1481
46 Leo V.	813	3 Selim	1512
47 Michael the Stammerer	821		1520
48 Theophilus	829		1566
49 Michael the Drinker	841	6 Amurath II.	1574
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51 Leo the Philosopher	867 886	8 Achmet 9 Ofman	1604
52 Alexander the Son of Basilius	911	9 Ofman 10 Mustapha	1622
53 Constantine Porphyrogenneta	911	11 Amurath IV.	1623
Romanus Lecaperius	,	12 Ibrahim	1640
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Stephanus		14 Solyman III.	1687
54 Romanus the Younger	959	15 Achmet II.	1691
55 Nicephoras Phocas		16 Mustapha II. now Reigning	1694
56 John Zimisces	969		Of

Of the Government and Customs of the Turks.

This Empire was Founded by Ottoman or Ofman, the First, about the Year of our Lord 1300. and its Seat was at first Establish'd at Prula, a City of Bythinia in Alia Minor, which they took in the Year 1325, afterwards it was Translated to Adrianople in Thrace, and was framated to Maranople in Ibrace, and at last fixed at Confantinople; where generally their Emperor, whom we commonly call the Grand Signior, keeps his Court, and from whence he issues out his Absolute and Uncontroulable Commands over all those vast Dominions that are under his Jurisdiction in Europe, Africa, and Asia. For according to the Primitive and Fundamental Constitution of the Government, the Turkish Empire is ab-folutely and intirely Despotic; that is, the Supreme and Arbitrary Power is lodg'd in the person of the Emperor, whose Will is the only Law by which he Rules, and who acknowledges no other Maxim of Government than fic volo, fic jubeo. He is not curb'd by any Written Law or Custom, and those whom he oppresses have not so much as a Right to complain. He may take away any Man's Estate, and either keep it, or give it to another. Sometimes he passes by the most Ancient Bassa's, and in one day advances a simple Chiaux, or even a Cook to the Dignity of Grand Visier. He can and does fend for the Heads of those he has a mind to be rid of, who are mur-der'd without any Tryal or Form of Justice, and even without knowing the reason of his Displeasure, which sometimes is more than he knows himself. In a word, his pleasure is the Supreme and Uncontroulable Law. This unlimited Power of the Sultan is Founded on the Mahometan Religion, which enjoyns a blind Obedience to all his Commands under the pain of Damnation.

The Grand Visiter is the chief Minister of State, and is called King by the Turks, to shew how much their Sultans slight and undervalue that Title, in imitation of the old Roman Emperors who bestow'd Kingdoms on their Favourites. The Grand Visiter is intrusted with the whole Management of Affairs, and his power is almost equal to the Sultan's. He is in a great Measure the Arbiter of Peace and War, and creates the Fortune of all the great Officers in the Empire. 'Tis true, he ought to do nothing without the Advice of a Council compos'd of Seven Bassa's, call'd the Visiters of the Bench; but they have only the Shadow of Authority, which scarce deserves to

be mention'd.

The next to the Vizier Azem, or first Visier, are the several Beglerbegs (which as Sir Paul Rycaut observes, may not unaptly be compar'd to Archdukes in some parts of Christendom) having under their Jurisdiction many Sangiacks or Provinces, Beyes, Aga's, and others; to every one of these the Grand Signior in Honour gives Three Staves trimm'd with the Tail of a Horse, to distinguish them from Basha's, who have only two.

The next in order are the Baffa's, who are a fort of Vice-Roys in the Provinces. Their Orfice is to Administer Justice exactly, and to keep the People in Subjection to the Government. But they often abuse their Authority, and exercise more Arbitrary Power and Tyranny over the People than the Grand Signior himself, Every Baffa maintains a certain Number of standing Forces at his own Charge, who are always at his Command upon all Occasions, being well paid, which the Emperor's Army sometimes is not for want of Money. This is the fatal source of all those Seditions that have so often shaken, and will at last over-turn the Empire. A Prince that would fe-cure the Loyalty of his Forces must take care of 'em himself, visit 'em often, give out all Orders, prefer Men of Knowledge, keep both the Ostcers and Soldiers under an exact Discipline, and pay 'em punctually. The Grand Seignior ob-ferves not one of these, and therefore he may blame himself for the unruliness of his Army. The fate of Monarchs depends on their Armies, and without these neither Alexander, Cafar, nor Lewis XIV. could have made such Conquests; or the Confederates in the late War been able to put a stop to his growing and formidable Power.

There are Two forts of Beglerbegs, says Sir Paul Rycaut; the first is call'd Has ile Beglerbeglik, which have a certain Rent assign'd them out of the Cities, Countries, and Signiories allotted to the Principality; the second is call'd Saliane Beglerbeglick, who have a cerain Salary Collected by the Grand Signior's Officers, with the Treafure of the whole Government, out of which also are paid the Sangiack Beglers, that is the Lords of the several Counties, Towns, and Cities, and the Militia of the Country. Of the first sort he reckons up 2.2. and of the other 6. for a particular account of both which, we must refer the Reader to the sorciaid Author's Present State of the Ottoman Empire; where he may also find an account of all the other insection Officers belonging to that Government.

As to the Manners and Customs of the Turks, they are opposite to us almost in every thing. We content our felves with one Wife, they marry feveral Wives; Our Habit is short, theirs long. We wear our Hair long, and our Beards shav'd, they shave their Hair, and suffer their Beards to grow: We write in a strait Line from Lest to Right, and they in a crooked from Right to Left. And it were easy to add several other Instances of the same Nature, fince the Opposition reaches even to the meanest Actions, such as the easing of Nature; for they crouch down to pils, like Women; and when they have done rub their Privities on a Wall which they think pacifies 'em. They obstinately adhere to their Ancient Customs, and accuse the Franks of Fickeness and Incon-stancy, and boast of their strength of Mind, that fixes on folid Enjoyments, and take no notice of Trifles; but one that feriously considers the Genius of this Nation will easily find, That what they call Strength of Mind Constancy, and Solidity, is at the bottom (as the Sieur du Mont obierves) nothing else but a pure Infensibility, and a Weakness that is altogether inexcusable in any reasonable Creature. They are so far from endeavouring to improve their understanding, that one would think they affected Ignorance, and are so

little acquainted with the Transactions of the World, that many of 'em scarce know the Name of the Reigning Sultan. They never publish any Books, Journals, Gazetts, or the left account of Publick Affairs. They are much addicted to the Study of Magical Divination, and of the Philosophers They are furprizingly negligent of the Publick Interest, and in that respect, run exactly Counter to the Maxims that are observed in all Well-govern'd States. If we confider this incurable Flaw in their Government, we may venture to conclude, that Posterity will not find many objects of admiration in the future Monuments of their Power and Glory. If the Ægyptians, Greeks, and Romans, had not been Inspir'd with a nobler Ardour, we should not now see so many Curious and Inquisitive Persons, undertake such long and troubletome Voyages, to Visit the Ruins of their Ancient Grandeur, or discover the Medals that give Light to their History. The Turks are so extreamly careless of he managment of Publick s are not so much as Pav'd: Affairs, that their S Legacies left for such use-And if there were ful Works, I am apr o believe, there would not be a Fountain in the Towns, or Bridge on their Rivers. They have no Incorporated Societies, Town-Houses, Sheriffs or Burgo Masters. There are no fixt Posts or Couriers, so that when a Man has occasion to write to any remote place, except Constantinople, Aleppo, or Cairo, he must sometimes wait a whole 'year for an opportunity: And even between Smyrna and Constantinople, there are only Arabs, who go on Foot, and frequently stay a Month before they fer out.

As to their Administration of Justice, they have no written Laws, bur what are contain'd in the Alcoran, which they hold to be the Rule of Faith, and the Standard of Justice, and every thing that it forbids is esteem'd unlawful, and Punishable. Nevertheless the Cadis and Bassas judge as they please, for the Book is very short, and besides, a great deal fuller of Dreams and Absurdicies, than of Laws or Moral Precepts; and those few it contains are so ambiguoufly express'd, and deliver'd in so loose a manner, that these greedy Officers cannot desire a more favourable opportunity ro fatisfy their Avarice. Befides, they judge without Appeal, and cause the Sentence to be executed upon the Spot. Tis true, some highly injur'd Persons have recourse to the Grand Signior's Divan; but that is feldom done, by reason it is Expensive and Troublesom; and besides, the Injustice done them must be very plain, or 'tis in vain to expect Satisfaction. All Civil affairs are Judg'd by the Cadis, according to the Deposition of Witnesses, without any regard to Writings. And if you can but bring two Persons to sware that they saw you pay 1000 Piasters to your Creditor, which you ow'd him upon your Note or Bond, he loses his Mony; and (as Du Mont says) there's always plenty of Knights of the Post, to be had for a small matter: And besides, the Cadi, whose Office lasts but for a year, and who grows Rich in a few months, thinks it not beneath the Dignity of his Office, to take a little Mony, and give Sentence as you would have it.

The Judgment of Criminal affairs belongs to the Bassa, who proceeds much after the same manner; for Mony clears the most Barbarous Malefactor, and without that, Justice degenerates to

'Tis true the Grand Signior sends Cruelty. Superior Bassas from time to time, attended with some Companies of Soldiers, to search after unpunish'd Malefactors; but these Great Inquisitors have not power enough to refult the Charms of mony. There are several sorts of Punishments inflicted on the Malefactors in this Country; fuch as Beheading, Drowning, Hanging, Strangling, Burning, Impaling, and the Strapado. The two latt for Turks that renounce the Mahometan Faith. Robbers and Murderers are Hang'd. Women are drown'd. The Rebellious and Sedirious are beheaded. Christians who Blaspheme Mahomet or the Alcoran, or lye with Turkish Women, are

The Government of the Cities is manag'd by five kind of Officers, the Bassa, Sub-Bassa, Vaivod, Cadi, and the Receiver of the Customs. The Bassa is properly the Governor, and judges Criminal Causes; and the Sub-Bassa is as it were his Depury. The Vaivod examines the Measures and Weights, punishes Drunken Per-sons, and all Disorders in the City. The Cadi is the Judge in all Civil Suits, and the Receiver of the Customs is impower'd to take Cognizance of all Fraudulent Practices relating to Pecuniary Duties, in all which Cases he is both Judge

and Party. As for the Religion of the Turks, they fay, God has lent four Prophets to Reveal his Will to Mankind, viz. Enoch, Moses, JESUS CHRIST, and Mahomet. They call Jesus Christ the Breath of God: They own his Miraculous Conception, and the Virgins perpetual Virginity, but say that Judas was Crucifi'd and not his Master, which they fay, serves better to display the Glory of Christ, than the Christian Doctrine; but for all they affirm that Christ was a Holy Man, and a chosen Veffel. They will not be perswaded to believe a Trinity. They differ from us in their Opinions concerning the Divine Atributes, only they have fuch a peculiar Fondness for Predestination, that they extend it even to the most indifferent Acti-They believe that there is an infinite Number of Angels, some good, some bad; the first they call White, the other Black Angels or Devils, and that every Man has one of each fort. They think that the Souls of the Wicked remain in their Graves, where they are Tormented by the Black Angels till the last day, when they shall be sent to Hell, together with their Bodies, and be Punish'd there for a certain time, according to their Crimes, and then go to Paradice; for they think the Doctrine of Eternal Punishment absurd. They believe that at the Day of Judgment the Beafts will rife and give Account before Christ, of all the Kindnesses and Injuries they have receiv'd from Men. They are very Nice and Ceremonious about their Washings, and Bathings after Pollutions. They Pray five times a day, in the Morning at Break of Day, at Noon, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, at 6 in the Evening, and an hour after the Close of the Evening. Friday is their Festival-day as Sunday is ours. Lent lasts but 30 days, but is very strictly kept; for they neither Ear, Drink, nor Smoak Tobacco, while the day lasts; which is very hard upon them, when it happens in Summer. They neither Eat Hogs Flesh, nor Drink Wine, nor can they endure Images. They think Deeds of Charity very Meritorious, and thefore leave many Legacies. There are several other things which a Turk must believe, and do, but it would be too tedious, and not so fit for a work of this Nature, to give the Reader a particular Account of

The whole Turkifo Milita, (as Sir Paul Rycaue observes) is of two sorts, one-that receives Maintenance from certain Lands or Farms, bestowd on them by the Grand Signior; others that receive their constant Pay in ready Mony. The great Nerve or Sinew of the Turkish Empire, is that of the first Rank, which are of two forts, viz. Zaims, which are like Barons in some Countries, and Timariots, who may be compar'd to the Decumani among the Romans. Those of the second fort, paid out of the Grand Signior's Treasury, are Spahi's, Janizaries, Gebegi or Armourers, Topzi or Gunners, Sea Soldiers call'd Levens, who have no Pay for Life, or are Enroll'd amongst the Military Orders; but only make an Agreement for five or six Thousand Aspress for their Voyage; which being ended,

they are Disbanded.

The Zaims, in all Expeditions of War, are oblig'd to Serve with their Tents, which are to be furnish'd with Kitchins, Stables, and other things suitable to their State and Quality; and things thinable to their state and Chairly; and for every 5000 Aspers of Rent received from the Grand Signior, they are to bring a Horseman into the Field, which is call'd Gebelu. The Timariots are obliged to Serve with lesser Tents, and to bring 3 or 4 Baskets for every Man that attends them, for carrying of Earth and Stones, for making Batteries and Trenches, while the Janizaries are in the Skirmish with the Enemy. And for every 3000 Aspers Rent, the Timariots are Sess'd in a Man, and a Horse. Both Saims and Timariots are dispos'd into Regiments, under Command of Colonels, call'd Alai-Begler, these again under the Command of the Baffa, and he under the Beglerbeg, which Forcee being united in one Body, repair to their Rendezvous appointed by the Serasker or General, who is either the Grand Signior, the Visier Azem, or some Eminent Person. No excuse is allow'd in the time of the Grand Signior's Wars; if Sick thy are carried in Horse-Litters or Beds; if Infants, in Hampers or Baskers, and in the very Cradles, Accustom'd

to the hardship, hazard and discipline of War. These Zaims and Timariots, may (as Sir Paul Ryeaut computes) be said to amount to in all above 83380, besides the Militia of Cairo, and other Orders of Soldiers. The standing Militia of the Kingdom of Egypt is 20000 Horle, befides which there is about 80000 Timariots.

The Taxtars of Crim are to lend 100000 Men to the Grand Signior's Wars. The Princes of Moldavia, Valachia, and Transilvania, fix or feven Thousand Men apiece. The Spahi's are generally well Educated, Courteous and Resin'd Men, and serve on Horseback, to the Number of 12000. Besides whom, there are, according to the aforesaid Author, four other sorts of Spahi's, who are rais'd according to the Necessity and occasions of War. The Janifaries, who but are now above 20000; but were there a List taken of all who assume this Title, to be freed from Duties and Taxes, the Number would amount to above one hunder'd Thousand. In former times this Militia confifted only of the Sons of Christians, but that Politick is now disus'd.

As to the Naval Forces of the Turks, tho they have much plenty of all things, fit for making a great Fleet, particularly Ports, Har-bours and Docks, as at Constantinople, where no less than 130 Ships may be upon the Stocks at the same time, at Sinopolis, Midia and Anchiale, Cities on the Black-Sca; and abundance of Men to be imploy'd in the Sea Service, yet for feveral years, especially fince the War in Candia, they have not been able to equip a Fleet much above 100 Sail of Gallies. The Pirats of Barbary, the Towns of Tripoli, Tunis, and Algier, used to be their Auxiliaries at Sea, but that is now in disuse. The Beyes of the Archipelago are bound, for certain Islands which are assign'd them in that Sea, to maintain 14 Gallies. The chief Admiral is call'd the Captain Pasham, his Lieutenant General Tershana Kiahiasi, and the next Officer Terfane Emini, or Steward of the Arfenal. But for a more particular account of these Matters, the Reader may, if he pleases, have recourse to such as have writ sully on the Subject, particularly the forecited Author. Subject, Passers

CHAP. VIII.

Of the North part of TURKEY in EUROPE, being the Provinces of WALACHIA and MOLDAVIA, Tributary to the Turks. Together with BESSERABIA, and the OCZAKOW-TARTARY, Subject to the Turks.

AVING taken a View of all the South fide of the Danube, and Travell'd South fide of the Danier, thro' Transilvania, in our passage from Hungary, we now come to the Countries on the North fide of that River; which was the Ancient Dacia, that Comprehended these two Provinces with Transitvania, and so far of Hungary as to the River Theysse, and was divided into three parts, viz. Ripenfis, containing part of Hungary and Walachia, on the Banks of the Danube; Alpostris part of Walachia and Meldavia; and Mediterranea, which was also Nam'd Gepida, the present Transilvania. The Inhabitants were of Scythian extract, fierce and barbarous, and were call'd Geta, hefore the Romans gave em the Name of Daci. They had Kings of their own, till Trajan Conquer'd the Country, and made it a Province of the Empire. Afterwards the Sarmatians, Saxons, Goths and Huns, at several times over-run these Countries. These Provinces now distinguish'd by two Names, were in the middle Ages, both Comprehended under the Name of Walachia, or Woloska Zemla in the Sarmatian Tongue, and the People Wolochy. Divided into Major and Minor, whereof the former afterwards took the Name of Moldavia. The other which in order as Situated, we are first to speak of, retain'd the Name of

WALACHIA,

Which is extended in a Triangular Form, between the Danube on the South, Hungary on the West, Transsivania on the North-west, and Moldavia, on the East, about 130 miles broad, but in its greatest extent near 200 miles long. The Air is Temperate, and the Soil Fruitful, producing Corn and Wine, Fruits, Wood, Pasture, Oxen, Sheep, and other Cattle, but especially Horses, for which this Country is Famous. The Earth also yields Mines of divers forts of Mettals. And the Forest Venison. The chief Rivers are the Aluta or Ole, the Telsch, the Jalonicza, and the Missories, which rise in the upper part of the Province, and all run Parallel, and fall into the Danube.

The Country is Govern'd by a Waywood, Elected or approv'd by the Grand Signior; he is stil'd Hespodar, that is, chief General of the Militia, and Pays a Tribute to the Turks of 70000 Ducats per Annum, and yet is at all expence in the Government, and Defence

of his Country.

The Christan Religion according to the Greek Church, is profess'd in Walachia, and

the Pattiarch of Constantinople is their Metro-

politan.

The Inhabitants Fancy themselves to be the true Offspring of the Romans, and their Affertion seems to be consirm'd by the Idiom of their Language, which in many Words and Phrases, comes nearer the Ancient Latin, than the Modern Italians do's, altho' now it is so corrupted with Russian, Sclavonian, and Turkish, that it hardly deserves any of that Character.

that Character.

In the Government, the Waywood always Exercis'd a Sovereign Authority, and as long as the Kingdom of Hungary stood, was wont to put himself under the Protection of that Monarch. In the year 1391, the Turks Invaded this Province, and in 1415, compell'd the People, that had gallantly defended themselves in several Rencounters, to submit to the Ostoman Yoke, which the Waywood attempted to throw off 10 years after; but being soon reduc'd to extremity, was again obliged to Swear Allegience to the Grand Signior, and promise to affish the Turkish Forces in all their Expeditions against the Christians. And tho' in 1995. Sigismund Bathar Prince of Transilvania, was able to secure this, as well as his own Principality, from the accustnm'd Bondage, yet the Inhabitants were not able long to maintain their Liberty, but have since contentedly Paid their Tribute without attempting another Revolt.

The chief Towns are Tergowisch.
Buchorest.
Braschow.

Rebnick.
Alauth.
Pedt.

Tergowisch, Terwisch or Tarvis, the Capital City of Walachia, wherein the Waywood keeps his Court, is seated on the River Launiza, in a Marshy Ground, 60 miles North from the Danube, and as many East from the Confines of Transilvania.

Buchorest, the second chief City, stands on the River Dombrowicen, 25 miles South from Tergowisch, and 35 North from the

Danube.

Braschow, Braschow or Braschow is seated in the North part near the Confines of Moldavia and Transilvania, 50 miles from Tergowisch. It is a considerable City, and the See of a Bishop, Suffragan to the Metropolis of Colocza.

Rebnick

Rebnick stands upon the River Alauta, near its former State; and accordingly it is still the Consines of Translivania, 40 miles East from Tributary to the Turks. Targowisch.

Alauth stands on the same River 30 miles

below Rebnick.

Pedt is feated on the Danube on the very Limits of this Province towards Hungary 130 miles West from Buchorest, and 90 West from Belgrade.

MOLDAVIA.

Lies on the North-east of Walachia, bounded on the North by the River Neister, or Turla, which divides it from the Ukrain, on the South with Walachia and the Danube, on the East with Besserabia, and on the West by Transilvania; It's extent is much greater than Walachia, being 240 miles from North to South, and 150 from East to West. The AIR is very Healthy, and the Soil Fruitful, producing all Necessaries; as Corn, Cartle, and excellent Horses. The Land is diversified into Meuntains and Plains, and water'd with divers Rivers, the chief whereof are the Mol-davo (whence the Country has its Modern Name) the Pruth, the Sereth, the Bardalach, &c.

Moldavia, says Sir Paul Rycaut in his pre-fent State of the Octoman Empire, was first made Tributary to the Turks by Mahomet the Great, but under the small Tribute of 2000 Crowns per Annum, afterwards Bogdamus Waywood thereof, A. 1585, fearing to become absolute Vassal to the Turk, being affifted by Poland, took up Arms against Solymus II. by whom being drawn out of his Country. Country, John a Moldavian Born, but one who had embraced the Mahometan Religion, was preferr'd by Selymus to that Principality; was preferr'd by Selymus to that Principality; but as soon as he was in it, he return'd to his former Religion, which made the Turk set upon him too, and John losing his Life in the Quarrel, the Province sell to the power of the Turks in the Year 1574. who appoint the Waywood, and impose an Annual Tribute, which at that time amounted to 80000 Dollars; but now (that is, when he wrote, his Book) it is reduc'd to 66000 Dollars in Money, near 40000 pounds of Wax, as much Money, near 40000 pounds of Wax, as much Honey, and a vast quantity of Tallow for the Arsenal. But besides the Annual Tribute, this Author says, That there were so many accidental Expences, Pretentions, and Arts of the Turks to squeeze Money out of this oppress'd People, as did sometimes double the charge of their yearly Tribute. To which may be added, the price paid to the Grand Seignior and others for the Principal lity which amounts to troooo Dollars. In the Year 1686, the Polanders over-run this Country, took the chief Cities, and oblig'd the Inhabitants to put themselves under the Protection of the Empire. But at the Treaty of Carlowitz, it was agreed, that the Poles should retire, and leave this Principality in

The chief Towns are, Fassy, Moldadania, Vasloye, Soczow, Targorod, Romani-Wivar, Chotzyn, Braila.

Fassy, or Fazy, a confiderable City, and formerly the Seat of the Prince, is seated on the River Pruth, in the North-part of the Province about 30 miles from the Confines of Poland, in the Latitude of 47. 30. Longit. 46 Deg. Baudrand says it was, probably, the ancient Augusta of Dacia.

Chetzyn on the River Neister near Poland, 90 miles North-west from 30sty, and 25 Southcast from Caminiec, is a strong Town, and the chief Magazine of the Country, famous for a great Victory there obtain'd over the Turks by John Sobiesky late King of Po-

Zockzow, Soczow, or Czukaw, is a large and strong City, stilled the Cpital of the Province, because the Prince usually resides there. It is Seated on the River Sereth, 50 miles Welf from Jass, 70 South from Caminieck, and 30 East from the Confines of Transivania, and guarded with a Castle.

Targorod, or Trescort, stands on the Confluence of the Rivers Molda and Sereth, 50 miles from Seczow.

Moldadania, on the River Molds, is about 20 miles diffant from Soczow to the South.

Vafloye stands on the River Bardalack 60 miles East from Targorod.

Romani Wivar stands on the River Sereth, on the Confines of Walachia, and not far from the Danube. Braila stands at the Mouth of the same Ri-

ver into the Danube 35 miles South-east from Romani Wivar.

BESSARABIA.

By fome reckon'd part of Moldavia, but more properly a separate Province, lies on the East of Moldavia between that and on the Black Sea, and between the Rivers Danube on the South, and Niester on the North. It is partly Mountainous, and partly Marshy Country; Inhabited by the Budziack-Tartaris. The extent of it is about 150 miles from East to West, and 60 or more in the West part, from North to South.

The chief Towns are,
Tekin, Kilia-Nova,
Bialogorod, Kilia Vechia

Tekin, Tegina, or Beuder, is a large City, the Capital of the Province, feated on the River Neister, near the Confines of Moldavia 100 miles from the Black Sea to the West, 60 from the Danube to the North, and 100 miles from Jass to the East. It

is guarded with a Castle, and reckon'd a strong

Frontier.

Bialogrod, otherwise called Akierman, is a frong Fortress feated near the Black Sea, at the Mouth of the Neister. Some take this to be the ancient Tyras, which Peolomy places at the Mouth of the Neister, and which Herberstein and others call Moncastro : But it is suppos'd the old Tyras being quite destroy'd, this Town sprung up near it.

Kilia Nova, is a strong Town seated on the Northern Branch of the Danube near its Mouth

into the Black-Sea, over-against

Kilia Vechia, or Vetus, which stands in the Island, made by Two Branches of the Danube, to which it gives Name,

The OCZAKOW-TARTARY

Lies on the North-east of Besserabia on the other side the Niester, surrounded by Podolia, or the Ukraine, except on the East where it is bounded by the Black-Sea, and the Mouth of the Boristhenes; and on the South where the Neister parts it from Besserabia. Its extent is not above 80 miles, and is divided by the

River Bog, which rifing in Poland, here discharges its felf into the Sea, other Rivers water it, and the Ingulet or Mali is its Eastern boundary.

> The chief Towns are, Oczakow, Bilchowifie, } & Keczubi.

Oczakow, or Ocziakow, otherwise called Dziarkrimenda, is feated at the Mouth of the River Boristhenes, or Neister into the Black Sea, 60 miles North-East from Bialegrod, and near the Mouth of the River Bog. It is a ffrong Town with a Castle, founded by Vitolaus Duke of Lithuania, and first Peopled by his Subjects, afterwards possess by the Tartars who had a Denomination from this place, and were powerful Enemies of Poland. But the Poles gave them a notable Overthrow in the Year 1644. at present it is Garrison'd by the Turks, though the Inhabitants be Tartars.

Bilchowifie is feated on the Boriftbenes where the River Ingulet or Mali falls into it, on the extreme East part of this Province towards the Crim-Tartary, 20 miles North-east

from Oczakow.

Koczubi is feated on the Black Sea, 30 miles West from Oczakow.

CHAP. IX.

Of TARTARY-MINOR, or the CRIM-TARTARY, Allies to the Turks.

HE Tartars were always a Roving People that Usurp'd upon their Neighbours on every fide. Of their Conquests in Muscovy we have spoken, and shall have occasion to shew that China and Indoston are at this day Subject to Princes of that Race. Persia, and a great part of the Turkish Empire in Asia, was for a long time their Prey: And these Provinces of Europe last mention'd, as well as Hungary, were at feveral times over-tun by them. But upon the Change of Fate in War, they were as often beaten back. At last about 300 Years ago they settled themselves in the Peninsula between the Black-Sea, and the Palus Meotis, formerly named Taurica Chersonesus, wherein at that time the Genoueses had Footing; and the adjacent Country Northward to the Frontiers of Muscovy, which from them has been since named Tartaria Minor. And the at first they owned a Subjection to the Grand Cham; yet having strengthned themselves sufficiently, they threw off that Obedience, and acknowledg'd for their Prince one of their Great Men; who being descended from the Royal Family, took upon himself the Royal Authority with the Title of Han, which in their Language fignifies King. This Honour is Elective, but always

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conferr'd on one of the Family if not the Son of the Predecessor, and is confirm'd by the Grand Seignior, with whom they are always in Alliance, and so far in Subjection to, that the Sultan assumes the Power of Deposing the Father, and fetting up the Son, upon de-fault of the usual Affiliance or Duty. By ancient Compact between the Turk and the Tartar, it is agreed, That whenever the Grand Seignior goes in Person to the Wars, the Han is to accompany him with an Army of 100000 Men; but if the Visier or some other Officer Command the Turks Army, he only sends his Son, or some principal Officer with an Army of 50000 Men. The Turk hath been used to hold the Son of the Han as Hostage for performance of this agreeement; and as Sir Paul Rycaut tells us, the present Han Mabomet Ghirei was detained during his Fathers Life; first at Jamboli, and then at Rhodes; and before he at Jambolt, and then at Robdes; and before he mounted the Throne Sware Fealty to the Grand Seigneor at Constantinople: But the Treatment he mer with there four'd him, that he has refused that part of the Subjection as being dishonourable to so powerful a People: But has nevertheless affisted the Turk in the Wars according to his Treaty. The Tartarian Army have no Pay, but are allowed the Plunder they

take, which confifts chiefly in Slaves, whereof they carry away great Numbers, and sell to great profit. In the Year 1663, they so pil-lag'd and wasted Hungary, Moravia, and Silesia, that Sir Paul Rycaut tells us they carried away in one Year 160000 miserable Creatures into Captivity. Such of the Slaves as are Wounded, or Sick and unable to Travel they kill, the rest they carry home, and sell to the Turks, especially the Young Boys and Girls, which is the best Traffick the Tartars pretend to.

By Contract on the Turkish fide, it is agreed, That in case of failure of the Ottoman Line, that Empire is to devolve to these Tartars, which is the great knot of this Confederacy. The Han receives a fort of Pay from the Grand Seignior, and is oblig'd not only to affift him in War, but also not ro engage in any War, except against the Museovite, without his

The Kingdom confifts of Two Parts, TAR-TARIA-MINOR, and the

TAURICACHERSONESUS, or

Crim-Tartary.

In the Crim-Tartary there are Towns Inhabited, and Palaces wherein the Han Resides; but in Tartaria-Minor, tho' it be a Fertil Rich Soil, and was anciently well Cultivated by feveral Colonies of Greeks, there is now no fuch thing as a City or Town, the Inhabitants being a fierce wild People that live in the open Air in Tents which they fet up and remove as their Fancies or Occasions invite In February they are invited by the Cham to Till the Ground which some do, but the greatest part Neglect, esteeming it beneath them. Their Ordinary Food is Raw Flesh laid for some time between their Saddle and Horse's back, which they Eat (tho' Dead of Sickness or Putrissed) without Bread or Salt; so that the greatest part of the Country, especially that nothing but Woods, Lakes, and unpassable Marshes. The Han with his chief Officers and Courtiers live in the Crim-Tareary in Palaces and Towns, and have Lands, Herds, and Wealth, as other People. The Han has large Revenues arifing by Tributes and Aids Paid by his Subjects, and is able to bring into the Field a very large Army, even 300000 Horse, but no Foot; for Horses here are so exceeding plenty, that not only every Man is Mounted, but has also one or two spare Horfes.

TARTARIA-MINOR, otherwise called Nahaisky, or the Nagayan Tartary, is a very large Tract lying on the South of Muscow, between the Frontiers of that Empire, and the Black Sea. The Mouth of the River Don or Tanais being its Eastern Boundary, and the River Nieper or Boristenes the Western. So that its Length may be reckon'd 300 miles from East to Weft, but the Breadth not proportionate. This Country is, as we have said, a kind of Wild Desert, the People roving about in Hords or Multitudes with their Tents, Cattle, Wives, and Children, and never fix in any certain place. The only Towns mention'd by Geographers being Strelniega, at the Mouth of the Boristenes and Kaskerment a little above it. on the Western Coast; and Azoph on the Eastern, at the Mouth of the Don.

The Taurica-Cherfonefus, now called the CRIM-TARTART, from the City Crim; and also PRZECOP-TARTART from another Town; is as we have said a Peninsula between the Black-Sea, and the Palus Meoris; of about 80 Leagues in length, from East to West; and about 40 L 1 s broad, from North to South; it is join'd to the Land by a very narrow Ishmus, in the North part, not above a mile over, thro which alo the Tartars have cut a Ditch.

The Country towards the South is Mountainous, and well Water'd with Rivers; the rest is Champaign, but wants fresh Water. Ex-

cept the deep Wells which are dug.

The Taurica Cherfonefus was Conquer'd by the Romans; and upon the declining of that Empire, the best part of it became Subject to the Genoefe, who maintain'd a confiderable Traffick there, before the Tartars Invaded it. The Turks have also at several times Attack'd it, and still possess some of its Towns: So that between one and the other, the Geneele have been expell'd these 200 years.

> The chief Towns are Przecop. 7 [Crim. Sachingeri. Sidagoy. Caffa. Ingermen. Sarigermen. Kerky. > 3 Pontico. Balaclawa. Kiderleri. Tamen. Cercissegermen. Karafu. Baccassaray. Almafaray. Arabet.

Przecop, call'd Or by the Tartars, Antiq, Taphros & Taphre, is seated upon the Dike. in the narrowest part of the Isthmus. It hath a Castle wherin Resides a Palatine of the Hans, who Commands the Guards on the Boristhenes and Tanais, and the Tartars in the Plains: And examins all Strangers that pass

Sachingeri not far from it, on the Black-Sea. is a Town of 2000 Houses, and a place of good.

Traffick.

Balaclawa or Balacley, stands on the Southwest Coast, sometime Possess by the Genoese, and then call'd Jamboli, from the store of Fish in the Neighbouring Sca. It is a small Town, Posses'd by the Turks, who here build their Ships and Gallies.

Topetarkan or Sarigermen, anciently call'd Chersonesus and Corsuna, and was the noblest City of all the Peninfula. Whereof the Ruins are still extant on the West Coast;

but the place is hardly Inhabited.

Ingermen on the South-west Cape, anciently a great Town, whereof many Ruins and Greek Inscriptions remain; but it is now only a fmall Town with a Castle Posses'd by the Turks.

Mangut or Mancus, an inland Town, once a Magnificent City, now only a Tower and a kind of Castle, with some sew Houses, Inhabited by the Turks and Greeks.

Cerciffigermen, a Fort of the Turks, not fat

from Maugut.

Caffa or Theodosia, the Chief City of the Peninsula, stands on the South Coast, over against the Isthmus. It has 5 or 6000 Houses Inhabited mostly by Christians, who have many Churches; some Turks and a few Tastars, Mmm 2

under the Government of a Turkish Sangiack. It is a place of great Traffick, begun by the Genocse, from whom the Turks took it, in 1574. and is about two days Sail diltant from Con-Stantinople.

Kerkey, Cimmerium, is a little Town of the Tartars, feated on the East Coast, on the Straight denominated from it, and anciently call'd Bof-

phorus Cimmerus.

Pontico, olim Panticapaum, was formerly the chief City of all this Country, it stands on the

Mouth of the same Straight.

Kiderleri is also on that Straight. Baccafaray, which may be efteem'd the chief City, being the Seat of the Han, stands 20 miles South from the Islamus, and about 15 from the Western Sea Coast: It is a Town of 2000 Houses, besides the Magnissent Palace of the Hans, surrounded with a Pleasant Country for Hunting, and is nobly adorn'd with Gardens, Orchards, Baths, &c. Here is also a Mosque wherein are many stately Sepulchres of the Hans.

Almasaray is another Palace of the Hans with a small Town.

Crim, whence the Country, and People are Denominated, is a strong Castle, wherein is kept the Mint. It hath a small Town to it, which is chiefly Inhabited by Turks.

Sidagoy or Sudacum, was a very Noble and Strong City, feated in the Mountains, famous for the Wines growing near it, formerly Poffes'd by the Genoese, from whom it was taken after

a long Siege, by the Turks. Karasu, 20 miles West from Cassa, is a Town of 1000 Houses, belonging to the Cham.

Arabet or Orbotec, stands near the Palus Meotis, 20 miles North from Kerky, it hath two Castles for its Defence, and is the Place where the Han keeps his Stud of Horses, which are reckon'd to be about seventy Thousand in Number.

In the very East part of the Continent of Tataria Minor, on the Banks of the Don or Tanais, between its Mouth, and the Mouth of the Donies stand several Towns, among

which is

AZOPH, Azow or Azek, a strong Fortress feated on the Mouth of the Don or Tanais, into the Palus Meotis, in the Latidude of 47 Deg. Longitude 59 Deg. Taken from the Tartars by Mahomet II. and Possess'd by the Turks till the late War, when in the year 1694, it was Taken by the present Czar of Muscovy, and still held by him: Being a Post of that Importance, that he absolutely refus'd Peace with the Turk, unless he might keep it. And indeed it is a Place of great Moment, to a Muscovite Prince fo active as his present Czarish Majesty, for by the Shiping he may build there, he may Command the Palus Maotis, and not only force his Passage into, but even dispute the Command of the Black-Sea it felf, with the Turks: Wherefore, 'tis no wonder they so earnestly Insisted upon the Restoring it; and nothing could make the Turks fit down with the Lofs, but the the very low Estate the War had brought 'em to.

Kasikerment at the Mouth of the River Nieper, is another Fortress of great Importance, taken by the same Prince, and still held by him. It stands in Latitude 46. Longitude 58 Deg.

30 Min. and gives Paffage into the Black-Sea. The Situation of both these Places is seen in

our Map of Muscovy.

With which we should Finish our Account of Europe, and proceed to that of Asia. But that it is necessary to speak a little of the Palus

The PALUS MÆOTIS or the Sea of Zabache, is call'd Limen More by the Russians; Gnilen Morze by the Poles, and Mare del Tana by the Italians. It was anciently call'd by divers Names, viz. Palus Sarmatiæ, Cimmeriæ Paludes, Scythica Stagna, and Pontici Euxini Mater, Teste Buno. The modern Name of Zabache is deriv'd from a certain Fish taken there, at certain times of the Year. It is a large Sea, lying from South-west to North-east 130 Leagues in length, according to the Maps: But Dion) fius makes its extent from the Taurica Cheisonesus, to the Mouth of the Tanais, 300 miles. It is bounded on the North and West by the Leffer Tartary; on the South-west by the Tauric-Cherfonese; and on the East and South-east by Sarmatia Asiatica, now Circass Tartary. The River Don or Tanais, which is the Boundary of Europe, falls into its Eastern Bay. And the Lake Sura Morzi, on the West issues from it and makes the Precop-Isthmus so narrow. On the South it has Communication with the Black-Sea. thro' the Sraight of Kerky or Caffa, which was the ancient Bosphorus Cimmerus.

We have now Survey'd all the Provinces of the Turkish Empire in Europe, and shall next take a View of the Countries of Asia, Subject

to this Monarch, which are

Many Islands lying near its Coasts:

Natolia or Asia Minor.

Turcomonia: part of Georgia Tributary to

Affyria or Diarbeck, Comprehending part of the ancient Affyria, with Mesopotamia, and

Syria at large, containing Syria Proper, Phanicia and Judaa.

And a great part of Arabia.

A large part of Africa is also under the Turkish Dominion, viz.

The Kingdoms of Ægyps, and Barca, on the Mediterranean. And

The Coasts of Abex on the Red-Sea, with

part of The Upper Æthiopia on the same Sea.

Also the Kingdoms of Tripoli, Tunis, and Algiers, are Tributary.

All which vast Empire is Subject to the Absolute Dominion of the Ottoman Emperor, usually stil'd by us Europeans the Grand Signior, and is Govern'd by a great Number of Viceroys, call'd Beglerbegs, with Subordinate Governors, nam'd Sangiacks. And a leffer Order, ftil'd Baffas. Accordingly the Empire is divided into large Provinces call'd Beglerbegships, and those sub-divided into Sangiates. The particular Number whereof, is unnecessary to be set down here, but will be observ'd in our. Descriptions of these Countries, which will be the Subject of the Second Part of this Work.

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PREFACE.

UROPE being the Part of the World, that we our selves Inhabite, and the Nations of it our Neighbours, their Affairs are more immediately the Matter of our Enquiry, than are those of the other Quarters. Wherefore, after having given so particular Accounts of all the Cities and remarkable Places in all the Nations of Europe, we may be excused if we are shorter in the Description of Asia, Africa, and America. So that the same Exactness shall be observed in setting down the Provinces and chief Cities, yet in passing over the less notable ones with a general Character only, we hope we shall rather Please than Disgust the Reader; since to be as particular here, as we have been in Europe, would be both Tedious and Unprostable.

But in those Parts where England, and other Europeans have any Concerns, we have Enlarg'd our Accounts, as will be seen in the Descriptions of the East and West Indies.

To have given Historical Relations also of these Nations, as we have done in Europe, would have too much swell'd out our Work, which indeed does already exceed its intended Bulk. We have therefore been oblig'd to omit them, except in India, China, and Persia; which Countries, our frequent Trade thither, makes us Curious in the Enquiry after.

The particular Description here given of the Holy Land, will we hope be acceptable, since it serves very much to Illustrate the History of the Bible.

Nor will the Ancient Geography, whereby is shewn the Provinces and Cities of the Romans, Grecians, Assyrians, Persians, &c. be less agreeable, the ancient Historians being thereby Illustrated.

And lastly, we hope our Maps will meet a kind Reception, as being not only fairly Engraven, but also laid down according to the modern Corrections. In the Dutch Maps, and those of Sanson, the East Indies, and China, were placed at least 10 Degrees more Eastward, than really they are, as was discovered by exact Observations, taken by divers Eminent Astronomers and Travellers. The Coasts of Astrica, and America, were also very Erroniously set down, till the Industry of this Age had Corrected it; this made the old Maps so confused and untrue, that a new Sett is absolutely. Necessary for the right knowledge of the Situation of these Countries. The supplying in some measure this defect, is what we have attempted; but with what Success, we must leave to the Learned World to Judge.

ASIA.

CHAP. I.

Of ASIA in general



ing of Europe, let us now proceed to Asia, the second Part of the ancient World, and heretofore reputed the chief of all; in which Paradise was situated, the first Men led their Lives, all forts of Arts, Sciences, Languages,

Ì. Afia. and the first Monarchies deriv'd their Original: Where also the Christian Religion was first planted; for the great Author of it himselfsbeing born in those Parts, perform'd all the Offices of his facred Function, and almost the whole History of the Old and New Testament was there transacted.

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Afa is bounded on the North by the Scythian or Tartarian Occan; on the Eaft, by the Set of Jesto, or of the Kaimachites, and that of China; on the South, by the Indian Sea, properly so call'd, the Arabian and the Straight of Babelmandel; and on the West, by the Arabian Gulph, or the red Sea, and the Ilbmus, or narrow Neck of Land, that hes between this and the Mediterranean, and by which it is parted from Africa: As also, by the Eastern Part of the Mediterranean, or Levantine Sea, the Ægean, or Archipelago; the Hellespont, or Straight of Gallipoli; the Proportis, or Sea of Marmora; the Thacian Bophorus, or Straight of Constantinople; the Euxine, or Black Sea; the Cimmerian Bosphorus, or Straight of Cassa, the Cimmerian Bosphorus, or Straight of Cassa; the Palus Measus, or Sea of Zabacha; the lower Part of the River Tanais, or Don; a Line drawn from that River to the Month of the Volga, and thence to the Oby; and lastly, the lower Course of the Europe.

The Continent of Asia is extended from West to East from the Archipelago, or Egean Sea to that of Jess; or from the 50th to the 122d Degree of Longitude; and from South to North, from Ilhor, or Ihor, the most Southern Town of Anrea Chersons, or the Peninsula of India, beyond the River Ganges, to the utmost Bounds of Tartary; or from the first to the 72. or according to others, the 74. Degree of North-Latitude: But the Islands that lie in the Indian Sea, over against China and India, reach to the 11th Degree of South-Latitude. So that the greater number of those Islands, and some Parts of the Continent, are situated within the Torrid Zone; the greatest Part of the Continent within the Northern Temperate Zone; and the least Parts in the Northern Frigid Zone: And the Extent of Asia does not only exceed that of Europe, but of Africa also.

As for the Figure of this Continent, some compare it to the Duke of Venice's Cap, to a Horse-cloth, or to Pegajus, the fabulous Winged Horse; and others, cutting off the Peninjilas from the Southern Bounds, sancy it to resemble the shape of an Egg. The Soil in its vast extent, may well be expected to be various; but it is in general very fruitful, bringing forth, even in the Torrid Zone, most exquisite and choice Fruits, which are not to

be found elsewhere; the Earth also yielding Precious Stones, and the best fort of Metals. Nor are Mountains and Rivers wanting, or indeed any thing that can contribute to the Necessaries, or even Pleasure of Life. The Inhabitants are generally esseninate, and of a disingenuous Temper, yet capable of the the most curious Arts and Sciences, and great Lovers of Monarchical Government; which made Tacima say, Suema Regibus Oriens; as indeed they are so far, as to be meer Slaves to their Arbitrary Princes.

All Authors are not agreed as to the particular Way of dividing Asia; for some distinguish it into the Continent and Islands: The latter lie in the Mediterranean Sea, or the Archipelago, over against the lesser Asia, or Nato China and India; and the Continent ex-tends it felf North and South. In the North-ern Part of it is a Region of Afra, fittuated between the Black and Caspian Seas (the particular Provinces of which are Georgia, Tur-comania and Circaffia) and the Great Tartary, on the Sea of the fame Name. In the Southern Part, in passing from East to West, we meet with China, India, Persia and Arabia, bordering on the Indian Ocean; and Turkey in Asia on the Mediterranean, Ægean, or Archipelago and Black Seas. Others divide Asia into five vast Empires, viz. the Turkish, Tartarian, Indian, Persian and Chinese. Some Geographers (reckoning the Islands of the Indian Ocean over against *China* and *In-*dia for one Part) divide Asia into six, seven or eight Parts, accordingly as they think fit to enlarge or straighten the Bounds of Turkey in Asia: For some make Georgia and Arabia Parts of the Turkish Dominions, and consequently allow fix Parts, or general Divisions of Asia: Others only separate Arabia from Turkey in Asia, but not Georgia, by that means admitting seven Parts of Asia. Lastly, others cut off both Arabia and Georgia from Turkey in Asia, and constitute eight Parts of Asia. Which last method we have follow'd, and consider'd it in eight Parts; that is to say, 1. Turkey in Asia, 2. The Country lying between the Black and Caspian Seas, 3. Tartary, 4. China, 5. The Islands over against China and India, 6. India, 7. Persa, and 8. Arabia: All which shall be methodically treated for the back of the control of in their Order.

CHAP. II.

A Description of Turkey in Asia, Natolia, and the Islands situated over against it.



MONG the Parts of Asia, that subject to the Turk first offers it self to our View, as lying next to Turkey in Europe last described; and in regard that this Region constitutes the chiefest Part of the Ottoman Empire, even upon that account it ought not to be separated. The Bounds of Turkey in Asia on the North, are the Eustine, or Black Sea and Georgia; Persia on the East; Arabia on the South; and on the West Egypt, the Eastern Part of the Mediterranean Sea, the Archipelago, the Straight of Gallipoli, the

Propontis, and the Straight of Confiantinople. These Dominions thus bounded are situated between the 30th and the 43d Degr. of Northern Latitude, and the Soil produces every thing that is necessary for Humane Life; more especially Corn, Fruits, the best sort of Grapes, Sastron, Cotton, Silver, Copper, Iron, Crystal and Allum; but through the Severity of the Turkish Government it is not half Cultivated. The Division of the Countreys, with the chief Cities, is seen in the following Table.

General and Particular Tables of TURKEY in ASIA, among which are two extraordinary ones relating to Ancient Judea, of which we shall hereafter give a large Description, useful in the Illustration of Sacred History.

Telmeffus Xanthus Santo or Sirbi A General Table of Turkey in Asia. Andriace or Gorante Myra or Strumita Limyra Olympus or Leville Phaselis or Fionda I. Natolia, Natolia properly so called in which Caramania in which Caramania
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Ceraunia or Cerines

Famagusta or Famagosta Salamis or Constantia Il Porto Costanzo

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Galatia.

TURKET in ASIA is not improperly divided into the Western and Eastern Parts; the former lying between the River Euphrates, and the Mediterranean and Agean Sea, or Archipelago, and the latter between the fame River and Persia: The former comprchending Natolia and Spria, and the latter, Diarbeck and Turcomania. Of these Natolia with the Islands over against that Continent and Syria, appear first in our Journey from Europe. Natolia, otherwise call'd Anatolia and Anatole, as also Natolub by the Turk, i.e. the East, desires its Name from its Situation. derives its Name from its Situation; for it bears Eastward, with respect to Italy, and Turkey in Europe: Upon the fame account the Name of Levante, or the Levant, is given by the Italians, to these Parts and the Islands adjacent. This Country was anciently the Seat of many confiderable Nations and Kings, and bore the general Name of Asia, but with the addition of Miner or the leffer, to diffinguish it from the whole Continent, by which Name this one of the three Parts of the ancient World was always known. Among all the Parts of Asia this extends it self most toward the West and nearest to Europe, in form of a Peninsula; (whose Ishmus is 300 miles broad) bounded on the South, by the Eastern Part of the Mediterranean, or Levantine Sea; on the West, by the Archipelago, the Straight of Gallipoli, the Propontis or Sea of Marmora and the Straight of Constantinople, by which it is separated from Europe; on the North, by the Euxine, or Black Sea; and on the East, by Armenia, or Turcomania, (where for the most part, the upper course of the River Euphrates serves for its Bounds) Syria and Mount Amanus, call'd Montagna Neros, i.e. the Watery Mountain by the Inhabitants, from the great plenty of Springs and Rivulets, with which it is water'd; but by others Monte di Scanderona, from the little Town of Scanderoon, or Alexandreta, that stands on the Foot of it.

Natolia is at present divided into four Parts, viz, Nutolia, strictly taken, Caramania, Aladulia and Anasia; the first of which is situated toward the West and the rest toward the East. Natolia properly so call'd, lying next to Europe, takes up about one half of the ancient Asia Minor; extending it self from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean: It borders on the East upon Caramania and Amasia, and on the West, upon the Archipelago, the Straight of Gallipoli, the Propontis, and the Straight of Constantinople; and is subdivided into fourteen Sangiack/bips, or lesser Governments. And anciently it comprehended these following Countries, viz. Galatia, Paphlagonia, Pontus and Bithynia, as also Asia Minor properly so call'd; the last of which lies toward the South, and the others toward the North.

Galatia deriv'd its Name from the Gauls, who came out of haly and fettled in these Parts; it was also styl'd Gallogracia, from the Gauls and Greeks, by whom it was promiseuously inhabited: Tis now krown by the Name of Chiagare, and borders on the East upon the Province of Natelia, which bears the Name of Amalia. The most remarkable Towns of Galacia, were Peffenus, or Pessinus; Therma, or Germa and

Ancyra, or Angouri, which last was formerly the Metropolis of the Tellofagi, fumous for the Victory of Pompey over Mulvildates, and for that of Tamerlan over Bajazer; and is as yet a Place of good Note.

Paphlagonia, now call'd Roni, according to Paphlage-Calidadus; and Bolli by others, was a Part of na. Galatia taken at large, fittaited between Galatia properly fo term'd, and the Engine Soci; the chief Towns of which were Pompeipolis in the inland Country, and on the Coatts of the Black Sea, Amisus or Amisum, now call'd Simifo by the Greeke and Amid, or Hemid by the Turks; as also Simpe, Simpi, a large Town, with a Harbour on the Bay of Similo, the Sec of a Bithop, and noted for giving Birth to Diagenes the Cynick Philosopher. Near it are found Brass-Mines, a rarity in Asia.

In the Province of Pon'us, or Genech, which Pontut. border'd upon Paphlagenia on the West, and the Black Sea on the North; on the Coalts, flood Amastris, now Samastro, which forme include within the furisdiction of Paphlagonia and Heraclea Ponti, now Penderachi a little Town; also Claudi polis, otherwise call'd Bithynium and Cafremena by Castaldus, on the River Elatas, in the inland Country.

In Bithynia, or Becsangil; which lay in the Bithynia. middle, between the said Province of Pontus, and the Propontis, having its Coasts also wash'd by the Black Sea; the principal Towns were Chalcedon, now Scutari, on the Timacian Bosphorus, or Straight of Constantinople, over against that Imperial City, famous for the fourth general Council held there: Nicomedia: or Comidia on the innermost Coast of the Bay of the same Name, formerly remarkable for the Baptism and Death of the Emperor Constantine the Great, but now almost bury'd in its own Ruins: Nicea, or Nice, whose modern Names are Ifnich and Nichor, or Nichea, lying near the Afeanea Palus, or Lake of Acfa, to-ward the East, and noted for the first General Council conven'd there, against the Heretick Arius: Lybiffa, now call'd Lebuffa, and Ge-bife by others, heretofore made famous by the Death and Sepulchre of Hannibal, but at prefent only a finall Village: And Prufa, or Pruss ad Olympum, at the Foot of which Bursa was built in a fruitful and well water'd Plain; where the Octoman Emperors ufually kept their Court, before they had got footing in Europe; and it is still reputed one of the chief Towns of these Parts, and fortified with a Castle on a Hill. We are informed by Clu-verlus, That Bithynia and Pontus which we have separately described, though they were at first two distinct Provinces, were afterwards united, and esteem'd but one Province.

The remaining Part of proper Naolia, that lies toward the South, was formerly taken up by Alia Minor frielly so call'd, being Part of Afia Minor, before specify'd Sect. II. in which were the seven Churches mention'd in the Revelation of St. John: The particular Provinces of it were Mysia, Phrygia, Lydia, Aolis, Ionia, and Caria, of which Doris constituted a Part. Mysia now known by the Name of Nacolia, was twofold, that is to fay, the

leffer and the greater.

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The leffer Mysia extended it self more towards the North, and its Coasts were wash'd by the Sea of Marmora, and the Hellespont, Myfia Hellespontiaea and Olympica. The chief Towns of this Province, on the Sea-coasts were Cyzicus, Chizico, by others termed Spiga, Spinga and Palormi, built 70 years after the City of Rome, on an Island, at a small distance from the Continent, and abounding with Marble. Beyond this Town, toward the West, appears the Island of Praconnessus in the Propontis, or Sea of Marma, and on the Coasts of the lesser Mysia, at present call'd Marmora, from the great quantity of Marble there digg'd out of the Quarries; being about 20 Miles in compass, well cultivated and adorned with a considerable Town: Parium: Lampfacus on the Straight of Gallipoli and the Mouth of the River Granicus, over against Gallipoli which is fittuated in the Peninfula of Thrace or Romania: Abydus, Avido, opposite to Seftus, Sefto, in the same Peninsula; out of Caftles call'd the Dardanelles, somewhat towards the South, on the Hellespont, or Straight of Gallipoli, and at the Mouth of the Propontis, or Sea of Marnora: And Dardanes, or Dardanum, on the Coast of the fame Straight of Gallipoli; from whence (as some conjechire) the two Forts of the Dardanelles erected for the defence of it, took their Names.

In the greater Mysiz, the Situation of which was more Southerly and more Eastern than that of the other, the Principal Towns on the Sca-coasts were Antandros, or St. Dimirri: Adramytum, call'd Endromit by the Turks, Andramiti by the Europeans, and Landimirri by M. Sanson, with a Harbour on the Bay of the same Name: And Pergamus, Pergamo, now Mairi situated on the foot of a Hill and the Bank of the River Capeus, in a pleasant fruitful and well water'd Plain; inhabited at present by the Turks, and some sew Christian Families, that get a livelyhood by Husbandry: This Place was heretofore noted for giving birth to Galen, an excellent Physician, and for a samous Christian Church, which was the third among those of Asia.

Phrygia was in like manner anciently divided into the Lester and Greater. Under the former, being Part of a Province now call'd Surchen, M. Sunson will have the greater and lesser Mysu comprehended; making Trous and the Straight of Gallipoli Parts of the latter: Other Geographers reckon Trous a Part of the lesser Phrygia, excluding it from both the Mysus; and some take the lesser Phrygia and Trous for the same Province, which was at first call'd Trous, and afterwards the lesser Phrygia, when possess the same to see the seed to be succeed to the most stourishing City of the whole Continent of Asia, belieged ten years, and at last stourish and razed by the Greeians; the exploits of which Siege, are celebrated by the Poets Homer and Virgil: But now scarce any Remains of it are to be seen, that testi-

fic its ancient Grandeur, and its most famous Harbour is almost flopt up with Sand. And Trous Alexandri, or Alexandria Troadis, on the shore of the Ageun Sea, or Archipelago, built by Alexander the Great, at the distance of a few Miles towards the South; the Ruins of this Town are now call'd Eski Samboul by the Turks.

The greater Phrygia, at present known by Phrygia the Name of Germian, was much larger than Majora the former, lying in the inland Country, between the leffer Phrygia on the Well, and Galatia on the East; abounding (according to the report of Q. Curtius) more with Villages than Towns, the chief of which were Cotiaium, or Cotyaum, Chiutaie, the Metropolis of Natolia properly to call'd, and the Seat of the Beglerbeg or Turkilb Governour of these Parts: It was sometime the Seat of the Grand Seignior, before Conftantinople was taken; it is still a considerable City and seated on the River Ayala, 30 leagues South from Burfa: Midaium, or Milaum, Midello: Gordium on the River Sangarius, Sangari, or Zagari; where Midas the rich King or Phrygia kept his Court, and Alexander the Great not being able to untie the Gordian Knot, cut it afunder with his Sword, to elude the purport of the Oracle: Synnada, the Marble of which place was highly efteem'd, and it still retains its ancient Name, although almost entirely reduc'd to Ruins: Apamia, otherwise call'd Cibotus and Celana, now Agamic, on the River Mander, near its confluence with the Marsyas, daily falling to decay: Hierapolis, which (according to Ricast) the Turks call Bambouck-Kale: Coloffe, call'd Chonos by the Modern Greeks, on the River Lycus, or Licho, famous for St. Paul's Epiflic: And Laodicea, water'd by the fame River, which falls into the Meander a little below, where the seventh Church of Asia was planted: 'Tis now call'd by the Turks, Eski Hissar, i. e. the Old Castle, and not Laudichia, as we are inform'd by M. Spon and others; but is altogether laid wast; nothing being left but a Mill and four Marble-Theaters, which are the chiefest Monuments of its Antiquity.

Lydia, which also anciently bore the Name Lydia. of Meonia (altho' only one Part of Lydia is term'd Meonia by Cluverius) and at present is known by that of Carasia, was situated between the greater Plrygia and Ionia, and dignisted with the Title of a Kingdom, whose King Crasias was famous for his vast Wealth: Its principal Towns were Philadelphia, on the foot of Mount Tmolus, or Tomalize, where the fixth Christian Church of Asia was planted: The Greeks still retain the same Name of this Town, but the Turks commonly call it Allachsheir, i. e. the City of God: It is still well built and inhabited, containing four Churches, with no small number of Christians, and was the last of the Towns of Asia Minor, that were fore'd to submit to the Turkish Yoke: Sardes, or Sardis, Sardo, on the River Passolus, fannous for its golden Sands, and on the foot of Mount Tmolus; heretofore the chief City of Lydia, the Royal Seat of Crassius, the richest Prince of his time, and the Episcopal

Myfia Mator.

Phrygia Minor.

See of the fifth Church of Asia; but now a See of the little Charlet of Apa; one now a poor forry Village, inhabited only by a few Shepherds and Plow-men: And Thyatyra, call'd Akhifar by the Turks, i. e. the white Caffle, fituated near Mount Hermus in a very fpacious and delightful Plain, only inhabited by Tinks; where the fourth Christian Church of Asia was settled: In this Town is great store of Corn, and Cotton, with many footsteps of Antiquity; it is also of a large extent, but the Buildings are very mean, confisting for the most part only of green

Turfs, dried in the Sun.

Between Lydia and the Agean Sea, or Archipelago, Aolis, or Aolia extended it self, a small Province so call'd from the Aoles a People of Greece, who leaving their native Country, pass'd over thither, and having built twelve Towns (according to the report of Herodotus) settled themselves in those Parts. At present it constitutes Part of the Province call'd Sarchan, and its chief Towns on the Sea-coasts were Elea the birth-place of Zeno the Philosopher. Myrina, Martiani. Cuma, that gave a Sirname to the Cumane Sybil. Phocaa nova, Fochia nova, a neat Town, with a Harbour and Castle: and Phocaa on the Frontiers of *Ionia*, now a Village of fmall note, known by the Name of *Fochia*, or *Foja Vecchia*, and feated on the Ægean

Next to Æolis, on the South Ionia took place; being at present a Part of the Province call'd Sarcum, or Sarchan, the Inhabitants of which were call'd *Iones*, as deriving their Original from the People of *Greece* that bore the same Name; who possess'd several Cities in this Continent, the most remarkable of which, were Smyrne, or Ismyr according to the Turkish Dialect, situated on the Isthmus, or narrow Neck of the Ionian Peninsula, near the Gulph of the same Name, and the River Meles, partly on a Hill and partly in the Plain, in a healthful temperate Air and a fruitful Soil: This is reputed to have been the Birth-place of Homer, (altho' Rhodes, Colophon, Salamis, Argos and Athens likewise lay claim to that Honour) and is also famous for the second Church of Asia there planted. It has been often shaken with Earth-quakes, yet still continues to be a most renowned Mart-Town, inhabited by a great number of Turks, as also by Greeks, Armenians, Jews, and the Consuls of several European Nations, particularly England, whereof here are several Merchants. Clazomene, or Clazomene, which gave Birth to Anaxagoras the noble Philosopher, and is now call'd Urla, or Vourla. The following Towns were also fituated on the Coasts of the Egean Sea, viz. Erythra; Teos; Lebedus; Colophan and Ephefus, call'd Efeso by the Italians, and Ajasalouck by the Turks; where heretofore stood the most stately Temple of Diana, burnt by Herostratus, and the first Christan Church of Asia; alfo where the third general Council was held: However it is now reduc'd to a Village and the Skeleton of a City, the largeness of whose Ruins, are the only proof of its former. Magnificence. To the former Towns may be ad-

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ded Priene the native Country of Biss the Philosopher; and Mileius or Palaschia a Village almost fallen to ruin in the Confines of Caria, which was formerly one of the greatelt Cities of Ionia, seated on the Archipelaro, at the Mouth of the Maander and near the

Frontiers of Caria.

The remaining Part of Natolia strictly titken, washeretofore call'd Caria, now Aidinelli, lying between Ionia and the Sea of Rhodes part of which was Doris situated between the Caria fame Sea and the Sinus Ceramicus, or Gulph of St. Peter. The Dorii, were descended from a People of Greece of the fame Name, and the Towns of Doris were Gnides, or Condus, Gnido, on the utmost Coast of the Pening da, to the West; in former times reputed the chief of these Parts, having two Harbours, but now lying in Ruins; near which was a Pro-montory of the fame Name, known at this day, by that of Cape Crio. Ceramus on the fame Gulph, and Halicarnassus, some time the Royal Seat of the Kings of Caria, where Queen Artemisia built a most stately Tomb for her deceased Husband Mansolus, call'd Manfoleum, and esteemed one of the seven Wonders of the World: This Town was also samous for giving birth to the two renowned Historians Herodotus and Dionysius; but now it is so absolutely raz'd, that the true Situation of it is disputed; fome placing its Ruins over against the Island of Coos, or Lango. Beyoud Doris in Caria, appears Myndus, a Seaport Town, the chief of that Province, and the Seat of the *Turkifb* Governor. *Mslafa*, or *Mslafa*, *Melaffo*. *Magnefia* on the River Meander, or Madre, commonly call'd Mangresia, where Themistodes the Athenian General died in Exile. Antiochia, or Tachiali, on the fame River. Aphrodifias, or Aphrodifias, now Apodifia. Stratonica; and Cavnus or la Rossa. a Sea-port Town on the Sinus Glaucus or Gulph of Macre in the Frontiers of Lycia.

Having thus given a particular Account of Natolia strictly taken, let us now proceed to Caramania. the like Description of the three other Parts of this Continent, which have their Situation towards the East. The chief of these is CARAMANIA, fo call'd by the Italians, and Caramanili by the Turks; bounded on the West by proper Naolia; on the North by Amasia; on the East, by Alatulia; and on the South, by Part of the Mediterranean Sea, which lies between the Islands of Rhodes and Cyprus: That Part which borders upon the Sea, is known by the Name of Caramania propria. This confiderable tract of Land, before it was fubdu'd by the Turks, was for a long time govern'd by Princes of great Re-nown, and the prefent Government of it is divided into feven lefter Lieutenances, or Jurisdictions call'd Singiackates. Here alto were formerly fituated the particular Provinces of Lycia, Pamphylia, Pysitia, Lycaonia, and part

of Cilicia. In Lycia, or Mentefeli, which was walh'd Lydia, by the Lycian Sca, part of the Mediterranean, and extended it felt in the middle, between Caria and Pamphylia; the most remarkable Towns were Telmessus or Telmesus, ona noted

Ionia.

Folia.

Bay. Xmihus, now Santo, or Sirbi, on a River of the fame Name, not far from its Mouth. Patara, Patera, a little Town on a Hill heretofore famous for the Temple and Oracle of Apollo, where Answers were given, during the Winter half year. Andriace, or Gerante. Myra, or Myrra. Strumita, a large Town on a Hill, near the River Limyrus. Limyra now call'd Mari, or Maira by several Authors, on the same River Limyrus. And Olympus on the Sea-shore; as also, Phafelis, Fionda a finall Village in the Frontiers of Pamphylia.

Pamphylia. Next to Lycia on the East, Pamphylia took place, which was wash'd on the South, by part of the Mediteranean Sea that deriv'd its Name from thence, and at present conflitutes the Western Part of Caramania: The principal Towns of Pamphylia were Attalia, call'd Satalia by the Italians, and Satalyah by the Tarks, on the Simus Attalicus or Gulph of Sattalia, of dangerous passage to Mariners, by reason of the frequent Storms and Shipwrecks: However its Harbour and Cassle are reckon'd among the chiefest of this Country. Side, Syda, Candaler, a Sea-port Town on the Fronters of Celicia. Selga, more remote from the Sea. Termessis, Termes, a Village. Asspendus, or Asspendum. And Perga, or Perge, Pirgi, formerly adorn'd with a Temple dedicated to Dima

rifidia. On the Nor

On the Northern Confines of Pamphylia, Pifadia was fittated, now known by the Name of Verfacgeli, which feveral Geographers will have comprised under Pamphylia; but others think fit to feparate it from that Province, whose Opinion we shall follow: The most noted Towns of these Parts, were Selencia and Antiochia, to which was added, for diffinction sike, the Sirname of Pissida.

Lycaonia, Cogni, extended it felt more towards the North and Eaft, which by some is reckon'd as a Part of Cappadocia, but others make it a distinct Province: The chief Towns of it, were Lystra, Isawra, Saura. Iconium, or Cogni formerly the Metropolis of Lycaonia, and at present of the whole Jurisdiction of Caramania, large and well built, where the Turkish Governor usually resides. And Derbe,

or Dervafia.

Laftly, Caramania includes Part of Cilicia, which lying between Pamphylia and Syria reach'd to the Ciliciaa Sea, part of the Mediterranean, being of a much larger extent, from West to East, than from South to North; and was twofold, viz. Cilicia Trachioris, i. e. the rugged, or mountainous, and Campestris i. e. the Champain, or proper Cilicia; the former of which was situated towards the West, and the other towards the East. Now Caramania comprehends within its Bounds, the mountainous Country, and the Western Part of the Champain: The most remarkable Towns in this Part of Cilicia, were Selenus, Islenos, on the Sea-shore. Antiochia ad Tragum, Antiochetta, Artemarium, Anemora, or Stalemura, according to others: Seleucia aspera, Seleshia a spacious Harbour. Pompeiopolis, which was otherwise call'd Soli, or Solve, also Trajano-

polis, and at prefent Palefoli, reduc'd to a finall Village. And Tarfis the Metropolis of Cilicia, on the River Cydnus, or Carafu, not far from its Mouth; formerly a Roman Colony, made free of the City; and more effectally famous for giving Birth to St. Paul the great Apottle of the Gentiles: At this day, it is call'd Teraffo by the Inhabitants, Terfis by the Turks, and Tarfo by the Italians.

The next Province after Caramania is AL A-DULIA, or Aladuli, which is bounded on the Welt, by Caramania, on the North by Amafia; On the Eaft, by the River Euphrates and Mount Amanus; and on the South, by that Part of the Mediteranean Sea, which lies between Syria and Cyprus. That which is now the Southern Part of Aladulia, on the Seacoalts, was formerly the Eaftern Part of Cilicia; and in the Northern Part of the fame, was fituated the Southern Part of the lefter Armenia. In this Part of Cilicia, stood Malus, Mallo, on the Mouth of the River Pyramus, now a Village. Iffus, Lajazzo, or La Jazzo, in the Frontiers of Syria, or Diarbeck, near Mount Amanus and on the Gulph of Lajazzo; where Alexander the Great gain'd a signal Victory over Darius King of Persa: It is still a neat Town, with a sase Harbour. And Adane, Adena on the River Pyramus.

In that Part of the lesser Armenia, which is now comprehended under Aladnia, and commonly call'd Bozoch, were Metica, Maraz, or Marach, a large and well built Town, the Capital of the Beglerbeglick of the same Name, on which depend four Sangiackates or lesser Governments. And Melitene, Malatiah, situated a little higher, formerly the chief Town of Melitene a little Province in Asia

It remains only to give an account of the last Part of Natolia, call'd AMASIA, Amasia. which has for its Boundaries, Turcomania on the East; the Enxine, or Black Sea on the North; Natolia properly so call'd, on the West; and Caramania with Aladulia, on the South. A confiderable Part of Cappadocia was here included, which confilted in the North-ern Territories of the leffer Armenia, and those that border'd upon the Euxine Sea, particularly, on the Coasts of the Cappadocian, Polemoniack and Galatick Seas. The Towns of chiefest Note, were Sebastopolis, Suvas, which is large and fair, being the Seat of the Turkish Beglerbeg, under whose Jurisdiction are fix lesser Governments, or Sangiackates. Neo-casarea, the Modern Names of which are To-chato, Tocat and Tocato, of a large extent and well-built on the Foot of a Hill, with a Castle on a Rock, from whence the neighbouring Country is commonly call'd Tocar. Cafarea heretofore known by the Name of Mazaca and at present by those of Cassar, and Tisaria on the River Mela, near Mount Argans, which sometime had St. Basil the great for its Bishop. Amasia, or Amnasan, according to the Turkish Dialect, seated annidst the Mountains on the River Iris, or Caselmach, the Birth-place of Strabo the Geographer; a large Town and the Capital of the adjacent Territories, where the Beglerbeg of Tocat usually makes his Residence.

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Cilicia.

VIII.

Taurus.

Amanus.

And Trapezus, call'd Tarabofan by the Inhabitants and Turks, and Trebifonda by the Italians, on the Foot of a Hill, and the Coasts of the Euaine, or Black Sea, with a capacious Harbour. It was heretofore the Metropolis of Cappadocia, as also the Royal Scat of certain Greek Emperors, or Princes of the Family of Lascara, for the space of 200 years, and is still the Capital Town of the Beglerbegtick of the same Name.

Having taken a view of all the Parts of

Roham Thaura.

Mountains. Natolia, it may not be improper, here to give a thort Account of its most remarkable Mountains and Rivers. There is a great number of Mountains in this Country, and feveral have been already mention'd in the particular Description of the adjacent Towns. But Mount Taurus very much exceeds all the rest in greatness, taking its rife on the Sea-coast of Caramania, and the ancient Frontiers of Lycia and Pamphylia: Afterwards it extends it felf somewhat towards the North, and then towards the East, through those Parts of Caramania and Alabilia, that lye nearest the Mediterranean Sea; as also throughout the whole Continent of Asia, even to the Eastern Ocean. However, that part of the Mountain is properly call'd Taurus, in general, which is contain'd within the Bounds of Natolia, and the particular Names of which are different, according to the divertity of Places. Mount Amanus, nam'd Montagna Neros by the Inhabitants, which ferves for a Boundary between Natolia and Syria, is a Branch of Taurus, and has been above specify'd. Another much greater Branch of the Taurus, separates Caramania from Aladulia, as also the latter from Amasia, and heretofore divided the lester Armenia into two Parts; this Mountain was well known by the Name of Antitaurus and the Inhabitants, at this day, retain that of

There are several Rivers which water Na-IX. Rivers. tolia discharging themselves some into the Black Sea, others into the Mediterranean, and others into the Agean, or Archipelago: The chief of Iris fluvius. these are Iris, Halis and Sangarius. Iris, or Cafalmach, formerly a River of Cappadocia and now of Amasia, rises in the Confines of the lesser Armenia, by Sebastia, or Saustia: Thence it runs through Cappadocia, and having water'd Amasia, or Amnasan, among other Towns, falls into the Euxine, or Black Sea, near the utmost limits of Natolia strictly so call'd. Ha-Halis flulis, Otmagiuth, or Aly, springing from Mount Antitaurus, ran through Cappadocia, Galatia and vius. Paphlagenia into the Sinus Amisenus, or Bay of Simifo; but in the modern Mapps, this River is comprehended within the Bounds of proper Natolia. Sangarius, Sangari or Zagari, taking its rise in the greater Phrygia, out Sangarius Aurius. of Mount Dindymus directed its course through Bithynia into the Engine Sea, but at prefent only waters Natolia properly so call d, being the greatest of the Rivers that flow through that Province into the Black Sea. Among the Rivers that run through Natolia into the Cydnus fluoins.

Mediterranean Sea, Cydnus and Xanthus were
of no finall note. The former, was a fwift
and wholfone River of Cilicia, but so notably

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Cold, that it had like to have been fatal to Alexander the Great; and in effect it was the Death of the Emperor Frederick Barbaroffa, who Bathed in it. At prefent it is call'd Carafu, from its black Waters, and passesthrough Aladulia and Caramania; where after having water'd Tarfus, it rolls into the Sea. Xunthus, Xunthus or Sirbis, Sirbi, formerly a River of Lycia and flavous now of Caramania, took its rife from Mount Calmus, and water'd a Town of the fune Name, below which it empties it felf into the Sea.

Laftly, among the Rivers that run through Natolia into the Archipelago, the molt remarkable are Maander, Cayfrus, Hermus, Caicus and Scamander, which in passing from South to North, follow in the fame order, and water the Southern Part of Natolia thrictly fo call'd. Maander, or Maandrus, Madre, flows Maander from the greater Phrygia through Caria and flucius. Ionia, with a great many turnings and windings, and difcharges it felt into the Sen, on the North of Miletus, or Palatscia. Granicus now Granicus Lazzara according to Niger, or Hill Granico fluvius. according to Sanson and others; rises in Mount Ida, and falls into the Propontis between Cycicus and Lampsacus. This River is famous for the first Battel that Alexander sought against Darius on its Banks, wherein with 400 Macedonians he kill'd 22500 Persians, as Platarch tells us. Caystrus, or Cayster, at present call'd Carason, i. e. Black-water, has its Spring-head likewife in the greater *Phrygia*, paffes through *Lydia*, where it waters *Philadelphia*, and fulls into the Sea in Ionia, between Ephefus and Coloplon. Hermus, or Sarabat, taking its rife also in the Hermus greater Phrygia, runs through Lydia, where it fluitus. is enrich'd by the River Pastolus famous for Pastolus its golden Sands, and afterwards passing stations. through the Confines of Aolis and Ionia, rolls into the Bay of Smyrna. Caicus, now call'd Caicus Girmasti, or Castri, according to Niger, taking shacus. its Source in the greater Mysia between its Frontiers and those of Lydia and Lolis, waters Pergamus and enters the Sea between Pitane and Elaa. Scamander, Scamandro, other-Scamander wife call'd Xanthus by Homer, a little River, flevium. but the most noted of the lesser Phryois, slows down from Mount Ida, and falls into the Sea, below Troy, not far from the Promontory Sigeum, or Cape Fannizari.

Leaving the Continent of Nivolia, let us proceed to the principal Illands, which are Illands. feparated from its Western Coasts by the Egean Sea or Archipelago, and from the Southern, by the Mediterranem Sea; being all fubject to the Dominion of the Turks. In the Archipelago are Tenedos, Tenedo, a little Isocials. Island over against Troas, with a Village and Citedes. Citadel. Lesbos, now Merelino, of a much Lesbos. larger extent, over against the greater M
fia; where Mirylene, Meteline, the chief Town
which now gives Name to the whole Island,
is fituated on the Eastern Part of it. Chiechia. or Chias, Scio, a mountaineus illand over against Ionia, affording great flore of Malmfey Wine, Honey and excellent Fruits, and famous for the Sepulchre of Honer. In a stands the Town of Seio, with a capacious Harbour, and a strong Castle: This Island

was fometime possess'd by the Genoueses, from whom it was taken by the Turks A.D. 1565, and the late War recover'd by the Venetians in the year 1694, but left again the year following. Samos, Samos and Samo fill retaining the Name of Samo, one of the largest and most S 127775. remarkable Illands in the Archipelago, lies al-to near Ionia, over against Ephefus; whence it was usually styl'd Samos Ionica; the chief Town of the same Name is small, besides which there are 2 or 3 others on the Island. It was once a Kingdom and was the Birthplace of Pythagoras. Icaria, Nicaria, on the West of Samos, from whence the Sea that surrounds it is call'd the Icarian. Parlmos, Palmos, tearia. mofa, or Patina, a fruitful place but Subject

to Fyrates, appears more towards the South; where St. John the Divine being banish'd and inspir'd by the Holy Ghost, wrote his Revela-tion; it has a Town and Castle in the middle of the Illand, and a Port called Scala, on the West-Coast, the best in all the Archipelago. Leros, Lero, with a Town and two convenient Harbours. Coss, or Cos, commonly call'd Lango, or Isla longa, i. e. the Long Island by the Italians, Simon by the Greeks, and Sanchio by the Turks and Mariners, well and Sancin by the Inex and Mainters, well cultivated and fruitful; being more effectively ally funeus for giving Birth to Hippocrates the Physician and Applles the Painter, and containing the fortify'd Town of Coos, or Lango with several Villages. Applles, Santago, with several Villages. Applles, Santago, with several Villages. Applles, Santago, with several Villages. Applles, with a Town in the South-Welt, with a Town in the South-Welt, with a Town in the South-Welt, with a Town in the South-Welt.

Town in the Southern Part of it, and two Carpathus. Harbones. Carpathus, Scarpanto, lying in the middle between Crete, or Candy and Rhodes; from whence the Carpathian Sea, and the Town of Carpahus, or Searpanto, took their Names.
Among the above-mention'd Islands, Icaria,
Pathmos, Leros and Astypales, were the chief
of those that were anciently styl'd Sporales;

because they do not lye together, as it were in a Circle, as the Cyclades, but are dispers'd rt rough the Archipelago, but Authors are not agreed as to their Number.

In the Mediterranean Sea over against the Southern Coasts of Natolia, lie the Islands of Rioder and Cyprus, which foll retain their ancient Names. Rhodes, or Rhodes, is fituated over against Caria, and enjoys a very healthful Air: have thought to the State. dedicated to the Sun, 70 Cubits high, which by reason of its valt Bulk, was reckon'd a-mong the styen Wonders of the World, till it was overdrown and broken in pieces by an Farth-quake. This Island was fometime posseis'd by the Knights of the Order of St. Jehn of Jerssalem, under the Name of Knights of Rholes, who being expelled by the Ottoman Emperor Solyman H. A. D. 1522, after a Siege of fix Months, obtain'd the Illand of Malta, by a special Grant, from Charles the V. Emperor of Germany, whence they are now com-monly ftyl'd Knights of Malta. The Island of Rhodes abounds in Pattures and produces good flore of Fruits; communicating its Name to the Rhodian Sea, with which it is encompassed: The principal Towns of it were Cami-Ens, Fer. whio; Lin lus, Lindo, and Rhodus, or

Rhodes, feated in the Eastern Part of the Island: This last was heretofore famous for the study of Philosophy, and is still a noted and well fortify'd Mart-Town, with a commodious Harbour, and the ufual Place of refidence of a Turkish Beglerbeg.

The Island of Cyprus, or Kubros, according Cyprus. to the Turkish Dialect, lies over against Glicia, at a greater Distance from the Continent, being one of the four largest Islands that are contain'd in the Mediterranean Sea: Some reckon it to be about 130 Miles in compass, and its Extent is greater from West to East, than from South to North. The quality of the Air and Soil is fo highly extoll'd by the Ancients, that among the feveral Names, by which this Island was diffinguish'd, it was also call'd Macaria, or the Happy: Although the Air, does not now deferve to great Commendation, yet the Soil is fruitful in Corn, Grapes, Oil, Sugar, Saffron, Rhubarb, Cotton, Oranges, Lemmons and Copper; but it is much infelted with Locults. It has also some Mines of Gold and Silver. This Island which was sometime divided into nine Kingdoms, afterwards subjected to the Romans, and after the fall of the Empire, it came under the Dominion of Guy de Luifignan, from whose Posterity it was taken by Richard I. King of England, in his expedition to the Holy Land, and at present the Duke of Savoy by virtue of the Right he claims to it, assumes the Title of King of Cyprus, and upon that account, he is plac'd in the Papal Chapel among the Crowned Heads, immediately after the Venetians : It is by Ptolony divided into four Parts, according to the Quarters of the World, viz. Paphia, situated towards the West; Amathusia, or Amathantia, towards the South, Lapithia towards the North; and Salamina, or Salaminia to-wards the East; the Name of every Part be-ing deriv'd from that of the chief Sca-port Town standing in it. Cyprus is at present diffinguish d into seven Sangiackates, and its most considerable Towns are Paphos, Baffo, on the Western Coasts. Amarbus, now Limiffo, on the Southern Coasts, the chief Port in the Island, where Salt and other Commodities brought from Larricko is Laden. Lencofia, or Nicofia, an inland well fortified and large City; being the Capital of the Island, the Seat of the last Kings, and at this day, of the Turkish Governor, situated in a Moorish Plain: Ceraunia, Cerines on the Northern Coasts, with a capacious Harbour. Famagusta, other-wise call'd Fama Augusti and Hamacostos, as alfo Famagosta by the Italians, a strong Town on the Eastern Coasts, with an excellent Harbour, Built out of the Ruins of Salamis by King Kofta. S.damis, which was not far diftant from Famagofta, on the North, gave Name to the Eastern Part of the Island, and afterwards obtain'd that of Constantia; it was demolish'd by the Saracens, and its Ruins are call'd Il Porto Co-franzo. Tho this Island be subject to the Turks, it is chiefly inhabited by Christian Greeks, who have an Archbithop at Nicofia, and three Bishops at Famagola, Paphos and Amathus.

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CHAP. III.

Modern SYRIA.

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FTER having taken a View of Na-A tolia, and the Islands that lie over a-gainst it, we come to the third and last Part of Turkey in Asia, situated towards the West; and known by the Names of Syria, Sourie and Sourifan, (call'd also Affria and Aram, or Charam by the Hebrews, from Aram, the Son of Shem;) was heretostore of a very large Extent, comprehending Palassina, Phanicia, Syria strictly taken, Mesopotamia and Babylenia, and in that Extent constituted that Monarchy, which was the first of the four Great Ancient Monarchie of the Earth. Begun by Nimrod the Son of Cush (who built the Tower of Babel) according to Diodorus Siculus; or by Ninus according to Herodotus; which continued in a Succession of 1300 years. After which in the year of the World 3148 Sardanapalus being conquer'd, the Monarchy was divided into the Babylonian and the Medean, till Bellhazzar being overcome by Cyaveres or Darius the Mede, it became again united; and at his Death Cyrus his Nephew, fucceeding him, added Persia that had descended to him from his Father, whereby began the Second or Persian Monarchy. This lasted 200 years and was overthrown by Alexander the Great; after whose Death, his Captains dividing his Conquests, Selencus Nicanor became King of Stria, and was fucceeded by his Posterity for about 250 years, after which it was made a Roman Province by Pompey. And at the fall of the Roman Empire it was over-run by the Saracens, and is now fubject to the Turks. Babylonia, Affyria and Mesopotamia, being separated from it; only proper Syria, Phanicia and Palastina, retains that general Name which they ftill bear. This Continent of Syria, call'd Soria by the Italians and Spaniards, Sourie by the French, and Sorijkan by the Inhabitants, has for its Northern Bounds Mount Amans, by which in former times it was parted from Cappadocia, or the leffer Armenia, and at this day, from Aladulia a Part of Navolia: For its Eastern Limits the River Euphrates, as far as the Town of Thapfacus feated on the fame River, and afterwards Arabia Deferia, which feparate it from Mesopotania or Diarbeck. For its Southern Bounds Arabia Persea, and for the Western, the same Arabia, and the Syrian, or Levanine Sea, being the most Eastern Part of the Mesopotania. of the Mediterranean.

Syria thus Bounded, within the concurrent Limits of Mount Amanus and the River Enphrates, and that Part of Arabia Petrea, which lies next to the Arabian Gulph, or Red Sea, is computed by Cluverius to take up 140 Leagues or 560 Miles in length. Its breadth is different in feveral Places, being even where it is greatest, but a third Part of its Length; it is narrowest in the Northern Parts; and widest between the Syrian Sea and Arabia Deferta. The Air is healthful and very tem-

perate, and the Soil is deep, level and pleafant, affording Paffure to numerous Herds of Cattel: It is also fruitful, (except in that Part which borders upon Arabia) and prolinces good flore of Corn; Grapes, Figgs, Oranges, Lemmons, Melons, Canes that yield a kind of Honey, Dates, Spices and medicinal Herbs. But where the Country lies wall, that is not to be imputed to match to the defect of the Soil, as to the forevert Warr in the defect of the Soil, as to the forevert Warr in the soil as to the soil as to the soil as to the forevert warr in the soil as to the soil as of the Soil, as to the frequent Wars, the conof the Inhabitants, and the Tyrainy of the Turks, who to render their Dominion more farm, ufually fuffer those Countries that are possess'd by them to fall to decay, for want

of Tillage.

The Turks have divided Syria into three general Governments, or Beglerbesheks, was, those of Aleppo, Tripoli and Damafeus: The Part of Spria, comprehending nine Sangiactates, or lefter Governments; and the Capital Town of the whole Government is Abortal po the Seat of the Turkish Beglerbeg. The Beglerbeglick of Tripoli lies next to that of A-leppo, on the South, and derives its Name from Tripoli the chief Town of it, where the Octo-man Governor keeps his Court; having under his Jurisdiction four Sungiacks, or interiour Governors. The remaining Part of Siria, which lies most towards the South and West, is subject to the Beglerbeglick of Scham, or Damaseus: This suft takes its Name from the Town of Damaseus, where the Beglerbeg usually resides, and ten Singiackates depend upon it; among which some are hereditary, and may be more justly reputed distinct Puncipalities

This Country is also divided at present, IV. into Syria strictly taken, Phanicia and Judas, Swia properly so call'd, being the largest Para extends it chiefly towards the North and East, and is bounded by the River Emphrates, Arrabia Deforta, Phanicia, the Syrian Sea and Nuolia. The principal Towns in this Part of Syria, are Samofata once a confiderable City feated towards the North, on the River Eu-phrages, in the Frontiers of Dimbock and Na-tolia, the Native Country of Lucian and Paulus Samofatenus; but it is now decay'd and the Place call'd Sempfate. Alepun, Alepo, to call'd by the Italians and English, and Alepo, to call'd by the Italians and English, and Alepo, to call'd by the Italians and English, and Alepo, to call'd by the Italians and English, and Alepo, to call'd by the French, the ancient Berrheas, Beroa, or Beroe, according to the opinion of many Authors; although fome will have it to be Herapolis, and others Challans, Hayreners it is at and others Chalybon: However it is at prefer the Metropolis of all Stria, having three Suburbs and a very commodious Situation, between the River Emphrates and the Syrian Sea; which convenient Situation has made it the most famous Mart in these Parts. For by the Gulph of Ormus and the Euphrates, the Persions, Armenious and other Eastern People and the Eastern P ple, bring their Silks, Drugs, Jewels and

other Merchandises; and on the other Side the English, French, Dutch, Venetians, Genou-eses, &c. by the Mediterranean Sea, convey the fine Cloath, wrought Silks, Lead, Furrs and many other European Commodities, which are hence yended all over the Eaft. So that this City is frequented by Merchants both from the Eastern and Western Parts, and many Europeans, especially English, constantly re-fide, importing and exporting all forts of Commodities, at Alexandria, Alexandriola, or the leffer Alexandria, call'd Scanderona by the Turks, and Alexandreta by the Italians, feated on the Foot of Mount Amanus and on the Ifficus Sinus, or Gulph of Lajazzo in the Frontiers of Natolia, the Port to Aleppo and formerly a noted Mart-Town, of which now only remains a Stone-house belonging to the Captain of the Janizaries, who exacts Custom for Merchandises, with a few Cottages, for the benefit of Merchants, that frequently travel from hence to Aleppo, or otherwise: The Air of this Place is fo unhealthy, that if it were not for the convenience of Traffick, it would not be at all inhabited; but all European Ships that bring Goods to Aleppo arriving here, the Temptation of Profit obliges fome Factors to refide here, who give advice to Aleppo of the Arrival of Ships by the means of Pigeons, that being bred up to that purpose, carry Letters with great expedition backwards and forwards.

The following Towns are fituated more towards the South, viz. Antiochia, or Antioch, which for distinction take was styl'd the Great, and Epidaphne from Daphne its Suburb, and now Antachia by the Turks, as also Anthakia by the Arabians; formerly the Metropolis of Syria, feated near the Mouth of the River Orontes, or Almeimas, partly on a Hill, and partly in a Plain; where the Difciples were first call'd Christians in the year 41. But now this famous Town has only a few Inhabitants, and part of it lies in ruins; yet the Walls are left almost entire to testifie its ancient Grandeur. Laodicea, Laudichia and Laudicea, a little Town on the Sea-coasts falling to decay by degrees, yet still enjoying a capacious Harbour, and the Vestigia of sour Marble Theatres. Apamia and Apamea Hama situated on the River Orontes in a fruitful and pleafant Country. Farther in the inland Parts stands Emila, or Emessa, now Hemz. Palmyra, now call'd Fayd, Tamos, or Talmore, noted for that learned and valiant Queen Zenobia, who was well vers'd in the Egyptian, Greek and Latin Tongues, and who after many Wars, was at last taken Captive by Aurelian the Roman Emperor: this place was visited a few years since by the Chaplain of the English Factory at Aleppo and fome curious Merchants, who found the ru-ins of most magnificent Buildings; a par-ticular account whereof is given in a Letter from the Chaplain to Dr. Wallis, extant in the Philosophical Transactions. And Laodicea Scabiosa, Laudiesa, near the Spring-head of the River Orontes.

Between Syria properly fo call'd, on the North, and Judaa on the South, lies Phanicia,

a Maritim Country, in like manner, but of Phanicia. lesser Extent than Syria, now describ'd. most remarkable Towns in the Inland Country are Raalbee and Damascus. The latter still call'd Damasco by the Italians, and Scham by the Inhabitants, is feated at the foot of Mount Libanus, in a Plain encompassed with Hills, and water'd with a River antiently call'd Chryforrhoas: 'Twas heretofore of great repute, and is at this day, the Capital of Phænicia, affording a Place of Residence to the Turkish Beglerbeg, and to a Greek Patriarch, whose See was translated hither from Antioch: However its Inhabitants are few in number, but its Wines, Prunes, Wool and Silks both raw and wrought, still deserve much Commendation, and bring a confiderable Trade to the City, which is chiefly manag'd by Jews. There is a fine Castle in the middle, which has been often demolish'd and rebuilt: Several Sects of Christians inhabit here and have Churches, and the Roman Catholicks have two or three and the Roman Catholicks have two or three Colleges. On the Coafts of the Syrian Sea, stand *Tripolis: Syria*, or *Tripoli* of *Syria*, that adjunct ferving to distinguish it from another *Tripoli* in *Barbary*; a large well-built Town, fortified with Walls, Towers and a Citadel on a Hill, where the Turkish Government of the Brenzes of sulls seed to nor of that Province usually resides, enjoying also a convenient Harbour on the Mediterranean Sea. Berytus call'd Bayrut by the Inhabitants, and Baruti by the Italians. Sidon. Sayd, at prefent a very little Town, fituated on the foot of a Hill, with an old Castle on a Rock, and a capacious but not very fafe Harbour; yet lately dignified by the Pope, with the title of a Metropolitan See. Tyrus, or Tyre, call'd Sur by the Inhabitants and Italians, and Sour by the French; a very Celebra-ted City and mighty Emporium in ancient times, but now fallen so far to decay, that only an old Caftle and about fifteen Houses are faid to be left therein. And Ptolemais, for-merly known by the Name of Aco, or Acon according to the Hebrew Dialect; at present according to the Hebrew Dialect; at present call'd Acri by the Italians, and Acre by the French, as also sometimes St. Jean d'Acre, from the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who resided here for a considerable time, and valiantly defended the Town against the Saracens. This City is mention'd in our English Appels on account of the Valence gliß Annals, on account of the Valour of K. Richard I. at the Siege of it in the Year 1191, and K. Edward I. at a fecond Siege in 1270, but it is now almost buried in its own Ruins, and inhabited by a few Fa-

Judea, now commonly call'd The Holy Land constitutes the third and last Part of Sy- Judgas ria, lying in the middle between Phanicia on the North, and Arabia Petraa on the South, and extending it felf along the Coasts of the Syrian Sea. It is divided by some modern Geographers into eleven Provinces, eight of which are fituated between the Syrian Sea, and the River fordan, and the three others beyond that River, which are inhabited by the Arabians: Others only make four Cantons, or particular Districts between Fordan and the Sea, and fix in that Part of Judan,

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which is extended from the same River towards the East.

The principal Towns of Judea, which at present are of little Note, and have their Situation at a greater or lesser distance from the Syrian Sea, may be reckon'd up in the following Order, viz. Nazareth, or Nazra, a ruinous Village, feated on a Hill near the Brook Kison, but more especially famous for the Residence of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World, and still reputed the Capital Town of the Nazarene Territory; in which are contain'd 25 small Villages. Tiberias or Genesareth, still call'd Tabaryah by the Inhabitants who are few in number, by reason of the Incursions of the Arabians; a very little Town on the Western Coasts of the Sea of Tiberias, or Galilee, and for the most part ruin'd, but formerly a confiderable City, to which Herod gave that Name in Honour of the Emperor Tiberius. Bethfan, or Bethfean now reduc'd to a Castle, known by the Name of Elbeysan on the Western Bank of the River Jordan, a little below the faid Sca: Neapolis, call'd Naplofa by the Italians, and Naploufe by the French, a Town fituated in a Valley between two Hills, which rose up out of the Ruins of Samaria; being the Seat of a Turkish Sangiack, and the Capital of a Ter-ntery of the same Name, comprehending 100 Villages under its Jurisdiction. Hierofolyma, JERUSALEM, by the Turks call'd Cussem-barich and Coussessific as also Elkods, i. e. the Holy City, according to the Report of Michael Name the Matrapolic of the Holy I and Michael Nau; the Metropolis of the Holy Land, and of the Territory of the Holy City, in which are contain'd 100 Villages. Tis at prefent of a fmall Compafs, but fenced with Walls against the Inrodes of the Arabians, scarce including ten Thousand Inhabitants, and daily falling to Decay: However, it is the Seat of a Sangiack, or Turkish Governor, and one of the four Towns, to which the Roman-Ca-

tholicks usually make their Pilgrimages, and a place to which all Christians refort to visit the Sepulchre of our Lord; which has a Church, wherein both the Greeks and Roman Christians continually officiate. The Pilgrimages hither is the chief Subsistence of the Town, and the Liberty of Possessing the Sepulchre costs the Christians an Annual Tribute to the Grand Seignior and the Sanguack of the Town. The Fate and Revolutions of this once so famous City is well known to all that read the Scriptures: The Sanguack of the Town. The Fate and Revolutions of assent principles of the Town in the VIII. Century, the Christian Princes by a general Crussion assent principle in the Viii Century, the Christian Princes by a general Crussion assent principle in the Year 1099, his Possessip that a last lost in again to the Turks, who have ever since enjoy'd it. See more of this City in our account of ancient Fudas. Hebron, now call'd Elkabil, or Elkhalil by the Inhabitants, a neat Town, without Walls, seated partly on a Hill and partly in a Plain, the Capital of a District of the same Name, otherwise call'd the Territory of the Friend of God, in which are comprised, about fifteen Villages.

On the Coasts of the Sprian Sea, or not fur

diffant, are Casarea Palassina, Caisar, I ving in Ruins. Joppa, Jasa, otherwise call'd Jassa and Giasso, part of which Town next the Harbour is now well inhabited, and surnished with several convenient Inns, for the Entertainment of Merchants and Strangers, that travel from Europe to Jeruslam. Azotus Alzete, almost quite ruin'd: Ascalon, Scalona, having sew Inhabitants: And Gaza, or Gazara, a little Town, not much frequented; nevertheless it is govern'd by its own Prince commonly call'd the Emir, or Bassa of Gaza, under the Dominion of the Turks, and is the Capital of a Territory of the same Name; 300 Villages belonging to its Jurisliction.

CHAP. IV.

Ancient JUDÆA in general, and particularly that Part beyond the River Jordan.



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I. Ancient Ju-AVING thus describ'd the three Parts of modern Syria, viz. Syria strictly taof modern syria, viz. Syria finetry taken, Phanicia and Judea, it would alfo be worth the while, to give a particular Account of their ancient State, more especially of Judea, in regard that it is so often mention'd in the Sacred Writings: Therefore we shall begin from thence in a retrograde of the Phanicia and afterwards proceed to Phanicia. Order, and afterwards proceed to *Phanicia* and proper *Syria*. This Country was at first call'd the Land of *Chanaan*, from its ancient Possessing the Grandson of Noah, by his Son Cham, or Ham, who heretofore inhabited it, with his eleven Sons, as also did their Posterity for many Ages: It was styl'd The Land of Promise, ever fince God promis'd it to Abraham and his Off-spring; and the Land of the Hebrews, or Ifraelites, when the Posterity of Abraham had taken Postession of the greatest Part of it, and divided it among the twelve Tribes: It was call'd Juden, or the Land of Judah from that most potent and illustrious Tribe, and Palassima; which latter Name is us'd by Ptolemey, as also by the Greek and Latin Writers; deriving it without doubt, from the most renowned and valiant Nation of the Palastini, or Philistins, who set-Nation of the Palejim, or roughns, who rectled themselves in the maritim Parts of Judea, from the Frontiers of Egypt, to Cesarea Stratonis, or Dor, which were very well known to the foreign Nations: Lastly, after the Death of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, it was commonly call'd the Holy Land by the Children and bill versions that Name the Christians, and still retains that Name, chiefly because the Prince of Peace being there conceiv'd, born and educated, promulgated the Doctrine of the Gospel, confirm'd it by Miracles, died, was buried, gloriously rose again, and triumphantly ascended thence into Heaven.

The ancient Bounds of Judea, on the South, were a certain Stream, or Rivulet of Egypt call'd Sichor, on the Mouth of which stood the Town of Rhinocorura or Rhinocolura, that heretofore belong'd to Egypt and afterwards to the Jews, taking its Name from the Inhabitants, who had their Noses mained, or cut off: As also, the Desart of Bersabee or Beer sheba and the mountainous Regions of Seir, or Sehir, which were extended from the Springhead of the River of Egypt, towards the East, to the hilly Country of the Moabites: And separated Judea from the Defart of Pharan, which was the Seat of Hagar and Ishmael, from that of Kadesh-Barnea, from Idumea, and from Arabia Petrea. It was bounded on the East, by the Country of the Modites and Ammonites, or the Stony and Defart Arabia, also by the more Southern Part of Culofyria: On the North, by Phanicia Danafeena, Mount Antilibanus, and the Country of the Sidonians: And on the West, by the Mediterranean, otherwise call'd the Western and great Sea, to distinguish it from the lesser Seas, or Lakes that were included within the Continent of Judea. These were the primitive Bounds of Judea, but under the Reigns of David and Solomon, they were extended even to the River Euphrates, thro' Palmyrene, which was the most Eastern and Southern Part of

Spria, call'd Aram Tzoba, or Soba by the Hebrews: Thus King Solomon is faid to have enlarged his Empire, from the Town of Tha-pfaciu, where there was a Passage over Euphra-

plants, where the vas a range research, as far as Gaza.

Jadea was fituated, with respect to the former Bounds, within the 31 and 33, or according to others, the 34th Degrees of Northern Latitude: For there is some little Difference in the judgment of Authors; forme of them placing the Southern Bounds of Judga nearer to the Equinoctial Line, and others removing it farther of: But they agree in this Particular, That the Latitude of *Indea* confifts of about three Degrees; and Geographers affirm, That it is fituated in the Heart, or Middle of the World, which is not altogether without good grounds, when the Pla-nifphere of the World, as it was known to the Ancients is underflood. Its Longitude, or Length, according to the Scripture-Phrase, is extended either from the entrance into Emath, a Town of Naphtali feated on the Foot of Mount Antilibants, the most received Northern Boundary of Judaa, to the City of Beer-fbeba, in the Tribe of Smeon, and the Defart of the same Name, which are its well known Bounds, on the South: This laft space, according to the Opinion of Adrickonius, includes about 67 French Leagues, every one of which makes almost three Italian, or English Miles, and may be measured by an Hour's Journey. Some Writers will have the utmost Extent of Julaa, from the Mediterranean Sea, to the Course of the River Jordan, where it runs most towards the East, to comprehend forestreen as eighten Leaves have prehend feventeen, or eighteen Leagues; but that it was spread beyond that River, ap-pears from the Boundaries even now described.

Judaa was admirably fortify'd by Nature; for the Mediterranean Sea served for its Bul-wark on the West, on the Coasts of which were feveral very convenient Harbours, that afforded the fairest opportunity of promoting Navigation on all sides: Its other Boundaries were furrounded with noted Mountains; that is to fay, it was fenc'd on the North, as it has been already hinted, by Antilibanus and Libanus, whose Names are often confounded; on the South, by the mountainous Territories of Seir, or Idumea; and on the East, by the hilly Countries of the Moabies, as also by the Mountains of Arnon, Glead and Hermon. The Inland Country was extremely pleasant, diversify'd with the finest Hills, Valleys, Fields, Groves, Springs, Rivers, Lakes and Seas: The Air was very temperate and healthful, and the Soil most fruit. ful; abounding every where, even beyond imagination, with numerous herds of Cattel, inagination, with numerous herds of Cattel, flocks of Birds, fivanins of Bees, floals of Fish, and great flore of Corn, Wine, Oil, Sugar, Ballain, or Balm, Spice, Palin-trees Dates, Figgs, Pomegranates, Flowers and all forts of Delights. To these may be added the incredible multitude of the Inhabitant, and great number of Towns, Villages and Callies which was nowhere exceeded through. Caftles, which was no where exceeded throughout the whole World, within to finall a space

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of Land. When the Ifraelites enter'd the Land of Promife, it contain'd 52 Kingdoms, five maritim Governments of the Philistins, five maritim Governments of the Philipsis, and feven confiderable Nations, viz. the Amorites, Gergefites, Hivites, Perezites, Jehnfites, Hethites and Chananites, descended from the Posterity of Chanani and destroy'd by Johan, whose particular Seats shall be hereafter observed by the Way, in their proper

When the Israelites had taken possession of the most Part of Judea by the Divine Appointment and Assistance, it was divided according to the Number of their Tribes, into twelve Parts, of which two and a half were fettled beyond Fordan, and the rest had their Seats on the hither fide of that River; the Sears on the Inther lide of that River; the Tribe of Levi being dispers'd among all the others. Thus the Tribes of Reuben and Gad, with half the Tribe of Manasseh took up their abode beyond fordan; but the Tribes of Naphali, Asher, Zabulon, Islachar, the other half Tribe of Manasseh, Ephraim, Benjamin, Judah, Dan and Simeon, possess the Terricories on the hither side of the same River. All these Tribes at first constituted one King. All these Tribes at first constituted one Kingdom, but in the time of Rehoboam, were divided into two, that is to fay, those of Judah and Ifrael; the Names being diffinguish'd by the Schiffin, which before, were promifcu-only us'd. In the Kingdom of Judah, on-ly were comprised the Tribes of Simeon, Judah and part of Benjamin, and the rest were united to the Kingdom of Ifrael: The Royal Court of the former was kept at Jerusalem, and that of the latter, for the most part at We shall first describe the Country of Ju-

daa beyond Jordan, which was bounded on the Well, by that River; on the Eafl, by Arabia and Syria; on the North, by Mount Hermon; and on the South, by the lowest Part of the River Arnon. This Part of Judea, was distributed without casting Lots, (as it has been already intimated) to the Tribes of Reuben and Gad and the half Tribe The Amo- of Manasseh, before call'd Amorrhitis, and inhabited by the Amorrhai, Emorrhai, or Amories, who after having march'd with their victorious Army beyond *Jordan*, expell'd the *Moabites* and *Ammonites* out of those Territories.

VII. The Tribe of Reuben, took possession of The Tribe of the most Southern Part of Juden beyond Fordan, which had for its Bounds on the South and East the River Arnon, and Arabia Petraa; on the North, the Tribe of Gad; and on the West, the lowest Territory of Jordan; by which it was separated from the Tribe of Benjamin and the dead Sea. Here the Moabites tettled themselves, on the hither side and beyond the River Arnon; the People of Ijrael enter'd Canaan on the hither fide of Fordan through this Country; and the Prophet Elijah was translated thence into Heaven. Within its Jurisdiction were compris'd divers well cultivated Plains, with most pleasant Hills and Valleys, and a great number of Cities, about the Situation of which, as well as with respect to that of the other Towns, throughout all the Territories of Fudea, there is often a very confiderable Difagreement in feveral Maps, which ought to be now ob-ferv'd and for the future.

Among the chief Towns belonging to the Tribe of Reuben, were Lafah afterwards call'd Callirhoe, from the Course of several fine Springs, with which it was water'd: Kademoth, or Kedemoth; and Jethson a City of the Levites. As was Mephaath, or Mephat, which Judas Maccabaus destroy'd with Fire; after having put the Men to the edge of the Sword. Baal-meon formerly a noted City. Medabah fometime the Capital of the Ammonites. Heshbon or Esbon, a Town which was afterwards given to the Levites, seated on a Hill in the Confines of Renben and Gad, which some attribute to the latter; the Royal Seat of Shon King of the Americes. Eleale abounding in Vineyards. Jahasah, or Jasa a City of the Levites, with a Desart of the same Name. Kirjath-thain. Bamoth-Baal, i. e. high Baal, a Town and Hill of the same Denomination, where Rad was worthinged. Denomination, where Baal was worthipped. Bethphogor, i. e. the House of a Gap, or Breach, noted for the adoration of a certain Moabitish Idol: Phogor a very high Mountain, from the top of which, Balaam the Sorcerer, by the impulse of God bless'd the People of Israel, although he had ascended it, with Balaak King of the Moabites, on purpose to curse them. Alhdoth-Pilgah: Phalga, or Pilgah, a Mountain of an extreme height, from the top of which, Moles by the special Order of God, took a View of the whole Land of Promise, which he was not permitted to enter. Nebo, a neighbouring Mountain; both which and more especially the former (according to Adrichomius) were the highest tops of the Mountains of Abarim, which taking their first rise in the Country of the Mobiles, were extended along the Course of the River Fordan, to the hilly Country of Gilead. Macharus, a well fortify'd Town, built upon a steep Rock, with a dangerous Precipice on all fides, not far from the Northern Coasts of the Dead Sea, to which St. John the Baptiff was fent bound by Herod, and afterwards beheaded there. Livius, or Libius, near the Mouth of the River Jordan, founded by Herod in honour of Livia the Mother of Tiberius. Bafor, or Bezer, a City of Refuge given to the Levites, in the midst between Macherus and Mount Nebo. Sethim, or Sitim, according to the Hebrem Dialect, where the Israelites committed Fornication with the Daughters of Midian and Moal. Berhabara on Jordan, famous for St. John's Baptizing: It denotes, The House of Passage, either because here was a Ferry over the River, or in regard that the People of Ifrael pass'd over its Chanel on Foot, near the same Place. Abilah, a Town in the Plain-Country of Moah, the Soil of which brought forth great flore of Palm-trees. Beth-jesimoth, the Northern Boundary of the same Plains of Moab. Sarathafar. And Helon.
The Territories of the Tribe of Gad were

fituated in the Province beyond Jordan, be-The Tribe of tween the River on the West, by which it Gad. was separated from those of the Tribe of

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Ephraim, and of the half Tribe of Manafeh, the Brook Jabbok, on the North: the Country of the Ammonites and the mountainous Tracts of Gilead and Arabia, on the Editant And the Seat of the Tribe of Renben, on the South. It was a very pleafant and fruitful Country; comprehending the best Part of the Land of Gilead, which derived its Name from the adjacent Mount Gilead; as also the Land of Thob, or Tob, formerly under the Dominion of the Ammonites, where Jephtha escaped by flight and took up his Habitation.

The most remarkable Cities and Towns of this Country were Dibon, a large and well fortified Place. Aroer, call'd also Ar, Arnon and Rabbath Moah, i. e. great Moah, a non and Kabbath Moab, i. e. great Moab, a noted City on the River Arnon and the Capital of the Moshites. Nahatha: Mennith, or Minnith; a Town of the Ammonites, whom Jephtha overcame in Battel, and pursu'd as far as that Place. Jazer, or Jezer, a City of the Levites, feated in a rich Soil, and on a Lake of the same Name: Arnon a Town a Lake of the lattic Mageth heretofore of a large extent. Rogelim, the Town of Barzillai the Gileadite, who entertain'd King David in his Flight. Malpha, Malphat, or Mazeth, a City of the Levies, where Jephtha ufually refided. Rabba, or Rabbath on the Brook Jabbok, heretofore a Royal Scat and the Metropolis of the Ammonites, who dwelt in the middle Way between the Moabites on the South, and the Syrians on the North; but they were first driven beyond the hilly Country by the Amorites, and afterwards by the Ifraelites: Here was King Ogg's Iron-bed nine Cubits long and four broad, and Uriah the Hittite was kill'd in the forming of this Place: But when the City and adjacent Country was subdued by Prolomey Philadelphus King of Ezypt, he impos'd on both (as they say) the Name of Philadelphia. Ramoth-Gilead, a City of Refuge, belonging to the Levites, where or Champain of Ephraim, behind which was a Wood, where Absaion was kill'd. Theiba, or Thesbe, the Birth-place of the Prophet Elijah. Dabir, a Town near the River fordan. Betharan Companylat higher. dan. Betharan somewhat higher. Also Succoth, render'd Scena in Greek, i. e. the Taber-nacles, or Tents, where the l'atriarch Jacob, was reconcil'd with his Brother, and Gideon chastis'd the Elders of Succoth with Thorns and Briers. *Phannel*, or *Pennel*, where the fame Patriarch wrestled with the Lord, and *Gideon* demolish'd the Tower of a Town; of the fame Name, fituated near the Brook fabbok. Mahanaim, i. e. The Camps, a City of the Levites beyond the faid Brook, in the Borders of Manasseh, on the farther side of Jordan, where the Angels of God appeared to Jacob in a Vision.

The remaining Part of Judaa beyond Jordan was possessed by the half Tribe of Manasseb: Its Bounds on the West, were the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan, by which it was parted from the Territories of the Tribes of Zabulon and Naphtali: On the North, Syria, Damaseena and Mount Hermon: On the East, the same Mountain and that of Gileal: Part 2

And on the South the Possessions of the Tribe of Gad. The Mountains of Hermon and Libanus, with the adjacent Parts, were heretofore inhabited by the People call'd Hevai, or Hivites. The inheritance of this half Tribe The Hicomprehended, the middle Part of the Terrives. ritory of Gilead, and all the Dominions of Og King of Basan. Basanius, or the Country of Basan, is extended in length, (according to Adrichomius) from the Town of Mahanam, or the Brook Jabbok, to the Frontiers of Damaseus, and the Country of Gessian, as also in breadth; from the inountainous Tracts of Gilead and Hermon, to the Sea of Gililee and the River Jordan. In these Parts were verdant Pastures stull of very fat Cattel, and numerous Groves that produc'd admirable Oaks; and they were inhabited by very strong Giants; whence the Country was also call'd the Land of Raphaim, or Giants, of the remainder of whom was Og, the last Monarch of the whole Kingdom of Basan, who was kill'd by the Israelites: Here were a great number of Distinct Territories, viz: those of the Gergestes, Gamaluica, Gaulonitis and Basanea, which last reach'd beyond the fruitful Soil of Basan towards the East, as far as the Desarts of Syria and Arabia; as alfo, those of Trachonitis, Arzob, Gessur, Ma-

chati and Auranitis: This half Tribe had many famous, large and well fortify'd Cities and Towns, among which were Ephron, or Hepbron, furrounded with Hills, not far from the Mouth of the Brook Jabbok. Hippos, or Hippus; on the Coalts of the Sea of Galilee. Gadara feated on a Hill; from whence the adjacent Country was call'd The Gadarene, inhabited chiefly by the Gentiles. Jabesto-Gilead, the Capital Town of the Territory of Galaaditis, the Siege of which carry d on by Nasso was rais d by King Saul. Pella, to which Pella a Town of Macedonia is supposed to have communicated its Name. Gilead built on a Hill to call'd; from which both the Town and neighbouring Territory took their Denominations; the native Country of Jephiha, one of the most va-liant Judges, or Captains of the Ifraelies. Casphor: Kamon. Kedar, a neat Town men-tion'd in the Song of Solomon. Jair. Edvail the Royal Seat of Og King of Bajan. Gamala, built on a Rock that is steep on all sides, from whence the Province Gamalicies took its Name: Gerafa, heretofore Gergefa, inhabited by the Gergestes; from whence the Territory The Gerge-lying round about, was call'd the Country sites, of the Gerasenes and Gergesenes; but forat-much as Gergese was near to Gadara, it is probable; that the same Territory was so nam'd from both Cities. Magedan, or Magdala, not far from Gerafa. Dalmanuka, within the Borders of Magdala, so that its no Wonder, that the Names of Dalmanuka and Magdala are promiferroully taken. Julius on the maritim Coasts of Galilee not tar from the Influx of the River Jordan into that Seaf formerly call'd Bethfaida, as we are informed by Josephus; but it we may give credit to Adrichomius, it was then only a Village; on the other fide of the Sea, under the Jurisdiction.

IX. The half Tribe of Manatieh.

The Am-

monites.

of Bethsaida. Corozaim, in Greek Chorazin, on the very Mouth of Fordan, over against Capharnaum of Capernaum, which Town our Sa-viour honour'd with many Miracles and Sermons; although they prov'd ineffectual. Sneta, Suita, or Suites, a noted Town, seated fomewhat higher, in a very fertile Country: The Tents of Kedar were fet up between this last Town of Suera, and that of Kedar, mention'd a little above, in very fruitful and pleafant Fields, during the Fair, that was kept here at a certain Time: Gaulon otherwise call'd Gaulan, Golan and Galon, a fair City of Refuge, belonging to the Levites in the Province of Batanea, from whence the adjacent Country is nam'd Gaulonitis, or Gaulanitis; as the Town of Advach communicates its Name to the neighbouring Territory of Advach. Aftaroch, a large Levitical Town of Batanaa, and fornetime one of the Royal Seats of King Og. Theman. Bozra a fortify'd Town allotted to the Levites, which as well as Theman ought to be diffinguish'd from the Towns of the fame Name in Idumea. The Pharanx, or Valley of Antiochus. Sogane built in a very strong Place: Argob, a Town and Territory fo call'd. Naamath, which in Hebrew figni-fies Fair, a Town made (as fome are of opinion) by modern Authors, and plac'd at a little distance from Theman and Sueta, as it were the Seat of Zophar the Naamathite, one of Job's three Friends. Selcha, or Salcha, the Boundary of the Kingdom of Basan on the North. Gessian, a Royal City, the Capital of Gessuri a bordering Country, where Absalom fled, after he had deflour'd his Sister Thamar. Selencia a Town of a pleasant Situa-tion on the Waters of Meron, abounding in Springs. Aram. Gerson, a Town of Foreigners in Bafanitis. Machaii, a fortify'd Place. Abela. Mara. And Auran, from whence the Territory of Auranitis derives its Name.

CHAP. V.

Judæa on the hither side of the River Jordan.

Judæa on

FTER having view'd the Country of Judea beyond Jordan, we pass to that which lies on the hither side of fide of Jor- that River, and which was bounded on the East, by the former, or by the Course of the faid River *Jordan* flowing between both: On the South, by the hilly Country of *Seir* and the Rivulet *Sichor*: On the West, by the Great, or Mediterranean Sea: And on the North, by the Country of the Sidonians and Mount Anti-Libanus. This Part of Judaa very much exceeds the former in largeness, and therefore was distributed by Lot, among the Nine Tribes and half, which were; (as we faid before in the fifth Section of the preceding Chapter) those of Naphtali, Asher, Zabulon, Isfachar, the half Tribe of Manasseh, Ephraim, Benjamin min, Judah, Dan and Simeon, whose possessions shall be describ'd in the same Order.

II. First then, as we enter Judaa on the hither The Tribe of side of Jordan, towards the North, the Terof Naphtaritories of the Tribe of Naphtali, or Nephtalim, offer themselves to our View; being bounded on the East, by those of the half Tribe of
Manasseh beyond Jordan, or by the River it felf, from its Spring-head to the Sea of Galilee; on the South, by the same Sea and the Postsession of the Tribe of Zabulon; on the West, by those of Alber: and on the North, by by those of Asher; and on the North, by Mount Antilibanus. This Country extends it felf, for the most part, between the said Mountain and the Sea of Galilee; but its Breadth is different, and it is least of all, in the Northcrn Parts: the Soil was very fruitful and pleafant, more especially towards the Seacoatls; and Traffick might be easily maintain'd, with the rest of the Tribes, as also with the Phanicians, Syrians; and Damascens. The Provinces of Emath, Paneas, Berim, and Arbellis were under the Jurisdiction of this Tribe; but we shall hasten to give a particu-

lar Account of the most considerable Cities and Towns.

Within the Borders of Naphtali (taking no notice of the magnificent Temple of Augustus, which the elder Herod caus'd to be built of white Marble, within the Springs of Fordan, and dedicated it to that Emperor, in his life-time) flood Lais, Laifa, or Lestem, on the Foot of Mount Libanua, near the confluence of the Springs For and Dan, in a very fruitful Country afterwards call'd Dan, as being a Colony of the Danies: The same Town was also known by the Names of Paneas, or Castrae Philippi, and was the httpstf Roupe. Cafarea Philippi; and was the utmost Boundary of Judea, on the North, from whence the adjoying Territory was nam'd Paneas. Besides this Town, there were Heleph, or Heleph, and Alvertical Company of the Carlos of leb. Reccah, a strong place. Abela and Abelbeth-Maacha, whither Sheba the Traytor sled for refuge. Reblatha, or Rebla, a noted City, water'd by the Rivulet Daphnis: Aroseth or feated on the Waters of Meron, where the River Jordan passes out of them, and inhabited by several Nations.

Somewhat lower were Adami. Febrael. Lecum. And Capharnaum, or Capernaum, according to the Greek Dialect; heretofore, a most wealthy and flourishing Mart-Town, situated on the Northern Coalts of the Sea of Galilee, and the banks of the River Fordan, at its influx into it; in a fruitful and pleafant Country, famous for the Residence, Sermons and Miracles of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. This Town communicated its Name to the neighbouring Defart and Mountain, which is also call'd Christ's Mount, and was much frequented by him. Kadesh-Nephtalim, a City of refuge, belonging to the Levites, on the top of an Hill. Arbellis, from whence the Country lying round about, took

its Name. Mazdalel, a fortified Town. Carthan, under the Jurisdiction of the Levites. than, inder the Juniacian of the Leones. Sepher, on a very high and delightful Hill. Nephtalim, a noted Town. Nation fituated in a Valley. Bethilmers, or Bethilmers, a fortified Town. Afor, or Hajor, the Royal Seat of the most potent King Jahin; and Kirjah thaim a City of the Leviles. As also, A-mothdor, or Chamothdor, seated in the middle, between Paneada and Emath. Emathotherwise Town, by the Spring-head of the River E-leuherus, or Valania, and Mount Libanus, which was also one of the Boundaries of Judea, on the North, and from whence the adjacent Territory of Emathea or Amathites deriv'd its Name: And Affedim, a Place of confiderable strength.

Afher.

As the Territories of the Tribe of Naphtali, The Tribe of fo those of the Tribe of Asher, Afer, or Affer, extend themselves farthest towards the North of all the Parts of Judea, on the hither fide of Jordan: These Territories are bounded on the East, by those of Naphtali; on the South, by those of Zabulon; on the West, by the Mediterranean Sea, and the Countries of the Tyrians and Sidonians; (which, although they were comprehended within the Lot of Asher, could never be brought in subjection to that Tribe) and on the North, by Mount Antilibanus, or Syro-Phænicia. Here, in the Northern Tract, was situated the Land of Maspha, and that of *Chabul*, or *Cabul*, by the Tyrian Mountains, where twenty Cities were given to King *Solomon*, by *Hiram* King of *Tyre*; as also, in the Southern Parts, the Valley of Alber, or the Fat Valley, abounding in Oil, Wine and excellent Wheat, which is now call'd the Valley of St. George, from a Castle of the same Name built therein: Nor was this Valley alone exceeding fruitful, but

all the rest of the Territories were so also.
The principal Towns were Elkath, otherwise call'd Helkath and Chelkad belonging to the Levites, and fituated towards the North. Cana the greater, so call'd to distinguish it from the other Cana of leffer extent, and feated in the middle of the Country, near the River Eleutherus. Roob, Rohob, or Rechob. a Town of good note, granted to the Levites. Gabala; Cabal. And Abdon likewife in the pof-Teffion of the Levites. Bethemeth, or Bethemee, built on a Valley, in the Confines of Zabulon; as also were Bethdagon and Labanath. To these Towns may be added Sihor. Acon afterwards call'd Ptolemais, by the King of Egypt; a noted Town, with a capacious Harbour, on the Sea-coasts and in the Borders of the Land of Ifrael, although its ancient Inhabitants could not be expell'd by the Tribe of Asher. And Meffal, or Miffal, seated likewise on the Seathere in the Frontiers of Zabulon, and posses'd

by the Levites.

The Territories of the Tribe of Zabulon or The Tribe of Zebulun, were bounded on the North, by those of Asher and Naphtali; on the East, by the Sea of Galilee; on the South, by the Possessi-Zabulon. ons of the Tribe of Isfachar, or the Brook Ki-son, that runs between both; and on the West, . by the Mediterranean Sea: So that they lay

between two Seas, but their Extent was larger towards the former, than the latter, and

the Soil was fruntul.

The most considerable Towns of these Parts, were Zabulon, of great strength, not far di-stant from the Mediterranean Sea. Cana of Galilee, or the leffer, which fome Geographers do not place in the Confines of Alber, but in the Territories of Naphtali, a final Village, Saviour JESUS CHRIST began his Most-cles, by turning Water into Wine. Anathon, or Hanathon. Kethon. Berfabe. Semeron, a potent and Royal City. Danna upder the Jurisdiction of the Levites, and Non. Dotham, or Dotham, a Town abounding with Figgs, Vineyards and Olives, where the Patriarch Joseph met with his Brothers. Bechnita, a Town noted for its Springs, and fittated on a high Hill: Bethlehem of Zabulon, fo call'd to diffinguish it from Bethlehem-Judah, which M. S.infon will have to be Bethulia it felf, although the most part of Geographers make them different Towns. Anathar, a near Town. Remmon possess'd by the Levites, and by Sanfon made the fame Place with Damna, mention'd a little before: And Bethfaila a famous City of Galilee, on the Frontiers of Naphtali, where our Saviour perform'd many Miracles. The Village and Defart beyond the faid Sea, were under the Jurisdiction of Bethfaida, according to Adrichomius.

Here were also intuated the Land of Genefar, Genefareth in Greek, a very fine fruitful Country, of a most admirable Temperature: The Caltle of Magdalum, fortified with Towers and Bulwarks, on the fame Sea. Josa-pata a very ftrong hold, founded on a rock, to which there was a Passage, only on one fide; remarkable for the Siege fustain'd by Josephus. Tiberius, a large noble City, famous for its hot Baths and Academy; feated on the South-West Coasts of the Sea of Ga-lilee, which was sometime denominated from this City; it was built by Herod the Terrarch, in honour of Tiberius Cafer. Japhie. Cartha belonging to the Levites. Legio. Onfelestator, a Town in a Campain-Country, on the Foot of Tabor, or Thabor, call'd Itabyrius, by Josephus, a high round Mountain, beser with Olive-trees, Vines and other Frust-tree of several forts, and symmetry for the Transfer of several sorts, and samous, for the Transfi-guration of JESUS CHRIST. Tabor, a Town granted to the Levites. Soffa, or Soffra. Sephoris, a wealthy, large and well fortified Town. Buria, feated in a fruitful Soil: Nazareth, a neat Town, where our Lord and Saviour was conceived and educated, and thence was call'd a Nazarene. Naslel grant-ed to the Levines. Sarid. Gaba; a Place of good note. And Sicaminum, otherwise call'd Epha and Elpha a Sea-port Town, which in fome Maps, is comprehended within the Bounds of the next Tribe.

The Territories of the Tribe of Ijachor, or V.

Islandar border on the North, upon those of The Tribe of
Zabulon, from which they are separated by Islachar. the Rivulet Aifon; on the East, upon the Sea of Galilee, and the River Jordan, just at its Pailage from thence; on the South, upon the

Possessions of the half Tribe of Manasteh; and on the West, upon the great Sea, though according to the opinion of some Geographers, it did not extend quite to the Sea, because Mount Carmel, and the Land of Naid interven'd. It was a very excellent and delightful Country; wherein were the Mountains of Carmel and Gilboa: The former, that ought to be diffinguish'd from the other Mount Carmel of Judah, took up the Western Parts of this Tribe, (according to the common deli-neation of the Maps, although some com-prehend it within the Bounds of the Tribe of Zabulon) and lies out into the Mediterranean Sea, in form of a Promontory: It is an high Mountain full of Groves; cover'd with Olive-trees, Vines, feveral forts of Fruit-trees, and fragrant Herbs; well inhabited; and famous for the History of the Prophet Élijah, as also for the Order of Carmelite Monks, who deriv'd their Name and Original from thence. Mount Gilboa is a long continued Ridge extending from the Town of Jezrael to the River Fordan, through the Confines of the half Tribe of Manasseh; and upon this Mountain King Saul and his Son Jonathan were kill'd by the Philistins. Within the Boundaries of this Tribe were also the Valley of Jezrael remarkable for several Battels: The Great Field, or Cham-pain, otherwise nam'd, The Field of Mazeddo, or of Esdrelon, and The Plain of Galilee, which reach'd as far as the Territories of Manasseh, abounding with Corn, Wine and Oil, and is at present call'd, The Plain of Saba, from a Carle of the fame Name: And the Land

of Nail, on the Foot of Mount Carmel.

The chief Towns of the Tribe of Islachar were Beth-shemesh, on the very edge of Mount Carmel, which ought to be distinguish'd from Beth-shemesh of Naphtali and Judah, and several other Towns of the same Name. Aphraim; Nam, or Nain, on the Brook Kison, at the Gate of which, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ restor'd the Widow's Son to Life. Endor, where King Saul confulted the Witch: Anaarath. Rabboih, in the Valley of Jezrael. Dabereth, or Dabrath, a City of Retuge belonging to the Levites, water'd by the Rivulet Kifon. Ceston, likewife posses'd by the Levites. Is acher, a Town of the same Name with the Tribe, situated in the middle, between the Small Castle and the Market Small Castle and the Small Cas the Sea of Galilee, and the River Jordan.

sibez. Ramoth, and Engannin, Cities under
the Jurisdiction of the Levites. Enhadda. Bethpleefes. Cedes; a Town of the Levites, which M. Sanson supposes to be the same with Cesion mention'd a little before. Jezrael, the Royal Scat of King Ahab, feated on the Foot of Mount Gilbon, to the Welt, and in the Frontiers of the half Tribe of Manasseh; and reckon'd by Andrichomius among the Possessions of that Tribe: Naboth's Vineyard was fitnated near this City of Jezrael, which is some-times us'd by the Prophets for the Term of Israel. Jaranoth a Town alsotted to the Le-Suna, Sula, or Shunem, the Birth-place of Abishag, the young Virgin, who admini-fler'd to King David, in his old Age; but officially the place where the Prophet Elisha cometime sojourned, and in gratitude for the

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kind entertainment he had receiv'd, wrought a Miracle, and reftor'd the Shunemite's Son to Life. Aphek, a Royal City where the Philishins encamp'd, at several times. Esdrelon, a Town situated in a spacious Plain, which took its Name from thence; and Casaloth.

The Territories of the half Tribe of Manasseh.

The Territories of the half Tribe of Manasseh, VII on the hither side of Jordan, distinguished The half from those of the other half Tribe, beyond Tribe of that River, had for their Boundaries, on the Manasseh, North, the Possessions of the Tribe of Islandar; the stribe of those of the Tribe of Ephraim, on the South; Jordan the River Jordan on the East: and the Mediterranean Sea, on the West. The Phereses, a rude sort of People dwelt in The Peretthe Woods and Mountains, in the Western zites, and maritim Territories of this half Tribe; although their Seat is plac'd by other Geographers in the more Southern Parts. The Country was very pleasant to the sight, by reason of the admirable variety of the Plains, Mountains, Hills, Valleys and Springs, besides the fruitsliness of the Soil, and the great number of Inhabitants, and stately Cities. In the same Western Track was situated the Northern Part of the Plains of Sarona, which were extended from Casara Palessine to Lydda, or Joppe, senced with Mountains, on the East and West, and abounding with Corn, Orchards and Pastures, that afforded Fodder to

the King's Cattel.

The principal Cities and Places of this Tribe were Nopheth, a well fortified Royal Seat, on the Sea-coatts. The King of which was kill'd by folhua, The Tower of Straton afterwards call'd Cafarea Palestina, a magnificent, strong, large and rich City; bordering on the East, upon a deep Marsh of fresh Water, and on the West, upon the Mediterranean Sea. Ca-pharnaum likewise a Sea-port Town. Mageddo, a noble City, whole King was put to death by Joshua, and near which King Joshua was wounded by the Archers; feated in a spacious Plain, which took its Name from thence, as it has been already observed in the Tribe of Islachar. Jeblaan, a strong hold. Adadremmon in the same Plain of Mageddo. Caber. Geth-remmon, a City of the Levites.

Tanac, Thanach, or Thenach, a large and potent City, in the Frontiers of Islachar, belonging likewise to the Levites, where Deborah fought valiantly against Sisara. Acrabata, that communicated its Name to the adjacent Mannour. Aner, under the Juridiction of the Levites. Bethsan afterwards call'd Scythopolis, a large Town rebuilt and inhabited by the Scythians, between the Mountains of Gilboa and the River Fordan. Salem, or Salim Supposed to have been the Royal Seat of Melchisedec. Ennon, or Anon, where St. John baptiz'd the People, by reason of the plenty of Waters. Bezek, a Royal City. Bethbera. Ephra, where Gideon dwelt and was bury'd, and near which was an Altar and Grove dedicated to Baal. The Castle Alexandrium. Abelmaula, a noted Town: Thersa, Tharsa, or Thirsa, a Royal City on a Hill, where the Kings of Royal City was their Court till Samuria. Kings of Ifrael kept their Court, till Samaria was built. Thebes, a Town of good note, in a very fruitful Country, where King AbiVII.

melech was knock'd on the Head with a Mill-Itone, as he was belieging the Tower. Nais. Machmata, Otherwise call'd Machmeth and Afer-Machmath, in the Confines of Ephraim. Narbatha. The Castle of Manath. Endor. Galgal the Royal Seat of a Prince, who was flain by Joshua. And Capharsalama, afterwards call'd Antipatris by Herod, from his Father Antiparer; a Sea-port Town, lying between two Rivulets on the Frontiers of Ephraim, and encompass'd with a very fine Grove, in an admirable Champain-Country

The Possessions of the Tribe of Ephraim The Tribe of were bounded on the North, by those of the Ephraim. half Tribe of Manasseh, on the hither side of Fordan; on the East, by the same River; on the South, by the Territories of the Tribes of Benjamin and Dan, or as others will have it, only by those of Benjamin; although it is otherwise express'd in the Maps; and on the Welt, by the great Sea, which is its least Extent. This Country was extremely mountain tent. This Country was extremely mountainous, but the Soil was very fat, and every where luxuriant: That Part of it which extended it felf, from the mountainous Tracks of Ephraim, particularly fo call'd, compre-bended the Southern and most fruitful Part of the Plains of Sarona, which were describ'd a little before, under Manasseh.

By reason of the excellency of this Tribe, the Kingdom of Ifrael, was also call'd that of Ephraim, and the Places of chiefelt Note therein, were Sarona, a Royal City heretofore subdued by Joshua, and seated on a Hill of the same Name, the Plains about which have been already mention'd, upon feveral Occafions. Gophna, from whence the Gophnitick Territory derives its Name. The upper Betho-ron fituated on the top of a Hill, and possess by the Levites. Hyrcanism, or Hyrcanis, a very strong Castle. Adarfa. Addus. Phanuel. Pharaton, upon Mount Amalek. Samaria, built by Omri King of Israel, on the top of Mount Semeron in the Borders of the Tribe of Manasseh, a very stately, pleasant and well fortified City, which from its first Rise, became the Royal Seat of the Kings of Ifrael, and succeeded Thersa, before describ'd in the half Tribe of Manasseh, that border'd upon this Tribe: Afterwards Samaria was call'd Sebaste, i. e. the August City by King Herod, in honour of the Emperor Augustus Calar, and Sebastopolis, by St. Jerom. Bethel. Sichem, a City of Refuge belonging to the Levites, built on a Hill, or (as others will have it) in a pleafant Valley furrounded on all fides, with Hills, call'd Sichar, in our Saviour's time, and after its Restauration, Neapolis, or the New City; still retaining that of Naplosa or Napolitza, near which, were Jacob's Well, Joseph's Sepulchre, Mount Hebal, or Ebal, and opposite thereto, Mount Garizim, or Gerizim, both famous for the promulgation of the Mo-faical Law. This City is as yet one of the chief of the whole Continent of the Holy Land, and the Seat of a Turkish Sangiack.

Befides these noble Cities, there were Lu-za. Benith, or Banith. Ennon. Thanashfile. Jeshmaan, under the Jurislichon of the Le-

vites. Bethaven. Taphua, a Royal City ta-ken by Jolhua, after he had kill'd the King of it. Ataroth-Addar. Janoe. Ataroth. Na-aratha. Ephren, or Ephraim, in the Confines of the Tribe of Benjamin. Archiaearoth. Doch call'd Dagon by Fosephus, a Fortrets on a steep call'd Dagon by Josephus, a Fortress on a steep Hill, with a very delightful Prospect. Mello, the Inhabitants of which chose Abindeth for their King, with the Sichemies. Geth-remnon, a City of the Levites. Najoth, where King Saul prophesy'd. Ephron. Machmus, of a large extent. Silo a Town, on a very high Hill of the same Name, bordering on the Tribe of Parinners, Where the Tabernagle of Tribe of Benjamin: Where the Tabernacle of the Covenant was crected, and the Ark of God was kept, for a long time. Ruma, or Aruma, the Scat of Abimelech. Jephleii. Thum-nathfara, Thamnata, or Thamna, from whence the Thamnatick, or Thamnitick Territory took its Name; a very large Town feated in a hilly Country, which follows possessed by Right of Inheritance, where he was also bury'd. Gazer, or Gazara, under the Juilliction of the Levites. Lilda, or Lydda, atterwards call'd Diospolis, i. e. the City of Jupiter, where St. Peter cur'd Aneus of the Pally. Ramatha, otherwise call'd Ramathaim, Arimathaa, and Ramathaim-Sophim, because it was built on Sophim a Mountain of Ephraim; a City of the Levites in the Confines of the Tribes of Ephraim, Dan, Judah and Benjamin; the Birth-place of the Prophet Samuel, which together with Lydla is attributed by the learned Spanhemius to the Tribe of Benjamin; although others are of opinion, that Ramuh belong d to the three bordering Tribes.

The Territories of the Tribe of Benjamin, VIII. border'd on the North, upon those of Epira-The Tribe of im; on the East, upon the River Jordus; on the South, upon the Inheritance of the Tribe of Judah; and on the West, upon that of Dan: But Spanhemius maintains, that ir extended it felf, as it were in a Corner, as far as the Great Sea; including within its Limits the Sea-port Town of Joppe, or Juffa, besides Ramath and Lydda but now mention'd. The Territories of this Tribe, with respect to the extent of Land and the number of Towns containd therein, may be reckon'd among the leaft. Towards the West, it was very narrow, lying out in a sharp Point, but encreasing broader towards the East; but as the fourfulnes of the Soil is true to the fourfulnes of the Soil is true. the fruitfulness of the Soil, it was not inferiour to any of the Countrys, belonging to the other Tribes. The Plains of Jaricho were more especially famous for their admirable Fertility, abounding with all forts of Fruits and Delights, and particularly with that most arranged the Relights.

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The chief Cities of this Tribe, were Nebo.

Helan. Massha, otherwise call'd Masshan and Messhe, a Town in the Borders of Renjamin and Judah, which St. Jerom attributes to the latter, the Judgment-Seat of Samuel.

Nobe, or Nob, a Town belonging to the Priets, where King David took Goliath's Sword, and eat the Shew-bread. Amosa. The lower Berbaron. Gabaon or Gibeon, heretofore a Royal and Large City, the Inhabitants of which circumvented Folhua, to fave their Lives, afterwards confign d

to the Levites. Gabaah, or Gibeah of Saul, a City of the Levites, famous for the Birth of that King. Rama. Anathoth in the Poffession of the Priests, the Birth-place of the Prophet Feremiah. Gabaath. Sene and Boses two Rocks, the tops of which stand opposite one to another, Beroth. Bethel, before call'd Luza, a Town on an high Hill, remarkable for the Dream of the Patriarch Jacob. Hai, or Ai, heretofore a Royal City, burnt by Joshua. Bathaven, with the adjacent Defart. Galgala, or Gilgal, a noted Place, where the Israelites pitch'd their Tents, after having march'd out of the River Jordan. Lod-Hadid. Samaraim. Almon, a Town granted to the Sons of Aaron. Bethabara. Jericho a Large, Populous and Royal City, abounding, with Palm-tree Groves; whence it was also call'd the City of Palmtrees, the Walls of which fell down at the found of the Trumpets that were blown in the Camp of the Ifraelites; situated in a very fruitful Champain Country that took its fruithil Champain Country that took its

Name from thence; as it has been already
hinted. Ophora, Ophera, or Ophra: Sela.

Heleph, or Eleph. Ophni. Jarephel. Bahurim,
on a Hill. Recem. Bethera, a very ftrong
Jerusalem. Town. And JERUSALEM, otherwise
call'd Salem, Hierofolyma, Solyma, or Jebus,
The Jebuas it was first called by the Jebusites, who
inhabited the mountainous Countries of Padise and were Master of this City before lestine, and were Masters of this City before David conquer'd it; after which it became the Metropolis of all Judaa, and even of the whole Continent of the Levant, feated near the Rivulet Kedron almost in the Heart of that Country, nay (as fome Authors affirm) in the middle of the terraqueous Globe (which ought to be understood of the Planisphere of the World, as it was known to the Ancients.) It stands on three Mountains, viz., Sion, A-cra and Moriah, every one of which had its particular Valley, in the Confines of Benjamin; so that one part of the City stood in Judah though the more considerable Part of it, where the Temple was afterwards built, was included within the Bounds of that Tribe: This most famous City, being taken by King David, A. M. 2986, became his Royal Seat, and that of all the succeeding Kings of Judah: His Son Solomon beautify dit with manual Partition of the Solomon beautify dit with manual Partition of the Solomon beautify dit with manual Partition of the Solomon beautify dit with manual Partition of the Solomon beautify dit with manual Partition of the Solomon beautify dit with manual Partition of the Solomon Basel Partition o ny stately Buildings, and more especially with a most magnificent Temple. But Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon having made himself Master of it, A. M. 3446, caused it to be burnt, and utterly laid waste, demolished the Temple, and carry'd away the Institute of the carry'd away the Institute habitants into Captivity. About 70 years after, in 3516, the few obtain'd a Permiffion from King Cyrus to return to their native Country, where they rebuilt the City and Temple; which flourish'd, till Titus, General of the Roman Forces and afterwards Emperor, besieg'd, took, burnt and destroyed both. In the year of our Lord 132, the Emperor Ælius Adrianus began to rebuild the City, and impos'd on it the Name of Ælia, or Ælia Capitolina: The Emperor Constantine the Great, having restor'd the Worship of the true God, made farther improvements, and adorn'd it with many noble Edifices, the chief of which

was the Church of the Sepulchre of our Lord Jesus Christ, that formerly stood without the City; which was invaded by Choses II. King of Persa, in the time of the Emperor Hera-clius, A. C. 614. In the seventh and eighth Centuries it became a Prey to the Saracens, with the rest of the Holy Land; till the Christian Princes, and among others Richard I. King of England undertook the Conquest of this Country: So that they took the City by from on Friday the 15th day of July, A. D. 1099, which gave rife to the Kingdom of Jerufalem, of which Godfrey of Bouillon was the first King, and had several Successions, for the space of almost 100 Years. Afterwards Saladin King of Syria and Egypt defeated the Christians in several Engagements, and at last drove them out of Jerujalem. About the year 1187, this Country fell into the Possession of the Cailiffs, or Sultans of Egypt, till they were subdu'd by the Turks under the Emperor Selim, who took this City in 1517-It is commonly call'd the Holy City by the Christians, and Elkodi by the Turks, which fignifies the fame Thing, according to Michael Nau: It was fometime dignified with the Title of a Metropolitan See, and afterwards erected into a Patriarchal, by the means of the Emperor Justinian; five Arch-bishopricks being subject to its Jurisdiction, viz. those of Tyre, Cafarea, Nazareth, Bostra and Petra: But it now finks under the Yoke of the Turkish Tyranny, and daily falls to decay; so that its extent is simall; scarce containing above ten thousand Inhabitants, among whom are many Monks, who are employ'd in shew-ing the Holy Places to Travellers; the Turks have fenc'd it with a Wall, to ferve as a Bulwark against the Incursions of the Arabians. The Streets are narrow, and the Houses very plain, without any Ornaments. The Tomb of Godfrey of Bouillon is still to be seen, with that of his Brother Baldwin cut out of a Rock. The City of Jerusalem is diffant 25 Miles from Joppe, or Jaffa, and the Coasts of the Syrian Sea, on the East, and 30 from the Dead Sea; lying almost in the midst between Damascus, on the North, and Grand Cairo, in Egypt, on the South-East.

There were many fine Gardens without the Walls of Jernfalem, and among others those that belong'd to the Royal Court, on the East: Mount Olivet situated likewise towards the Eastern Part of the City and Temple, from which it was separated by a deep Valley, and the Brook Kedron. This Mountain took its Name from the great number of Olivetrees growing upon it, although it also abounded with Myrtles, Pines, Palm and several forts of Fruit-trees; and is more especially remarkable for our Saviour's Ascension thence into Heaven. To the West of Jerusal Place of Execution of Malefactors, which the Emperor Adrian afterwards caus'd to be enclosed within the City-walls. Also Mount Gion, or Gibon full of Stones, of a somewhat long Figure, and of a considerable height, parted in like manner from the City, by a deep Valley; upon which Mountain Solomon was anointed King.

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The spacious Valley of Raphaim, or of Giants, that produc'd great store of Oil, Wine, Wheat, and all forts of Fruits, extended it self likewise on the West of Jerusalem; but the Valley of Jehoshat, otherwise call'd the Valley of Kedron, and that of the Mountains, lay out towards the East, between the City and Mount Olivet, being water'd and made fruitful by the Rivulet Kedron; It was heretofore the common Burial-place of the whole City, and is fet apart even at this Day, for that of the \mathcal{F}_{em} , not without Superfition: The Valley of the Sons of \mathcal{H}_{innom} , call'd also T_{opher} , and the Valley of Slaughter, was situated to the South-East of $\mathcal{F}_{emfalem}$, on the Foot of the Mount of Offence, which was water'd as well as the others, by the Brook Kedron, and was full of green Plots, Gardens and Groves, Moreover, to the East of Jerusalem, were Gethsiane, a Village on the Foot of Mount Olivet, affording plenty of Olives: Bethphage a Village, or (according to the opinion of others) a Tract of Land fituated likewise on the Foot of the same Mountain: And Bethany, a Village, seated in a Territory of the same Name, on a Hill and in Territory of the tame Name, on a fill and in the Road that leads to Jericho; where our Saviour rais'd Lazaria out of his Grave. Lastly, to the West of Jerusalem stood Emais a very pleafant Village on the top of a Hill, which shall be described a non in the Tribe of Judah, to which it is referr'd by most Geographers, except M. San-fon, who places it within the Bounds of this Tribe.

The large Possessions of the Tribe of Fudah the The Tribe most Southern, and much the largest of the whole f Judah Country, were bounded on the North, by Benjamin; on the East by the Mouth of the River Fording which here falls into the Dead Sea, as also by that Sea it felf; on the South, by the farthest Bay of the fame Sea call'd the Tongue, and the mountainous Country of Seir; and on the West, by the Territories of Simeon and Dan and the Mediter-ranean Sea; a narrow Tract of it running up between those two Provinces and the Sea, almost as high as Joppa. For the five maritim Lordthips, or Governments of the *Philiftus*, delineated in the Maps, under those Tribes, are appropriated in Holy Writ, and by Josephus, to that of Judah, within the Bounds of which Sackrona was likewise included. Thus the Territories of the Tribe of Judah exceeded all the rest, in the largeness of Extent; in the number of Cities, Towns and Villages; and in the multitude and valour of the Inhabitants: So that 'tis no wonder that the whole Country, took its Name from the principal Tribe, and its Bulwark, on the South and West, against the most potent E-nemies. And indeed, the Territories were beautify'd with an admirable variety of Hills, Valleys, Plains, Rivulets, and Seas, and abounded with Pastures and Vineyards; neverthelesstowards the mountainous Tracts of Seir and the Dead Sea there were many Defarts, but not altogether de-folate, or inaccessible, as being befet with Towns the ca- at a finall distance one from another. The Canadanites anites strictly so call'd dwelt in these Parts, enlarging their Borders, from the Country of the

> The most remarkable Cities and Places of the Tribe of Judah, were Socho, or Sochor, a Town feated in a Champain Country, and on the Fron-Part 2

Philistins, to that of the Amorites.

tiers of Benjamin, between which and Acech, the Philistins encamp'd against Saul; and where David overthrew the Giant Goliah, with a flone call out of a Sling. Emans, a Village distant fixty Furlongs, or feven Italian Miles and a half, from Jerufalem to the West, afterwards call d Nicopolus.

Bethfur, or Bethfora, a Town with a very strong.

Castle. Mareth. Bethanoth. Eglon a Royal Crty. Ethan, or E.ham. Bezek the Royal Scat of King Adonibezek. Bethlehem, firnam'd of Judah, to diffinguish it from Bethlehem of Zabulon, otherwife call'd Ephrana, built by the Jebustues; the Birth-place of King David, whence it was also term'd, The City of David. This Town which was diffant 5 Miles from Jerufalem to the South, is also more especially famous for the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, and was made an Episcopal See, by Pope Paschal II. under the Patriarch of Ferufalem; but it is now quite ruin'd. Thecua on a Hill, abounding with excellent Pastures, the Native Country of the Prophet Amos. Debera. Nesophati. Segor of the Propiet Amos. Devera. Exception: Segor otherwise call'd Zoar and Tzohar, situated 15 Miles South of Fericho, near Mount Engaddi, not far from the Dead Sea, or on the Northern Coast of it according to Adrichomius and Sanjon: This little Town or Village, which still retains the Name of Seor, being one of the Cities of Penta-polis, or of the Country of five Cities, was pre-ferr'd upon the entreaty of Lot: For the reft, viz. Adama, Seboim, Sodom and Gomorrab, were utterly destroy'd by Fire from Heaven, of which Strabo, Tacitus and Solinus have made mention, and stood in that most delightful Plain, where the Dead Sea is now extended. Engaddi, before call'd Afasonthamar. i. e. the City of Palm-trees, built upon high and steep Rocks, in a Country heretofore noted, for its most fragrant Smell, by reason of the great quantity of tweet-scented Shrubs and more especially the Balm-trees, that grew therein; near this place was the Cave where Lot and his Daughters retired. The City of Salt, The Hill of Achillas, a strong Hold. The Valley of the Salt-pits: The Defart of Judah: Cabfeel, near the Southern Tongue, or Bay of the Dead Sea. The Scorpion-ascent, in Hebrew Acrabbim, a Hill so call'd from the abundance of Scorpions, that were bred there, and fituated near the fame Sea, in the mountainous Parts of Seir: The Towns of Eder. Jagur. Cina. Cedes. Charmel on the fruitful Mount Carmel, where Nabal dwelt, and which ought to be diftinguish'd from a Mountain of the fame Name, already describ'd, in the Tribe of Isachar. Maon, a Town scatted in a Champain Country, and by a Desart of the sime Name, full of Groves, Dens and Caves, which afforded a Place of Refuge to David, when he fled from King Saul. Ziph, a Town on an Hill, whose Inhabitants were treacherous to the for-mer, and which gave Name to the spacious De-fart of Ziph, where David in like manner orten lay hid.

To the above-mention'd Towns, are to be added, Jota, or Juto. Nebfan. Gabas. Accain.
Zanoe. Jucadam. Hebron formerly call'd sirba
and Kirjath-orba, the most ancient City of the
Land of Canam, on Mount Hebron, the Territories of which were given to Caleb: This City belong'd to the Priells and was a Place of Refuge; near which was the Oak of Manre, and the

People, being the fame with the Anakims, inhabited the Southern Parts of Palestine of whom A-braham botight two Caves. The same City of Hebron afterwards afforded a Royal Seat to King David, for seven Years, and is very often mention'd in the Holy Scriptures. Jezrael, the Birth-place of Amasah, the General of Absalom's Forces. Gilo, or Gelo, noted for the Nativity of Achirophel. Holon, or Olon, a City of the Levites. Gofen, or Gofben from whence the adjacent Territory took its Name. from whence the adjacent Territory took its Name. Anim. Hefron, otherwise call'd Efron and Afor. Adam. Assensa. Assensa. or New Assensa. Assensa. Assensa. Terimoth. Or Jarmuth, a Royal City laid waste by Joshua, after he had kill'd the King of it. Keila, or Kehila, the Siege of which was carry'd on by the Philisins, and rais'd by David. Odollam, or Adullam, a Royal City, whose King was likewise kill'd by Joshua; hear which was a Rock and Cave of the same Name, that sometime serv'd as a Place. the fame Name, that fometime ferv'd as a Place of Refuge to David. Leemas. Naama. Beth-dagon. Kirjath-jearim, call'd alfo Kirjath-baal, a Town on a Hill, in the Borders of Benjamin, where the Ark of God, continued for a long time. Aafar. Azecha, a well fortify'd Town, where a great Shower of Stones rain'd down upon the Amorites. Lebna, or Libnah, a Royal City, of confiderable strength, afterwards granted to the Levites, Maceda, or Makkedah, likewise a Royal City, where five Kings of the Amorites Iay hid in a Cave. Cheston, placed in this Tribe, by St. Jerom. Lachish, a very strong Royal City. Bethstemesh, or Bethstames, a Town possess to which the Art of the Levil by the Priefts, to which, the Ark of the Lord return'd from Accaron. And Sachron, or Sichron, a Sea-port Town; although this laft, and the three immediately preceding it, are erroneoutly appropriated in the Maps, to the Tribe of

Laftly, the five maritim Provinces or Lordthips of the Philiftins, findu'd by Judah, consti-tuted Part of their Possessions, viz. Uaza, a large, populous and noted City, near the Torrent Bezor, at a little distance from the Sea, the Gates of which Samfon carry'd to a neighbouring Mountain. Ascalon, a Town most strongly fortify'd, that had thirty of its Inhabitants kill'd and stript of their Clothes, by the fame Sampson, Azotus, or Ashdod, a very strong Town, where Dagon, the great Idol of the Philistins was usually kept. Accaron, or Hecron, a famous City, where the Idol Baalzebub was worthipped. And Gath, or Geth, a noble City likewife, the Birth-place of the Giant Golish, with their adjacent Territories. The two first of these five Cities, are unadvisedly express'd in many Maps in the Tribe of Sime-

on, and the three latter in that of Dan.
The Territories of the Tribe of Dan were bound-The Tribe ed on the North, by those of Ephraim and of Dan. Judah; on the East, by those of Judah and Benjamin; on the South, by those of Simeon separated by the Brook Sorek: and on the West by Part of the Inheritance of Judah and the Great Sea: These Territories were very narrow, and less than was sufficient for the Danites, who afterwards extended their Borders to the Parts of Naphtali and Asher; as also, on the Frontiers of the Sidonians, and took the Town of Laish by

the He- Place call'd Herh. The Hethites, a fierce fort of force of Arms, from the Tribe of Naphtali, feat-thites. People, being the fame with the Anakims, inhaed on the Foot of Mount Libanus, near the Confluence of For and Dan; giving their Name to that Town as we have already faid in treating of the Tribe of Naphrali.

Among the Towns of this Tribe, Joppa, Jaffo; or Jaffa is commonly plac'd in the Maps; a very ancient Sea-port Town, built on a high Rock, with a famous Harbour, to which the Timber and Stones design'd for the building of the Temple, were brought from Mount Libanus, and where the Prophet Jonas took shipping, when he fled from the presence of the Lord: But Spanhemius is of Opinion, That the Boundaries of the Tribe of Dan extended only to the Suburbs of Joppa, and he places the Town it felf, within the Limits of Benjamin, as it has been already observed, in describing the Possessions of that Tribe. However leaving Joppa, we neet with, in the Juridiction of the Danites, Jamia, or Jahia, a Sca-port Town feated in a Champain Country, in the middle between Joppa and Sachrona. Casphin, a Town near a Pool fortify d with Bridges and Walls. Mejajarcom, or the Waters of Jercon, a Town, fundated near a collection of Waters. Arechon. Geth-remmon, or Gath-rimmon, a City of the Levites. Bune. Thamna, otherwise call'd Tamnata and Themna, where Judah thore his Sheep, and Samson kill'd a Lion. Baalath. Helon, or Elon. Ajalon possess'd by the Levites, and seated in the Consines of Judah and Benjamin. Jud. Adjada. And Modin, on a Hill, the Native Country of the Princes of the Maccabees, where their Tombs of white polish'd Marble are still to be seen. Eltece, otherwise call'd Eltheek and Eltecon, under the Jurisdiction of the Levites. Gedor, or Gador, in a fruitful and Champain Country. Nebel-Eshcol, i. e. The Torrent and Valley of the Cluster; where the Israelitish Spies cut off a Bunch of Grapes of a prodigious Bigness, and gathered Pomegranates and Figgs; in M. Sanson's Maps, this Place is exand Figgs; in M. Sanjon's Maps, this Flace is exprecised in the Limits of the Tribe of Judah. Saraa, or Zora, a neat Town in a Plain, remarkable for the Nativity of Samfon. Heirsemes, otherwite call'd, The City of the Sam. Heirsemes, otherwite And Esthaol, in a Champain Country between which Town and Zora, Samson was bury'd.

Of all the Parts of Judaa, it remains only to sive an Account of the Possessing, that lay encircled by that of Judah, whose of Sim

Simeon, that lay encircled by that of Judah, whose of Sim Lot having given them a larger Portion than was on. needful, they bestow'd Part upon Simeon, which Tribe was the least in Number; and so their Ter-ritories were of smallest extent: They were bounded on the North, by the Rivulet Sorek, which divided it from Dan; on the East, upon the Frontiers of Judah; on the South, upon Part of Idu-maa and the River of Egypt; and on the West,

upon the Mediterraneau Sca.

The Capital Towns of this Tribe were Beththe Capital Towns of das into the relation of the baoth. Sefenna. Siceleg, or Ziklag, a Town formerly posters do by the Philistins, which Achish gave to David. Medemena. Selim. Acn, Ain, or Hain, a City belonging to the Priests. Remnon. Harma, or Horna, a Royal City, subdu'd by Johua. Bethur, or Bathnel. Bethberai. Asersaal, or Halingland, Astronomy, Astropadda, Molada. Dathley and Company. Hasersual. Assermen. Asergadda. Molada. Da-bir, or Debir, at first call'd Kirjath-sephir, i. e. the City of Learning, or the Academy of Palestine,

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which was taken by Othmel, and afterwards granted to the Pricels. Gerara, a Royal City, heretofore the Boundary of the Canaamites, on the South, and the Birth-place of the Patriarch Ifaar from whence the adjacent Country was call'd Gerarius, or the Geraritick Territory, in which was the Brook and Valley of Gerara, call d The Straights by Josephus, where Jaac had his Habitation. Ber-Sabce, or Beersbeba, a Town very often mention'd in the Sacred Writings, and inhabited for a long time, by Abraham, Iliaac and Jacob, being the farthelt Boundary of Judaa on the South; and bordering upon a valt Defart of the same Name; where Hagar wander'd up and down, with her Son Ishmael, and where the Prophet Elijah retir'd, to provide for his fafety. This Defart usually

termed The Sandy Sea, by Modern Writers, is altogether batren, torrid, deflitute of Water, and cover'd with a light and fost fort of Sand, which the Wind eafily rolls about; infomucli that Iravellers are fuddenly expos'd to imminent Danger. Majuma, Majoma, or Majonia, a Town near Ga za, on the Sca-coalts; from whence, Whether the Festivals or Sports of Manna, among the ancient Romans took their rife is a Question 1195 yet decided. Anthedon, another Sca-port Town. Raphia, of a large Extent. And Rhinocorara, or Rhinocolura, feated in the Confines of Paletine and Egypt, on the River Sichor and the Coatls of the Egyptian Sea; of which mention has been made before, in treating of the Boundaries of

CHAP. VI.

JUDÆA, as divided by the Romans.

HUS we have taken a Survey of the feveral Territories and Destricts of the Twelve Tribes, into which the Continent of Juof Judza. dea, was divided, while the Israelites had possesfion of it: But when the Romans made theinfelves Masters of Palestine, they reduced it to fix Parts, or Provinces, viz, Judea, Samaria, Galilea, Trachonitis, Peras and Idamaa; the two first of which, and the greatest Part of the third, were situated between the Mediterranean, or great Sea, on the West, and the River Jordan, on the East; the two next in Judea beyond Jordan; and the fixth, or last, on the South of Judea towards Egypt.

Judea strictly to call'd, was bounded on the

East, by the lowest Part of the River Fordan, and the Dead Sea; on the South, by Idumea; on the West, by the great Sea; and on the North, by the Land of Ephraim, or Samaria; comprehending the Tribe of Benjamin, Judah and Simeon, as also, the most Part of that of Dan; This Province was subdivided into the maritim Tract, containing many Noble Cities and divers convenient Harbours, already deferib'd, in treating of the respective Tribes; into the mountainous Country, in which were the lully Tracts of Hebron, and several Defarts; into the Champain, or Eaftern Country, including the most excellent Plains of Jericho, as it has been hinted in the Tribe of Benjamin; and lastly, into the Northern Tract, of a losty Stuation, in which is Jeruslalem, the Capital City of the whole Continent of Palestine, with several other Towns, above specify d, in the Tribes of Jadah and Benjamin.

The Country of Samaria, or Samaritis, to which Samaria the Metropolis and Royal Seat of the Samaria, Kings of Ifrael, communicated its Name, border'd on the South, upon Judaa; being also
bounded on the East, by the River Jordan; on
the North by the Territories of the Tribe of Islands char, or Galilee; and on the West, by the Great Sea: So that it contain'd that Part of the Land of Canaan, which was heretofore the Lot of the Tribe of Ephraim, and of the half Tribe of Manafeh, on the hither fide of Jordan; very much retembling Judea in the variety and richness of the Soil: But the Jews when they divide their Coun-Part 2

try into its Provinces, do not reekon Samaria, because they hated the Inhabitants, with their Sacred Rites, and our Saviour himself prohibited his Apostles to enter the Samaritan Towns.

The Province of Galilee had for its Southern Bounds the half Tribe of Manafels, on the hither fide of Jordan, or Samaria; on the Wett, Mount Galilee. Carnel, and the City of Prolemais, with the adjacent Territory; on the North, Tyre, and the Country of the Tyrians; and on the Half, it extended it felf beyond Jordan and the Sea of Galilee; comprehending Gaulonitis, Gadara and Hippus; which was the Land of the Tribes of Iffachar, Zabulon, Alber. Nathrali and partly of Dan. In Zabulon, Asher, Naphtali and partly of Dan, in the Northern Tracis of it: The Air of Galilee was very temperate, and the Soil molt delightful, producing the greatelt flore imaginable of Corn, Wine, Oil, and feveral fores of Fruits. The Cities and Villages were very numerous. and the multitude of People was io great, that according to Folephu, the least Village contain'd above fricen thousand Valiant Hasband-men: The Inhabitants of Galilee confifted partly, of the remainder of the Ten Tribes, and partly, of toreign Nations intermixt among them, viz. ? rians, Sidonians, Syrians, Arabians, &c. They ipoke the Syriack Tongue, as well as the Jews, but more corruptly; they also admitted several barbarous Words, and used a peculiar Dialect: But it is more especially remarkable, That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ being conceived and educated in this Country, relided in it for the most part, and dispensed the first Seeds of the Gospel; informely that he was called a Galdean; as allo, That the greater part of the Apollles were here born and bred.

The whole Province was divided into the Lower and upper; the foruser being Part of Southern The Lines Galilee, where were the Tribes of Islachar, Zaba-Galilee lon and Part of Naphali, that lay near the Sea of Galilee: Here also were Cana of Galilee, or the leffer; (although some doubt, to which of thete Divisions it ought to be attributed) being perhaps fituated at a leffer distance from the Sea of Galilee, than is generally supposed; the Towns of Nazareth and Capernaum, and the Country of Tiberians

The upThe Upper Galilee extended it felf farther toper Gali-wards the North, lying next Syro-Phanicia; and
lee. is call'd Galilee of the Gentiles, in Holy Writ; as well because it was the uttermost Part of Fudaa, bordering upon the foreign Nations, as in regard, that it was inhabited by the Ifraelites, in common with those Nations; as it has been hinted a little before: It comprehended almost the whole

Decapolis.

Tribe of Naphtali, Asher.
Decapolis, i. e. The Country of Ten Cities frequently mention'd in the Evangelical History, took its Denomination from the Ten Capital Cities, which it contain'd, among many others, and is commonly reputed to be that Part of Galilee, on the hither fide of Fordan, that lay on the Coasts of the Sea of Gallee, though some affirm, That the whole Country of Decapolis, excepting perhaps Scythopolis, lay out beyond the said River; and again others especially Adrichomius place it, partly on the hither fide, and partly beyond Fordin: Making Decapolis bounded on the North, by the City of Damajeus, and Mount Libanus; on the West, by Sidon; and on the South, by Seythopolis; extending it felf on the East, thirty Miles in length, and fornewhat less in breadth, beyond fordan and the Sea of Galilee, to Hippus, Gadara and Pella, or (as others will have it) only as far as Pella: But the Ten Cities that gave Name to the Country of Decapolis according to the fame Adrichomius, are Scythopolis, or Bethfan, Tiberius, Jotapata, Bethfaida, Capernaum, Corai-zaim, Kadesh-Nephialim, Sephet, Asor and Casarea Philippi.

Having thus given an Account of Judga strictly Tracho- fo call'd, Samaria and Galilee, Part of Judaa, on the lither fide of Jordan; we proceed to the Description of the other Part, situated beyond that River, that is to say, Trachonitis and Peras. Trachonitis, or Trachon, the most Northern Counbounded on the North, by Mount Libanus, and the Territory of Damafeus; on the Eaft, by Part of Mount Homon, and the Hill Tracones, to call'd by Strabo, that separated the Desart of Arabia; from this Country which border'd likewise on the South upon the Village Arphas and the Town of Julius; and on the West, upon the River Fordan and Galilee : So that Trachonitis which had its Name, from its rugged and uneven Situation, comprehended the Northern Part of the half Tribe of Manafish, beyond Jordan, being altogether flony, spacious and full of Dens, yet not umplea-tant; and was inhabited by the Jens and Spri-.ms: But Geographers do not agree in their Opinion, Whether Itures were Part of Trachonitis, or otherwise: For some affirm, That the former reach'd from the River Fordan, near the Foot of Mount Libanus, Westward, to the hilly Countries of the Tyrians and Sidenians, and as far as the Northern Tracts of Mount Libanus: Others maintain, That Itures and Pereastrictly taken, are only two different Names of the same Country: Others make Imaa the Northern Part of Trachonitis, fittuated by Mount Hermon; fupposing it to be the same Country with that which was heretofore call'd Gessurea: Lastly, several Persens will have Human and the mountainers. nous Tracts of Seir, included within the Bounds of Trachonitis; which nevertheless, we judge to be more properly plac'd to the South of Judaa; neither do we admit of a twofold Ilunas, viz. one Eaftern and the other Southern, or that the hilly Country of Seir was extended both towards the Territory of Damascus, and to the South of Julea: However we shall hereafter Treat more at large of Idumea and Mount Seir: Many Geographers have likewise thought fit to place the Land of Uz; the native Country of Job, in Trachonitis, as also the Seats of his three Friends; but they rely on an Hypothesis, which was never yet prov'd; viz. That the Land of Uz, was the same with Idumea, and that it constituted Part of Trachonius.

The other Part of Judaa, beyond Jordan, was call'd Perag, and lay more towards the South: If Perag. respect were had to the meaning of the Term Peran, the whole Country lying on the farther fide of the River Jordan, may be understood by it: But in a stricter Sense, it is taken for the Southern Part of Judaa, beyond Jordan, heretofore distributed to the Tribes of Gal and Reuben; which was bounded on the North, by Pella; on the East, by Philadelphia, anciently known by the Name of Rabba, or Rabbath, and belonging to the Children of Ammon; on the South, by Macharus, a very ftrong Town with a Castle, on the Coasts of the Dead Sea; and on the West, by the River Fordan: But the Extent of this Country was larger between Pella and Macharus, than between Philaladelphia, or Arabia and Fordan; abounding with Hills, Springs, Rivulets, Plains, and feveral forts of Trees, more especially, Palin-tree Groves, O-live-yards and Vineyards.

It only remains, to give some Account of Idu-VIII.

mea the fixth and last Part of Judealying out most idumaaof all, to the South; otherwise call'd the Land of Edom, Seir, Theman and sometimes Esau, who imposed his Name on this Country, which he himielf inhabited and his Posterity, who were nam'd Edomai, or Idumai, from his Son Edom: Idumaa was fitnated to the South of Judea strictly taken, so that it was sometimes express'd by the Term South, and contain'd the mountainous Tracks of Seir, in Hebrew Sehir, which were extended from East to West, from the hilly Country of the Moabites, to the Spring-heads of the River Nile in Egypt, and the Great, or Weltern Sea; whence Edom is taken for the West, among the Talmudists. This Mountain Seir, i. e. Rough, or Hairy, was so call'd, ever since Rough-haired Efau, after have ing defeated the H.rai, or Horrai, and driven them Horai. from thence, took possession of it; as also did his Posterity, among whom were the Amalekites, who endeavour'd to hinder the Passage of the Israelites

into the Land of Promife.

Moreover, Idumaa border'd likewile upon Egypt and Arabia Petrea; part of which it also constituted: Nay, the Borders of Idumaa were sometimes extended to the upper Coasts of the Red or Erythrean Sea, which feems to derive its Name from Edom call'd Erythras, or Erythrus, by the ancient Grecians, and even as far as the Frontiers of " Arabia Deferta: Where Theman, the most Eastern City of Idumea flood in a Territory of the fame Name; the native Country of Eliphaz the Themanite, who is reckon'd the first in Order among Fob's Friends, and came first to discourse with The Town of Bozra was feated near Theman, on the Confines of the Land of Moab, and therefore they are often join'd together; but they are as diffinct from Theman and Bozra two Towns of

Ancient Phœni-

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the half Tribe of Manasseh beyond Fordan, or of Trackonicis; as Idumaa it felt and the mountainous Tracts of Seir, are distant from Trachonitis; the Countries of the Ammonites, Amorites and Moabites lying between each of them: See Sect. 6. of this Chapter.

After the Captivity of the Jews, Idumaa comprehended a great Part of Southern Judea; enlarging its Borders as far as the Coasts of the Medi erranean Sea, by Gaza, Ascalon, Azotus, and even to Jerusilem: But the Scales were turn'd, when Johannes Hyrcanus, having taken the Idumæan Towns, brought the whole Country under Subjection to Judaa, and commanded the Inha-bitants to be circumcis'd and to observe the rest of the lewish Rites. Many Geographers, as well ancient, as modern, comprehend the Land of IIz, where Job livid, within the Limits of Illumes, which nevertheless, we think fit to place, with greater Reason, in that Part of Arabia Deser-ta, which lies towards the River Euphrates and Mesopotamia; and therefore shall treat farther of it, hereaster in the Description of Desurt A-

CHAP. VII.

Ancient PHOENICIA and SYRIA properly so call'd, with the principal Lakes and Rivers of Syria.

FTER having given a particular Defeription of ancient Judaa, the feries of our Method naturally leads us to the two remaining Parts of ancient Syria, viz. Phanicia and Syria properly fo call'd; of which we shall here give a brief Account. *Phanicia* then, was bounded on the South, by *Judea*; on the East by *Syria*, strictly taken; on the North, by the same Country; and on the West, by the Great Sea, that was the six Coasts from the River Fluthers. walkes its Coasts from the River Eleutherns, or Valania, to that of Chorfens, Cherfens, or Mocata: This Country was otherwise call'd Phanice and Phania, and (according to some Authors) Syro-Syro- Phanix, and (according to some Francisco) phanicia; at least, the Term Syrophanix is used by Juvenal, and Lucian for Phanix: But they will have the Inhabitants nam'd Syrophanicians, to diffinguish them from the African Phanicians, or Pani; some take the Syrophanicians, and Colosyrians to be the same Nation: Others make Syrophanicia Part of Calosyria, lying round about Damascus; fo that according to their Opinion, the Syrophanicians dwelt in the middle, between the maritim Phonitians and the Syrians; and were so call'd from the Situation of their Country; as also in regard, that they were next Neighbours to the Syrians, and almost intermixt with them: Neither are the Sentiments of these last, much different from those of some other Writers, who place Syrophanicia on the North of the Upper Galilee, and of the Tribe of Asher, along the Banks of the River Adonis, or Adonis: However Phanicia, although enclosed within narrow Bounds, was one of the most noble Countries of ancient Syria, and is very often mention'd both in Sucred and Profane History. The Phanicians (Jays Pliny) are renowned for the invention of Letters, as also, for their Skill in Astronomy, the Art of War and maritim Affairs. They not only set out Ships to the Eurine Sea, or Straight of Constantinople, but also navigated the Grecian and Barbarian Seas, with the Ocean, beyond Hercules's Pillars, or the Straights of Gibraltar, and our Antiquities tells us they truded in Great Britain; fending Colonies, almost throughout the whole World, as is express'd at large by Bochartus: The Language of the Phanicians was near of kin to the Hebrem, which was every where spread abroad, with their Colonies, where there are perpetual Footsteps of Hebraism.

This Country was heretofore divided into Phanicia fumply to call'd and Phanicia Libani. Phani-Phanicia of Libanus, or of Damafeus, call'd also The cia Liba Inner Phonicia, and Aram-Dammesek, in the Sa-ni. cred Writings, was properly fituated between the Mountains Antilibanus and Libanus, which (according to Serabo's Description) being alm al every where equidiffant one from another, take their Rise, a little above the Sea, viz, the former mear the Sidonian Sea, and the latter near Tripolis; and at the Mountains of Arabia, that lye beyond Damascus; and leave a hollow Plain in the middle.

The principal Towns of Libanitick Phrnicia, were Damafeiu its Metropolis, to which run the Rivers Amana, or Abana and Pharphar, both fpringing out of Hermon-Hills: Abila, or Abela Lyfanie, a fine Town, from whence the Territory Abilene deriv'd its Name, of which Lyfanias was Tetrarch, or chief Governor: And Heliopolis, or Balbe, a City furrounded on all fides with very high Hills; which was fometime a Bithop's See, and was afterwards crected into a Metropolitan, under the Patriarchate of Antioch. In process of Time, Libanitick Phonicia not continuing any longer within the Limits here specify'd, extended it felt through Palmyrena, and had Arabia Petresa and Palestine for its Southern Boundaries.

Palestine for its Southern Boundaties.

The other Part, call'd Proper, or Alexisim Plannicia, was fittuated towards the Welt, on the Coasts Alexand of the Syrian Sea; and its chief Towns, on the Phones Sea-shore were Prolemais, or Acri sometime an cia. Episcopal See; under the Metropolitan of Tire, and the Seat of the Kings of Ferusalem, after the loss of that City, with a Harbour in a little Bay, at the Foot of the Mountains; which is fill much frequented by the European: Tirus, in Helvem, Tirus, or Taur, cottuntly call'd Sur, from whence Tzor, or Tzar, cortuptly call'd Sur, from whence the Name of Syria deriv'd its Original; former-In Name of Syria derived its Original; formerly an Illand, and afterwards joyn'd to the Continent, by raft heaps of Earth; being the Metropolis of this Part of Phenicia, the See of an Archbithop under the Patriarch of Antioch, and a very rich Mart-Town. Surpha, call'd Zerphath, or Surphath by the Hebrens, feated in the middle between Toward Sydne, on the Read on the middle between Tire and Siden, on the Road, not fur from the Sca-thore; and abounding with ex-cellent Wine, where the Prophet Elijab was en-tertain'd by a certain Widow, whose Son he

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restor'd to Life. Sidon, or Sayd, a very ancient and famous Mart-Town fituated on the Seacoasts; as likewise are Berytus, or Beyrut, a Metropolitan See, under the Patriarchate of Antioch; where Budwin III. King of Jerusalem died A. D. 1162. Byblus, formerly seated on an Eminence at the Mouth of the River Adonis, but now bury'd in its ruins: Botrys, or Boteron: Tripolis, a large and neat Town containing about two thousand Houses, with a capacious Harbour: And Orthosia, or Tortosa, an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Tyre.

The third and last Part of ancient Syria, is

Syria properly fo call'd, comprehending twelve Parts, according to Ptolemey and Sanson, viz. Calesyria, Laodicene, Batanaa, Palmyrene, Chalybonitis, Cyrrestica, Chalcidice, Apamena, Cassiotis, Seleucis, Pieria and Comagena; but Cluverius only reckons up three, that is to fay, Colesyria, An-

tiochene and Comagene.
Calesyria, call'd Syria Cava by the Latines, is Calefy- properly that Country, which is bounded by the Mountains Antilibanus and Libanus, extending it felf (according to Strabo) two hundred Furlongs in Breadth, and one, or two more in Length: Which in regard that it is a deep Valley lying between the Mountains, may well be term'd Calesyria, i. e. The Hollow Syria: But it is fometimes taken in a larger Senle, and upon that account, Strabo fays, The whole Country lying out beyond Seleucis as far as Egypt and Arabia, is call'd Cælefyria. Cluverius will have the Borders of this Country to reach from Arabia Petraa to the River Euphrates, and under its Jurisdiction are contain'd the above named Territories of Laodicene, Batanea, Palmyre-na, Chalybonitis, Cyrreftica and Chalcidice. As for the Towns of Calefyria, foine of them

have been already describ'd, in treating of the half Tribe of Manasseh, beyond Jordan, the chief of the rest were, Laodicea Scabiosa, or Laodicea ad Libanum, from whence the Tract Laodicene took its Name: Palmyra, the Capital Town of Palmyrena, which border'd upon Mount Libanus, on the East, and was formerly a very magnificent City, as appears by its ruins lately discover'd, and deterib'd in our Philosophical Transactions. Chaphon, or Calybon, that gave Name to the Territory of Chalybonitis. Zengma, on the River Emphrates. Hierapolis, a neat City, formerly dignified with a Bilhop's See, but now almost min'd, and reduc'd to a poor Village. Berraa, or Aleppo, a noted Mart-Town of which we have already spoken. Cyrrhus, or Cyrros, on the River Mar-syas, which communicated its Name to the Province Cyrreftica, and was erected from an Epifcopal to a Metropolitan See, under the Patriarch of Antioch: And Chalets, a Bishop's See the Metropolis of the Territory of Chaletdice.

Antiochene, otherwise call'd Scleucis and Scleu-

cia, was lituated between Calefyria, Comagena, the Syrian Sea and Phonicia: The particular Provinces of this Country (according to Cluverius) were Apamea, Caffiotis, Seleucis and Pieria; and the most remarkable Towns were Emiss, or Hemz, on the River Orontes. Apamia feated somewhat lower, which gave its Name to the Apamene Tract.

Amaradus, or Tortofa. Aradus, a Town in an
Illand of the finne Name. Laodicea, or Ladikia.

Antiochic, or Antioch, on the River Orontes, the Capital City of Antiochene, and of the Roman

Towns, in the Levant, already mention'd. Selencia firnam'd Pieria. Rhoffus; and the leffer Alexandria, or Alexandreta. The Country of Tetrapolis likewise constituted Part of Antiochene, in which the four abovemention'd Cities were compris'd; viz, Seleucia, Antioch, Laodicea and Apa-mia. Within the Bounds of this Country stood Casus, or Cassius, a very high Mountain; from whence the Territory of Cassius had its Denomination; and Mount Pieria, or Pierius, which reach'd to the Ifficus Sinus, or Gulph of Lajazzo, and likewife impos'd its Name on the adjacent Province.

Comagene was the most Northern Part of Sy-VII.
ria, and lay between Cilicia, Cappadocia, Euphrates, ComaCalespria and Antiochene. The chief Towns of Eenethis Country were Sumosata, or Seemplas the Metropolis, feated on the River Euphrates, and the Frontiers of Mesopotamia. Germanicia on Mount Amanus, fometime an Episcopal Sec, under the Metropolitan of Hierapolis: And Singa.

Lastly, it is requisite to give an Account of the VIII. Lakes and Rivers of Syria. This Country con-The tains three remarkable Lakes, viz. Samockonitis, Lakes of Gennesaritis and Asphalitis situated within the Syria. Bounds of Judea. The Lake Samechonitis, Semechonitis, or Sibbichaus, otherwise call'd The Waters of Meron, or Meron, and at prefent of Maron, The Lake being the least and most Northern, lies in the mid-of Ma-dle between the Territories of the Tribe of Naphrali, ron. and those of the half Tribe of Manasseh beyond Jordan; and is separated almost at the same Distance from the Town of Dan, and the Lake of Gennesareth. It is fixty Furlongs long, and thirty broad (according to Adrichomins) and the River Jordan runs through its whole Length: During the Summer-season, its Waters are shallow, but it abounds, when the great quantities of Snow on Mount Antilibanus are dissolv'd, and fall into it: This Lake is famous in Holy Writ, for the figual Victory, obtain'd there by Johna, who overthrew Jabin King of Hazor, and the rest of the Kings, that came to his affiltance, with a fudden Slaughter.

The fecond Lake is fituated between the other IX. two, although a great deal nearer to the former, The Lake than the latter, and is very often mention'd in of Gen-the New Testament: It is call'd Gennesaritis by nesareth Ptolemey and Strabo; otherwise, Genefarites, Genefar, The Pool or Sea of Gennefareth, The Sea of Genne Galilee, Cencreth and Tiberias; being furrounded with the Territories of Naphtali, Zabalon, Isfachar, and the half Tribe of Manasseh, beyond Jordan; as also, with a great number of most pleasant and noble Cities. But the Opinions of Authors are different, with respect to its Dimensions: Hospitus fays the Length, was an hundred Furlongs, and the Breadth forty; others larger, and Niger makes its Compass to take up the space of twenty Miles: The River Jordan runs through the whole length of it.

The third and laft Lake, which lies out most

towards the South, and was heretofore a most Tee Lake fruitful Valley, fill of all manner of Delights, Afphal-water'd by the River Jordan, is Asphaltites, or tites, or Asphalties, to nam'd by all the Greek and Latin the Dead Writers from the Bitamen in Greek Asphaltos, a Sea. kind of Brimflone or unctuous clammy Substance like Pitch, which bubbling up from the bottom, is harden'd by the Wind, and gather'd on the

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Shore: This Lake is commonly call'd, The Dead Sea, by reason of its standing, thick and stinking Waters, that are altogether defitute of Fish; as also, The Sea of Sodom, from that famous City, which with three others of this Plain, were defiroy'd by Fire from Heaven. The Sea of Salt, The most Salt Sea, and The Sea of the Defart and Sofiant Manager of Liberty of the Defart and Sofiant Salt Season, Liberty of the Defart and Sofiant Salt Season, Liberty of the Defart and Sofiant Salt Season, Liberty of the Defart and Sofiant Salt Season, Liberty of the Defart and Sofiant Salt Season, Liberty of the Defart and Sofiant Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of the Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of the Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of the Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of the Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt, Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Sea of Salt Season, Liberty of the Salt Season, Liberty o litude. Among the Inhabitants of those Parts it is now known by the Name of Bahar Melach, i.e. The Salt Sea, and (according to Michael Nau) by that of Bahheret Louth, or Lot's Sea: It was bounded on the Welf, by the Territories of the Tribe of Judah, and on the East, by the Country of the Moabites: It is encompassed, almost on all fides with high Mountains, extending it felf (as we are inform'd by *Josephus*) in Length, from North to South, for the space of five hundred and eighty Furlongs, and an hundred and fifty in Breadth, from West to East: Its Figure may well be suppos'd to resemble the shape of a Tongue, fo that its most Southern Part is usually call'd by that Name, as is also (according to Sinson) that Northern Part, which receives the River fordan: This Lake (lays Pliny) does not admit of the Bodies of living Creatures; for those of Oxen and Camels float on the top of it: Whence it is reported, that nothing can fink in it: And indeed, if the extreme Saltness of its Waters be duly consider'd, this Matter of Fact will not seem miraculous.

The Rivers of Syria partly discharge themselves The Ri- into the Dead Sea, and partly into the Medi-vers of terranean: The chief of the former, are the River Jordan, and the Rivulets Arum and Kedron. Jordan, in Latin Jordanis, or Jordanes, now call'd Scheriah by the Inbabitants, v. e. The Law, as althat run so Jourdain by the French, and Il Giordano by the Indians, the most pleasant, largest and almost only River of Judga, so often mention'd, takes its Rise, with a double Stream, in Galilee, on the Foot of Mount Anilibanus, four Miles above Cafarea Philipsi, out of two Springs nam'd For and Dan, at a little Diftance one from another, the latter lying towards the West: These two Streams being united at Casarea Philippi constitute the River Jordan, which is at first call'd The leffer, and probably impose this Name upon it : Hence flow-Monday impore this Name upon it: Fience flowing down to the South, and dividing the Upper Galilee from Trachonitis, it passes through the Lake Samochonites, or the Waters of Meron: Then at runs into the Sea of Galilee, by the Towns of Capernama and Chorazin, and at the end of that Lake, on the less side receives the Rivalet or Lake, on the left side, receives the Rivulet, or Brook Jabbok: Afterwards being call The Greater Jordan, it flows between Peraa, on the East, and

Samaria, and the Northern Part of Judea, on the West: At length this noble River having divided Judea into the Parts on the luther, and farther fides of it, enters as it were by confraint (to use Pliny's Words) the Lake Asphaltites, which is of a deadly nature; where it is soon swallow'd up, and loses its most excellent Waters, by intermixing them with those of that Pestilential Gulph: There are no grounds in the least to believe this to have been the River of Paradife; fince the Circumfatness mention'd in the Holy Scriptures relating to that River, do not agree with fordan.

Arnon, now call'd Adramelech by the Inhabi-Amon tants, a River or Brook of Judea beyond Forder from fprings out of a Hill of the fame Name, and having water'd the Territories of the Tribes of Ged and Renben, empties it felf into the Dead Sea. Kedron is a Rivulet on the East of Jerufalem, be-Kedron tween that City and Mount Oliver, which being Harm. encreas'd with Rain-water falling from the Mountains, as also, by fome Springs, passes through the middle of the Valley of Jehoshaphae, and the Plains of the Defart, and runs towards the West into the Dead Sea.

The principal Rivers of Syria that run into the XII.

Mediterranean Sea, are Kison, Adons, Elembers The Rivand Orontes. Kison, a Rivulet, or Brook of The Syria dea, on the hither fide of Jordan (as some Geogra-running phers affirm) flows out of the Sea of Galilee berinto the tween the Territories of the Tribes of Affachar and Mediter-Zabulon, and falls into the Mediterranean Sea, ranean near the Foot of Mount Carmel: But this Brook Sea. (according to Adrichomius) rifes out of Mount Kison Tabor, and is soon after divided into two Streams, ilusius. the leffer of which runs to the Sea of Galilee, and the greater to the Mediterranean. Adonis, now Adonis call'd Hahar Afealb, i. e. The Dog-river, a River flavius. of Phanicia, has its Spring-head in Mount Libertus, and falls into the Mediterranean Sea, between Bervius and Byblus. Elemberus, or Valania iffues Eleuthein like manner out of Mount Libanus, and (ac-rus flex-cording to feveral Authors) rolls into the Mediterranean Sea, between Tyre and Sarepta; or (as others will have it) near the Town of Balance, or Valania, which now imposes its Name on this Rivaania, which now imposes its traine on this River, and is fituated much more towards the North, than the two former Towns. Lastly, Oromes, of Orontes Almeimas a great River of Syria, taking its Rife flowing. from Mount Libanus, derects its Course towards the North, and among other Towns waters Emesa, Apamia and Antioch, below which it discharges it self in into the Sea, near Seleccia Picria.

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CHAP. VIII. DIARBECK and ancient ASSYRIA

L Diar-Diar-Part of Turkey in Afia which lies between the Archipelago and the Mediterranean Sca, as also between the River Euphrates and that Sea : We pass on next to its Eastern Part, situated between the same River and Persia, where Diarbeck and Turcomania offer themselves to our View. Diarbechia, Diarbeck, or Diar-Bechir, i e. The Duke's Country, is bounded on the West, by Siria properly to calld, and Arabia Deferta; the River Euphrates, for the most Part, supplying the place of a Boundary; on the South, by the fame Arabia and the innermost Recess of the Pertian Gulph, or Gulph of Bassora; on the East, by the Country of Persa; and on the North by Trans comania:

beck.

This Country is usually divided into three Parts, The Di- or Provinces, viz. Diarbeck, Yerack and Curdiftan; vision of the first of which extends itself towards the West, the fecond to the South, and the last to the East. Diarbechia, Diarbeck, or Diarbechir strictly so call'd, being the greatest Part of Diarbeck taken at large, has the River Euphrates for its West-ern Bounds, by which it is separated from proper Syria and Arabia Deferta; as also Yerack, on the South; Curdiftan, on the East; and Turcomania, on the North. It is commonly call'd by the

Arabians Al Gezira, i. e. The Island, or rather The Peninsula, as being water'd on the West and South, by the River Euphrates, and on the East, by Tigris; and is at present subdivided into four particular Districts, viz. proper Diarbeck, Diarmodzar, Diar-rabaa and Diar-algezira.

The most remarkable Towns of *Diarbeck*, are *Orfa*, or *Ourfa*, in a fruitful, well cultivated and pleasant Country, by some reputed the Capital of Diarbeck; where the best yellow Leather is made. Bir, or Berygeon, a large Town, on the Foot of a Mountain, abounding with excellent Corn, Wine, Fish, and several forts of Fruits; with an old Castle, on the River Euphrates, over which there is a Ferry in this Place. Raga, or Rika, the Capital of the Beglerbeglick of Rika, in which there are seven lesser Governments, or Sangiackates. Karkife. Harran. Diar-beckir. Kar-Emir, or Kar-Emu, the chief City of the Be-Emir, of Nar-Limi, the chief cay of the glerbeglick of Diar-beckir, on which depend nine-teen Singiackates, and (as fome fay) of the whole Country; is feated on an Hill, on the right-fide Bank of the River Tigris, and fortified with a double Wall and 72 Towers: It is a large and populous Town, yielding good flore of Corn, Wine, excellent Cattel, and the best fort of red Leather. Afanchif, or Afanchinf, taken by most Geographers for the Metropolis of Diarbeck, with feveral Suburbs, containing a vast multitude of Inhabitants: The Order of the Maps is different, as to the Situation of this Place, most of them including it in the Frontiers of Curdiftan, and others within that Province it felf; but M. Sanfon, in his Map of the State of the Turkish Empire, places it on the Western Bank of Tigris. Merdin, a little Town on an Hill, fenced with Walls and a Cassle, out of which an admirable Spring issues forth: Some will have this Town to stand not far from the Tygris, a little lower than it is usually set. Gezire, another little Town in the Island of Tigris. Nisibin, otherwise call'd Nesbin, or Nashin, which now only deserves the Name of a large Village. Teckrita, or Teckrit; and Mausilum, Mosul, or Moussul, a great Town, of a fair Aspect on the outside, enclosed with high Stone-walls, but almost quite laid waste within: However it is a confiderable Mart-Town (to which a great Number of Merchants refort, more especially Arabians and Curds) and the Capital of the Beglerbeglick of the same Name, under which are five Sangiackates: It is feated on the Western Bank of the Tigris, and adorn'd with a little Castle.

The Second Part of Diarbeck taken at large, III. Yerack, and fituated towards the South, is *Iraca*, or *Te-rack*, otherwise call'd *Terach* and *Trach*, as also, Hierak-arabi by M. Tavernier: It is bounded on the West, by Arabia Deserta; on the South, by the fame Arabia and the Persian Gulph; on the

East, by Persia; and on the North, by Curdistan and Diarbeck. This Province, in which the Rivers Euphrates and Tigris are united, is very well water'd, and has many rich Pastures, affording Fodder to numerous Herds of Cattel, more especially Buffles, or Wild Oxen, with great store

of Milk and Butter. The chief Towns of Yerack are Zab; Felongia; Cufa; Balfara, otherwise call'd Balfera, Balfora, Baffora, Bafra and Bofra, a large Town half a Mile distant from the Confluence of Euphrates and Tigris, to which it has a deep Ditch; and feated on the Frontiers of Arabia Deferta, within the Limits whereof it is included by M. Thevenot and others. It is the Head of a Principality of the fame Name, govern'd by its own Prince, who is nevertheless an Homager to the Grand Seignior, and a most famous Mart-Town, whither the *English* and *Hollanders* bring Commodities up the Persian Gulph, to sell to the Merchants that refort thither from Conftantinople, Smyrna, Damascus, and Grand Cairo in Egypt: It is also observable, that the modern Name of the Persian Gulph, derives its Original from this Town of Balfora, which is defended with a strong Castle and a capacious Harbour. Gorno or Quorna, a confiderable Fortress, on the Confluence of Tigris and Euphrates. Vaset, Waset or Wasth; as to the Situation of which, the Opinions of Authors are different. And Bagdad, or Bagdet, the Metropo-lis of this Province, and of the Beglerbeglick of the fame Name, which comprehends ten Sangia-cates under its Jurisdiction. It is seated on the Eastern Bank of the River Tigris, over which there is a Bridge of Boats, extending it felf about three Italian Miles in Compass; and is well fortified with Ramparts, Towers and Trenches. This Town, which rose out of the Ruins of Se-lencia, as that did out of the Ruins of Babylon, was built by Almansor Abugjafar the 22. Cailiff of the Saracenes, and call'd Bagdad, i.e. the Garden of Dad, from a certain Persian, who had a large Garden therein: It was often taken and regain'd by the Turks and Persians, and has continued in the Possession of the former, ever since A. D. 1638. It is fenced with large Suburbs, on the other fide of the River, and is at present much frequented, both upon the account of Religion and Merchandife; it flands 110 Miles from Ninive, to the South, and scarce 200 from the Mouth of Tigris to the North: And about a days Journey from it, are still to be feen the Ruins of Babylon, fo much celebrated in ancient

History, of which more anon. The third Part of Diarbeck largely taken, lies towards the East, and is call'd Curdistan, ac-Curdicording to M. Tavernier, and several other Au-stan. thors, and by others Arzerun, or Affyria. The fame Tavernier extends it from the Lake Van, its Northern Boundary (which is fituated beyond Affyria, in the Eastern Tract of the greater Armenia) along the Eaftern Banks of the River Tigris, as far as the Territory of Bagdad; and it is for the most part subject to the Dominion of the Turks.

The most remarkable Towns and Places of Cardistan are Ninus, or Ninive, on the East-Bank of the Tigris, now a meer heap of Ruins, which are spread abroad by the River side, for the space of a Mile. At the distance of half a Mile from hence is an Hill, with a famous Mosque, where

the Monument of the Prophet Jonah is shewn, a Place, for which the Turks have a very great Veneration; so that no Christian, can come near it but by Stealth. Cherazoul, Schehreful, or Sciahrazur, a Town built on a cut Rock, with a fine Stone-bridge, in the Confines of Persia; the Capital of the Beglerbeglick of the fame Name, under which are ten Sangiackares. Amadia. Bitlis. or Betlis, a Town feated in the middle between two high Mountains, with a Caftle on a very fleep Rock, under its own potent Prince, who is neither subject to the Grand Seignior, nor to the King of Persia. Salmastra, or Salmastra. Van, or Wan, a spacious Town, with a strong Castle on an Hill, the Capital of the Beglerbeglick of Van, including nine Sangiackates; although M. Tavernier refers it to Turcomania: It is inhabited by a great number of Armenians, and stands on a Lake of the same Name, which is reckon'd among the largest of the whole Continent of Asia, and extends it self almost fifty Miles in Compass: This Lake contains great store of Fish, but (as it is related by Travellers) only of one and the fame fort, with two confiderable Islands. And Taluan a Village on the same Lake, with a capacious and fafe Harbour.

v. The Country of Diarbeck, with its three Pro-Affyria. vinces just now described in particular, was anciently the Eastern Fart of Syria or Affyria taken also at large, which afterwards was only call'd Affyria, and its Parts were Mespotamia, Babysonia and proper Affyria: See Chap. 111. Seet. I.

Melopotania. i, e, a Country lying between the Rivers, oeing the fame with Diarbeck frielly tameles of the second on the Well and South, by Emphrates, and on the East by Tigris. On the North, were the Niphatick Hills, which separated it from the greater Armenia. Upon the same account, it is call'd by the Hebrews Aram-naharaim, i. e. Syria of the Rivers; in the Dual Number, as the Terin Naharaim denotes; as also, Padan-aram, which was the Habitation of Laban, where Jacob sled for Refuge; by which nevertheles, Bochart does not understand (as is commonly done) the whole Country of Mesopotamia, but only its Northern Part, from the Mountains of Armenia, to the River Chaboras, which was cultivated and fruitful, the remaining Part being untilled, rugged and barren; but he seems to remove the Seat of Laban too sar towards the North. The particular Provinces of Mesopotamia, were Analomusa Chalcitis, Gauzanitis, Acabene, call'd Acchen, by Sanson, Ingine, or Tingine, and Ancobarites, or Ancoharitis.

The principal Towns of this Country, were Seleucia, on the River Eupbrates, at its Confluence with the Tigrit, out of whole Ruins Moussal atterwards rose up: Labbana Nishbis which several Authors take to be the same with Nishbis or Neshbin: Edessa, call'd Edissain Antoninus's Itinerary, noted for the Death of the Emperor Antoninus Caracalla, now generally supposed to be Orpha, although others are of the contrary Opinion; at least neither Orpha, nor Edessa is the same with Charan next to be mention'd: Carrha, samous for the overthrow of Grassa and the Roman Forces under his Command, taken by several Authors to be Charan, or Charan cited in the Holy Scriptures, as well as Nahor the Seat of Terah and Nahor,

from whence Abraham departing by the Divine Appointment, fet forward to Siehem; and which likewife bore the Name of Araa, Haran, or Haran, and was feated on the Rivet Chaboras, or infome Part of Mespotamia, that was water'd by it, not far from the Euphraees, towards Syria, Palamyrena and Arabia Deserta, on the Road, which leads from Chaldea to the Land of Canaan. Nicophorium. And Chabora, a Town on the River Chabora, near its Confluence with Euphraees, which Isaac Vossius imposes to be the same with Ur of the Chaldees.

The second Part of Aspria, was Babylonia, VII. bounded on the North, by Melopotamia and Assembly Sasiana; and on the South, by the Perlian Gulph and Arabia Deferia; which was allo its Boundary, on the West. It was alfo call'd Chaldaa, which others will have to be the Southern Part of Babylonia, towards the Defart Arabia: At present it is known by the Name of Yerack, nevertheless that Part of it is to be understood, which lies towards the East, beyond the River Tigris. The remarkable Provinces of Babylonia, were Auchanitis, or rather, Auranniis, Mardocaa, or Anordocaa and Chaldaa.

The Capital City of those Parts was Babylon, into which the Chaldeans translated the two Tribes of Ifrael, feared in a Champain Country anciently call'd Sennahar, Sinhar, or Sinear, on the River Euphrates, which divided it almost into two equal Parts: It was built by Nimrol, or Belus the Grandson of Ham, or as others say, by Somiramis, and became the Royal Seat of the Kings of Assirtance.

BABYLON, was once a City of that mighty extent and magnificence, that as it then was reckon'd among the Wonders of the World, fo it itill deferves some remembrance, and therefore we cannot pass by without giving the Reader a short account of it, as we find it set down by Diod. Siculus. Semiramis the Widow of Ninus, the famous Heroine, and the fourth of the Affyrian Monarchs, refolving to outdo her Husband who had built Nineve, founded or at least re-edified the City of Babylon, wherein, fays my Author, the employ'd two Millions of Men, who in a years time built the Walls that were as many Furlongs round as the year had days, viz. 365, the height of them 50 Orgya's or Fathom, that is, 100 Yards, and the breadth large enough for fix Chariots to go a-breaft; or as others fay only 50 Cubits high, and breadth for two Chariots: The Wall was adorn'd and guarded with 250 large Turrets, and the City in some parts surrounded with deep and most dangerous Morasses: The River Euphrates ran through the middle of the City, and on each fide of it was a magnificent Palace, which were made communicable by a Patlage under the River; as well as by a most stately Bridge over it: The Walls of the Palace on the Welt fide the River, which was much the finer of the two, was 60 Furlongs, or 7 Miles and half, in Circuit, within which was another Wall 40 Furlongs round, 300 bricks thick, and 100 yards high, upon which were Turrets raited yet much higher, whence she took a View of the whole City: And within that, was a third Wall exceeding the other in height; but proportionably less in Circuit, being 30 Furlongs; this contain d the Royal Palace, and was adorn'd with Baffor Relieves and other Decorations; The Palace its

felf was magnificent in its furniture futably to its Structure, and must needs have exceeded any thing that ever was; unless Perfepolis must take place of it: She also built a Temple to Jupiter, or Beliu, of mighty height, as may be judg'd by the magnitude of the Statues, placed at top, which weighed 1900 Talents each, and were 40 foot high. But the Hanging Garden in Babylon was most admired; this was a work of later date, and wonderful structure; being a very curious Garden of 400 foot square, raised by Arches one above another to a valt height: But all this Glory is long fince pass'd away, and even Diodorus peaks of it as a ruin'd place in his Time: The extent of this City was fo great, that 'tis reported, That Babylon being fubdu'd by the Enemies on a certain Time, the News of its furrender did not come to the Ears of those who inhabited the farthest Part of the City till the third Day: And indeed, it was often taken, particularly by Cyrus, Darius, Alexander the Great, who died there, Selencus and others. Lastly the Country of Babylonia and the first Monarchy of the World, call'd also the Chaldean, took their Denomination from this famous Metropolis, which was distant 100 Miles from Teredon to the North, 140 from Nineve, to the South, 320 from Sufa, to the West, about 500 from Danaless. It is apparent from the above-mention'd Situation of Babylon, that it did not fland on the fame Ground with Bagdad a Town of Yerack, on the Eaftern Bank of the Tigris already mention'd, although the latter grew up out of its Ruins; or in the place of Ciefiphon, a large Village, on the fame fide of the faid River; or in that of Selencia, a Town near Ciefiphon and over against it; much less in the room of Susa, a City of Sasiana, on the River Eulaus, fituated a great deal farther towards the Eaft: Some Authors averr, That certain Footfleps of it, although very finall ones, are left below Bazdar, near Felongia, where the Tigris is divided into two Streams; but this Situation of Babylon agrees little with the fore-going: And according to the Opinion of others, that great City flood on the fame Territory, with a Place now call'd Ella, or Ile, where many Ruins are to be feen, and a Tower, which at this Day, bears the Name of Nimrod's Tower.

The other remarkable Towns of this Country, besides Babylon, were Volgesia; Borsippa, on the Marthes, call'd Barsia by Prolemcy; And Urchon, or Orchoe, generally taken for Ur of the Chaldeer, the Birth-place of Abraham; although others will have Ur to be the Uru of Pliny, which was situated in Amanitis, a Province of Babylonia, that is to say, in the Place, where the River Euphrates turns towards the East; or the Uria of Euphlemus, who wrote of the Jewish Assairs, a Town likewise of Babylonia, and perhaps the same with Pliny's Ura: Isaac Vossius is of Opinion, that Chabora was sincient Ur, as we have already hinted in Mesopotamia, but Bochart is rather inclin'd to place it in the Northern Part of Mesopotamia, towards the Consines of Assairs, and the Armenian Mountains, between Nishis and the River Tigris: Upon the whole, we think fit to follow the Sentiments of those who fix Ur within the Bounds of Chaldea, but it is difficult to determine, so which of the Ura's it ought to be appropriated. Lastly, between the Mouths of Tigris shood Terelon,

a large Town, now judg'd by most Geographers, to be the same with Balsara, but unadvitedly; in regard that the Ruins of the former (according to the Account given by Travellers) are distant two Miles from the latter; nevertheless it cannot be denied, That Balsara ow'd its Growth and Improvement to Teredon.

Having thus given a particular Description VIII of Mesopotamia and Babylonia, we cannot pass by The Sin filence, the Situation of Eden, or Heden, and tration Paradife, concerning which there are various O Eden pinions: To omit trivolous and fabulous Rela-and Paradife tions, there are some learned Men, who main-radise, tain, That the Terrestrial Paradise was seated within the Bounds of the Land of Canaan in the Valley of Fericko, along the Banks of the River Jordan, which (as they fay) water'd the Garden of Eden; or else in the Territories of Damaseus, not far from Mount Libanus; against which Opinion, Spanheim raises many Objections, in his Introduction to Sacred Geography, p. 5, 6, 7. Others are apt to believe, That Paradite was situated in the greater Armenia; because (according to their Judgment) the Rivers mention'd in Holy Writ stage their Spring-heads in that Country; that is to fay, not only Tigris and Euphrates, but also Pison, in process of time call'd Phasis, its Name being a little chang'd, and Gibon afterwards known by that of Araxes, of the fame fignification with the former; for the Term Gihon in the Language of the Chaldeans denotes a River, as well as that of Araxes in the Persian: But neither does this fense sufficiently agree with the Sacred History, which shews, That Eden was situated Earlward, either with respect to Arabia, where Moses liv'd, or to the Land of Canaan: For according to the usual manner of Expression, among the Hebrens, the Term East, denoted all that Region, which extended it felf from Palefine, towards the East, including Arabia Deserta, Chaldaa, the Southern Part of Mesopotamia, Asspria, Sustana and Persia: And indeed, the Country of Eden was situated in that Part of the East, where the Rivers Emphrates and Tigris meet, and are thence parted into feveral Streams, among which were Gikon and Pifon, although their Course by the passing of so many Ages, is now rendred fornewhat obscure, the former watering the Land of Cush, and the latter that of Havilah; which Countries are plac'd by many Authors in Arabia Felix, not far from the Perlian Gulph, into which, Tigris, Euphrates, and the aforefaid Streams discharge themselves: Therefore we have good grounds to believe with Heetius, Buchart, Bilhop Patrick, Spanhemius and others, That the Seat of the most pleasant Garden of Paradife, which God himself planted in the Country of Edm, was in the Southern Tract of Babylonia, or Mejoptamia, amids the Rivers and the pejalhopring Rivarius, and Emphantes and the pejalhopring Rivarius and Emphantes. Tigris and Euphrates, and the neighbouring Rivalets. P. Dan. Huetins, Bishop of Auraches, in his Tract de situ Paralisi, as also Bishop Parick in his Commentary on Genesis, fix the Situation of Eden between the place where the two Rivers Euphrates and Tigris unite into one Stream, and the place where these again divide into two Branches, that is, between the 34th, and the 32d. Degrees of North Latitude; and the Garden it felf upon the East fide of that Stream just above the division; the two Branches (that afIX.

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terwards fall into the Persian Gulph) being, the Western the Phison of Moses, and the Eastern the Gehon.

The third and last Part of Affyria, was simply call'd Affiria, and for diffinction fake Proroper ply call a Affria; but at present is known by the Name of Curdistan and Arzerun: It was bounded on the Welt, by the River Tigris, which separated it from Babylonia and Mesopotamia; on the North, by the greater Armenia and Media; on the East, by Media; and on the South, by Susiana: It is otherwife call'd the Land of Affir, in Helrem, as well as Affria, in Greek, and Lain, from Affir the Son of Shem, from whom the first Monarchy was also styled, The Affrian. Bochart affirms, that Noah's Ark was built in Affyria, and driven into Armenia, by the force of the Southern Winds, and of the Ocean violently rolling on from that Quarter; which Opinion is confirm'd by the most ancient Chaldean Writers: The ten Tribes of Ifrael were heretofore carry'd captive into this Country by Salmanasar, and dwelt partly in Assiria, and partly in Media: The different People that inhabited Assiria, were the Apolloniares, Sambata and Goramai, or Garamai, and the most remarkable Provinces, were Arbelitis, Arrapachitis, Calacine, Adiabene, and Sutacene, to which others add Chalonitis and Artacene. Calacine, or Calachena, one of the Countries but now men-tion'd call'd Chalach, or Halah, by Bochart; and Choarras, more rightly term'd Chaboras, or Chabor (according to the fame Author) a Mountain between Affyria and Media, were more especially inhabited by the Captive Israelites.

The Towns and Places of chief Note were Ctesiphon, a large Village of Asspria on the Eastern

fide of the River Tigris, built by the Parthians, over against Seleucia, by reason of the great aver-sion they had to that Town: It was also the Royal Seat of the Kings of Parthia, and in process of time became a flourithing City. Ninus, call'd Nineve in the Sacred Writings, which took its Name (according to almost all profane Authors) from King Ninus its Founder, and was a thors from King Points is Founder, and was a most magnificent Royal City of Affria, built on the Eastern fide of the Tigris: Its Walls are faid to have been an hundred Foot high, and of fo great a Breadth, that three Carts might pass together in a row, on the top of them: These Walls were also fortify'd with one thousand and five hundred Towers set in order round about, e-very one of them being two hundred Foot high; and took up in compass, the space of foar hundred and eighty Furlongs, or fifteen German Leagues; as we are informed by Diodorus Siculus: This famous City is now called Monfine by many Geographers, and Writers of Travels, but erroneously; fince the latter stands on the Western Bank of Tigris, and Nineve was scated on the opposite side of that River. Among the other Capital Towns of Assyria, were Gangamela; and Arbela, near the former, on the River Caprus, from whence the adjacent Territory was call'd Arbelitis, where Alexander the Great defeated the Army of Darius Codomannus, King of Persia, with a very great Slaughter; for it is recorded in History, that the Persians lost nine hundred thousand Men in that Battel. As also Gomara, otherwise call'd Gamara and Garama, from whence the Garamei a particular People deriv'd their Name. And Marde, or Mardin, sea ed on the River Ti-gris in the Frontiers of Mesopotamia.

CHAP. IX.

TURCOMANIA and the Greater ARMENIA with the Rivers Euphrates, Tigris, Oc.

FTER the Description of Diarbeck, which as we have faid was the ancient Affyria, it remains only to give an Account of the other Eastern Part of Turkey in Asia, commonly call'd Turcomania: It has for its Boundary on the West Natolia; on the North, Georgia; on the West, Persia, to which Kingdom its Eastern part is subject; and on the South Diarbeck. M. Tavernier complains, That this Country is very improperly called Turcomania, in the Maps, and avouches, there fare much better grounds to name it Armenia, or Ermenick; because it is almost entirely inhabited by the Armenians. M. Rudward differentials to Turcomania in the Maps, and avouches, there is a superior in the Maps, and avouches in the Maps, and a Baudrand diffinguishes the Turcomans into 32 Tribes, and fays, they are dispers'd very far throughout Asia, more especially towards the River Euphrates, and the confines of Persia.

The chief Towns and Places of Turcomania are Manufest. Majafarikin. Sumifehach. Erzerum, or Erzerom, a noted Town, with a Castle and Suburbs, fituate near the Head of the River Euphrates, the Capital of Turcomania, as also of the Beglerbeglick of the same Name, which compre-hends cleven Sangiacates, and the Key of the Part 2

Turkish Empire, situated at the end of a spacious Plain, and surrounded with high Mountains; where the Air is somewhat sharp, but the Soil brings forth good store of Wheat and Barley, that soon come to Maturity. Nacksivan, i.e. The Station of a Ship, or Ark, a considerable Town, so call'd by the Armenians, who avouch it to be the most ancient of the whole World, and the first Seat of its Founder Noah, after the Floud; where he is also supposed to be buried: It has been laid waste by the Turks and Persians at several times, and is at present under the Dominion of the latter; as well as Karasbag; and Eriven or hvan, a Town in a Country reputed one of the most pleasant and rich of Persa, call'd Iran by the Inhabitants, and trequently Karabag: This Town is built on a Rock, near a rapid River, that bears the Name of Sin mi-fing, with a fine Stone-bridge, on the Confines of Turkey and Persia, and has been often studied by the Turks and Persians. And Kors on the Confine of the Con fines of Georgia, the Capital of a Beglerbeglick of the same Name; fix Surgiaca'es depending on its Jurisdiction; a very large Town, abounding

with all Things necessary for the support of Humane Life; yet not very populous, and almost destitute of regular Streets: Infomuch that although the Grand Scignior has endeavour'd at feveral times, to remedy that Defect; nevertheless his Attempts have been always frustrated by

the Perfians.

11. The greater Armenia.

The fame Country new call'd Turcomania, was Part of the ancient Armenia Major: For that was bounded on the West, by the River Euphrates, which ferv'd to distinguish it from the Lefler Armenia; on the North, by the Moschick Mountains, that parted it from Colchis and Iberia; as the River Cyrus, or Kur, was the Boundary between it and Albania; on the East by the Caspian Sea, and a Mountain of the same Name, that separated it from Media; and on the South, by the Mountains of Niphates and Tauwas; the former of which divided the greater Armenia from Affiria, and the other parted it from Mesopotamia. The different People of the Greater Armenia, were the Mardi, or Gordiei; and the particular Provinces were Gordene, otherwise call'd Gordiene and Gordiena. Thospitis. Corinea. Anzitene. Bagrandavene, or Bagravan-dene. Cortea. Arfea. Alfaunitis, or Alpaunitis. Acilisine. Sophene. Bassilissene. Hobordene Boc-the. Cotacene. Tosarene. Totene. Colthene. So-ducene. Sacapene, Sacasene, or Sapacene. And Sy-

The most remarkable Mountains of this Country, were Mount Pariedrus, otherwise nam'd Paryadris, and Paryardes, but at present Chielder, or Tchilder; from whence several Rivers take their rife, viz. Araxes, Araxus, or Aras, flowing towards the East. Phasis, now call'd Riole by the Inhabitants, and Fazzo by the Italians, towards the North. And Euphrates, or Eufrate, towards the West. The Mountains Gordyei, which (according to Bochartus) are also call'd Cordyai, Cordai, Gordi, Curdi and Carduchi, where Ptolemey places the Spring-head of the River Tigris. The common Opinion is, That Noah's Ark, upon the Decrease of the Waters of the universal Deluge, rested on the Mountains of Ararat, that is to fay, on the Mountains of the Greater Armenia, and on the highest of the Gordyai: Others affirm, That the Ark fettled indeed in the Greater Armenia, but on one of the highest Parts of Mount Taurus, or else on the Caspian Mountains, near Media, between the Lake Arsissa, which takes its modern Name from the adjacent Town of Van, on the South; and the Towns of Artaxata, or Naxuana, water'd by the River Araxes, on the North: However it is related by M. Taver-nier, That the beginning of Mount Arara, where Noah's Ark refled, is diffant five Miles from the Town of Erivan, to the South-East; as also, about three Miles from Nacksivan, which is said to have deriv'd its Name, from the Station of the faid Ark, and has been describ'd a little above: The fame Author farther adds, That Mount Ararat very much surpasses in Height, the rest of the Mountains of Armenia, which conflitute a vast conti-nuel Ridge of Hills; that it is, as it were, separated from them; that in clear and fair Weather, it may be feen, at the distance of five days Journey; that it is often cover'd with Clouds, from the middle to the top, for the space of three or four Months together; and that it is call'd Melefoufar, i. e. The Mountain of the Ark, by the Ar-Josiar, he. The Frankland of the Earth, by the Earth, remains, who as foon as it appears in fight, fall down proftrate, and kifs the Earth, then lifting up their Eyes to Heaven, they make the fign of the Crofs, and fay a few Prayers: The Armenians also generally affirm, That the Remainders of the Ark are still to be seen, and that it hath acquir'd almost a stony Hardness; but we leave them to justify the Truth of their Affertion.

The Capital Towns of the Greater Armenia; were Thospia, feated on the Lake Thospites. Tigranocerta, call'd Tigranopetra, by Appian, on the River Nymphaus. As also on the Araxes, were Armauria, between the Spring-head of Euphrates and the Lake Lichnites. Artaxata, Artaxia, or Arraxiasata in the Frontiers of Media. And Naxuana, near the Foot of Mount Ararat.

It remains only to give an Account of the III. Rivers that Water the Haltern Part of Turkey in Euphra Asia above specify'd; and they are chiefly two, tes flu-being the most noble of the whole Levantine vius. Continent, and highly celebrated in Sacred and Profane Histories; that is to fay, Euphrates and Tigris, which have been often mention'd in the preceding Descriptions: They both take their rife in the same Country, and at last are united in a common Channel. The River Eurphrates, which is greater than Tigris, and runs farther towards the West, call'd Perah by the Hebrews, and at present Frat by the Arabians, according to Nicolaius; Eufrate, by the Italians and Euphrate, by the French, rifes in the greater Armenia, or Turcomania, out of Mount Pariedrus, or Paryardes; or as others will have it, out of the Moschick Mountains: Thence it flows through that Country, towards the West, as far as the Frontiers of the lester Armenia, or Nacolia; where turning its Course to the South, it separates the greater Armenia, or Turcomania, from the lester Armenia, or Natolia, receiving the River M.las, on the right Melas side, not far from the Town of Melitene: Then sluvius. it parts Assyria, or Diarbeck, from Syria and Arabia Deferia, and in like manner, receives the River Singas, from Syria; as also Chaboras and Singas Saccoras, from Mesopotamia, or proper Diarbeck studies. Afterwards, in the Country of Babylonia or Terack, Chabora (according to the Arabian Geographer, from & Saowhom the Greek and Latin Writers do not much coras differ) it is divided into five Streams, one of fluvius. which, after having water'd Selencia (as we are inform'd by the Ancients) runs into the Tigris, over against Bagdad; but the four others lose themfelves in feveral Lakes: One of thefe Streams call'd The Royal River by Ptolemey, and the Royal Trench by Polybius, is taken by several Authors for Ezewhich's Chobar, which was cut by the order of the Governor of Chobar, and deriv'd its Name from thence: At last, this noble River intermixes its Waters with those of Tigris, at the Fortress of Gorno, a little above Balfara, and through the common Channel, call'd Stetel-areb, or Schatt el death is a The River of the Archiver discharges Arab, i. e. The River of the Arabians, discharges it self below the same Town into the Persian Gulph, otherwise call'd the Bay of Balfara, Balfora, or Baffora.

The other great River of the Eastern Part of Turkey in Asia, is Tigris, so call'd from its rapid course; (the Word, in the Language of the Ar-, menians and Medes fignifying an Arrow) as alfe Hiddekel

Hiddekel, by the Hebrens and Diglath, by Fosephus: It forings in the Greater Armenia out of the Mountains Gordyei, above the Lake Arethasa, which (as Pliny says) bears all manner of Weights, without finking, and does not admit of any River-Fish: The Tignis not far from its Source enters this Lake, and having run through it; without mingling its Waters, is faid to hide it felf for a while in certain subterraneous Passages, which nevertheless are not fet down in the modern Maps: Then passing through the Lake Thospites, as also some other Caverns under ground, it flows between Mesopotamia, on the Well; and

Affria, on the East, and receives from Affria the Rivulets Lycus, Caprus and Gorgus: Alter-Lycus, wards, it waters Moful and Bagdad, and below Caprus the latter (as M. Tavernier tells us) it is divided and Gorinto two Branches, one of which runs towards gus flet. Mesopotamia, and the other to ancient Coddea: The Confluence of these Rivers make a large Island; which is also water'd with a great number of Trenches: Laftly, the Tigrit, continuing its Course to the Fortress of Gorn, is united to Eurhauer, and passing through the common Channel, conpties it felf likewife into the fame Bay of the Perfian Gulph.

CHAP. X.

Georgia, Mengrelia, Circassia and Comania.

FTER having taken a View of Turkey in Afia, we proceed in due Order to that fia bepart of Asia; that lies between the Enaine, or black Sea and the Castian; containing the Prothe Eu. vinces of Georgia, Mengrelia, Circassia and Comaxine and nia; the two first of which are situated more to-Cafpian wards the South, and the two latter to the North. And are thus divided.

A Table of the Country of Asia situated between the Euxine and Caspian Seas:

The Kingdom of Gaguetia, or Proper >Zagan. Georgia in Gagheti which are Tephlis the Capi-The Kingdom of tal Town of Carduelia Georgia. The Kingdom of >Cotatis. Imeretia The Kingdom of Varchi Azach Mengrelia Baffachiuch containing Phasis The Kingdom of Sebastopolis, or Savatopoli Mengrelia (St. Sophia

Circassia, where there are no Towns, but only Villages

Comania

II.

Seas

Tarku Terki

Georgia is either taken at large, or frictly: In Georgia the former Acceptation, it is bounded on the taken at South by Scirvania, a Province of Persia, the Greater Armenia, and the Beglerbeglick of Trebifond, a Part of Cappadocia, or Amasia; on the Welt, by the Black Sea; on the North by Circassia and Comania; and on the East, by Daghestan; com-prehending also in this sense the Country of Mengrelia: Its extent was formetime larger, and it was fubject to the Dominion of a Monarch, who kept his Court at Coities, which is now the Capital Town of the Kingdom of Imeretia.

III. Georgia strictly taken, or proper Georgia bor-Georgia ders upon the Caspian Sea, on the East; and on finite the West, upon the Mountains, that separate it from Mengrelia; in which sense it is taken by takens

M. Tavernier and others: This Country other-wife call'd Gurgien, as also Gurgitan by the Inhabitants and Atiaticks, is at present under the Dominion of the King of Parsa: The Georgians are generally reputed to be robust, valiant; very expert Archers, trufty and I yal; fo that upon account of these Qualities, they are highly efteem'd both by the King of Persia and the Great Mogul: They are also excessive Lovers of Wine, whereof there is great Plenty in these Parts; affable and comely, more especially the Female Sex; infomuch that the most beautiful Sultanesses in the Grand Seignior's Seraglio, as well as in that of the King of Persia, are Georgian Women. The chiefelt Part of these People profess the Christian Religion, although they have very little Knowledge of its Principles, and the rest follow Ma-hometism: The King of Persia tavours the latter, and scarce suffers any Governor of Georgia, but a Mahometan.

This Country is usually divided into two Provinces, viz. Gaguetia and Carduelia; and the So-phi of Persia appoints Governors for both, out of the Noble-men of Georgia; dignifying them with the Title of Kings. The Kingdom of Gaguetia, Gagne-Gagheti, or Kacheti, call'd Zacheti by M. Sulon, tia. lies in the middle between Scirvania a Province of Persia, on the East, and Carduelia, the other Part of Georgia, on the West: It is situated in the Mountainous Tracts, and water'd by the River Cyrus, or Kur; having Zagan, or Zagain, on the same River for its chief Town. Carduelia, Cardue-Carduel, Cartuel, or Cartele, according to M. Ta-ha. vernier, the other Kingdom of Georgia, is of a larger Extent than the former, and borders upon Gaguetia, on the West, as we have but now observed: The Metropolis of this Province, as also of the whole Country, is Tephlis, or Teflis, a large, near Town, feated on the River Criss, in a pleafant Territory, and driving a great Trade in Silks.

Where proper Georgia is now, heretofore was Iberia, encompated with Mountains, and lying theria, between Albania, on the East; Atlatick Sermeta, on the North; Colchis on the West, and the greater Armenia on the South. The chief Towns of this Province were; Armaetica, Armotica, or Himafts, and Artanisa water'd by the River Cirus.

From hence we pais to Mengrelia the last Part Mengre-

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of Georgia taken at large, which is bounded on the East, by proper Georgia; on the South, by the Greater Armenia and the Beglerbeglick of Trabefond; on the West, by the Black Sea; and on North, by Circossia: This Country produces so great a quantity of Iron and Steel, that it is almost capable of supplying the whole Continent of Turkey, with that fort of Mineral: In this Country it is very common for Parents, when reduc'd to want, to sell their Children, or exchange them for Things of little Value: So that the Priefts themselves do not forbear following this Custom, may they look upon it as their just Right, and therefore often expose to sale their beautiful Boys and Girls to the highest Bidders among the Turks and Persians: The Female Sex frequently personn the Sacerdotal Functions here, as well as in Georgia; being for the most part, more experienced in Sacred Rites, than the Men: The Kings of Mengrelia profess the Christian Religion, and the whole Country is at prefent divided into three Provinces, every one of which is dignified with the Title of a Kingdom, viz. Imeretia, Guria and Mengrelia.

Imeretia, Imereti, or Imerete, otherwise call'd Bassasson, and Bassachiouek, by M. Tavernier, is a large Province of Mengrelia, lying in the middle, between Carduelia, a Province of Georgia already mention'd, on the East, and Guria on the West. Here the River Phass, nam'd Rione by the Inhabitants, and Fazo by the Italians, flowing with a very flow Course, and often stagnating, takes its Rise, and waters the whole Province; which is govern'd by its own Monarch, formerly a very potent one, when Guria and Mengrelia were likewise under his Dominions. The Metropolis of this Kingdom, is Cotatis, a little Town seated on the Phassis, and the Foot of a Mountain,

with a Castle built on a Rock.

Guria, Ghuria, or Guriel, the fecond Province of Mengrelia is fituated between Imereiia and the Black Sea, and fulpiect to its own King, who is oblig'd to do homage to the Grand Seignior: It has no Cities of any confiderable Note; although M. Sunfon makes mention of Varthi, a Town on the Black Seaand; M. Robbe produces

Azach, and Baffachiouch.

Mengrelia, the third Province, which communicates its Name to the whole Country, common-call'd Odifei by the Inhabitants, and Meghreli by the Georgians, lies next to Gwia, on the North, and to the Black Sea on the West: It is fruitful and well water'd; affording Royal Demeans to a Prince, who pays Tribute to the Grand Seignior, and lives under his Protection. The chief Towns of this Kingdom, are Phasis, or Fasso on the Mouth of the River of the same Name. And Sebassopolis or Sazatopoli, a famous Mart on the innermost Bay of the Black Sea: This Part of Mengrelia is united by some Geographers to the Province of Avogassa, which borders upon it, on the North, and is somewhat extended on the Black Sea, towards the West; having St. Sopkia for its capital Town: Others do not place Avogassa in those Parts, but the Province of Abassa, or Abassa, and others make that part, two Provinces bearing those two names.

VI. This Part of Georgia which now bears the name Colchis, of Mengrelia, was the ancient Colchia, which lay between Iberia, the Greater Armenia, the Euxine

Sea, and Afiatick Sarmatia: Jason sail'd hither in the first Ship Argo, together with the Argonauts, the Flower of the Grecian Youth, and having with Medea's affistance taken away the Golden Fleece, carried it into Greece: The particular People of Colchis, were the Manrali, Zala and Zani, and the chief Towns were Phasis, heretofore the utmost Boundary of Navigation; and Dioserius, afterwards call'd Sebastopolis, already mention'd in treating of Mengrelia.

It remains only to give an Account of two o- VII. ther Provinces of this Country of Afia, fituated Cirbetween the Black and Caspian Seas, that is to fay, cassia-Circassia and Comania, which are parted from Mengrelia and Georgia, by Cancassus, the highest of all the great Mountains of Asia, being continually cover'd with Snow, and lying in the middle, between the Black Sea, on the Welt, and the Caspian, on the East: The Eastern Part of it is call'd Corax, and different Names are at prefent attributed to the whole Mountain by feveral Authors, viz. those of Cocas, Cochias, Albsor, Adazar, Salatto and Elbours: M. Tavernier places Circassia, or Cirkassie to the North of Mengrelia and to the Well of Comania; the mountainous Tracts separating it from the latter; and Northwards extending it felf as far as the Rivers Tanais and Wolga, which divide it from Muscovy: This Country (as we are informed by the same Tavernier) abounds with Hills, Valleys, Plains, Springs, Woods, teveral forts of Flowers and Herds of Cattel, among which the Horses, Goats and Weather-Sheep, more especially deserve Commenda-tion: But there are no Towns, or Fortresses, only certain Villages of a circular Figure with a large space of Ground in the middle of them.

The Circassians, or Cherken, live by Robberies and Rapine, and not only lay waste the neighbouring Territories, but also those of their own Country-men; who are wont, in like manner, to make Incursions into theirs: The Men and Women are cloath'd alike, without any difference of Habit, and the former do not let their Beards grow, till they have attain'd to the sixtieth year of their Age: They have no Wine, neither do they make use of Costee, or Tebacco, but drink a kind of Liquor made of Barley, that is very strong, and full of Spirits: Lastly, the Religion of the Circassians is different both from the Christian and Mahometan; and their Noblemen, exercise an arbitrary Power over the rest of the People.

All Authors are not agreed, with respect to the Coma-Limits of Comania, or Komanie; for (according to nia: Sanson) it is bounded on the West, by the Euxine, or Black Sea, the Straight of Cassa, and the Palus Maotis or the Sea of Zabacha; on the North, by the River Tanais and Moscov; on the East, by the Cassian Sea, and on the South, by Mount Cancasius, or Georgia; neither it it distinguished from Circassia, taken at large: Others will have the lesser Tartary to be also a Part of Comania, and M. Tavernier fixes the Bounds of Comania, between Circassia, on the West; Moscovy on the North; the Cassian Sea on the East; and Proper Georgia, on the South: Its Eastern Part is a Champain Country, abounding with a very rich Soil and well water'd: The Comanians or Komouchs, for the most part, inhabit at the Foot of the

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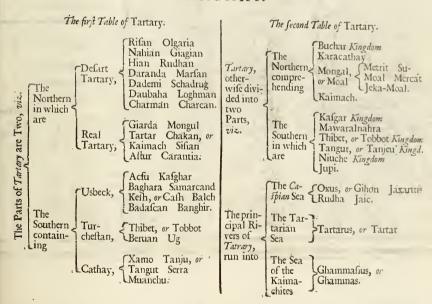
tains, from whence very plentiful Springs iffine forth, and when there is any cause to fear the Inrodes of those People whom they have robb'd they retire to the Mountains with their Booty and Cattel: They wear the fame fort of Cloaths, as the Inhabitants of the Leffer Tartary, and are furnished with Linnen and Silk, ont of Persia; their Manners, being very like those of the Circussians. They live under the Protection of the King of Persia, and are as it were a Bulwark to his Kingdom on that fide.

Daghestania, Daghestan, or Daguestan, is also esteem'd a Part of Commin, and borders upon Proper Georgia, Scirvania a Province of Persia and the Caspian Sea: This Country is inhabited by the Tartars; and govern'd by its own Princes, and its principal Place is Tarku, on the Coaffs of the fame Sea, near which appears Terki in Comania, towards the North.

About the Province now call'd Dag heft an, and Albania the adjacent Territories, Albania was fituated in the middle, between the Caspian Sca, the Greater Armenia, Iberia and Afiatick Sarmaia. The most remarkable Places were two Sea-port Towns, viz: Getara and Albana.

In those Parts; where Tavernir places Circassia X. and Comania; was Asiatick Samana, bounded on Asiatic the North (according to Chiverus) by the Rivers Volga and Tanais, although others extend its tia. Limits through Mofcovitick Tartary: But the fame Claverius will have that Country to be Part of Afiatick Scythia, whereof we shall speak in the next Chapter. Among the People of Sumari, that were very mimerous, the most noted, were the Turkish Empire, who are generally plac'd by Authors, between the Sea of Zabacha, Mount Cancasus and the Caspian Sea: As also the Amazoni, a Warlike fort of Women, of great Renown, who dwelt at first near the River Tonais, and were wont to burn the right Breast of their Infant Children, to the end, that they might be ready to take up Arms, and to encounter their Euenies, with greater Courage: From Tanais, they marched into Cupadoris and fettled their Abode, on the Banks of the River Thermodoon, which flow'd out of the Amazonian Mountain: During the Siege of Troy they took part with the Trojans against the Greeiens; and Ephesius; a noble City of Ionia is said to have been built by them:

CHAP. XI. TARTARY.







Tarrary in genetarry, to distinguish it from the Lesser, in genetarry, to distinguish it from the Lesser, in Europe, has for its Boundaries, on the West, the Caspian Sea, and Moscovitick Tartary; on the North, the Scythian, or Tartarian Sea; on the East, the Sea of the Kaimachites, and the Straight of Fesser; and on the South, China, India, or the Dominions of the great Mogul and Persia: So

that it is apparently the largell Region of the whole Continent of $A\beta a$, extending it felf farthelf, both towards the North and East: In the modern Maps, it is plac'd within the 70th and 170th Degree of Longitude, excluding Muscovitick Tartary; as also between the 40 and 72 Degree of Northern Latitude.

The Air of Tartary is different, according to the divertity of its Situation: The Weather, for the most part is cold, and sometimes excellive hot, accompanied with Tlainder, Lightning, and most violent Storms of Wind, beating down Men and overturning Walls and Trees; it feldom rains in those Parts, but the drifts of Snow are very frequent: The Country abounds with high Mountains, spacious Desirts, great Woods and Lakes; but it produces good store of Rice, Rhubarb, Ginger, Cinnamon, Cloves, Mnsk, Silk and Wool; neither is it destitute of Gold and Silvermines, Pearls and Coral: It also affords Pasture to numerous Herds of Cattel, more especially Horses; which are of a small fize, but very swift, strong and fit to endure Labour: The Tartars are faid to be of short Stature; in their Temper cruel, treacherous, covetous, filthy and lustini, beyond all the bounds of Right and Modesty; but they are reputed excellent Horse-men, most expert Archers; able to bear all manner of Penury, Fatigues and Inconveniencies, and altogether ignorant of the more refined Delights of Humane Life: They have no mind to be thut up in Houses, but live under Tents in the open Air, eating Milk, especially that of Mares, and Rice; and whenever they happen to warder out of the Way, they observe the Course of the Polar, or North-Star: This vast Empire is govern'd by several Kings or Princes that do Homage, or pay Tribute to the Great Cham, who exercises an absolute authority over all his Subjects: When a new Emperor takes possession of the Throne he often changes the tormer Names of the Country and Towns, which is no finall impediment to the study of

Geography,
The whole Continent is commonly divided into five Parts, viz. Defart Tartary, Real Tartary, Usbeek, Turchestan and Cathay; the two first of which are extended towards the North, and the rest

to the South.

III.

Defart

Real

Tartaria Deferta, Part of which is Moscovitick Tartary already describ'd, borders on the West, Tattary: upon the fame Moscovitick Tartary; on the East, upon Real Tartary; and on the South, upon Usbeck and the Caspian Sea. The most remarkable Places of this Country, are Risan, or Risan, on the Coasts of the Caspian Sea and the Mouth of the River Jaic; Olgaria; Nahian; Giagian; Hian; Rudhan; Daranda; Marfan; Dademi, or Dadeni; Schadrug, or Sahadrug, on the River Oby and the Lake Izejora: Daubaha, or Dambaha; Loghman;

Charman; and Charcan.
Real Tartary, otherwise call'd Ancient and Proper Tartary, is enclos'd within the following Tartary. Boundaries, viz. Defart Tartary, on the West; the Tartarian Sea, on the North; that of the Kaimachites, on the East; and the Territories of Cathay and Turchestan, on the South: This is apparently the largest of all the Parts of Tartary, and the Places of chief Note, within its Jurifdiction, are Giarda; Mongul, seated (according to some Geographers) on the Lake Coras; through which the River Tartar runs, not far from the Fortifications of the ancient Kings of Tartary; although others remove it farther towards the East: Tartar, or Tatar, near the Spring-head of the River of the same Name: Chakan, or Kai-mach, on the Southern Bank of the River Ghammas: Sisian and After, somewhat higher on the Part 2

fame River: Carantid, on the fide of a very large Lake, of the fame Name, in the Frontiers of Turchefan, which is call'd Kithay by other Authors, and from whence (as fome fay) the River Oby takes its Rife; but there are many who hold a different Opinion.

Having thus given some Account of the Northern Parts of Tartary, we proceed to the three Usbeck. Southern ones, beginning at the West; and here we come first to Usbechia, Usbeck, or Tusbeck, otherwise nam'd Zagathay, Mawaralnaher and Trans-Oxiana: This Province is bounded on the North, by Defatt Tartary; on the West, by the Carbian Sea; on the South, by Persia; and on the East, by the Dominions of the Great Mozul and Turchestan: This is generally reputed the principal and best cultivated Part of the whole Continent and belt cultivated Part of the whole Continent of Tartary, and the Inhabitants maintain a very confiderable Traffick with those of the neighbouring Kingdom of Persia. The chief Places and Towns of Usbeck, are Acfu; Kasphar, the Capital Town of a Country of the Lune Name; Baghara, Bachara, Bachara, or Bockera, noted for giving Birth to Avicenna the Phylician and Philipping. Amendation of Simpreparad Simpreparad Simpreparad Simpreparad Simpreparad Simpreparad lotopher; Maracanda, or Samaracanda, Samar-cand, the Metropolis of thefe Parts, fituated in a most pleasant Valley, with a Callle; heretofore the Royal Court of Tamerlan, the most renowned Emperor of the Tartars; famous for an Univerfity that he founded there, and which is shall in Repute, among the Mahometans: Keb, or Cab a Town in the Neighbourhood of Sunwand, which Bandrand supposes to be the Birth-place of Tamerlan, although many Authors make him a Native of Samarcand it felf: Balch, or Belch: Badascan; and Barighir.

Turchestania, or Turchestan, borders on the West, VII. upon Usbeck; on the North, upon Real Turchest, Turchestantes on the East, upon Cathay; and on the South, up-stan on the Empire of the great Mogol. The chief Towns of this Province, are Thibet otherwise calld Tobbot, or Tobat, the Capital of a Country of the Green News 1 the Capital of a Country of the Green News 1 the Capital of a Country of the Green News 1 the Capital of a Country of the Green News 1 the Capital of a Country of the Green News 1 the Capital of a Country of the Green News 1 the Capital of a Country of the Green News 1 the Capital of the Ca try of the same Name, plac'd by several Authors in the room of Turchetan, which they take to be altogether fictitious: Bernan on a Lake that bears the same Name: And Ug, near the Fron-

tiers of Cathay.

The fifth and last Province of Tartary, is Ca- VIII. thaia, or Cathay; bounded on the Welt, by Tin-Cathay. chestan; on the North by Real Tiorum; on the East, by the Sea of the Kaimachites and the Straight of Jesso; and on the South, by China: Some modern Writers make this Province, the Northern Part of the Dominions of the Chineses; so that according to their Account, there are only four Parts, or Divisions of Twiny. The most considerable Places and Towns of Cwho, are Xamo, or Camul, near the Defart of Xamo, which is extended very far through this Country, as alfo through Part of Turchefum: Tanju, or Tangue, the Capital Town of a Territory of the fame Name: Serra; Muonchu, formerly call'd Cambathe Capital Town of Cubay, and even of the whole Continent of Tartary (according to M. Rebbe) scated on the River Caramora, and extending Town of Chakan or Kaimach, on the River Cham-mas, mention'd before in the Defeription of G Real

tary.

Real Tartary: However, M. Sanson, in his Map of Asia does not set down Cambalu, or Muonchen,

among the Towns of Tartary.

IX. The Arabians depart very far from the above-Another specify'd Division of Tartary, dividing it (accord-Division ing to their Method) into many Parts, of which of Tar- we shall here give a short Account, although their Names are scarce known to the Europeans. These Parts are chiefly, nine, ten, or eleven in Number, according to the diversity of their Conjunction, or Separation, and they shall be recited in the fame Order that was before observ'd in treating of the Parts of the former Division; that is to fiy, The Kingdom of Buchar; The Countries of Karacathay; Mongal; and Kaimach: The Kingdom of Kafgar; The Province of Manaralnahra: The Kingdoms of Thibet, Tangut, and Niuche, and the Country of Jupi: Others make the Kingdom of Ninche, with the Territories of Jupi and Niulhan Part of the Country of Kin: Again, fome leave out Kin and add Ninlhan to the Countries but now mention'd: The two first of these Parts, viz. the Kingdom of Buchar, in which were the Calmuchi, or Kalmonks, a particular People and the Country of Karacathay, or Chaulach, where the Chaulachites inhabited, take up that Part of Tartary which has been already describ'd under the Name of Tartaria Deserta. The Country of Mongal, Moal, or Magog, possesses the Northern Part of Real Tartary, and is subdivi-ded into four Parts, of which the Western is named Metrit; the Northern, Su-Moal, or Tartar; the Eustern, Mercat; and the Southern, Jeka-Moal, alias Jagog and Gog. The Country of Kaimach or Naimana, the People of which are call'd Kaimachites, or Naimans, is fituated in the Southern Part of Real Tartary, on the hither fide, beyond and above the River Ghammas. The Kingdom of Kalgar, alias Chalzag, and the Country of Mawardnakra, are set out within the Bounds of Us-beck above specify'd. The Kingdom of Thibet, or Thobbat is put in the room of Turchestan. Lastly, the Kingdom of Tangut, otherwise call'd Tanju and Thokive; the Kingdom of Ninche and the Country

of Jupi are placed within the Limits of Cathay.

The whole Continent, which now bears the Name of Tartary, in ancient times was partly call'd Serica, and partly Scythia: The former, inhabited by the Seres, a renowned Nation, was fituated in that Part of Tartary which is term'd Cathay, or the Kingdoms or Tangut and Niuche.

The rest of Tartary was taken up by Scythia. Scythia which Mount Imaus divided into the hither and farther: The Northern Part of this Mountain is at present call'd Althai; the Southern, Bengia; and that which borders on the Dominions of the Great Mogul, Dalanguer. The hither Scythia extending it felf towards the Welt, was usually styld Scythia within Imau, and its most noted People were the Jaxarta, Massageta and Saca: The firther Scythia lay out towards the East, and was nam'd Scythia beyond Imaus. Several Authors are of Opinion, That the Land of Gog, or Magg, was fittated in the Northern Part of Real Tartary; others place it between the Empire of the Great Mogul and China; but many will have it to be that Part of Scythia, which lies about Mount Caucasus and the Castian

The Rivers that water Tartary are discharg'd into the Caspian, or Tartarian Seas, or into that of The Rithe Kaimachites, viz. Oxus, whole modern Name vers of is Gibon, Gebun, or Jihun: Jaxartus, five Jaxar-Oxus, tes, now call'd Seibun, Abshash and Ardok, which sur. runs through Usbeck as well as the former: Rud-Jaxartus ha and Jaic, which pass through Tartaria Deser-Rudha
ta: Tartar, or Tatar, a River of Real Tartary, Jaic
that empties it self into the Tartarian Sea: And Tartar. Ghammasius, or Ghammas, the principal River of Gham-Tartary, which takes its Rise in the mountainous mas. Tracts of Bengiar, and having water'd the mid-dle of Kaimach or the Southern Part of Real Tartary from West to East, for the space of about fix hundred Miles, at last rolls into the Sea of the Kaimachites.

Thus I have given a short Account of the vast XIII. Continent of Tartary, as it is express'd in the Maps that have been hitherto publish'd; and perhaps, a larger than is requilite, in regard, that the Relations which are deliver d concerning it, must needs be uncertain and doubtful: For this Country is not only fituated at the farthest Distance from Europe, but the Passages are also very much obstructed both by Sea and Land, and it is inhabited altogether by a barbarous Nation: So that it is scarce possible for the Europeans to maintain Traffick, or correspondence with the Tartars, and consequently very difficult to get any faithful Narratives, or authentick Records relating to the Nature and Constitution of those Parts: And indeed, my Opinion was very much confirm'd, when the Honourable Paul Voet van Winssen Secretary to the States of the Province of Utrecht, (according to his fingular Courtefic, and earnest Defire to promote Learning) did lately vouchsafe to bestow on me, the Copy of a large Map, wherein the Eastern Part of Europe, and the Northern of Asia, lying between Nova Zembla and the Empire of China, are most elegantly and accurately described: This Map was composed by M. Nicholas Witfen, (who was sometime Burgher-master of Amsterdam, and at several times perform'd the Office of an Ambassadour from the States of Holland) out of molt faithful Ralations that he had collected with admirable Diligence during the space of above twenty Years, and having digelled them into Order, caus'd them to be engrav'd for his own Use about five Years agoe. For all the Maps of Tartary that have been hitherto publish'd, do not agree with it, almost in any one Particular, and scarce retain any Thing, but the meer Names of Places.

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CHAP. XII. The Empire of CHINA, and the Land of Jeffo.



BEFORE we proceed to the Description of China, it will not be improper to premise formewhat concerning the Land of Fesso and some others that lye near it. The Land of Fesso. Land of Jeffo. ome others that lye near it. The Land of Jesso, Tesso, or Tesso, is situated over against the Eastern Part of Tartary, and separated from it, by a considerable Straight of the same Name: The Sea-cousts of this Country were discovered on the West, East, and more especially on the South, by the Höllanders and Portugues; but it does not sufficiently appear, Whether it be an Island, or a Continent: Some Authors are inclined to believe. That it extends it self-almost clin'd to believe. That it extends it felf almost to America, and that it is only divided from that Continent by the Straight of Anian: But this Opinion is not follow d in the Diatch Maps;

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fince a valt space is left therein; between the Land of Jesso and America: Others suppose this Land to be joyn'd by a sixtall Librara, to Japan, on the North; or else to be parted from that Island; by the Straight of Sungar, or Zungar, about ten Miles wide: But it is otherwise gaar, about ten Miles wide: But it is otherwise express din the Dutch Maps, according to which, a Straight of almost two Degrees lies between the Northern Part of Japan, and the Southern of the Land of Jeffo: However, M. Tavernier affures us, That it is subject to the Jurissicion of the Japoneses, who are supply d from thence with Furrs of a great Value: And inhabited by a Rude and Savage People who are cloathed with Skins of Wild-Beats, and can give no account of the Country. Not

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Not far from the Land of Feffe, on the East, The appears Staten Eylant, or the States-Island, and a Stateslittle beyond that, more Ealtward, the Company's Island Land; the Straight de Uries, lying between both: These Coasts were discovered by the Hollanders, but it is not as yet known how far the latter and the Company's Land. reaches towards the East.

II. China. Having pass'd through Tartary we enter China, the most Eastern Region of Asia: A Country that was little known to us Europeans before the last Age; for Tartary on the one fide, India and the Mogul's Empire on the other, so that it up, that till Trade invited the Portugueses and others to navigate the Eastern Ocean, and re-turning gave account of a most Flourithing and Polite Nation, we knew little of it. But the first Travellers thither were either very unskilful in making Observations, or else so affected to tell strange Stories, that their Relations were more like Romances than real Historys: So that till the Zeal of the Romish Church sturd up its Missionaries to Preach the Christian Fauth there; we were still ignorant of the true State of that Empire.

Among the great Number of Jesuits and other Priest that since the Year 1580 have travell'd thither, some have publish'd their Observations; whereof Father Martins's Atlas Sinensis, is the most compleat, and Father Magaillans's and le Compte's the Latest. These therefore we have chosen to sollow in the following Description: And from Magaillans especially (who corrects Martini in some particulars) we shall give a summary Account of the State of China, and the Genius and Manners of the People: Father Magaillans was resident in China no less than 37 years, viz. from 1640 to 1677; and being a Man of Judgment and Curiolity, inform'd himself of all particulars worthy notice; which he put in writing, and undoubtedly intended to publish if it had pleased God to perinit his Return; but though he died there, his Papers were brought to Rome by Father Conplet, and by command of Cardinal D' Estrees, Tranflated from Portuguese into French, by a very ingenious Gentleman, who has added many pertinent Annotations, and render'd the whole a very accurate and judicious Account of that Country. As for le Compte's Observations, they serve to corroborate the former Relations, and inform tis of many minute Matters not mention'd by

others. Name.

CHINA has at several times born several-Names, for when a Prince of a New Family aftends the Throne, he alters the Name of the Country; and there having been 22 Families of these Princes, its probable to often it has chang'd its Name: Those Names were all Characteristick, being the word Kingdom with some pompous adjunct; as for Example, under the late Family twas call'd *Tai mim que*, i. e. a Kingdom of Great Brightness; and under this Family *Tai cim* que, a Kingdom of Purity; or otherwise Xam que, High and Sovereign Kingdom; and again Ching que, Kingdom of the Centre, for they believe it teated in the middle of the Earth. The Indians call it Chin from a Family that once Govern'd; from whom the Portuguele receiv'd that Name, and adding an a convey'd it to the rest of Eu-

This Empire is feated in the Eastern Part of Situati Assa, having Tartary on the North and N. West; on:
The Mogal's Empire and India extra Gangem on
the West: Tunquin and the Indian Sea which
flows between the Chinese Coast and the Philippine Islands on the South: And the Chinese Sea that runs between it and Fapon on the East: It is a very large Country extending from the 21 Deg. of Northern Latitude to the 41 Degree: But if the Island Haynan which lies on the South of the Province of Quantum be included, 3 Degrees more mult be added, and so according to Magaillans it must be reckon'd from the 18th. to the 41. Deg. and as he tells us from the Chinefe Books the length is 5750 Chinefe Furlongs, which makes 1380 Miles. Le Compte reckons it but 450 French Leagues, excluding Haynan: But agrees with the Maps in the Situation of Quamcheu and Pekin, from which he takes his calculation, and fo the difference is not much: But in its Breadth he is mistaken, for he supposes the Kingdom to be of a circular Form, and fo gives it near the fame extent that way; whereas it is rather oval, and according to Magaillans but 1020 Miles Broad, from Nimpo in the East to the utmost Frontier of Suchen in the West.

The old Maps were guilty of a gross millake in the Situation of China; for Father le Compte affures us, that by exact Observation 'tis found to be 500 Leagues nearer to Europe than they plac'd it: Another Correction he gives which is considerable, viz. that the Province of Leastum is without the Wall, and not included, as the for-

mer Maps us'd to make it.

The Climate of China by reason of its extent climate must needs be different in feveral Parts, but in general it is Temperate; for though the Southern Part Iye under the Tropick, yet the cold Winds that blow over the large Continent of Tortagy render the Winters very cold; and le Compte tells us in the Account of his Journey from Nimpo to Pekim, that the Frost was very severe in January and February, so as to oblige him to lie by till the Ice could be broken for his Passage: And Martini says, the Winters are severely cold for

three or four Months. The SOIL produces plenty of Rice, Wheat, Soil. Oats, and other Grain, Passure, Cotton, Wax of a peculiar fort proceeding from a Tree, whereof Father Magaillans gives a particular account, p. 140. and Tallow of the fame kind, which le Compte describes p. 99. and says the kernel of a Fruit has all the properties of Tallow: Here are also Mines of Gold and Silver, but never wrought: Plenty of Cattle, Fish, Fowl, Fruit; of most of the kinds seen in Europe, besides many others not found here: For Game they have Bears, Wild-Boars, Deer, and many others, whose Furr is a good Commodity: They have Silk alfo in vast quantity, so as to afford a great exportation, besides Cloathing of all kinds, to the Natives: And the Earth whereof Porcelane or China-Ware is made, affords them a notable Manufacture.

The Land is fo admirably cultivated that not only the Valleys are made as Level as a Bowling-Green, but even the Mountains are cut into large Steps; and artificial Plains cut out of the fides of Hills; which are like Terraffes one above another, and made as Fertil as the Valleys: In o-

ther Parts as Xenfi, Honai, Quantum and Fokien; where the Mould is not to deep, the Mountains bear large Forets of tall strait Trees, which by means of the Rivers they convey in vast Floats all over the Empire: Some of their Mountains appear in odd shapes, as one represents they say their Idol Foe, another a Drugon, another a Cock, &c. and to some of these Mountains they

make Religious Pilgrimages.

The RIVERS and artificial Canals of China are very many, and very commodious, both for watering the Land and carriage of Goods: the most considerable whereof are the Kiam or the Blew-River, and the Hoambo or Yellow-River; the Kiam rifes in the Province of Yunnan near the Frontiers of the Mogul, and runs quite cross the Empire from Well to East, passing through Suchuen, Huquam and Namkim, and falls into the Sea 30 Leagues below Kiamnin, and over against the Illand Cammin, having made a Course of above 1000 Miles: This River is very deep, even so as not to be fathom'd, and very broad; but its passage somewhat dangerous, and its Course very Rapid. The Hoanbo or Xellow River hath its Rife in the Mountains on the West side of the Province of Suchen, runs along the Frontiers of Tartary Northward, flows along by the great Wall, and then enters China, and runs Southward between the Provinces of Xensi and Xansi; then turns Eastward, and passes through Honan, part of Xantum, and through Nankim; and after a Course of 600 Leagues falls into the Sea about 30 Leagues North from the Mouth of Kiam: The Grand Canal may deferve the Name of a confiderable River, for le Compte tells us it runs quite the length of the Empire, from Pekin to Canton: And Magaillans fays 'tis 3500 Chinese Furlongs (which answers to 840 Miles of 60 to a Degree) in length, and furnished with 72 Locks or Sluces to retain the Water: This was a Work of vall Expence, Art and Labour, and perform'd by one of the Emperors about 400 Years ago. A multi-tude of other Rivers and Canals are found here, with Caufeys and Bridges fuited to the utinoft con-venience and facility of Travelling. Alto a num-ber of Lakes and Hot Fountains, whose Waters have many peculiar Virtues, fet down by le Compte, but too long for us to repeat.

The INHABITANTS are wonderfully

The INHABITANTS are wonderfully Ingenious and Industrious, as appears by the curious wrought Silks, Cabinets, Porcellain, and other Manufactures, daily brought to Europe; by the admirable cultivation of their Land; and by the many publick Works of valt Labour; as the the Grand Canal above mentiond, the Great Wall (whereof more hereafter) the stately Bridges, vast Sluces in the Canal, the convenient Caufeys on its Banks, the many publick Inns, &c. And although they had no Converse with Europe or other parts of the World, yet they have for many Ages had the use of the Mariner's Compass, Gunpowder and Printing; are Masters of all Sciences (though not to the Perfection that we are) and profess the most exact Morality; which was taught by the Philotopher Confucius above 350 Years before Christ, and his Precepts are still in the highest Esteem; But on the other hand it must be sail, that they are exceeding Proud, esteeming then silves the peculiar People of the World for Wisdom and Vertue; they are withal (notwith-

standing their Professions of Morality) very mach addicting to Cheating; and exceeding Covetous.

The LANGUAGE of China 18 peculiar to that Nation, as being different from all others in every respect: The Radical Words are but 333 in number, every one of which is divertified in its Signification five feveral Ways by Accent, and as these are all Monofyllables, they are not only variously joined and made Compounds innumerable, but by the Pronunciation also varies so largely, that this is reputed the most copious Language in the World i In their Writing they begin at the top of the Paper and go to the bottom in Colums, and make not use of an Alphabet of 24 Letters as we do, but use a vast number of Hieroglyphical Characters, even 54429, fays Magaillans, which makes the writing their Language extream dishcult to learn; and the nicety of Pronunciation makes it as difficult to Strangers to speak, for with a wrong Accent a Word fignifies directly contary to what you intend: But though Reading and Writing be difficult, it is univerfally learnt, and the meanell People among them teach it to their Children.

The RELIGION of China is Groß Idolatry; their God Fobe, and a multitude of other Idols, are daily Sacrificed and Prayed to, and abundance of foolish Legends are part of their Religion: Christianity begins of late to have some Footing, but the Jestines have been so complainant to the Chinese that it is made too much like their

own Religiona

The GOVERNMENT is the most regular in the World; for though the Emperor be absolute; Tribunals and Magistrates are establish'd in most exact and regular manner for performance of all the Offices of Government. At Pekim the King with his Grand Council of State, compose the Supream Tribunal of the Empire: Under that are fix other Superior Tribunals for Civil, and five for Military Affairs held in the same City: The particular Business of each Tribunal is thus; The first have the Care of furnithing the Empire with Persons of Merit and Capacity fit for Government, to which purpole they examine those that are to be made Manda-rins, inform the King of the Vertues and Defeets of every one before he be preferred to any Polt in the Government; take Cognizance of the Conduct and Behaviour of the Mandarins that are employ'd; enquire into the Merits of the Petty-Kings, Dukes, Princes of the Blood and other Great Lords: This Tribunal allo Seals all judicial Acts. The fecond Superior Tribunal has the Care of the Finance, inpervifing the Trea-fure, Receipts, Expences, Revenues and Tributes of the King, and pay the Annual Pentions to the Petty-Kings, Or. This Tribunal alfo keeps the Roll which is made every Year, of all the Families, Men, Measure of Land, and Duties payable to the King. The third Superior Tribunal has the overlight of Rites and Ceremonies, Arts and Sciences. The fourth has the ordering of West and Military. After a give out Committee. War and Military Affairs, give out Commillions in the Army and Fleet, order the Levys, replenish the Magazines, and keep the Garifons in repair. The fifth Superior Tribunal is the Court for trying all Criminal Causes brought hither by Appeals

Appeals from fubordinate Courts. And the fixth has the Care of the publick Works, fuch as building and repairing the Kings Palaces, the Temples, Sepulchres, the Palaces of the Inferior Tribunals all over the Empire, the Towers, Bridges, Sluces, Dams, High-ways, &c. Every one of these Tribunals is composed of a large Number of Mandarins, and divided into feveral Chambers or Committees for the better dispatch of Business. The five Military Tribunals govern the Army: The first the Rere-Guard, the second the Left Wing, the third the Right Wing, the fourth the main Battle, and the fifth the Van-

Subordinate to these Tribunals, there are Viceroys in Provinces, Governors and Judges in Cities, and finaller Officers in Towns; for differing Justice to the People, and maintaining the publick Peace: And sovery well contrived is the Government of China, that if the Mandarins and Courtiers were not the most Covetous in the World, whereby Offices and Justice are con-stantly bought and fold; the People of this Country would be the happiest on the Earth.

The Emperor appears in the greatest magnifi-cence that can be imagined, his Palace at Pekim is fix Miles in circumference; 'tis true it comprehends the Courts for the Tribunals, but the Royal Apartment alone, is not less than a Mile and half long, and three quarters of a Mile broad; wherein are many noble Halls and Chambers magnificently adorn'd; and Gardens, Canals, Parks, &c. And at the times that the King makes his appearance, which is four times a Month, he is attended by four or five thousand Petty-Kings, Noblemen and Mandarins to make their Court: And when he goes abroad, his Attendants are fo numerous that they would compose a good Ar-my; Magaillans sets down the Order of the Emperor's Procession when he goes out of the Palace to offer Sacrifice, or perform any publick Duty, wherein the Attendants amount to at least 8000 Men, 4 Elephants and several Hundreds of Horse; when he goes abroad, which is ufually to the Province of Leaotum or Tartary, a Hunting, a vast Army always attends him.

The HISTORY of China is very Ancient, the Fabulous Legends make it many thousand Years before the Creation; but those Histories that may be credited, begin within two or three hundred Years after the Flood, and shew a Succession of Monarchs to this time; but the Family of the Kings have been often chang'd, viz. 22 times; and when a Prince of a New Family afcends the Throne (which has happen'd either through Conquelt, Misgovernment, or the like) he cuts off all the Nobility and Creatures of his Predecellor, by which means there is no very ancient Family in China, except that of Confucius, whole Merits have made his Posterity be Reverenc'd for above 2000 Years. In our Age has happen'd fuch a Change, for in the Year 1645, the Eaftern Tar-tars by the help of some rebellious Chinese, in-vaded China with such expeditious Success that they surprized the Emperor Zunchin in his very Palace; who, poor Prince, being deserted by all, retired into his Garden, and made away with himself and Children, which gave way to Xunchi the Tartar to mount the Throne: This must neseffarily have caus'd some alteration in the Go-

vernment; but the methods of it were fo regular and well established, that the Tartar permitted it to remain, and made so little change, that except that Pekim is possessed by Tartars, and that Nation guards the Fortresles, China is just as it was under the former Princes.

For the better flewing the Strength and Populoufness of this Kingdom, we will set down the number of Cities, Fortresses, &c. as we find them in Father Magaillans's History of China, which he took out of a Book compos'd by a Learned Mandarin for the use of the Government. But first of the Great Wall, which is indeed a most stupendi-Wall of ous Work. It is many Yards thick, and exceeding China. high; built of Brick cemented by so good Mortar, that though it be 1800 Years old it is not at all decayed: It was built by the Emperor Chihohamti against the Incursions of the Tartars; and begins at Cancheu in Xensi in the West, and is carryed on over Mountains as well as Valleys, to the Cang-Sea, between the two Provinces Pekim and Leaotum in the East; 405 Portuguese Leagues in length, without accounting for Turnings, fays Magaillans; or 500 Leagues, allowing for the Windings, fays le Compte; it is all along fortifi-Windings, lays le Comple; it is all along fortunded with itrong Towers at reasonable diltance, to the number of 3000, and in the time of the Chinese Monarchs, a Million of Soldiers were maintained for its Guard. The number of Wall'd Number Towns in China are 4402, divived into the Orders Number of Civil and Military: The Civil are 2045, whereof of the first Rank 175, of the second Rank 270, of the third Rank 1600. The Military Civics are 2300, whereof Fortresses of the tary Cities are 2350, whereof Fortrefles of the first Rank 629, of the second 560, of the third 311, of the sourch 300, of the fifth 150, of the lixth 100, and of the seventh Degree 300; these last are small Forts in the Fields near the Frontiers of Tartary, and on the Mountains, against Thieves and Robbers, in Xansi and Xensi especially, where the very Soldiers are apt to Pillage: Le Compte says there are 1000 Fortresses of the hift Rank, but that the rest are not considerable; the fortified Towns (except on the Frontiers of Tartary) being ffronger than others only in Situation and Garison. Note, in this Account many Ci-ties are included that pay no Tribute to the Emperor, but are Governed by their own Lords, or Petty-Kings, whereof here are 32 that are independent of the Court, except in Homage, &c.
The number of Families in the Kingdom (exclu-families. ding Soldiers, Women, Children, and all that don't pay Taxes) is reckon'd 11502872, and don't pay Takes 1 is record 11022/2, and including the Army and others the Number of Males is 59788364. The Army conflits of People 902054 to guard the Frontiers, with 959167 Horand Arics always ready for auxiliary Forces; and my. 767970 Men in Garisons, but the greater part of these have other Occupations, and though listed as Soldiers, exercise their respective Trades: Other Horses maintain'd by the King for his Troops, or for Posts and Messengers on publick Occasions, 564900; publick Inns or Places of Entertainment for the Mandarins and others that Travel on the King's account, conveniently feated all over the Empire 1145; large Barks conflantly employ'd in bringing Provitions, Silks and Necellaries from the Southern Provinces to the Court at Pekim 9999; they will not add another because this makes a greater found than ten thousand would.

There are 331 famous Bridges over the Rivers; not much inferior to that I have tpoken of, fays my Author, and that he tells us is built of White Marble 300 Geometrical Paces long and 8 broad, supported by 13 Arches, exceeding well wrough with 140 Marble Pillars upon it, whose interffices are fill'd with Tables of Marble and ferve as a Rail; feveral other Ornaments to it of Marble Carvings he describes, too long here to mention; not far from this Bridge there is another of 25 Arches, of admirable structure allo: Both there are in the Province of Pekim, and the former of them which had flood 2000 Years, was broke down in the Year 1668 by an Inun-The fame Author tells us there are 272 mulbick Librarys; a vaft number of Doctors and Men of Learning; 350000 Bonzi's or Prietts; and 3036 Men and 208 Women remember'd in their Calendar as Heros or Saints.

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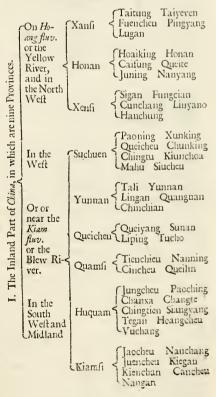
And laftly, to give our Reader a full Idea of the Opulency of *China*, we will fet down a short Description of its Metropolis, the City of *PE*-Descript. KIM; a Place of that Extent and Populoufness that the French Missionaries acknowledge it much exceeds Paris: It is the most regular built that can be imagined, being an exact Square; and the Streets in exact Parallel Lines from South to North, and fo crofs ways; the Emperor's Court stands in the middle, and is an oblong Square of two Miles Long and above a Mile Broad: The whole City besides the Suburbs and the Chinefe City, is a League Square or twelve Miles about, furrounded with very thick and high Walls, befet with Towers at finall distances, and entrench'd with a very broad and deep dry Ditch: The Gates are nine in number, three on the South, and two on each of the other fides; and are very large, high and magnificent Structures, appearing like Caftles: At each Gate there is a Suburb, and on the South fide another large City of a Mile and half Square: This latt is the Chinese Town, and the other the Tartar: For since those Monarchs have possess d the Throne, the Chinese have been forced to quit the City to the Tartars: The Chinese City joins in a manner, on the North side to the Tartar City, and on the other fides, especially on the Welt, it has large Suburbs: It is surrounded with Walls and has seven Gates: The Streets here also lie in Parallel Lines quite cross the City both ways: So that upon the whole, comprehending the two Cities and many Suburbs, *Pekim* may be reckon'd at least 25 Miles in Compass: The Houses in both Cities are low, but well built of Brick, and cover'd with glaz'd Tiles, which glitter with the Sun: and though the furniture be ordinary, they are generally neat enough: The Streets are fill'd with Shops, and all Necessaries are every where with shops, and all Neceitaires are every where to be bought; the only Inconvenience is, that they are not pav'd, which makes them very dirty in the Winter, and dufty in the Summer: The Croud of People continually passing to and fro is so great that the Mandarins and Great Men have ordinarily a Servant riding before to make ways. Father to Counter indees the symplemake way: Father le Compte judges the number of Inhabitants are two Millions. This is not at all incredible if we confider that this being the Scat of the Court and Supream Tribunals which Govern this vaft Empire, it must needs be conti-

Eually fill'd with Officers and other Attendants

on the Courts, Affairs of State, Law or other Business. But that which is more surprizing is that Namkim, Hamchen and many other Cities are very near as large and populous as this: And that, as Father le Compte expresses it, one is hardly out of a City which one would think the largeft in the Kingdom, but you are immediately in another as large; to numerous and populous are the Cities of China.

But enough in general, let us proceed to the particular Description of China, which is divided into fifteen Provinces, viz. Xanli, Hman, Xenfi, Su-Quanting or Junian, Quencheu, Quangli or Quantin, Huguang or Huguan, Kiangli or Kramh, Quanting or Quanting, Chekiang, Nanking or Nankin, Xantung or Xantun and Peking; to which are added Leaguing and the Peninstrua of Cases, which we also dead and a second and the Peninstrua of Cases, which we also dead and a second and the Peninstrua of Cases, which we also dead a second and the Peninstrua of Cases, which we also dead a second and the Peninstrua of Cases, which we also dead a second a second and the Peninstrua of Cases, which we also dead a second a seco Corea, which are indeed compris'd within the Dominions of China; but not reckon'd among its Provinces: Thefe fifteen large Provinces are ufually divided into the Northern and Southern; but we shall distinguish them, together with Leastung and Corea into the Inland and Ma-ritim, of which the first nine shall be immediately describ'd, and afterwards the other eight, in their Order.

The Provinces and chiefest Cities.



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Honan.

(Xaocheu Liencheu Quan-Quancheu Hoeicheu tum Caocheu On the II. The maritim Part of China, containing eight Provinces. Sea of China Tingcheu Xaouu Fokien Yenping Changcheu In the South Focheu East Chucheu Cuencheu Chekiam Kieucheu Niencheu Hangcheu Hucheu Ganking Hoeichen Chicheu Nanking Nanking Yangcheu Hoaignan Chucheu Lucheu Fungiang Sinchen Xantum {Tunchang Cingcheu Laicheu Cinan On the Chinting Pao-Gulph of Paoting Nanking In the Pekin Peking, the Metropolis East and of the Empire of North-China East, Leaotung Ningyve Kinchen Leaoyang Pingan Sior Confio Chentio Sagfian **L**Corea Moggan, or Moczo, in the inland of Quelpart

The principal Rivers of Hoang, or the Saffron-China, that run into the Kiang, or the Blem Gulph of Nanking River.

The three first of the Inland Provinces, viz. Xansi, Honan, and Xensi, lie out towards the North, near the River Hoambo, Hoang, or the Yellow River; and the other fix, towards the South, near,

or about the River Kiang, or the Blew River.

The Province of Xanfi is fituated near the Wall of China, in the middle, between Xensi, on the West; and Peking, on the East; was the first inhabited by the Chineses, and is mountainous and of a small Extent: But the Air is healthful, and the Soil very rich, bringing forth abundance of the best fort of Grapes. The chief Towns of this Province are Taiting; Taiyeven, the Metropolis; Fuencheu; Pingyang; and Lugan: which five Cities are the Capitals of fo many Parts this Province is divided into, besides which there are 80 other principal Cities in its Limits.

The Province of Honan lies on both sides the River Hoang, and (according to the Opinion of the Inhabitants) in the Centre of the Terrellrial Globe; abounding with Rivulets and all man-ner of Delights, the Air being very Temperate, and the Soil exceeding fruitful: Infomuch that it is reputed a kind of Paradife by the Chineses, and upon that Account it was heretofore chosen at feveral times, for the Seat of the Imperial Court : It is divided into nine Parts, whose chief

Towns are Hoaiking; Honan; Caifung, the Capital City; Changto; Queite; Guiboei; Juning; and Nanyang; a hundred more principal Cities fland in this Province.

The Frontiers of *Honsin* reach on the West, Xensito the Province of *Xensi*, which is separated from *Xansi* by the River *Hoang*, and contains the most Western and Southern Parts of the Wall of China; bordering on the West, upon the Tartarian Kingdom of Thibet, and abounding with Rivers, among which some are impregnated with Gold: Nevertheless it is often destitute of Rain, and much infested with Locusts; but otherwise the Country is very fruitful. The Metropolis of this Province is Sigan, a City of three Leagues Circumference, furrounded with Walls, Ditches and Bulwarks; and guarded by a large Garifon whereof the greater Part are Tartars: The other noted Towns are Fungcian; Cunchang; Linyano; and Hanchung: Pingleang: Kingyang: And Sengan: These are Capitals of particular Divisions of the Province; which contains 170 other Cities.

Among the other fix Inland Provinces, fituated

near or about the River Kiang, the first in Order, is Suchuen, near the Spring-head of the fame River; Suchuen where nothing is wanting that is requisite either for the support of Human Life, or for extraordinary Delights. The Country is partly Mountainous and partly Champain, producing good flore of Silk, China roots and Rhubarb: It is divided into eight Parts denominated from these Cities Paoning; Queicheu; Xunking; Chunking; Chingtu the Metropolis; Kiunchoa; Mahu; and Sieuchen: 140 other Cities are in this Province. On the South of this Province appears that of Junnang or Yunnan, divided into Junnang, twelve Parts, whose chief Cities are, Tunnan the or Yun-Capital of the whole Province; Lingan; Chinchi-nan. an; Chivag; Quanfi; Juenkiam; Chinyuen; Xun-nim; Mumhoa; Tali; Chimien; Jummim: This Province is one of the richeft, being stored with the belt Metals, precious Stones, Musk and Silk;

and hath feventy five other Cities.

On the East of *Tunnan*, lies *Queicheu*, at a lit-queitle distance Eastward from the River Kiang; a cheu. hilly Country, with verdant Valleys, abounding with Quick-Silver, and affording Paffure to numerous Herds of Cattel, more especially Horses: It is divided into eight Parts, whose chief Cities are Queiyang, the Capital of the Province; Tucho: Sintien: Chinyuen: Xecien: Sunan: Tumging and

Liping: And has 70 other Cities.

On the South of Queicheu, lies Quangli, or quangfi. Quamfi; one of the least Provinces, and most remote from the River Kiang, containing e-leven Parts denominated from these Cities, viz. Tiencheu: Chingan: Taipim: Nanning: Cinchen: Guchen: Pimlo: Lieuchen: Queilin, the Capital Town of the whole Province; Kimyuen: And Sumim: Eighty seven other Cities of Note are in this Province; whose Southern Part borders upon Tonquin and is subject to that King.

Huquang, or Huguam far exceeds the two last Hu-Provinces in largeness, and is situated between quang. Quangs, on the South, and Honan, on the North:
The River Kiang runs from Well to East, through this Province, which is also water'd by several other Rivulets that are here receiv'd into that Channel: So that the whole Country every where abounds with Fith, and brings forth such great

quantities

quantities of Rice, and other forts of Grain, as might be fufficient to fupply the whole Empire of China: It is divided into fifteen Parts, the Capital Cities whereof are Jumcheu: Hemcheu: Pa-okim: Chamoca: Ximeheu: Champte on the Lake Tunting: Yochen: Vucham on the River Kiam the Metropolis of the Province: Hanyam on the fame River: as is, also Kimchen: Chimtien: Hoamchen: Tegam: Siamyam and Chinyam: Besides which there are 85 other confiderable Cities in this Province.

On the South East of Huquang lies the Protiangfi. vince of Kiangsi, or Kiamsi, the lixth or last of the Inland Provinces, which take place, on or near the River Kiang: This Country is mountainous, towards the South, and the Inhabitants of the Valleys are very much inclin'd to Rocberies and Rapine: In the Mountains, are many rich Mines of the best fort of Metals, viz. Gold, Silver, Lead, Iron and Tin. The other Parts of the Province are well cultivated, fertile and pleafant, and the Women are more especially famous for their Fruitfulness. Moreover the finest Porcelain in the whole Empire of China, is made in a Village of this Province, call'd Sincktelimo, which is attributed to a peculiar Quality of the Waters there abouts. The Cities which give name to its thirteen Parts are Nancham the Capital of the whole Province, feated on the Well fide the Lake Poion, and near the Grand Chanal: Faochess over against it on the East side the same Lake, famous for the great quantities of Porcelain inade there: Nankam: And Kieakiam North of the same Lake, between it and the River Kiam: Kuicheu: Linkiam: Quanilim: Vucheu: Ki-encham: Juncheu: Kiegan: Cancheu: And Nan-gan: Fifty two principal Cities stand in this Province.

Having thus pass'd through the nine Inland-Provinces of this famous Empire, we come to View the other fix, together with Leaving and Corea, all ittuated on the Sea-coufts: Three of these Provinces, viz. Quarting, Folian and Chekiang, appear on the South, and their Coasts are wash'd by the Sea of China.

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ning.

Quantung, or Quantum extends it felf more towards the South and West, between the Kingdom of Tongain on the West, the Province of Quanto on the North-West, and the Province of Fokien on the East, being on the Land side almost furrounded by high Mountains, which part it from Kiangf, Huquang and Quangf: The Situation of this Province on the Sea-coasts renders it convenient for Navigation; fo that it is enrich'd by Traffick: The Air even in the midft of Winter, is very temperate and mild: The Country, which is partly Champaign and partly hilly, brings forth plentiful Crops of Corn, with feveral forts of Fruits, more especially, Grapes, Pears, Nuts, Chefnuts, Pomegranates and Oranges; neither is there any want of precious Stones, Metals, Salt-peter and Silk. The Cities that give name to its ten Parts are Xaochen: Chaokim: Lienchen: Canton, or Quanches the Metropolis, on the Mouth of the River Lancang, which makes a very good Haven, and renders the City a place of confiderable Trade: Heichen and Caochen: Nanhium: Chaokin::Luichen: and Lieuchen: Seventy other eminent Cities are in this Province, and on the Southern Coast, in the Bay of Quantum lies the small

Island on which stands Macan formerly a not 1ble Portuguese Factory, before the Dutch disturb'd their Trade; they have still a Fortres, in it with a finall Garison; but the Place is not strong, and only confiderable for being a good Road for

Fokien, is furrounded with the Provinces of Fokien. Quantung, Kiangli and Chekiang, except on the South-Eaft, where it opens to the Sea: This Province abounds with Mountains, Hills befet with Trees, Springs, most clear Rivulets and Rice: It is also very fit for Navigation, and the clief Towns of the eight Parts it confilts of are Tingeken; Xaoun; Yenping; Cieuncheu; Temcheu; Himbou; Kienum; Chamcheu and Focheu the Capital; and 52 others. On the South-East Coalt, off of the Bay of Camehen, lies the Mand Quemoy, or as le Compte names it Emoni, which makes a very good Haven for Shipping.

Chekiang, or Chekiam, lies next to Fokien on the Cheki-North, and enjoys a temperate Air; being chief-am-ly eminent for its most delightful Plains, Hills, Valleys, Springs, Brooks, Woods and fo many Mulberrytrees, that there is the greatest Plenty imaginable of Silk-worms, and the best fort of Silk. The Province confits of eleven Parts, whose chief Cities are Guenchea, or Vencheu; Chucheu; Kiucheu; Niencheu; Kiuchin; Hameheu; the Capital, a City of four Leagues Circumference, one of the richelt, largest and most populous in the Empire; it stands upon a River, which 20 Leagues below falls into the Sea, and has many commodious Canals in the Streets: This Place emoys a great Trade, and is as full of People as the best of our European Cities: Huchen; Faichen; Kinhoa; Xa chim; and Nimpo, a Port Town with a very good Trade.

The Northern maritim Provinces of China offer

themselves next to our View, viz Nanking, Xantung and Peking, with Leastung and Corea; the spacious Gulph of Nanking, otherwise call'd The Gulph of Gang, lying between them. At the Mouth, and on the Western Coatls of this Gulph, appears Nanking, or Nankim, or as it is otherwise Nan-call'd by the Tartars Kimmin, one of the princi-king, pal Provinces of these Dominions; the Southern Borders of which is mountainous, but the other Parts contain a molt fruitful Champain Country, abounding with Silk, and flourishing by the means of Traffick and Navigation: It is water'd with the two chief Rivers of China, ciz. those of Kiang and Hoang, and its mest remarkable Towns are, Hoeichen having under its Juriclicking the management Traffic when the rifdiction the mountainous Tracts, where that kind of chalky Clay which is proper for the Porcellanc, or China-wate, is digg'd in vast quantities, and transported into the neighbouring Province of Kiangfi, for the fine Difhes, Cups and other Veffels there made as already mention'd. Gen-king, on the River King, Chicken, or Thicken; on the fame River: Nankin: Taipim: Nangking, o-therwife call'd Nankim and Kiannim, the Metropolis of this Province, where the Emperors here? topons of this Province, where the Emperors nere-tofore kept their Court; is feated in a fruitful Plain on the South Bank of the River Khan in the Latitude of 33 D. it was in its ancient State the largest City in China, being 16 Leagues in Circumference: And though it was laid wast by the Tartars is a most slavelying appropriate and the Tartars, is a most slourishing populous and wealthy City, near as large as Pekim; adorn'd H

with many publick Buildings, as the Temple of Gratitude, The China Tower, The Royal Obser-vatory, Cc. The Haven which is the Mouth of the River Kiam is not now frequented; but the City however enjoys a great Trade, the Shops being a-bundantly furnished with valuable Commodities. The other Cities that give name to its fourteen Parts are Yamcheu: Lucheu: Fumyam: Hoaigan: Taicheu: Chenkiam: Chamcheu: and Siecheu: a hundred other Cities and confiderable large Towns are found in this Province.

Xan-tung. The Province of Xantung, or Xantum, lies next to that of Nanking, and its Sea-coasts are wash'd on the East and North, by the Gulph of Nanking: The Air here is somewhat sharp, and the Country is sometimes infelted with Locusts; Rain is also often wanting; nevertheless it affords good for of Pulse, Cattel, Fish, Silk, and all forts of Fruit. In this Province stands 114 Cities, the chief whereof, as giving Name to its fix Parts, are Tunchang: Cinan, the Capital of the whole Province: Tenchen: Cinchen: Laichen: and Tem-

Peking.

cheu. Peking, Pekin, or Pecheli, the chief Province of the Empire at present, in regard of its being the Seat of the Monarch: It is the most North Part of China within the Wall, lying at the Bottom of the Gulph or Bay of Nanking, otherwise call'd the Cang-Sea: Bounded on the Weil with Xanfi, on the South-East with Xantung, and on the South with Honan; the Country is Champaign, but somewhat barren, by reason of the great number of Gravel-Pits, and Sandy Plains: The Air is very healthful, and excessive cold, in Winter: This Province is divided into eight Parts, whose chief Cities are Taming; Quampin; Xunte; Chining; Pao-ting; Hokien; Junping; and PEKIM i.e, The Northern Royal Palace, otherwise call'd Xuntien, i. e. A Town Obedient to Heaven, the most famous Metropolis not only of this Province, but also of the whole Empire of China; the Imperial Seat being translated thither from Nanking, by the Emperor Tailungus A. D. 1404. It is feated in a Plain, near the Foot of the Mountains, in the Latitude 40 Degr. at the distance of 100 Miles to the South from the fo much celebrated Wall of China, and only 70 from the Gulph of Nan-king: It is encompass d with two high and strong Walls, of so great a Breadth, that twelve Horses may run a-breaft, on the top of them: These Walls are built of Brick, upon a Foundation of huge Stones, and they are faid to exceed in height those of the most considerable Places in Europe; a vast Garison is constantly maintain'd for their Defence; and the Guards as strictly kept in time of Peace as War. There are nine Gates, through which the Chineses continually pass from all Parts. All the Magistrates, Governors, learned Men, and fuch as are defirous to be advanced to Dignities, or Offices in the State, daily refort to Pekim in Crouds, and all manner of Rarities, Merchandises, and Treasures of the Indies are

transported thither; so that every Thing is cheap, notwithstanding the vast multitude of the Inhabitants. Several thousands of Royal Ships besides those of private Persons are continually employ'd in furnishing this Court with all forts of Provifions necessary for the support of Human Life. or for Pleasure: And the whole Work is perform'd with a great deal of ease, by the means of certain Rivers and Channels, which the Chinefes have every where made navigable; but not without vaft Expences and incredible Toils: Infornuch, that although this City stands in a barren and defart Country; yet it may well be ftyl'd The Cornucopia of China; which undoubtedly gave rife to an usual Proverb among them, That as nothing grows in Pekim, so neither is any thing wan-We have already in our general Account of China, spoken of Pekim particularly; to which we reter the Reader: There are 120 more Cities of Note in this Province.

Having thus describ'd the fifteen Provinces of China, both Inland and Maritim, it is requisite Leaoto give an Account of Leaotum and Corea, which tung. Leaotum likewise depend on the same Empire. is a very large, populous, and fruitful Province, fituated on the North fide of the innermost recess of the Gulph of Nanking, beyond the Wall of China, and in the middle between the Province of Peking, on the West; and Corea, on the East; with Mountains on the North which divide it from Tartary. The chief Places and Towns are Ninguen; and Leavyang the Capital; and Kin-

chen, on the Sea-coasts.

The Kingdom of Corea call'd Tiocencouk by the Inhabitants, is a Peninfula, or as the new Maps Corea there us an Island, bounded on the West, by the Province of Leasting and the Gulph of Nanking; on the East and South, by the Sea of China; and on the North, by Niuche, a Kingdom of Tartary: It is a very fruitful Country, where the Mountains produce Gold and Silver, the Marfhes Rice, and the Sea Pearls: The Inhabitants are govern'd by their own Prince, under the Protection of the Empire, and trade only with the Chineses and Japoneses. The most remarkable Towns of Corea, are Pingan; Kimki, the Metropolis of the Kingdom; Hienking; Kingzan, on the Eastern Coast; and Civento in the South. The Island of Fumma, call'd Schusere by the Natives is likewise subject to the Dominion of the King of Corea, being distant twelve Leagues from thence to the South; its Capital Town is Moggan, or Moczo, the Seat of the Governor.

Lastly, it ought to be observ'd, That the Islands of Formosa, Macao and Haynan, describ'd in the next Chapter, are likewife under the Juridiction of the Chinefes, and that the Kingdoms of Tonquin and Cochinchina, Parts of India beyond the River Ganges, are Tributary to them; nay, it is affirm'd by tome Authors, That the whole Continent of India was sometime subject to that Do-

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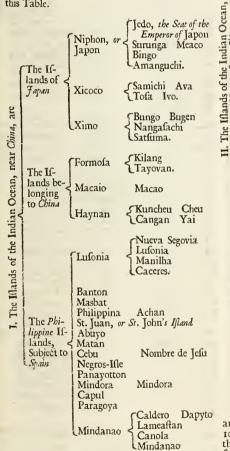
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CHAP. XIII.

The Islands of the Eastern Ocean over against China.

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chief of them. The Islands that lie over against
China, are either near that Continent, or very remote from it: Among the former fort, are the
Islands of Japan, and those of Formosa, Macao
and Haynan, under the Protection of the Chinefes; and the Philippine under the Spaniard; but
the Isles of Thieves and those of Molucea are seated at a great Distance. The Natures of the principal Islands with their chief Towns are seen in
this Table.



Desart Isle Malabrigo La Inglesa Mano Guana Northern' Cherosha The Ifles of Thievs Pagan Artomagan Guiga Cherega Sapan Guaban Matan Bataba Bacim Voliz Southern Pulo-Vilan Mariners-Islands (Isles of Rocks Tierra dos Papous distance from China, are Banda Guligien Banda-Gumanapi Islands Pulorin Puloway Amboyna. Amboyna Fort Victory Ceram Cumbello Cuma Gilolo **L**Gilolo Moratay Gamma-Ternata lamina Malayo The Molucca Isles Tidor Marieco The Real Motir Naslaw-Fort Molucca's Taffaso Machian Tabillota Bachian Bachian Ouby Xulla Bilato Bouro Terra Alta Ombo Timor Adonara Solor 5 Lusatia Flores Batuliar Bouton Solayo Macasser Bantachaia Tello Cion Celebes. Celebes

The Islands of Japan lie between the 31st II. and 40th Degrees of Northern Latitude, about The Island Leagues East from China; are bounded on lands of the Wett, by the Sea of China; separating them Japan, from China and Corea; on the North, by the Eastern Ocean, and the Straight of Sangaar, by which they are cut off from the Land of Jesso; and on the East and South, in like manner, by the Levantine Ocean: They are bese every where H 2 with

with Mountains; nevertheless produce all Things that are necessary for the support of Human Life, and more particularly the whitest fort of Rice: There is also good store of Gold, Silver, and other kinds of Metals, befides precious Stones, Pearls of the largest Size, and Coral. The Towns of these Islands are destitute of Walls, and the Buildings are generally made of Timber; fo that great Fires frequently happen among them. The Japoneses are reckon'd ingenious in Handicraft, just in Dealing, temperate, valiant and trusty, but at the same time addicted to Dissimulation and Cruelty, and are apt to lay violent Hands upon themselves; they are gross Idolaters, worshipping especially the Sun: In Writing they make use of the Chinese Characters, and are thought to be originally transplanted from that Nation: These Islands are subject to one Emperor. whose Power is most absolute, and among all the Nations of Christendom, the Hollanders only have liberty to trade in his Dominions; the Portugueses that relided there having been utterly destroy'd by the Inhabitants, about fourscore Years ago, when they attempted to introduce Christianity: But the Dutch by defpining the Pictures and Images of the Virgin May, and other Fopperies of the Portuguele; and as some say, delivering up their very Bibles to the Flames, perfuaded the Inhabitants, they were not Christians; and prevail'd upon them to permit them to

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Traffick there. Amongst the Islands of Japan, which are very Niphon numerous, three are more especially remarkable for their largeness, viz. Niphon, Xicoco and Ximo. Niphon, otherwise call'd Proper Japan; is by much the largest, being four times as big as Xicoco and Ximo taken together, and extends it felf above two hundred Miles from South-West to North-Eaft; its greatest Breadth contains above feventy Miles, its lealt Breadth about thirty, and its Compass takes up almost six hundred: The Coafts are full of Bays and Harbours all round. And in the Island is to be feen a Volcano like Mount Atna, and three Rivulets of Sulphur. The Island of Japan is at present divided into five Parts, which in passing from West to East, appear in the following Order, and bear these Names, (according to M. Tavernier) viz. Jamaisoit or Jamastero, Jetsen or Jetsengo, Jossegen, Quanto and Ochio: These Parts are again subdivided into 54 or 55 distinct Kingdoms, or Provinces. The Metropolis of Niphon is Jedo, a very populous City, three Miles long, and two broad, having been for fome Years, the Royal Seat of the Emperor of Japan. It is more especially famous for the most itately imperial Palace cover'd on all fides with Gold, and for the magnificent Apartments of the Nobility; but the Timber-Houses of the Citizens are not at all confiderable: This City was burnt down in the Year 1657. The other Towns of Note besides Jelo, are Surunga affording a Place of Residence to the Emperor's Son, from the fifteenth Year of his Age, till he takes Possession of the Throne. Meaco, formerly the Capital of Niphon, and of the whole Empire, but at present the Seat of the High-Priest of the Japoneses call'd Dayro, or Dairy, to whom the People, and even the Empire. the Emperor himfelf, shew an extreme Veneration: It is a very large and well frequented Mart-Town, adorn'd with a fine Imperial Pa-

lace, a most strong Castle and a most beau-tiful Imperial Garden; this City is so large that 'tis reported to contain 90000 Houses, but 'tis not to be suppos'd they are like ours, being here and all over the Indies low Hutts of one Story only. Succai, on the South Coaft, a stately City with a strong Castle. Ofacca, the Imperial City not far from it. Sajoja, extoll'd in the Dutch Embassy, as a most delightful Place. Piango: Amanguchi: Omvari: And Quano are other Cities

of Note in this Island.

The second Island of Japan of good Note, but xicca the least in Extent is Xicoco, otherwise call'd Xi- yie. kok, Tonsa and Tokoesy, situated to the South of the Western Part of Niphon, and to the East of Ximo, at no great Distance from both; its Length taking up 45 Miles, its Breadth 15, and its Compass 120: It comprehends four Kingdoms, or Provinces, and its chief Towns are Samichi or Samuqui; Ava or Ana; Tofa or Tonfa; and Ivo

or Hyo.

The third principal Island of Japan, but the Ximo fecond in Largeness, is Ximo, call'd also Bungo, Isle. Saykok and Cikoko; lying out farther towards the West and South for the space of 60 Miles in Length, almost thirty in Breadth, and 160 in Compass. Nine Kingdoms are attributed to this Island, and its most remarkable Towns are Bungo, Bugen, Nangasaki built by the Portuguese, but now posfefs d by the Dutch, and is their chief Factory for the Japan Trade. Congoxuma the place where the Portuguese first Landed.

After the Islands of Japan, follow those of Formofa, Macao and Haynan, which lie nearer China, The Ifand are subject to that Empire. The Island of lands of Formosa is divided by the Tropick of Cancer, and China. fituated over against the Province of China na-Formos med Fokien; part of which it fometime conflitu-ife, at the diffance of about 34 Leagues from the Continent: It is supposed in its largest Extent to take up 260 Miles in Length from North to South, but in Breadth not proportionate: The Air of this Island is healthful, and the Country is partly hilly and partly Champain, abounding with all forts of Necessaries for Life, choice Fruits, Rice, Venison and Fish; as also Sugar, Cinamon, Ginger and Coco-Nuts. And from its delightful State, the Name of Formosa, or Beautiful, was impos'd on it by the Spaniards, who were the first of the Europeans that discover dit: The Spaniards were expell'd by the English, who gave Place to the Hollanders, and these last were disposses of not without a great Slaughter, by Koxenga a Chinese Pirate: It is now inhabited by a great number of Chineses, and its most considerable Pla-ces are, Kilang, or Kelang, a Fort erected by the Spaniards, on a Hill near the Northern Coasts: And Tayovan a well fortified Town, built by the English, on the Western Coasts, over against a little Island, lying very near it, of the same Name, in which the Hollanders founded the Castle of Zeland.

Macao is a finall Island in the Bay of Quan-Macao tung, a Province of China, at a little distance from Ille. it; in which is a Town bearing the fame Name, heretofore the most famous and wealthy Mart of the Portugueses, and granted to them by the Chinefes; but its Reputation is now a great deal lefs: The Emperor of China (as we are inform'd by M. Bandrand) took this Town by Storm, A. D. 1668,

and still retains it in his Possession: It is observable. That the Sunday with the Portugueses of this Town is the Saturday with the Spaniards living in the *Philippine* Islands, and the Sunday of the latter, is the Monday of the former, and fo forward throughout all the Days of the Week; although there is scarce any difference in the Longitude of those Places: But these Portuguese coming from Europe, and passing on Eastward; and the other passing from America Westward; between them both they had encompass'd the Globe, in doing which, as we have faid in our Introduction; a Day will be lost in Computa-

Haynan, otherwise call'd Aynan and Ainam, is a large Island, lying in like manner over against Quanting, and farther towards the South-Weilt than Macao: Its Capital Towns are, Kunchen, Chen, Cangan and Yai.

Haynan

Islands.

The Philippine Islands took their Name from The Phi-Philip II. King of Spain, under whose Reign they lippine were taken Possession of by the Spaniards A.D. 1541, and 1546; although they were discover'd before in 1520, by the famous Ferdinand Magaillans, who was kill'd in one of them nam'd Cebu: They are otherwise call'd, The Manilla's and the Mands of Lucon, from the largest and prin-cipal Island; being seated in the Archipelago of St. Lazarus, in the middle between China on the North, and the Molucca Isles on the South, between the fifth and nineteenth Degrees of Northpetween the fith and inneteenth Degrees of Northern Latitude: The heat of the Air is here moderated by the length of the Nights, and the frequent Breezes of Wind: The Soil is very rich, producing good flore of Corn, Rice, excellent Grapes, Saffron, Sugar, Honey, Wax, Ginger, Pepper, Cinnamon, and other forts of Spice, befides Gold, Iron and Steel; and affording Pafture to numerous Herds of wild Beafts and tame Cattel: The Sea likewife yields abundance of Eith tel: The Sea likewise yields abundance of Fish and Pearls: The Inhabitants drive a great Trade with those of China and New Spain, and were all formerly subject to the Spaniards, from whom Paragoia, Mindanao, and other adjacent lesser steel a few Years agoe: However they Rill retain under their Dominion, Laconia, Tandaya, Cebu, Mindora, and many others of lesser Note, to the number of about forty.

The Philippine Islands are almost innumerable,

and of fo vast a number, that 1000 may be reckon'd up of some Note; But it is sufficient only to give a particular Defeription of fuch as are chiefly remarkable: Among these, the first Lusonia, that presents it self to our View, is Lusonia, or Luconia, call'd Lucon, or Manille by the French; the largest, most Northern, and principal Island of the *Philippines*; the noted Towns of which are, La Nueva Segovia or Cagajon, in the Northern Tract: Lusonia or Lucon, generally plac'd in the Maps on the Western Shore; which some Geographers take to be the fame with Manilha, and others suspend their Judgments as to that matter, because no mention is made of it, in the modern Relations of Voyages: Manila, Manilla or Manilha, the Metropolis of Manilla, or Lusonia, and of all the other *Philippine* Islands, that are subject to the Dominion of the Spaniards, seated in the middle of the Island, on the innermost recess of the Bay of the same Name, or La Bahia de cavita, and on the Mouth of the River Arand;

a confiderable Mart Town built by the Spaniards, affording a Seat to the Governor and Council of State, as also to an Arch-bishop; and fenc'd with a Castle, and a commodious Haven at Cavine, two Leagues distant from the City: The Bay on which Manilha stands is 40 Leagues in Compass, has a convenience for building Gallions, and is of difficult Entrance; all which has made this City a famous Mart and Magazine for the richest Commodities, but it is at pre-fent somewhat declin'd. And Caceres, or Caceres de Camarinha situated more towards the South-West, than any of the Towns but now mention'd.

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The leffer Philippine Islands are, Banton; Mashat Banton or Mushate; Philippina, discover'd first of all the rest, Mashate or Mushate; Philippina, Philip by the Spaniards, and otherwise call'd Tandaya, Philipbeing separated from the Southern Coalls of Ma-pina. nilha, by the Straight of the same Name, and reputed one of the most fruitful Islands of these Parts; in which are, the Town of Achan, or Acham, and Il Cabo del Spirito Samo, i. e. The Promontory of the Holy Ghoff, on the Northern Shore: The Illand St. Juan or of St. John, between which and Tandaya, is The Passage of St. Clara: Abayo: St. Matan: Cebu, otherwise call'd Sebn and Los Pin-John's tados, where that noble Portuguese and most fa-Isle. mous Navigator Ferdinand Magellanus dy'd a vio-Abuyo. Lord Death after having discover'd and pass'd Cebu Parts; in which are, the Town of Achan, or Acham, nous Navigator Ferdinand Magellanis dy'd a vitolent Death, after having discover'd and pas'd Cebu.
through the Straights in the Southern Sea, which
bear his Name; and where the Town of Nombre de Jesu, i. e. The Name of Jesus, or Chex, is
fituated on the Eastern Coast, with a fine Harbour. The Isle of Negros, Negous, or Negous, Pa-Negros
nayotion; Mindora, on the South of Manilla, from Isle.
Which it is separated by a Straight of the same PanayotName. Il Streebo de Mindora, 20 Italian Miles ton. Name, Il Streebo de Mindora, 30 Italian Miles con. broad; with a Town likewife nam'd Mindora, raton the Northern Coaft, over against Manilba, having the Advantage of a spacious Harbour. Capul: Paragoya, otherwise call'd Paragon, Pu-Capulloam, and Calamianes, the most Western of the Para-Philippine Islands, extending it self in the middle goya-between Capul and Borneo, for a considerable Length, but its Breadth is a great deal less; It is somewhat barren, and not well supply d with Inhabitants. *Mindana*, the most Southern of Mindathese Islands, the Towns of which are, Canola, nao. Caldero, Dapyto, Lomeatan and Mindanao, or Ta-bouc (according to fome Authors) the Capital; a large and well fortify'd Place. Among these Philippine Islands, the first and the two last exceed the rest in largeness, and encompass the rest of that great number of smaller Islands.

Having thus taken a View of the Islands of VII. the Indian Ocean near China, we proceed to The The Isles Ifles of Thieves, and the Molucca's, fituated at a f great Diffance from that Continent. The former Thieves: are call'd by the Spaniards Las Islas de los Ladrones, i.e. The Isles of Robbers, from the disposition of the Inhabitants; as also frequently Lis Islas de las Velas, which Name was imposed on it by Magellanus, and was taken from the Veils that were in use among them; sometimes Las Islas de la Sapan; and of late Las Islas de Moria Anna, in honour of Mary Ann ot Austria Queen ot Spain. These shares the Islam Co. Carbipelago of St. Lazarus, where the Indian Sea is intermix'd with the Pacifick, extend themselves from North to South, between the 7th and 22d Degrees of Northern

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Northern Latitude, and about 20 Degr. Westward from the Philippines; they were discover'd in the last Age by the Spaniards, as they fail'd to the Philippine Isles, who immediately began to inhabit them under the Protection of the said Queen, and united fome of them to their Dominions.

The largest and most considerable of these Islands, are Desierta, Malabrigo, or Malo Abrigo, La Inglesa, Mano, Cherosha, Guana, Pagan, Arto-magan and Guiga; all situated towards the North, Sapan, Guaban, Matan, Volia, or Volid, Bataba and Bacim; to which fome add Pulo Vilon, Las Illas dos Matelotes, i. e. The Mariners Islands, and Las Islas dos Arecifes, i. e. The Islands of Rocks; which being nearer the *Philippine*, are diffinguish'd by others from the Isles of Thieves.

From the Islands of Robbers, or Thieves, we The Mo-pass to those of Molneca, or Molnea, call'd Mo-lucca lonek by the Natives, i. e. The Head of a Matter of Islands, great Importance; which if taken at large, have Name, between the Philippine Islands, on the North; those of Sunda, on the West; the vast Continent of New Holland, on the South, the Sea-coafts of which were only view'd by the Hollanders, who were ignornt how far it might extend; and New Guinea, on the East, according to M. Sanson, between the third Degree of Northern Latitude, and the eleventh of Southern. Thefe Islands are faid to be less fruitful than the Philippine, and the Air is more intenfely hot: They are very numerous, but for the most Part of a small Extent and Compass. Gilolo is one of the largest. And Amboyna has been most known to us, on account of the Cruelties the Dutch practis'd there upon the English, when they disposses'd them of it.

Among those that Ive out farthest towards the East, a very large Country first appears, commonly call'd by the Spaniards Tirra dos Papous, i.e. The land of Negros, on the South of the Equinoctial Line, from which its most Northern Part is not far distant: M. Sanson takes it for an Island, separated by a Straight from the Eastern Part of New Guinea; but in the Dutch Maps, the Land of Papous and New Guinea is the same Country, on which the latter Name was impos'd by James Le Maire; bordering on the South, upon Carpentaria, or Carpenter-Landt, which lies between it and New Holland: The Sea-coafts of this Country were discovered by the Hollanders, but the Inland Parts are as yet unknown.

Over against the Southern Coasts of New Gui-Aru Isle. nea, we meet with the Island of Arn, and further towards the West, those of Banda, of a small Compass, but abounding with Nutniegs and Mace; all under the Jurisdiction of the Hollanders. The largest and most fruitful of these Iflands is Banda, which is fene'd with feveral Forts built by the Hollanders, and furrounded with the lefter Islands, viz. those of Galigien, Gumanapi, Nera, Pulorin, Puloway, &c. somewhat farther towards the West, lies the little Island of Amboy. Amboyna, or Ambon, which is likewise subject to na Isle. the Hollanders, and brings forth good store of Clarges Oranges. Lemmons, and other forte of Cloves, Oranges, Lemmons, and other forts of Fruits peculiar to the Climate of *India*, with a Town of the fame Name; and the Caftle of

Victory, where the English were most inhumanly treated, which Fort has lately fuffer'd much damage by the Inundation of the Sea. Not far from Amboyna, is Ceram, a large and fomewhat Ceam long Island, abounding with Spice, and govern'd Isle. by a King, who is an Ally to the Hollanders; in which is the Town of Cumbello. The Island of Gilolo is fituated under the Equinoctial Line; the Gilolo. Leffer Part of it extending it felf from thence towards the South, and the greater towards the North: This Island is full of Bays, and deftitute of Spice; but there is good flore of Rice, and the Air is excellive hot; The chief Places are Cuma and Gilolo the Capital Town, feated on the Western Shore. Over against the Northern Coasts of Gilolo, towards the East, lies the Island of Moratay, or Morotay, and over against the Morata, Western, appear the real or small Molneca Isles, Isle. under the Dominion of the Hollanders, renown-The real ed for the Product of Spice, more especially Moluc-Cloves, whole Woods of which have been cut ca's. down by the Dutch to prevent an over-growth. Here are to be feen the Manucodiata's, or Manucodiata's, i. e. Gods Birds, commonly call'd Birds of Paradife, and falfely suppos'd to want Feet; in regard that the Natives take them away, with the Entrails, to keep their Wings and Feathers from stinking, with which they make themsolves very fine. These Islands being five in number, are all near the Equinoctial Line, and in paffing from North to South, they prefent them-felves to our View, in the following Order, viz. Ternata, in which are the Towns of Gammalam-Ternata, ma and Malayo, the Royal Seat of the King of Ternata, to whom a confiderable Part of Gilolo is likewise subject, with Motir and Machian, and whose Dominions were sometime of a much larger Extent. Tidor, noted for the Fort of Marieco. Mo-Tidor. tir, or Montir, which others call Timor, with the Motir. Citadel of Nasfaw. Machian, fenc'd with the Machian. Cattles of Tasfaso and Tabillota. And Bachian, Bachian. with a Town of the same Name. After having view'd the Molneca Islands that

are fituated towards the East, we come to the Ouby: more Western, the chief of which are, Ouby. Xulia: Xulla. Bilato. Bouro. Terra-alta, or Teralta. Om-Bilato: Aulla. Bilato. Bouro. Terra-alta, or Teralta. Om-Bilato: bo. Timor, of a larger extent than the former. Bouro: Solor, or Solar, with the Town of Alomare. Flores, Teralta: in which are those of Lusatia, or La Sataia (ac-Timor: cording to the French Dialect) and Batuliar; Solor: Bouton, or Baton. Solayo, or Solayer, separated Flores; from the Island of Gelebes by the Straight of Ma-Bouton: casser. Celebes often call'd Macasser, by the Eu-Solayo: ropeans, the largest of the Molucca Isles, next to Gelebes. Tierra dos Papous, and the most Weltern, lying in the middle, between the leffer Molucca's, or Gilolo and Ceram, on the East, and Borneo, on the West, in the Archipelago of Celebes; the Equinoctial Line passing through its Northern Part: The Soil is extremely fruitful, and affording great plenty of Spice, and much Rice: The Inhabitants, who are not of fo tawny a Complexion as the reft of the Islanders, were heretofore Cambris, or Man-eaters, and go naked, only covering their privy Parts: Six Kingdoms are contain'd (according to several Authors) in this Island, although others only take notice of the two principal, viz. Celebes and Macasser: The most remarkable Towns are, Macasser, the Capital, seated in the Southern Part of the Island,

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Banda

Isle.

to which, as also to the neighbouring Straight; it gives Name, and is a famous Mart, with a lebus, by others, taken for the Metropolis of this fine Harbour, much frequented by the English and Hollanders: Other Towns are Bantachaia; under the Line.

CHAP. XIV.

The Islands of the Indian Ocean over against Siam, and the Indian Coasts.



FTER having describ'd the principal Islands of the Indian Ocean, over against China, both the nearer and those that are more remote; we proceed to give an Account of the rest of the Isles of the same Ocean, situated over against the Continent of India; and may be conveniently divided into two Ranks; in regard that they lye, either over against the Peninsula of India, beyond Ganges, or opposite to the other Peninsula, on the hither side of that River: The Names and chief Towns whereof are seen in this

Rainst India:

Borneo Malano Puchayaraon Sambas Bornco Hormata Landa Succadano Lave Under Bendarmaffin. the Equinoctial Achem Pedir Ticon Pacem Goro Aru Line Bancalis Camper Soufon Baras Sumatra < Priaman Menancabo Sallebor Judapera Tambe Dampin Palimban Baros The If-Banca Banca lands of the Indi-Arisbay Madura 🗧 Madura an Ocean, over against Cumba- & Genapi Cumbava India, be-Lomboc River Baly To the Balambuan Materan Ganges, are South of Jortan Sidayo Tuban the E-Japara Saraboy Charabon quator Java Batavia, the Seat of the Durch Governor Bantam Sura Palimban Me of Naffaw On the Isle of good Fortune
Isle of Hoggs North of the E-The of Coco's quater Baticalo Trinquilemale Infanapatan Chilao Negombo Colombo Maritim Galo Town and Ceylon Promontory Cande The If-Nellemby-neur lands of Inland Allout-neur Badoula the Indi-Manar Digligy-neur an Oce-Calpatin an over On the against South of Addou And Pove India, the E-Molucque Sonadon within quator the Ganges, are Under the E-Adoumatis quator The Maldives Colloumadoux Nillandoux Moulucque Poulifdou On the Male-Atollon with the North of Ifle of Male the E-Ariatollon Malos Lquator Madon Padypala Milladoue Madoue Tillad, or Matis.

The Islands of the Peninsula of India, beyond It. Ganges, are more Eastern, and commonly call'd Sunda The Isles of Sonda, or Sunda; deriving their Name Islands. from the Straight of Sunda, or from the Harbour of Bantam, so term'd. The most eminent of these Islands, are Borneo, Java and Samatra, to which several others are added of lesser Note: They are situated partly under the Equinoctial Line, and partly extend themselves beyond it, either towards the North or South

wards the North or South.

The Island of Borneo lies in the middle, between that of Celebes, on the East; Fava, on the Borneo South; Sumatra and Malacca, on the West; and Isle. Paragoia, one of the Philippines, on the North; reaching from 7 and half Degree of Northern La-titude, to the fourth of Southern: Its Figure is almost round, and its Compass very wide; although the Opinions of Authors are different as to the latter: However the least Compass that is attributed to it confilts of 25 Leagues, and it is generally reputed the largest of all the Islands of Afa: It produces most admirable Diamonds, Bezoar Stones, the best Camphire of all that is found throughout the whole Continent of India, Rice, and Pepper with other forts of Spice, Cotton, Honey and Wax; and is befet with Woods and fine Rivers; more effecially, towards the West and South, the chief of which is Succadano, abounding with Diamonds: So that it may well be reckon'd, among the most fruitful Islands of the Indian Ocean; but the Air is not very healthful, by reason of the marshy Grounds. The Sca-coasts are possessed by the Hollanders, and the Metropolis bears the sume Name of Borneo, feated in the Fens and on the shore of a little Bay, towards the Northern Part of the Island; being a large, neat and famous Mart-Town and a Royal Seat, with an excellent Harbour: The other confiderable Towns which stand on the Western and Southern Coasts (for the Eastern, and more especially the Iuland Tracts of this Itland are almost unknown to the Europeans) are Malano, Puchavaraon, Sambas, Hormata, Landa, near which are Diamonds of the highest value; Succadano, Lave, and Bendarmassin, not far from the Mouth of the River Succadano.

From Borneo, we pass to Sumarra, the Situation of which is more Western, likewise under the E-Sumarra quinoctial Line, in the middle, between Malacca, Isle. on the East, and Fava, on the South's being separated from the former, by the Straight of Malacca, and from the latter, by that of Sumla: It lies very near, within the fixth Degree, both of Northern and Southern Latitude; but its Extent from West to East is a great deal lefs; It yields great store of Spice, as also, the best fort of Pepper, Rice, Honey, Wax, Silk, Cotton, Oranges, Lemmons, Pomegranates and Figs; and abounds with Mountains, excellent Metals, Springs, Rivers and Woods; affording Pasture to numerous Herds of Stags, Elephants, Rhinocerots, Tigers, Leopards and Lions. In the middle of the Island is a Burning Mountain, which sometimes throws out Stones; the Air is also extremely hot and does not prove healthful to the Europeans! However, the Hollanders possess the Sea-coasts and some Mines of good Metal. Sumara, was heretofore divided into many Kingdoms; so that some Authors reckon seven of the principal, and others

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only five, viz. those of Achem, or Ackin, Menancabo, Camper, Jambe and Palimban. The most remarkable Towns of this Island, are Achem, the Metropolis of a Kingdom of the fame Name, and of the whole Island, a large and renowned Mart-Town with a very convenient Harbour, where the English have a Factory: It is scated on the Northern Coasts, as also are Pedir and Pacem, the Capital Towns of two Kingdoms that bear the fame Name, and which (according to M. Sanfon) are now under the Dominion of the King of Achem. On the Straight of Malacca appear Goro, or Gore; Aru; Bancalis; and Camper, or Camfer. On the Western Coasts, are Souson; Baras, or Baros; Priaman; Menancabo; Judapera, or Inda-poura; Sallebor, or Sillebar. On the Straight of Sonda, Dampin. And on the North-East Coasts, Fambe, affording great plenty of Pepper. Baros and Palimban, or Palimbam.

After having taken a View of Borneo and Samatra, the Islands of Sunda under the Equinoctial Line, we proceed to the rest that lye at a distance from it, towards the South. Among these are Banca
Banca, with a Town of the fame Name, over aIfe.

Madura. North of the Eaftern Part of Java, in which
are the Towns of Arasbay and Madura. On the
Cumba-Eaft of the fame Java, we meet with Cumbava,
va.

otherwise call'd The lesser fava by Buno, containcomboc. ing the Towns of Genapi, or Gunapa; and Cumbava. Lomboc. And Baly.

The Island of Java, or the greater Java, far
furpasses these in every respect, and is situated

furpasses these in every respect, and is situated between the fixth and ninth Degrees of Southern Latitude, in the middle, between the Straight of Balambuan, on the East, and that of Sunda, on the West; so that the latter separates it from Sumaira, and the other from Baly: its Longitude between these two Straights, amounting almost to eleven Degrees. The Air of this Island is prejudicial to Strangers upon their first Arrival, and it is infested with venomous Gnats, that are very troublesome, as also with huge and most pestilent Snakes: But there are Oisters of an incredible fize, even some-times to the Weight of three hundred Pounds, Diamonds, Rubies, Emeralds of the highest value, and Mountains enrich'd with Gold, Silver and Copper: Besides an admirable variety of Springs, Rivers, Woods, Valleys, Champain Fields, and most verdant Pastures for Cattel, with all sorts of Fruits, Sugar, excellent Pepper, and Rice, which the Natives generally eat inflead of Bread. Java, part of which is under the Dominion of the States of Holland, is divided by M. Sanson, into nine Kingdoms, although others only make mention of the two principal, viz. Materan and Bantam.
The chief Towns of Java, are Balambuam, Ba-

lambuan, or Palambuan, on the Eastern shore, which communicates its Name to the adjacent Straight: On the Southern Coasts, Materan, or Materan, a large Town, which some will have to be the Capital, not only of the Kingdom of Mataran, but also of the whole Island, which was heretofore subject to its King, who is even at this Day, styl'd The Emperor of Java. On the Northern Coasts, Jortan; Sidayo; Tuban; Japara; Saraboy; Charabon; and Jacaira; where the Holanders after having seiz d and demolish d it, built Batavia, on the fame spot of Ground: but it is still frequently call'd Jacatra, by the Javans

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and Foreigners; and is a most stourishing Colony of the States of the United Provinces, founded A. D. 1619. It is a large, neat, p pulous and well fortify'd City, more especially famous for its admirable Cattle, nam'd facura, and stank'd with feveral Bulwarks that take their Names from precious Stones: This renowned Mart-Town, is the Seat of the Governor of the Dutch East India Company, who keeps a most magnificent and almost Royal Court, as also of the Indian Senate: It was twice in vain befieg'd by the King of Maran, and afterwards by the King of Bantam in 1659: and is diffant 18 Leagues from Bantam to the Ealt, and about 60 from Materan to the North-Well.

The other remarkable Places of this Island, Bantam. are Bantam, the Metropolis of a Kingdom of the fame Name (feated on the Foot of a Hill, and on the Straight of Sunda) where the King keeps his Court; being a most noble Mart-Town with a fine Harbour call'd Sunda, to which Merchants refort from all the Parts of India, as also from England, Portugal and Holland; Sura, on the same Straight of Sanda: And Palimban, or Palimban, on the Western Coasts. Besides the above mention'd Islands, some others of a much lesser Compass are likewise reckon'd among those of Sunda, particularly, The Isle of Nassaw; Good Forman Nassaw Eylandt, i. c. The Isle of good Fortune; La Isla des Isle. Porcos, i. c. The Isle of Hoggs, in Duich Verkens-The Isle Eyland, and Cocos Eylanden, i. e. The Isle of Coco's, of good situated to the North of the Equinoctial Line; Fortune, with some others of less Note. with some others of less Note.

From the Islands in the Indian Ocean, over a-of Higgs, aginst the Penintula of India beyond Ganges, we cook pass over to those that are opposite to the other VI. Peninsula of *India* on the hither side of the same *The I*-River; being the most Western of all. Among *lands* of these, the most remarkable are Ceylon and the Mal- India dives, the former lying out towards the East, within from Cape Comori, the most Southern Promontoryo Ganges. this Peninfula, and the others towards the Well.

The Island of Ceylon, so call'd by the English and Hollanders, as also Ceylon by the French, Ceylon and Tenarism, by the Indians, i. e. The Land of Delights, supposed to be the Taprobana of the Ancients, is separated from the Coalts of Pesqueria and Coromandel, by the Straight of Chilao, or Manar, lying between the fixth and tenth Degree of Northern Latitude: Its Extent from West to East is less, and its Figure resembles that of a Pearl or Pear, being sharp-pointed in the Northern Part. This Illand abounds with Rice and the best Cinnamon, the most fragrant finell of which is perceived at Sea, by those that come mar the Coasts; neither is there any want of Pepper, Ginger, Cardamum, Sugar and Tobacco: The Soil likewise brings forth all forts of Fruits, particularly, Figgs, Grapes, Pomegranates, Oranges, Lemmons and Citrons; and there are good flore of Birds, with numerous Herds of Cattel and wild Beafts; among which the Elephants are more especially remarkable, as being the most generous and docible of all throughout the whole Continent of Alia; informuch that (if credit may be given to the Report) they are wont to do obeyfance, at first fight, to the Inhabitants of Cockin, Pegu, China, and others, by bowing down their Trunks. The Straight of Manar and the Rivers yield abundance of Pearls and precious Stones, and it is faid to be the only Place, belides the

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Kingdom of *Pegs*, among the Levantine Countries, that produces colour'd Gemms. Serpents of a prodigious Size, are also bred both in the Sea

and on the Land.

Almold all the maritim Tracts are in the poffellion of the Hollanders, and the most considerable Places and Towns, On the East, are Batticalon or Baticalo, and Trinquilemale, otherwise call'd Trinquemale and Trenkimalay: On the North, Jafanapatam: On the West Chilao, which imposes its Name on the neighbouring Straight, and stands on a River likewise of the same Name; Negombo or Colombo, the chief Town of all the Sea-coasts, and the Seat of the Supream Governor: Lastly, on the South, Gale, Galo or Punto Gallo, a noted Town, with an excellent Harbour, near which is the Promontory, or

Cape of Punto Galle.

The Inland Parts of Ceylon are almost unknown to the Europeans, nay, even to the Hollanders themselves, who inhabit the Coasts: Nei-ther is it any Wonder, in regard that the whole Island is every where beset with very steep, barren and dreadful Mountains, that cannot be pass'd but where the Paths are beaten, which indeed are many in number, but so narrow, that only one Person at a time can go on them; and cer-tain Officers, appointed by publick Authority, always keep Watch on the Borders of these Pasfiges, who fuffer none to enter, or go forth, without leave: However, there is extant a large Historical Description of this Country, written by Robert Know, an English Sca-Captain sometime in the Service of the East-India Company, who lived there a Captive for twenty one Years and a half; yet fo as during the last Years, he had an Opportunity of viewing all the Provinces, and of taking a particular Account of every Thing remarkable in those Parts; till at last, he found means to make his Escape, after a wonderful manner, on the 18th. of October 1679.

According to his Information, the Inland Country abounds with Hills, Springs and Rivers full of Fish; but such as are rocky and unfit for Navigation: The most eminent of these is Mavela-gonga, which taking its Rise from Adam's Mountain, flows towards the North, and having water'd a very large Tract of Ceylon, discharges it felf into the Ocean, near the Town of Tringuilemale: There are also vall Woods, which serve both for the Boundaries and Ramparts of the feveral Provinces: The Valleys are for the most part fenny, and enrich'd with abundance of

Springs of an admirable Clearnefs.

The innermost Tracts of this Island are very populous, and those that lie near the Sea-coasts are much less inhabited: In the former, to the East of the Town of Colombo, stands the highest Mountain of Ceylon, and even (as some affirm) of the whole Continent of India, call'd Humallel, by the Inhabitants, and Pico de Adam, or Adam's Mountain, by the Portugueses and the rest of the Europeans: It is extremely steep and of a Conick Figure, having on the top, a plain smooth Stone, on which is imprinted a large Mark of an Humane Foot; The Natives believe this to be the Footstep of the first Parent, who was taken up from thence into Heaven, and upon that account they adore it, with a wonderful Superstition; and to that purpose, in the beginning of the

Year, the Men, Women, Boys and Girls, not-withstanding so difficult a passage, climb up to the top of it, out of a Principle of Religion. The Air of the inner Tracks is different, so that the Northern Part, by reason of the Corruption and Scarcity of the Waters, is less healthful and fertile; but the rest are otherwise dispos'd by their natural Temperature: When the West-winds blow, it rains in the Western Part of the Island, and the Seeds are committed to the Ground; whilst at the same time, the middle Part, towards the East, enjoys most screen and hot Weather, and the Islandians are employ'd in looking after their Harvest: It happens contrartivise in both Quarters, when the Fast-winds blow in the Eastern Part: This Island was sometime divided into four Kingdoms, but the best Part of it is now under the Dominion of Conde Uda, a Prince whose Government is arbitrary, and to whom his Subjects generally give Divine Honours.

The inner Country of Ceylon is divided into the greater and leffer Parts, the former of which Captain Knox calls Provinces, and the others Counties; because they resemble the Counties, or Shires of England, but are not like them with refpect to the Largeness of their Extent: He informs us, That the Province of Noure Catava is situated towards the North, and includes five Counties; as also the Province of Hotcourly, compre-hending seven Counties: On the East, he pla-ces the Province of Manaly, sublivided into three Counties: Towards the same Quarter appear Tammanquod, Bintana, Vellas, and Pau: noa, all distinct Counties, with the Province of Ourah, to which he attributes three Counties: In the middle, are the Counties of Wallaponahoy, Poncipot, Goddaponahoy, Hevoihattay, Cotemul, Horfepot, and Tunponahoy; as also, Oudanour and Tat-tanour the chief of all the Counties of the Inland Country of Ceylon: On the West 1ye Oudipollat, Dolusbaug and Hotteracourly, in which four Counties are comprised; with Portaloon and Tuncourly, that comprehends three Counties, and Part of which is subject to the Jurisdiction of the Hollanders: All these Provinces and Counties, (except these six, viz. Noure Calava, Hotcourly, Tam-manquod, Vellas, Paunoa and Hotteracourly) lye upon fruitful and well water'd Hills, and are express'd by the common Name of Conde Uda, i.e. On the tops of the Mountains; which is also the Royal Title.

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The sume Author reckons up five Capital Towns, besides a great number that are ruin'd, and several Villages, within the Boundaries of the inner Ceylon, viz. Cande or Candy, the Metropolis of the whole Island, built in the Heart of it, on the River Mavelagonga; formerly the Royal Seat of the King of Candea, after whose departure it fell much to decay: Nellemby-new, a Town situated more towards the South, to which that Prince translated the Royal Court from Cande: Allowineur, seated a great way below Cande and divided into two Parts, by the River Mavelagonga: Badoula, seated at the farthest distance from Cande, to the East, and at a much less from Digligy-new, a Town not very remote from the said River, which was chosen for the Royal Seat

after Nellemby-neur.

Over against the Western Coasts of Ceylon, ap-XII.
pears the little Island of Manar or Manaar, ten Manar

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Miles long, and four broad; being in the Possef-sion of the Hollanders: It has imposed its Name on the Straight, and is famous for the rich Pearl-fishing on its Southern Shore. The Island of Calpatin lies more towards the South, and is of a

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larger Extent.
The Maldive Islands are situated on the West The Mal-of the Peninsula of India within Ganges, in the Archipelago, that takes its Name from thence; almost in a straight Line, within the eighth Degree of Northern Latitude, and the third of Southern, but they do not extend themselves from East to Well so much as for the space of one Degree; they are all of a finall Compass, but very numerous, amounting to about 1000 or 1100, and abound with Indian Nuts call'd Coco's: Neither are the best forts of Fruits wanting, particularly, Oranges, Lemmons, and Pomegranates, belides, the finest Tortoise-shell and black Coral. These Islands are divided into thirteen or fourteen Parts call'd Atollons, and are all subject to the Dominion of one King: E-

very one of them is furrounded with a Bed of Sand, and separated from the next by a narrow Straight.

The particular Names of the Maldives, beginning to reckon them from the South; are Addon and Pone Molucque, both which are commonly taken for one Part; otherwife, if they are diftinguish'd, the whole Number of Parts must be fourteen in stead of thirteen: Sonadon; Adonmatis; Collomadoux; Nillandoux; Molucque; Pouliftis; Collomadoux; Millandoux; Molseque; Ponlifdou; Male-Atollon, comprehending the Illand of Male, the chief of all, and famous for the Royal Court; from which also, the general Name of Maldives, i. e. The Isles of Male derivid its Original: Ariatollon; Malos Madou; Padypola, Milladoue Madoue; and Tillad, Matis or Mator, call'd by the Portugueses; Cabexa das Illas, i. e. The Head of the Islands. Of the above-specify d Parts, the two field have to the South of the Equators, the third two first lye to the South of the Equator; the third under the fame Line; and the other ten at a greater or leffer Distance from it, towards the North.

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Of the EAST-INDIES in General.

SOME Geographers have extended the East-Indies as far as the Eastern Ocean, comprehending China and Japon under that General Name: But according to the Opinion of the best Writers, and according to the common Acceptation, by the word East-Indies, is understood only, I. The Empire of the Great Mogul. II. The Peninfula of *India* within the River *Ganges*. III. The Peninfula of *India* beyond the River *Ganges*. And IV. The Islands in the Indian Ocean. Of the Islands we have given an Account in the last Chapter: And now proceed to

the Continent.

The vast Tract of Land generally known by the Name of the East-Indies, is situate between China, on the East; Persia, on the West; Tartary, on the North, and the Indian Sea on the South. The most Southern Part (being the Peninsula of Malacca) shoots out to the first Degree of North Latitude, but the Bay of Bengall which slows between the two Peninsula of India; ascends to the height of 22 Degrees, so that only those Countries lye within the Torrid Zone. The Mogul's Empire lying almost all of it within the Tropick of Cancer, and extends Northward to the 41 Degree of Latitude. As for the Longitude there have been great Millakes, the Dutch Maps make Surrat lye in the 106 Degree, and Sanson places it in the 109: Whereas our Mariners by their Observations make it about 78 Degrees from the Lizard, that is, 87 from Teneriff, and about 90 from the Island Fare, which does not much difagree from the Observations of the best Astronomers in the World, viz. M. Hevelius, M. Halley, and M. Gallet; as we find by the Account (publish'd in the Philos. Transact. Feb. 1682) of the Meridional Distance between London and Ballafore, a place in the Bay of Bengall in the Latit. of 22, which was found to be 86 Degr. 24 min. to which adding 17 D: 10 Min.

the distance from Teneriff to London, it amounts to 103 D. 54 Min. but Ballasore Itands 12 Degrees Eastward from Surat, so, that being deducted, there refts 91 Degrees or thereabouts for the Longitude of Surat from Il Pico in Teneriff. Having fix d this we may venture to fay with our Map, that India extends in Longitude from the eighty fecond

to the 130th. Degree.

Whether the Name India was deriv'd from the II. River Indis, or from the Hindows who were the Name. ancient Inhabitants, and from whom came the word Indoßan, that fignifies the Country of the Hindows, and is now the Indian Name of the Mogul's Empire, is not easy to determine: But it is called East to distinguish it from America, which bears the Name of the West-Indies.

The Air is exceeding hot, especially in the In Southern Parts, which would be utterly uninha-Air. bitable if it were not for the set Seasons of Rain and Wind, wherewith the Countrys lying in the Torrid Zone are cool'd and refresh'd. These Regular-Winds, which are call'd Monfoons, are obferv'd to blow constantly from one Corner for four or five Months every Year, namely, from from the North or rather North-East (according to Dampeir) from October to March; and the contrary from April to September: both which refresh the Land, one with Coolness and the other with Rain.

The Soil of these Countries is generally good, iv producing not only plenty of Corn, Fruits, Fith, Soil; Fowl, Passure and Cattel, but yields also the most valuable Spices and Druggs; Silk, Indico and Cotton; Mines of Diamonds, Gold, Silver, Iron, Copper, and other Metals: The Seas yield Pearl and Coral; and the Forests are full of Lyons, Tygers, Elephants, Rhinoccros, and many other Wild-Bealts; But the Country is much infested with hideous Serpents and most noxious Vermin. The

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v. The chief Rivers of India in General are 1. the Rivers. India, which washes its Western Bounds. 2. The Ganges, which rifes in the Mountains that divide Tartary and India, runs through the middle of the Country, and falls into the Bay of Bengall. 3. The Caor. 4. Cosmin. and 5. Pegn, iffue from the Lake Chiamay on the Frontier of Tartary and China, and fall into the Gulph of Bengall. 6. The Menan issuing from the same Lake, falls into the Gulph of Siam. The Padder and Gemeni in Guzarat and Cambaia; the Guenga in Golconda; the Nagundi in Bisnagar, and other smaller Rivers will be spoken of in their proper places. Suffice it at present to say that India is in general very plentifully water'd with large and commodious Ri-

> The Mountains of India are many. A great Ridge call'd by the Ancients Caucasus, Taurus and Imaus, runs along on the West side between Perfia and Indostan; as doth another Ridge, on the North between the same Country and Tartary: In the Peninsula of India within Ganges the Mountains de Gate or Ballagate continue all the length of the Country from Narsinga to Cape Co-

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taine.

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The Religion of India, except where Christia-Religion anity has prevail'd, is either Paganism or Mahumetisin; the latter having been brought hither out of Persia, and the former was the Religion of the Hi dows or Aborigine Inhabitants of this Country, and taught by the ancient Brachmans: They acknowledge one Supream Eternal Omnipotent Being, Creator of all things; from whom they fay proceeded three Cares, viz. Burma or Brama, the Care of making all things: Vistnum or Bisna, the Care of preserving all things: And Mauhadeeb or Inora, the Care of destroying all things: Of these three Gods they tell a World of ridiculous Fables, too long for us to infert. They have other fina!ler Deitys and Saints to whom they pay Religious Worthip, in their Pagods or Temples, whereof they had one in every Town and Village; and those in Cities or large Towns were built of Stone with great Magnificence and rich Adornments: But Mahumetisin has prevail'd so much as to destroy a great many of them. The Bramines or Priests pretend to be the Offspring of the Brains of their God Brama, and are exceedingly reverenc'd: They wear no Garments except a Cloath about their middles, and now and then a loofe Gown over their Shoulders; they feed on Herbs, Fruit, and the like, religiously abstaining from all things that have Life, and will on no Account kill, though it be a Vermin: They have fome Learning, and are generally effeemed the wifeft Men of the Nation: They use a peculiar Character and Language, which like our Latin, is the Learned Language; and must first be studied by the Pupils that come to them for Instruction. Tavernier gives us an ac-count of many severe Penances perform'd by these Bramines, and ridiculous Ceremonies in the Gentile Religion; but the most burbarous is that of burying the Wife with her Husband, which is univertally practifed in the *Indies*; begun either on a Religious Account, (great Rewards of Blef-fing being promis'd to the Wife that does it) or on a Political Account as some imagine, to prevent the Women's poisoning their Husbands, as they fay, they us'd to do; however it began, it is religiously Perform'd, and the Wife that Survives her Husband is detefted by every body, even her nearest Relations.

The Christian Religion was undoubtedly plant-christied very early in *India*. St. *Thomas* is generally be-auity, liev'd to have preach'd the Gospel and suffer'd Martyrdom there, in the City Maliapur, now St. Thomas, on the Coast of Cromandel. That Apostle had Converted many, and Baptiz'd the King and most of his Nobles, before the *Bramines* murther'd him: And Christianity flourish'd considerably, till some Pagan Princes making Incursions, fack'd Meliapur, and forced the Christians to fly to the Mountains, whence they descended into Malabar, and in process of time had Bishops and Priesls sent to them by the Patriarch of Muzal in Syria; a Succession whereof continued to the time that the Portuguese came into these Parts: But these Teachers brought with them the Herefy of Nestorius, with which the Portuguese sound them much infected; but otherwise very good Christians, having the Bible or at least the New Testament among them in the Syriack Language, receiving the Sacrament, using Prayers to, and professing Faith in God and the Blessed Trinity; and observing the same Calendar, Feasts and Fasts with us: And though Christianity was in as low estate as ever is had been, when the Portuguese arrived they found fifteen or fixteen thoufand Families in and about Cranganor, who fent to Vasco de Gama in the Year 1502, desiring to be receiv'd under the Protection of the King of Portugal. Emanuel that then reign'd, having receiv'd Encouragement from the Pope, fent over feveral Priests and Fryars, who preached the Gospel (but with the Corruptions of the Romith Church) very Zealously, and with good Success: John III. who succeeded him, spared no Cost or Pains to propagate Christianity in India, and to that purpose sent over Father Francis Xavier, who with great Pains and Piety instructed the People, and by Strictness of Life and Vertuous Difposition, so wrought upon them, that as the Portuguese brag vast Numbers were converted. The English and Dutch Nations also have contributed their Parts to the propagating Christianity in India, so that though the Inland Country be still Heathens and Mahometans, the more civiliz'd People on the Coasts are pretty well reconcil'd to our Faith.

The People of India may be reduc'd under four VII. Degrees or Classes according to their own Di-Inhabiflinctions in conformity to their Religious Le. tants. gends, that is to fay, I. The Bramines or Prichs already mention'd. H. The Cutterys, or as they call themselves Raibostes, i.e. Sons of Kings; of which Race the Rajas and Kings, as allo the Men of Arms, are reckon'd. III. The Banians or Merchants. And IV. The Sods or Wyses, which are the Mechanicks. Of these, the Merchants and Mechanicks must be allowed to be excellent in their way; but the Soldiers cannot claim any great Character: For indeed, the Na-ture of the Climate, doth much more encline the People to Cunning and Ingenuity, than to Courage and Heroick Vertue.

The remote Distance of India from Europe, VIII. may make it worth our Enquiry by what steps Picovewe obtain'd so intimate a Knowledge of it; for rif Inconsidering how vast a Tract of Land lies be-dia.

tween it and the Atediterranean Sea on one fide, and how large an Ocean floweth between it and us on the other fide; it would be extremely won-derful that we should ever have procured the Commodities of those Countrys in so plentiful a manner, if we were not acquainted wish the Wit and Industry of these latter Ages wherein Men adventure to pry into every Corner of the habitable World. The first Knowledge of India seems to be owing to Alexander's Expedition; for after he had conquer'd Persia, we are told by Curtius and others, his Ambition led him into India, where many Nations submitted without bloodshed; and Porus who is thought to have possess'd the best part of what is now the Mogul's Empire, refifting him, was vanquith'd and made Captive. Some Authors are apt to believe he penetrated as far as the River Ganges, but 'tis more probable be went but a little way beyond the Indus, and returning, follow'd the Course of that River down to the Ocean; and that it was near where Din now flands that he erected the mighty Altars in imitation of Hercelet's Pillars, and left those vast Beds, Armours, Bitts, &c. to annuse future Ages. Ptolomy and the ancient Geographers speak of 5000 considerable Cities, and as many Nations in India: Whereof the Brachmans or Indian Philesophers were most celebrated, and honoured with the Title of Gymnosophists by the Greeks. But the Knowledge of India proceeding chiefly from the Trade thither, we were to be fure very little acquainted with it before the Europeans found the way by Sea: For before that time all the Traffick into India was carried on by the Persians, Arabians and Sarazens, who brought the Jewels, Spices, Silks, and other valuable commodities of these Comtries, partly over Land, and partly by the Red Sea, to Alexandria and other Ports in the Mediterranean; whence the Vanetians, Genoueses and Florentines brought them to Europe: and thereby the Princes of Syria, Arabia, and Agypt, as well as the Merchants of those Countries and Italy were exceedingly enrich'd: Till by the Assistance of the Mariner's Compass, the Astrolabe, and other useful assistances to Navigation then newly invented, the Portuguese were enabled to launch out into the Atlantick Ocean, coast the whole Continent of Africa, double the Cape of Good Hope, and find the way by Sea to the East-Indies, much about the same time that the Spaniards discover'd the West-Indies or America. Of which Navigation and the Settlements of Europeans in India, we shall fet down as particular an Account as the brevity of our Work will admit; imagining it may be an agreeable Entertainment to our Reader.

Of the first Voyages from EUROPE to the EAST-INDIES.

THE Discovery of the Coasts of Africa in order to a Voyage to the East-Indies, was first attempted in the Year 1410, by Don Henry Son to John I. King of Portugal; who gave all possible Encouragement thereto: But in 53 Years time that he lived, they had got no farther than the Coasts of Guinea; and after his Death there was little Progress made in it, till the time of K: John II:

who refuning this Matter with great Zeal and Courage, first fent out Bartholomen Diaz, who doubled the Cape of Africa, to which K. John gave the Name of Good Hope: and afterwards sent Pedro Covillian by Land, who travell'd as far as Cananor, Calecut, and the neighbouring Places; whence croffing the Indian Sea, he pass dover to the Coasts of Zanguabar in Arrea, and by the information he receiv'd there concluded that the fame Coast continued from the Cape of Good Hope; fo returning through Athiopia, came back fafe to Lishon, and gave the King to much Encouragement that he made all necessary preparations to fet out a large Fleet for that Expedition; but dyed in the Year 1495 before it fet out. Emanuel his Successor profecuted the design, and in the Year 1497 Vasco de Gama with four Ships and 160 Men, fet fail from Lisbon, and failing along the Coalt of Africa he doubled the Cape, and came to Mozambique on the East Coast of Africa, in the 15th. Degr. of South Latitude, where being kindly entertain'd he staid some time, recciving influctions for the profecuting his Voyage, and as fome relate, he found there that most useful Instrument the Manner's Compass. but with more probability it may be faid, that it was not then unknown, to the Spaniards at least, for twas 5 Years before this that Columbia fet out on his discovery of America, wherein we may reasonably conclude he had the use of the Compass; and if the Spaniards had it, undoubtedly the Portuguese, who were the chief Navigators at that time, would not be without it. But to proceed, de Gama parting from hence profe-cuted his Voyage, and in two Months more difcover'd the Coast of Malabar; where Anchoring near Calecut on the 20th of May 1498 He fent fome Men afhore for difcovery; who by good Fortune met with a Moor that understood Portuguefe, and acquainted them with the State of the Country; and by his means the Zamorin or Emperor of Calecut was inform'd of their Arrival. This Prince receiv'd them very kindly, and was ready to have entred into a League with the King of Portugal, when the Arabians and Sarazens, who were the Men that carryed on the In-dian Trade to Europe hitherto, being alarm'd at the Arrival of the Portugueie, and foreseeing the loss of their Trade, if these Men were admitted; applyed themselves to the King, and laying before him the Advantages he and his Country had received by their Trastick, which the Portuguese would ruine, and oblige them to depart to his great loss, &c. They so wrought upon the Zarania the Partuguese was a proper favorable. morin, that the Portuguese were no more favour'd but infulted; so that finding himself not safe, and having in a great measure perform'd what he came for, viz. discover'd the East-Indies, de Gama returned home, and arrived Life at Lisbon in September 1499. And now the discovery being made, the next business was to establish a Trade there; to which purpose the next Year, Pedro Alvarez de Cabrale was fent out with a Fleet of 13 Ships and 1500 Men, to oblige by fair or foul means the King of Calcon to permit them to fettle there: Of these Ships but six perform'd the Voyage, the rest either foundring at Sea, and so sent back, or were call away. Arriving at Calecut he was entertain'd with unexpected kindness by the Zamorin, a House given the

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King of Portugal, and liberty granted to lade their Ships before any others; but their old Enemys the Moors foon made a difference, for the Goods were so bought up by them, that notwithstanding the Zamorin's Order, the Portuguese could could have none; which made them fet upon the Moors Ships and take the Goods thence; to revenge which the Sarazens affaulted the Portuguese House, and kill'd many of the Men; for which Alvarez receiving no redrefs, he fet upon ten Arabian Ships in the Port, killed the Men, unladed the Ships, and batter'd the Town with his Cannon; and then leaving Calecut he fail'd to Cochin, where he was very kindly receiv'd, furnish'd with the Commodities he wanted, courted by that King and those of Conlam and Canonor, and thence return'd home with a very rich Cargo, and arrived at Lisbon in Angust 1502. In the mean time John de Novo was sent out with another Fleet to recruit de Gama, but missing him he laded his Ships at Cochin and Canonor, and came fafe to Lisbon.

And now the King of Portugal assumed to himself the pompous Titles of Lord of the Navigation, Conquest and Commerce of Acthopia, Arabia, Persia and India; and to maintain that Title fent out Valco de Gama a second time with the Title of Admiral, and a larger Fleet than ever; with which he failed directly to Cockin, whose King Trimumpara was a fincere Friend and generous Affiftant to the Portuguese against their Enemy the Zamorin of Calecut: Having laded his Ships and dif-patcht his Affairs at Cochin he fail'd towards Canonor, but was met by 20 front Ships from Calecut, which he quickly defeated, took two of them and returned back to Portugal, leaving Vincent de Scodra with fix Ships to cruife on the Coath, and hinder the Commerce of the Arabians and Sarazens. Assoon as de Gama was gone, the Zamorin fell upon Trimumpara and drove him out of his Kingdom, because he would not quit the Interest of the Portuguese. But Francis and Alphonso d' Albuquerque arriving the next Year at Cockin, they foon drove out the Zamorin, and reinflated Trimumpara; and by his permission built a Caftle for the Security of the Portuguese, which after was encreas'd to a Town and may be call'd New-Cochin: having done this, laded their Ships and fettled a Factory at Coulan, they returned to Portugal, leaving Pacieco a valiant Commander with 300 Men and three Ships to oppose the Zamorin: With this small force the Portuguese did Wonders, repulfing the Calecutians in all their Attacks upon Cochin, and supported Trimumpara in his Kingdom; the next Year they were reinforced by a confiderable Armada from Portugal under Lopez Suarez, and acquir'd a mighty Reputation in India.

The Portuguese having thus in some measure established themselves in India, King Emanuel sent Don Froncisco d' Almeida in the Year 1505, to reside there with the Title of Vice-Roy: This Prince maintain'd the War with great Courage and Hazard, during the five Years that he govern'd. And Alphonso d' Albaguerque that sinceeded him took the Island and City of Goa, which was then made, and has ever since continued, the Seat of the Government of the Portuguese Asa: from hence they sent out Armies and Fleets, and extended their Conquests sar and near, establishing Facto-

rys, not only all along that Coast of Malabar and the other of Coromandel, but also all along the Bay, and the Coasts of Pegn, Syam, Malacca, and on most of the Islands, possessing for a long-time the whole Trade of the Indies; till the English and Dutch Nations put in for a share with them. Since that time the Portuguese Trade daily declin'd; and in the War with the Dutch in 1662, &c. they were almost expell'd these Parts, having at present besides Goa sew Places of any Importance there. So much for the Portuguese.

The Discovery of the East-Indies happen'd in The East the Reign of our King Henry VII. who was a gliß in Prince that lov'd his Money too much to fend it India abroad in fuch hazardous Adventures; and as he refus'd Columbus Affifance in the Difcovery of America, so he neglected the Trade of the East-Indies. His Son Henry VIII. was otherwise employ'd all his Reign, as were his two Succesfors. But Queen Elizabeth having profperoufly feetled Affairs at home, applied her Thoughts to Foreign Trade: and first setting out Sir Francis Drake, Tho. Candillo (both famous for encompaf-fing the whole Globe of the Earth) and others with Commissions, to infest the Spaniards on the Indian Coasts, and make free prize of their Ships. At length in the Year 1600, the East India Coinpany was erected and endowed with many Privileges; and a Fond was foon raifed for carrying on the Trade. Their first Fleet was commanded by Sir James Lancafter, with the Queen's Commission of Martial-Law, and arrived at Sumatra, a large Island on the South of the Coast of Syam, on the 5th. of June 1602; where having been kindly receiv'd by the King, and laded two of his Ships, which he fent home; he proceeded to Bantam on the Island of Java, where he laded his other two Ships, and settled Factorys. In the Year 1608, a Factory was settled at Swat in the Dominions of the Great Mogul, and great Privileges granted to it by the Negociation of Capt. Hawkins, who resided many Years in that Court as Ambassador from the King of Great Britain, and was succeeded in that Employment by Sir Thomas Roe. Soon after Madraspatan on the Coast of Coromandel was obtained of the King of Golconda, with liberty to build a Noble Fort call'd St. George, which is the Seat of our English Sovereignty on that fide, and general Factory for all the Company's Affairs beyond Cape Comorin, as Surat is the chief resort for all Affairs on this side that Cape. Our Nation hath also the Sovereignty of the Island Bombay on the Coast of Cambaia. The Island Angediva, near Goa. Fort St. David's near Negapatan on the Coast of Coromandel. And Factorys at Onegly or Hugley, Cassumbezar, Patana, Daca and Ballasore in Bengall; at Agra the chief City of Mogul, at Amadaba, Cambaya, Brodra, Baroche, Dabul, Petrapoli and Massilipatan, in the Dominions of that Prince; as also in Syam, Cambodia, Tonquin and the Island Formosa. At Achin, Prianim, Ticon and Jambe on the Island Sumatra. Likewise in the Mands, Borneo, at Succadano and Bandermaffin; and Celebes at Macaffer.

The English might easily have made themfelves Masters of many other Places as the Portuguese and Dutch have done, but that they always chose rather to carry on a peaceable and

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quiet Commerce with the Inhabitans than by violating the Laws of Nations, to Enflave and Rob them at the same time both of their Wealth and Liberty, on which account they have been every where kindly entertain'd, and preferv'd an unspotted Reputation.

The States of Holland, affoon as that Republick was in a condition to spare her Men and Ships Dutch in from the defence of the little Country they had got possession of, had their Eye on the East-India Trade, which they wisely foresaw would exceedingly enrich themselves, and weaken their Enemy the Spaniard; to which purpote they at first endeavour'd to find out a new and nearer Passage thither by the North, along the Coasts of Normay, Lapland, Nova Zembla and Tartary; but their Attempts at several times proving unfuccessful; in the Year 1595, they fitted out Four Ships, under the Command of Cornelius Houtman, who having been before employ'd in Houman, who having been before employ'd in the Service of the Portugueses, not only learnt the Method of Sailing to those Coasts, but was also well vers'd in the manner of Trassicking. Thus he set Sail the common way to the Cape of Good Hope, continuing his Course to Magdagascar, Santha Maria, and Antongil, and came to Sumatra on the 12th of June 1596. Afterward he pass'd to Bantam and Tuba in Java Major; as also to the Islands of Madura and Bully; and loosing from thence, after a redious and difficult looling from thence, after a tedious and difficult Voyage, arriv'd in Holland in the Month of Augult 1597. without making a Return of Profit answerable to the Expectation of the Merchants. However, they were not at all discourag'd from the like Adventures, but rather animated by a Prospect of Gain; insomuch that the next Year, 1598. no less than 80 Ships sail'd out of the Ports of Holland and Zealand, either for the East or West-Indies, of which Five were sent out by of vegl-indea, or which five were tent out by the Authority of the States General, under the Conduct of Balthafar Masseron. Divers considerable Voyages were likewise made by Oliver Nordt, George Spitberg, and James Van Nec, besides other of lesser note, undertaken at the Expense of patients of patients of patients. pences of private Persons, or petty Companies of Merchants of Amsterdam, Roterdam, Zealand, Brabant, &c. until the States thought fit to unite all the Adventurers into one Society, to Trade upon a common Stock; freely permitting any Persons to come in at high, but prohibiting all others to Traffick, or repair to any Harbour from the Cape of Good-Hope to the Coast of China for 21 Years, to commence from the 20th of March, 1602. Whereupon, within a little while was rais'd a Fond of 700000 Pounds Sterling, which in Six Years time was augmented to near five times as much, i. e. 3500000, besides a yearly Dividend of 30 or 40, and seldom so low as 20 per Cent. Thus the Hollanders, having in process of time settled themselves in the most remarkable Places of the East-Indies, and engross'd almost the whole Spice-Trade, began to found a Commonwealth in those parts, govern'd by a Stadt-Holder, as potent as the other in the Netherlands; although his Office, which was formerly for Life, now continues only during three Years; never-theless in State and Grandeur he exceeds not only the Stadt Holder of the United Provinces, but even most Princes in Europe. Indeed, the Strength and Greatness of the Hollanders are at

present come to so high a pitch, as to dare to contend with the most powerful Monarchs of the Levant, being able to put to Sea a Fleet of 40 or 50 Men of War, and at the dame time to maintain an Army of 30000 Men on Land. For in the Province of Malabar they possess One, For in the Province of Malabar they possess Onor, Barcelor, Mangalor, Conanor, Cranganor, Cochin, Coolam: In that about Coromandel, Tuicorin, Negapatam, Karkalk and Palleacate, which they conmonly call Gueldria. In the Peninsula, Malacca. In the Island of Ceylon, Negumbs, Columbo, Galla, Baticala Trinquilimala, and Jastria patam. A Fortress in the Isla of Manar. In Jana Rational and columbas by the Navarana Rational and Ceylon and the Navarana Rational and Ceylon and the Navarana Rational and Ceylon and the Navarana Rational and Ceylon and the Navarana Rational and Ceylon and the Navarana Rational and Ceylon Java, Baravia, anciently known by the Name of Java, Baravia, anciently known by the Name of Jaccarra. In Borneo, Celebes, and divers other places, besides the entire Islands of Birna, Amboyna and Banda, several Forts of the Molucca's, &c. They likewise keep Factories in almost all the Trading Towns throughout the whole Continuous of Islatic Endeavorum sees. whole Continent of India, endeavouring, if it were possible to get into their Hands the Mono-poly of all manner of Commodities.

The Danes and French, in cinulation to other European Kingdoms, have likewife fought for a Share in the Traffick in the East-Indies. The former indeed have established a confiderable Trade in the Bay of Bengala, and on the Coasts of Pegu; as also in some little Islands toward the South, being Masters only of two Places whereto they repair, both lying on the Coalt of Cor-mandel, viz. Krankebar and Daniburg. The French in the Year 1664, erected a Company for the Commerce of the East-Indies, which having fixt their chief Residence and Factory in the life of Madagascar, on the Coast of Africa, should from thence Traffick into Persa, India, China, Japan, &c. But they have not been as yet able to carry on their Design with Success, according to their Expectations, although they ftill continue earneitly to profecute it, and have lately got fome Interest in the Court of the King

of Siam.

PTolony, Strabo, and the other autient Geogra-X. pheis, divided India into Two Partsonly, that Division is, with respect to the River Ganger; the West-of India. ern being stiled Intra and the Eastern Extra Gangem. But in regard that Indostan or the Empire of the great Mogul, lyes on both sides that River, and is all Subject to one Prince, that must now be allowed to be one Part. And the Two Feninfulæ or large Promontorys that launch out into the Indian Ocean on each fide of the Bay of Bengall, are reckon'd Two other Parts: So that at present, India at large is divided into Three Parts, viz.

- I. INDOSTAN or the Empire of the Great Mogul.
- II. The PENINSULA of INDIA within, or on the Welt fide the River GANGES:
- III. The PENINSULA of INDIA beyond, or on the East side the GANGES.

Each of these contains many Kingdoms, viz:

In Indoftan are comprehended forty Kingdoms, namely

Kanduana Udessa Patna Jesual Meyat Bengal Orixa Berar Candis Guzarat Chitor Malva Ranas Bando Hendows Pop. Jenupar Delly Agra Gualeor Narvar Maroucha Sambal Bacar Jamba Pengal Naugracut Siba Pitan Gor Kakares Bankish Cassimere Attock Cabul Multan Haiacan Buckar [Jesselmere Soret Tatta

In the Peninfula of India within Ganges, are the CounMalabar Decan Golconda Bifnagar & Coromandel The Fishing Coast and three Principalities

In the Peninfula be-In the Penintula De-yond Ganges are thefe three Empires of Syam The Kingdom of Anna comprehend many The Empire of Ava fmall Kingdoms

The Subdivisions and chief Towns of these Parts of *India*, will be feen in the Tables before the particular Descriptions of each; to which we now proceed, beginning with the Peninsula within Ganges; that lying next to the Island Ceylon from whence we last came.

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Of the Peninsula of India within the Ganges.

For a Map confult that of the Mogul's Empire, to which this is annexed.

HE Peninfula of India within, or on the hi-Situatither fide of the River Ganges, is feated between the 90th and the 100 Degr. of Longitude; and between the 8th and the 20th Degr. of North Latitude, being contiguous on the North with Indoffan, but otherwise surrounded by the Sea; that is, the Indian Sea on the West and South, and the Bay of Benga'l on the East: It is divided from Ceylon by the Straights of Manar, on the South-East, and is distanced from Malacca and the Peninsula beyond Ganges, near 1430 Leagues, by the Intervention of that Great Bay or Sea, to which, in general, is given the Name of Bengall, though the inner Part of it only, may properly bear that Appellation. The Breadth of this Land in the North Part is near 600 Miles, but decreases South-

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ward, growing narrower by Degrees till it end in a Point at Cape Comorin. The Air is excellive Hot, being feated under the first, second, and part of the third Climates of the Torrid Zone: So that the Inhabitants for the Air and most part go naked: Nevertheless the Soil produdes plenty of all Necessaries, as Rice, divers forts of Fruits, Cattle, Pepper, and some other Spi-ces, Cotton and Silk; but especially this Land yields Diamonds, and other precious Stones, and its Sea affords Pearls. A great Ridge of Mountains runs along the middle of this Country, from Bisnagar to Cape Comorin; they are call'd the Mountains de Gate or Ballagate; and it is very remarkable that at the fame Time that the Weather is fultry Hot on one fide of these Mountains, it is severely Cold on the other fide, though in the same Degree of Latitude. A great Number of the Towns and Castles on the Coasts of this Peninfula are in the Possession of the Portuguese, English and Hollanders.

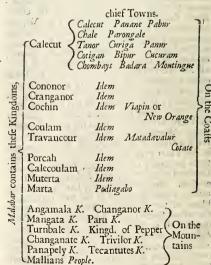
The Country contains a great Number of King-Division. doms, but those for the most Part are very small, and the Rajas or Kings Tributarys, or Homagers at least, to a more powerful Monarch; wherefore it will not be necessary to divide it according to its Kingdoms, but we shall rather confider it in five large Parts, viz.

The Coasts and Country of Malabar. Decan, with Cuncan, Balaguata and Canara. The Kingdom of Golconda or Orixa.

The Kingdom of Bisnagar with the Coasts of Coromandel.

The Principalities of Gingi, Tanjouar and Madura, with the Fishing Coast.

The Subdivisions and chief Cities whereof are seen in this Table.



Decan

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Goa and the Island Anchediva The City of The Country of Salsette

| Baznagar Golconda Condapoly | Cundavera Bellumconda The Kingd. of Golconda Cundavera Detirmeon.... Gani or Coulour Guadavari

The Kingd. Slifnagar or Chandegry Velour of Bilinagar Chattver Nar finga Cirangapatan Pelagonga Tripity

(Matsulipatan Pettipole Caceiro Caletour Penna Fort Geldria And the Coasts Paliacate Meliapur or St. Thomas of Coro-Fort St. George and Madraspatam mandel Tirepolier Carcal Negapatam Tranguebar Fort St. David

Gingi Gingi Cidambaran The three Tanjouwar Tanjouwar Princi-Negapatan, &c. Madura Tutecay
Trichandur Calipatam
Manancor Manapur
Jacancurg palities or Naiques Madura and the Fishing-Coaft

MALABAR, Iyes on the West-side of the salabar Mountains Ballagate; but Geographers are not gene- agreed of it's extent with respect to the Northern Boundary; fome carrying it as high as Cape Darame, or Cabo des Ramei, and the River Aliga near Goa; and so include Canara in that general Name; but Sanson and others cut off that Country, and so Malabar is to be reckon'd no far-ther Northward than the River Cangerecora, a little beyond Conanor; between which and Cape Comorin in the South may be reckon'd about 350 Miles, but its breadth is at most 100 Miles, and in the Southern Part not half fo much. It is divided from Coronavidel on the East by the Ridge of Mountains, and on the West and South it is washed by the Indian Sea. The Coasts have many commodious Bays and Harbours, which invite Merchants from all Parts: but it is mostly frequented by Mahometan Pirates, except where the European Establishments hinder them. The Contry is water'd with many Rivulets, and the Soil is fruitful in Pepper, Ginger, and other Spices, Rhubarb, Sugar, Cotton, Coconuts, Oc. and was formerly all subject to one Monarch, but at present many Kings Reign there, over whom he of Calicut pretends a Superiority, and call'd himself Zamorin or Emperor, but his Glory is pais'd away, and his Country is at prefent a kind of Aristocracy; however, we Part 2

shall consider the Country as it was formerly govern'd; for the Revolutions are fo various and frequent that it is impossible to trace 'em.

The chief Kingdoms of Malabar are those of Calecut, Canonor, Cranganor, Cochin, and Coulam, Malabar besides which there are many others. As Travan-in parti-cour, adjoying to Coulam, Porcha, and Calecon-cular. lam, the former adjoyining to Cochin, and the latter to it; the English trade to Porcah, and the Dutch have a Factory there. Mwerta, Maria, and Baymena, three other small Kingdoms, adioyning also to Cochin; and divers finall Principalities subject to the Zamorin. There are also eleven small Kingdoms in the Mountains, viz. Mangae, and Parn; the Kingdom of Pepper; Turnbale; Changanate; Changanor; Trivilar; Panapely; Anga-male; the Kindom of the Tecanines; and the People of the Mountains of Panda; and lattly at the top of the Mountains live the People call'd Mallians, whose chief Town is Prize. The Cities of chiefelt Note in all these Kindoms, are

Entring this Continent from the Islands, we first meet Cape Comorin, heretofore call'd Cory Comaria, and Comaria Extrema: Situate in the 7th Degree, 3c. Minutes of Northern Latitude, 60 Leagues West from the Coast of Ceplon; in passing thence Northward, is seen Corate, the Capital of the Kingdom of Travancor, a place Travancor great Traffick, and adorn'd with a Christian cor. Church built in the Year 1600. Tr.wancor, which gives name to the Kingdom, suppos'd to be the Cotiara of Ptolemy: and Matadavalur, a large City in the same Kingdom. Coulam, the Capital of Coulam. the Kingdom thence denominated, is a large City feated in a most fertile Soil and healthy Air, in the 9th Degree of North Latitude: it has the advantage of a very commodious Haven at the Mouth of a River, and was taken by the Portuguese in 1505, who built a new Town, and ftrengthened it with good Walls, and a Fortress, but were however beaten out by the Dutch in 1661. Calecoulam, the Capital of ano-Calecoulam. ther Kindgdom, was formerly a good City, lam. but being destroyed by the Portuguese in 1523, it hath ever fince continued in low Estate; however, for the sake of the Spice Trade the Dutch have a Factory there. Porca the Capital of a Porca. finall Kingdom of about 50 Miles extent, where the English have a Factory for Pepper, which grows plentifully there. Catiapely is the name of the chief Town of Batymena Kingdom, as Podiagabo, otherwise Mavelycare, is of Marta; and Muserta of the small Principality of the same Name.

Cochin, the Capital of a powerful Kingdom, Cochinwhose Prince is the only one in Malabar that dares dispute with the Zamorin of Calecue; is a large City, or rather two Cities a Mile and half afunder, but however almost united by Suburbs: The upper or ancient Cochin stands about 4 Miles up the River from the Sea; and is the Seat of the King, whose Palace is a fine Building after the European manner; the Streets are large and the Town populous: The lower or new Town Rands two Miles lower on the fame River, which makes a commodious Hayen; it was built by the Portuguese, and bath many Christian Churches, whereof that of the Jesiuts is the finelt, having a stately Tower and a Ring of Bells. Tis a place of great Traffick, and was possess by the Portuguese from the Year 1504 till 1663, when the Dutch beat them out, and have ever since possessed it, It is seated on the Coast of the Indian Sea, in the 9th Degr. 40 Min. of Northern Latitude. Vaipin, a small ssland in the River, which was formerly a notable Sanctuary, is now possessed by the Dutch, who have built a Fort in Cranga. it called New Orange. Cranganor, the Capital of the Kingdom of that Name, stands upon the River Chatma, 20 Miles North from Cochin, and not far from the Sea: The Portuguese built a Fort near it and took the City, but were beaten out

of both by the Dutch in 1662. From Ganganor Northward lies the Kingdom Calicut. of Calicut, whose King, as we have faid, was called Zamorin or Emperor, and was a powerful Monarch, able to bring into the Field an Army of 100000 or more. He had a vast Revenue arting by Tributes, Customs, and the Monopoly of Pepper. The City Calient stands upon the Sea-shore in the 11th Degr. of North Latitude; a large Place, being as some relate eleven Miles in Compass, but the Buildings very ordinary; it was a City of great Trade, and was notable 200 Years ago, especially for the Portuguese Wars against it, but now a poor and obscure Place; the Palace stands about a Mile from the Town; it is large and surrounded with a low Wall, but the Apartments are proper and well adornd. Panane about 50 Miles from Calicut, a Place of Trade al-fo, having an excellent Haven: 'Twas here the Portuguese first arriv'd, when they discover'd the East-Indies; and by the Zamorin were at first well entertain'd, but had afterwards long and grievous Wars with him, wherein the two Castles that guarded this Haven were demolished. Palur, where the Zamorin fometimes resided. Chale not far from Calecut, where the Portuguese once had Traffick; are the other chief Cities of this Kingdom. Which being the most considerable, the whole Country of Malabar is sometimes called Calecut: Several small Principalities are Tanor, fubject to the Zamorin: As Tanor, a petty King-dom, whose Capital of the same Name is a Sea-port between Cochin and Calicut; Curiga between Panane and Cranganor; Panur; Coligan; Bipur; Cucuram; and Auriola; Inland Countrys: and Chombays, Badara and Moutingue, three Ports lying Northward from Calicut: But it must be own-

ed however that his Dominions are not very large; for from Cochin, which as we have faid, is the Capital of a confiderable Kingdom, it is not much above Canonor, too Miles to Canonor, the chief Town of another Kingdom, being the most Northern Part of Malabar, a Country of fertil Soil, whose Capital of the same Name is seated about 12 Miles from the Sea, upon the River Baliparam, which makes an excellent Haven, and the City a place of great Trade. The Portugucse built a Fort here in 1505, which encreased into a Town, and was call'd new Canonor; but it was taken from them in 1664 by the Dutch, who still hold it, and drive a good Trade there for Pepper.

drive a good Trade there for Pepper.

From Malabar, Northward to the Confines of Decan in the Empire of the Mogul, lies the large Country general, which bears the general Name of Decan or Decam, though that Kingdom be but a finall Part of it: It is bounded on the North, by the Kingdom of Guzarat; on the South, by Malabar; on

the East, by the Kingdoms of Golconda and Bisnagar; and on the West, by the Ocean. It comprehends the three Kingdoms of Decan, Cuncan, and Balaguata, the Island of Goa, the Island Salsieva, and some other smaller Islands; and the Countrys of Canara and Salseve. The Country in general is very fertil, producing many excellent Fruits, and much Cotton, whereof the Inhabitants make very fine Cloath; the Land also yields Diamonds, and other precious Stones; and affords excellent Pasture to divers forts of Cattle bred here, and sold to Goa and other Places.

To proceed in our travelling Method, the Pro-Inpartivince of Canara is first in our way, call'd by some calar. Tulimar, and by others the Kingdom of the Chatins; it is divided from Canonor in Malabar on Canara. the South, by the River Cangereeora; and from Cancan on the North, by the River Aliga; having the Ocean on the West; and the Kingdom of Bisnagar on the East. It is divided into many petty Kingdoms, but is all subject to the King of Bisnagar: Of these Kingdoms the chief are Baticala, Onor and Garzopa. Baticala the chief City of that Kingdom, it ands in the 13th Degr. of Latitude, on a finall River, about a Mile from the Sea, but is no Port; the Country round it is very fruitful, and the City is (fays my Author) a beautiful well built Place; this Kingdom extends pretty far within Land, and is the more powerful of the three. Next to it Northward lies Onor, whose Capital of the fame Name stands on the River Mergen in the 14th Degr. Lat. where the Portuguese had a strong Fort and good Trade, and the Englith have now a Factory; the Pepper of this Place being heavier and more efteem'd than any other. Thirty Miles South from hence ftands Barcelor, another Fort and Town of good Trade, built by the Portuguese, but now subject to the Dutch. Garzopa that gave Name to that Kingdom, flood on the fame River Onor, but was ruin'd by the Portuguese; who about 5 Miles from it built a large Fortress call'd Gavarada Naghar. Ikkeri, Ahineli and Sagher are the chief Indian Cities of Garzopa. On the Coast of Canara lies the Island Anchediva, about 25 Miles in Compass, where is a very good Haven, and therefore taken by the Portuguese at their first arrival in these Parts, and by them well fortified: But their chief, and

at prefent almost only Factory in India is

Goa, a City of a League and half Extent, Goa
fittuate in a small ssland call'd Tisson, made by
two Mouths of the River Mondova, says Bandrand;
the Maps call it Gazim, and 'tis often denominated from the City, and call'd the River of Goa;
which falls into the Ocean a few Leagues below
the Town, making a commodious Haven. This
City is the Seat of the Vice-Roy, the See of an
Arch-Bishop, and the Supream Court of Judicature for all the Portuguese Asia, as well as its
Staple of Trade: It is adorn'd with many sumptuous Buildings, fair Streets, abundance of Churches and Convents; and though its Walls be
slight, the Island is so well guarded by Forts, that
the Place is reckon'd the strongest in India. It
was taken by Alphonso d'Albuquerque, the Portuguese Vice-Roy in the Year 1511, and stands in
the 15th Degr. of Northern Latitude. The Portuguese do also possess the neighbouring Country
of Salsete, where they have two Forts; and the
Country

Country of Bardes (mention'd below) and are reckon'd to have 100000 Subjects in Gon, Salfette

and Bardes.

From hence Northward lies the Kingdom of uncan. Cuncan; 120 Miles from North to South, and 200 Miles from East to West, having Decan, on the North; Canara and Goa, on the South; the Ocean, on the West, and Ballagate, on the East. Linf-choten calls it Idalcan, from the Title of its King; it is also by some named the Kingdom of Vistapor, from its chief City of that Name. Tavernier tells us of a notable Revolt in his time, of one Sevagi a Raja and Captain of this King's Guards, whose Son seized and plunder'd many of the chief Cities of this Kingdom; and afterwards plunder'd Surat, attack'd our English Ships, and very much diffurbed the Portuguese: The great Mogul sent an Army against him, but he skulk'd in the Mountains and never could be reduced; fo that he or his Successors do still continue to infest this Country. The King Idalcan was a most formidable Enemy to the Portuguese, and attack'd Goa with 70000 Men. Vifiapor, the chief City of this Kingdom, stands a great way within Land, upon the River Mondova or Dogazim, and is of very large Extent, even 20 Miles in Circumference, but then the Houses are scatter'd wide; 'tis however surrounded with Walls and 1000 pieces of Cannon, besides five strong Forts; a mighty piece of Ordinance in this Place is much talk'd of, being able to carry a Bullet of 800 weight: In the middle of the City stands the King's Palace, which is a Castle strongly fortified, and guarded by 2000 Men. On the same River somewhat lower, stand Solapour and Paranda. On the Coasts stand Win-gerla or Mingrela, a Dutch Factory near Goa. Bardes, the capital of a small Country thence deno-minated; and Fort de Agnada nearer Goa, belonging to the Portuguese. Carapatan more Northward; Centapour; and Dabul in the Latitude of 17. 45. a Place of good Trade for Pepper and Salt, but fomewhat diminish'd by the neighbourhood of Goa and Suratt, in the middle between which it stands.

Northward from hence between Cuncan and the Mogul's Frontiers, lies the Kingdom of Decan strictly fo call'd, small of its felf, though it gives the general Name to all these Countrys, for its Breadth is not above 60 Miles, and its Length from East to West about twice as much. Golconda is its Eaftern Boundary, and on the West a narrow Tract of it extends to the Sea; the chief Towns are, Chaul on the Sea-coasts in the 19 Degr. Lat. at the Mouth of a River which makes a large Haven, taken by the Portuguese and very well fortified, having a Castle that is esteemed impregnable: the Trade of this Place is deminished through the neighbourhood of the English and Dutch; but the Portuguese retain it, and are at great expence in maintaining a Garison in it. Danda and Sefardon are two other Ports in this Kingdom: and within Land are, Andanagar seat-ed on the River Guenga towards the Confines of Golconda, formetime the residence of the King: and Bider, by some reckon'd the Metropolis of the Kingdom; but Sanson names Kerky so: and the ancient Travellers speak of the City Decan as the chief, and make it a strong and well built City with a noble Palace; though 'tis probable they mean Andanagar, which is sometimes call'd Da-Part 2

nagar, and by Strangers tright be corrupted into Decan, with the Name of the Kingdom.

Ballagate is a small Kingdom seated among the Balla-Mountains of Gate, whence it is denominated; gate: between Decan, on the North; Cuncan, on the West: Golconda, on the East; and Bisnagar, on South. The chief City is Dollabod a Place of Traffick; and according to Sanson, Bider above mention'd belongs to this Kingdom. Ballagate is Tributary if not subject to the King of Can-

Having given an Account of the Western Part of this Peninfula, we proceed now to the Eaftern; from the Frontiers of the Mogul's Empire to Cape Comorin, on the East side the Mountains of Gate, where we meet with many Names of Countrys, as Narsinga, Golconda, Delli, Bisnagar, Coromandel, &c. but the whole seems properly to be divided but into two Kingdoms, viz. Golconda and Bifnagar, and three Principalities, viz. of Tanjoumar, Gingi, and Madura; Coromandel and the Fishing-Coast, being general Names of parts of these particular

Golconda is the North-East Part of this Penin-Golconfula; and fituate between the Mogul's Coundatrys, on the North and North-East; the Bay of Bengall, on the East; Decan and Ballagare, on the West; and Bisnagar and Coromandel, on the South. The famous River Guenga divides it from the Mogul's Dominions on the North, and the Mountains of Gate are its Boundary on the West. Kingdom was formerly call'd Orixa, from a Province on the East towards Bengall, which was sometime part of it; but has been conquer'd by the Mogul and intirely cut off; and by that means the Extent of the Kingdom is much restrain'd, being; instead of 330 Miles in Length, as f. du Barros represents it, now not above 200 Miles. The Name of Golconda is taken from a strong Fortrefs to which the King retired when in danger from the Mogul; and has ever finee made it his Residence. The Country is very fruitful, yielding Rice, Fruits, Indigo, Cassa the best in India, says Tavernier, Pasture and Cattle in great plenty: But that which chiefly recommends this Country is the Mines of Diamonds, the richest in the try is the Mines of Diamonds, the richest in the World. These were discover'd about a hundred Years ago by accident (a Country fellow find-ing one at Plough) and were immediately feized on by the King, who farms them out for a valt yearly Rent, even 300 thousand pound Sterling fays my Author, and yet retains to himfelf all the large ones that are above ten Carats in weight. This renders the King very powerful, but he is often attack'd by the Great Mogul, who envies him this Possession. He is call'd Corub-sha, which is a Pompous Epithet, and is an absolute Prince, Heir to all his Subjects, and Master of their Lives; but all this has not been able to protect him, for the Great Mogul by continual Warring upon him, has at length got the Victory; and for some Years last past he has been confined in an honourable Imprisonment, the Mogal possessing his Country. The People are of an Ingenious and Vertuous Disposition, except whete Trade debauches them, and therein they fometimes recede from the Morality they are generally noted for: They are reckon'd exquisite in the Painting of Calicoes. The Air is extreme Hot, but the Land is

well water'd with Rivers and Lakes, and befides they contrive large Receptacles for Water in the rainy Monfoon, which they let out at pleafure to water the Fields in the most fultry scason. The chief Cities and Places, are Bagnagar the Metropolis, feated in the 16 Deg. 58 Min. of North Latitude, and in the 97 Deg. of Longitude. The City is fair and well built, and the King's Palace very magnificent, cover'd with Teraffes whereon are beautiful Gardens, and Trees of that Magnitude that it is to be admired the Arches can support them: This may seem incredible, but my Author quotes a very worthy Gentleman (Mr. Daniel Sheldon) who resided long in these Countrys. The City is inhabited by none but Nobility and Gentry, the Tradef-men and Merchants living in the Suburbs call'd Erengabad, which is faid to be near three Miles long. Five or fix Miles from hence ftands Golconda, a Fortress of mighty Strength, and always defended by a large Garison: This is the Seat of the Royal Treasure, and of late Years the Place of the King's usual Residence, whose Palace is the most Magnificent and Sumptuous of any in the Indies, the very Bars of the Windows being of maffy Gold: it is 12 Miles in Circumference, and all built of Stone; the Situation of this Place, with respect to the Water, Soil and Climate, as well as the Strength of it has particularly recommended it to the King's approbation, and caus'd the whole Kingdom to be denominated from it. Condapoly an impregnable Fortress of large Ex-tent, comprehending great Fields of Rice, and Orchards of Fruit Trees, but fo furrounded with Rocks as to be inaccessible. Candavera another flrong Fortress; as is also Bellumconda, and fixty three others conveniently seated on the Frontiers all round the Kingdom, and mostly built on Rocks; but the most noted Place of all is Gani or Coulour, for the fake of the Diamond Mines in its neighbourhood; the Country about is craggy and mountainous, and formerly fo thinly inhabited that this was but a very poor Village, though now a very large Trading Town, which it must needs be fince there are (says Tavernier) 60000 People employ'd in the Mines: This Town is 160 Miles distant from Golconda to the East, and 108 North from Maifulipatan, a Port on the Bay of Bengall, at the Mouth of the River Nagundi the Southern Limit of the Kingdom; which is the chief Place for Foreign Traffick in all this Kingdom. Guadavari gives Name to the Cape, on the East of Matsulipatan. Binilipatan a finall Port with a Dutch Factory, and Manchepatam more Northward on the fame Bay.

VIII. Bisnagar lies on the South of Golconda, beginBisnagar ning at Mussulpatan and the River Nagandi, and
runs Southward as far as Cape Comorin six hundred Miles in Length; but it is now contracted;
for Gings, Madura and Tanjonwar, that were formerly Provinces govern'd by this King's Officers,
are at present separate Principalities under Homage only to him: Westward 'its stretch'd out
over the Mountains, as far as the Indian Sea,
and comprehends Canara already describ'd next
to Malabar: So that at present we shall confine
our selves to the Kingdoin of Bisnagar on the East
side the Mountains, which (excluding the Principalities) is about 250 Miles from North to South,
bounded by the Mountains on the West, and the

Bay of Bengall on the East. The Soil is fruitful. being well water'd with Rivers, the Pastures cover'd with Cattle, and the Forests fill'd with Lions, Tygers, Elephants, Boars and Staggs. The Air is extreme Hot at all times, but in the Winter (which is diffinguish'd only by great Rains for three Months together) the Nights are severely Cold; and as we observ'd before, the Seasons here are directly contrary to what they are in Malabar, though that be in the same Latitude. The Inhabitants are well shaped, Tawny Complexion'd, of Effeminate Lazy Tempers, but the Manufacturers are ingenious in making and painting Calicoes, which is the chief Trade of the Country. The King affumed mighty Titles, and was in effect a powerful Prince. J. du Barros and other Authors tell us he brought an Army of near eight hundred thousand (whereof 34000 Horse) besides 600 Elephants, against *Idalcan*: And *Barbosa* says there are 900 Elephants and 100 thousand Men constantly maintained for the Guard of the Kingdom; to furnish which Expence he has the fortune to have fome Diamond Mines in his Dominions, but his grandeur is diminished.

The whole Kingdom (excluding Canara) may Bishagus be divided into two Parts, viz. Bishagus properly so called, and Coromandel. The former being the Inland Country, and the latter the Sea-Coasts. The chief Cities of Bisnagar are the Capital of the fame Name, or otherwise call'd Chandegry, thought to be the Madura of Ptolomy: it is a very large City, feated on a Hill near the Banks of the River Nagundi, in the Heart of his Dominions, and therefore the usual Seat of the King; it is guarded by a strong Citadel and three Walls. Narsinga seated also on the Nagundi, below Chandegry, is also a large City, and so considerable that the whole Kingdom is frequently denominated from it, and was sometime the Regal Seat. Velour another large City whence the Kingdom is fornetimes named. Chaivero is the Seat of a Prince of this Country. Cirangapatam Southward from Chandegry. Pelagonga a very large City near Bifnagar. and Tripity on account of its famous In-dian Temple ought not to be omitted; it stands on a high Mountain, and is reforted to from all parts of the Kingdom: Great droves of Monkeys are kept in it as facred and highly reverenced; and even the King preserves a Tooth of one of those Animals as a precious Relick.

Coromandel is extended along the Coasts of the Coro-Bay of Bengall, from the Limits of Golconda to those mandel of Madura, that is from the 10th to the 15th Degr. of Northern Latitude; some extend it much farther both North and South, but this seems to be its truest Bounds. Tis so fruitful in Rice that Texeira says it took it Name from that; yet at sometimes for want of usual Rains the People perish through Famine, and sell themselves into Slavery for Food. The Inhabitants make sine Calicoes and Mullings, with which they purchase the Commodities of other Nations, or rather by selling them to the English and other Europeans are enrich'd so as to be able to purchase all Foreign Necessaries. The Coast has many commodious Havens, which makes it a Place of great Trassick; but the Ports are mostly in the Hands of Europeans, the English especially have Madraspatan and the Fort of St. George, whereof

more in its place. The chief Towns proceeding from North to South are thefe. Matfulipatan or Massalapatan, although already mention'd in our accounts of Bisnagar, because feated on the North fide of the River Nagundi, which parts that Kingdom from this, is yet by Geographers reckon'd in the Limits of Coromandel: But it is however in the Hands of the King of Golconda, and is his Mart for Diamonds, being indeed the chiefest for that Commodity in all the Indies; and therefore the place is much reforted to, and the English and Dutch have constant Factories in it. Tis a large well built and beautiful City, but the Houses stand stragling at distance from each other: here is a Governor annually deputed by the King of Golconda, who lives in great State and Splendor; the Cultoms of this Port are reckon'd to amount to 160000 l. sterling per ann. And the Town is seated, as we have said, at the mouth of the River Nagundi, on the Bay of Bengall, in the Latitude of 16 D. 30 M. Pentapouli or Petty-Pole, about 20 Miles more Southward, stands on a Promontory washed by a large River, which winding about makes it a Peninfula, and falls into the Bay of Bengall; it is a Port of somewhat difficult access, and a Place of Trade for Cloths, Pindata's, Betteleas's, &c. The Inhabitants are of different Nations, and the Town is Tributary to the King of Golconda: The English have a Factory here, as have also the Dutch. Carceiro, Caletour and Penna, smaller Towns, are noted for a Plant used in Dying. Fort Gueldria, a Fort and Factory of the Dutch, stands about 20 Miles up the Country; 'tis itrongly Fortified, fecur'd by a good Garrison, and is the Seat of their Governor, and chief Factory for these Parts. Palicate stands on the Coast at the mouth of a River or Channel which furrounds it: this place is not above 20 Miles from Gueldria, and also possess'd by the Dutch, but the Haven is not a very good one. Meliapur famous in Ecclefialfical Hiltory for the Martyrdom of St. Thomas the Apolle, who Planted Christianity in these Parts; was formerly the chief City of Coromandel: but being ruined, the Portuguese, in the Year 1523. began to Rebuild it, and in the Ruins of an ancient Church, they found (at least they affirm so) the Bones of the Apostle, which were immediately enthrined, and the new City named St. Thomas, which is a place of considerable Trade for Callicoes and such Linnens of a finer Colour than any other. The French seized this place about 30 Years ago, and held it for foine time, but were at last beaten out by the Moors.

Madraspatam, seated on the same Coast a sew Miles Northward from St. Thomas, in the 14th. Deg. of Lat. is a Town possess d by the English, and more known by the name of the Fort deno-Fort St. minated from our Champion St. George, in which refides the Governor, and General Factory for all the concerns of the East-India Company, beyond Cape Comorin, upon the Continent of Goleanda, Bengal and Pegu. The English Town is surrounded with a firong Wall, the Sca washes the East side of it, a broad Ditch the South and West, and on the North side lies the Indian Town; in the middle flands the Fort, which as well as the Town, is of Quadrangular form, with four Bathions raifed very high: and in the middle of it, thands the Governor's House, a noble Structure of Stone and well adorn'd: the Bastions of both the

Town and Fort are well mounted with Cannon, and the Place is very ftrong: The Governor lives in very great State, and in complyance with the Cuftom of those Countries, never goes abroad without a great attendance of Factors and Merchants, Servants and Guard, Druns and Trumpets, and several Palankeens or Sedans of Ladies; he has a conftant Guard of 320 or 422 Moors, and raifes 1500 Men at Summons; befides the Garrifou, which confifts of 702 Soldiers in conftant pay. This Place has been poffefs'd by the English hear 100 Years, under an annual Tribute to the King of Golconda: The Indian, Town as we have faid, lies on the North fide of the Fort, and is fornetimes call'd Maderafs; it confilts of divers Streets of neat but low Houses inhabited by the Moors. Since the Portuguese have been benten out of St. Thomas, they have been entertuin'd at Fort St. George, and a Chapel appointed for their Worlhip. Trepoplier in the Latit. 11. 45. is a Fort and Factory of the Dutch, being near Carcal, where they have a House. Negapatam, which in the Indian Lan-guage figuifies the Town of Snakes, because of the number of those Reptiles found here; is the most Southern Port of Coromandel, seated upon the Sca Coalf in the 10. D. 45. M. of Lat. and wathed by a large River, but however no good Harbour; the Portuguese did possess it till 1658, that the Dutch took it from them, and notwithstanding the Attacks of the Naique of Tanjoumardo Still retain it. Not far from them the Danes have a Fort named Tranguebar; and the English have a Fort named St. David, seated on the Coast not far South from Negapatam. Tavernier in his Journey through this Country, gives us the names of many Inland Towns of Coromandel, but these being not frequented by Europeans nor in theinfelves confiderable we shall omit, and only say that at every 20 or 30 Miles distance there are Towns, Villages, or Pagods i.e. Heathenish Temples, all over the Country.

The three Principalities or Naigues of Gingi, The three Tanjouwar and Madura, take up the relt of this lefter Peninfula, extending from the Frontiers of Bisna-lesser and Coromandel to Cape Comorin. They were lives, heretofore, as we have said, part of the Kingdom of Bisnagar, but the Governors have now thrown off the Obedience and are absolute Princes. The most Northern of 'em is Gingi, a small Country Gingi. on the West of Coromandel towards the Mountains of Gate, and adjoyning to Bishagar. The chief City of the same name, stands in the Latitude of 11.30. and about 80 Miles stom the Sea: a large and populous City, the Seat of the Naique, who is a rich Prince, and his Country a fruitful Lands the Latitude Land; the Inhabitants make fine Calicoes, and receive in exchange for em all the forcin Commodities they want. Cidambaran is another principal City of this Country, and notable for the many magnificent Pagods and Gentile Devotions paid there. Tanjouwar lies on the South and East of Tanjourgingi, taking it's name from the City where the war. Naique refides, fituate near Negapatam, in the middle of his Dominions, which are not much larger than those of Gingi. Nagapatan, possess d by the Dutch; and Tranguebar by the Danes, and Fort St. David, already mention'd, are by some reckon'd to stand in the Limits of this Princes Do-Madera minions. The Naique or Principality of Madera or the lies more to the South, extending from the Confines Fiftingof Coalt.

of Tanjoumer to Cape Comorin, and comprehending the Coast commonly call'd the Fishing-Coast from the Fishing for Pearl, which is the chief em-Ployment of the Inhabitants; who dive into the Water and bring up the Oysters, which being open'd yield many Pearls: but these are a finall fort, and the Employment is not very profitable, only the Country is Barren, and they have no better Livelihood. The chief Cities are Madura, thought to be the Modura of Ptolomy, a large Place and the usual Residence of the Naique, seated at the foot of the Mountains, in the Latitude of 9. 45. Tutecory, scated in the middle of this Coast, a handfom well built Town, subject to the Dutch since the Year 1658. Callpatam, a famous Market for Pearls. Manoncor; Trichandur; Manapar; and Facancury, are all Port Towns on the Straight of Manor.

Thus have we travell'd round this Peninfula, and viewed all it's Countries and chief Cities, wherein we have made use of the best Lights that are given us by Travellers and Geographers. But must own, The Revolutions that have happen'd here by the Wars of one Prince upon another, but chiefly the Conquests of the Mogul; have made great alterations in the limits of Kingdoms, Power of the Princes, and condition of Cities and Towns; thus Calecut which was formerly fo eminent a City, is now an inconsiderable Town; and the Kings of Golconda and Bisnagar, that were lately fuch Potent Monarchs, are now reduc'd to a low Estate, and the sormer is even a Prisoner to the Mogal. But these Revolutions having not been particularly related by Travellers, and our Merchants frequenting only the Coasts, we have not been able to obtain a better account than is here given, which we hope is not very much different from the present State of the Country.

We shall next proceed to the other Peninsula, feated on the East of the Bay of Bengall, and stiled the Peninfula of India beyond the River Ganges.

CHAP. XVII.

India beyond the River Ganges.

For a Map, confult that of the Mogul's Empire.

HE Peninfula without or beyond the River Ganges, is Bounded on the West by the Bay of Bengall, and the Dominions of the Great Mogul; on the East by the Indian Ocean and China; on the North by Tartary; and on the South by the Indian Sea, the Bays of Cochinchina and Syam, and the Straight of Malacca. It is extended far from South to North, viz. from the fecond to the thirty fourth Degree of North Lati-

tude, but is not proportionably Broad. Though this Country be vulgarly call'd a Peninfula, it is only Malacca, the Southern part, that deferves that name; for though Cochinchina and Cambodia, be three parts furrounded by the Sea, Pegu, Aracam, Ava, Tonquin, and the other Countrys comprehended in the extent above mention'd are seated on the main Land of India; and

therefore the French very wifely divide it into, I. The Peninsula, and II. India beyond Ganges. Which are both divided in three large Parts, viz.

Division.

I. The Empire of Siam. II. The Kingdom of Anna. III. The Empire of Ava.

Which are again fubdivided thus.



Martaban Tuguala Marta-Maraneo ban K. Macaon. Cambo- STarvana Langor Carol dia K. Lauweck Camboia. Cochin-china K. *Camelea Haifo Caccian* Chiampa *Sanfao Pulocacem*. TheKingdom of Anna Tonquin Cuassay Cuadag Keccio K. Bodego. contains Jangoma Manar Tang**u** Marsin Pegu Siriaon Cosmi Ledoa The Em-Arracan Sora K. Salawafeen pire of Ava includes Chacimas Tipoura Cassubs Boldia Mandranella Canarana Brama Tranfiana Ava Prom Totay Largaray Tolem**a**

Many other Kingdoms, almost as many as Towns, are nam'd by Travellers; but these Countries (except the Coasts) are so little known to us Europeans, that we cannot pretend to mention them all: what we have nam'd will ferve to lead us through the whole Country; and ac-cording to the best Informations to be had, we shall set down what is most remarkable.

Malacca, formerly esteem'd so wealthy as to have

had the Name of Aurea Chersonesus, is the most Malacca. Southern Part of India, beginning from the first Degree of Latitude, and extending in a narrow

Tract (furrounded by the Sea, except on the North) to the 11th Degree of Latitude; or, ac-North) to the 11th. Degree of Latitude; or, according to others, but to the 9th. Deg. It is divided into many finall Kingdoms denominated from the chief Towns, but the Kings are Vassals to the King of Syam, who is supremu Lord of the whole, except the Southern Coast, where the Dutch have got Possessing. [Malacca is seen in the Map of the Islands] the chief Cities of it are on the Western Coast. Queda, Torano, Sambilaon, Solongor and Malacca or Malays, the Metropolis, whence the whole Country and the neighbouring Straight take their Name; a rich and populous Straight take their Name; a rich and populous City and famous Mart, having a capacious Har-bour, which is frequented by Ships from all parts of *India*. The Language of it's Inhabitants, commonly call'd the Malaick, is the finest and most pure of any in the East-Indies, and is generally understood by Merchants and Learned Men all over India. The City is guarded by a ffrongCaftle, but was however taken by the Portuguese in the Year 1511. from the King of Ihor who was then Master of it, and kept by them till 1640, when the Dutch turn'd 'em out, and have ever fince possessed it. South from *Malacca* stands *Sincapura*, seated (says *Buno*) on a Promontory, and gives Name to the neighbouring Straight, and Ihor a confiderable Town with a good Haven. On the Eaftern Coasts are Pahang, Potingaram or Potingaraon, Redoar, Patana a noted Mart Town, in a fruitful Soil; and Singora.

IV. The Kingdom of Siam, or Sian, borders on the The King-South upon Malacca, and is bounded, on the North, by the Kingdom of Pegu; as alio, on the South, by the Bay of Siam; on the East, by the Defarts of Cambodia, and the Kingdoms of Jangoma and Tango; and on the Wett, by the Kingdom of Martaban and the Bay of Bengall; extending from the 9th. to the 15th. Degree of North Latitude, the Southern part, being the Ishmus of the Peninsula of Malacca, is narrow; but Northward it is of much larger extent. This Country yields for exportation, Cotton-Linnens, Niper-Wine, Lacca, Palo d'aquila, Calamba, Sapon-wood, Camphora, Nutmegs and other Spices, Gold, Diamonds, Bezoar Stones, Silk, Musk, Sandal-wood and Ivory. In the mountainous Parts, a great number of Elephants are bred, and among others, forne of a pure white Colour, which are particularly effeemed by the King, even fo much as to take a Title from it, and calls himself King of the white Elephant.

This Kingdom, or Empire, comprehends feveral petty Kingdoms, deriving their Names from the Towns, which it will be sufficient only to recite in their Order: Near the Eastern Limits, are Bordelong, Ligor, Patanor, and Berdio, and on the other fide are Juncalan, or Juncalaon, Tanasserim, a Sea-port Town and eminent Mart, affording good store of Wine, that is not unlike our Burnt Wine; Lugor, and Moro, Liam is seated on the innermost recess of the Bay of Siam, and near the Frontiers of Cambodia. In passing somewhat Garban towards the North was come to what farther towards the North, we come to Bankock, near the Mouth of the River Menan, or Manan, and Odia, or Odioa, otherwise call'd India, and Siam, a large, well fortify'd and magnificent Ciam, Gazalia, Go. nificent City, feated in a spacious Plain, and on an Island made by the Menan: It it the Metropolis of the whole Empire of Siam, the Royal Seat,

and a noble Mart, where is found abundance of Gold, Silk, and other precious Merchandizes; feated on the mouth of the River Menan, being diffant about 30 Leagues from the Sea-coasts, to the North, and 130 from the Town of Pegu, to the East, in the Latitude 12. 30. and Longit. 119. Laffly, above Odia, Sacottay has an advantageous fituation on the fame River.

The Kingdom of Martaban borders upon those V. of Siam and Pegn. It is a narrow Tract of Land Martalying along the Sea-Coult or Bay of Pegn, and ban K. abounds with Metals, medicinal Herbs, Corn, Oil and Fruits, Scaling Wax, and carther Vefels. The Capital Team is likewise 21th Metals. fels. The Capital Town is likewife call'd Martaban, and stands on a Bay of the same Name; where great quantities of Porcellane, or Chinaware, are frequently made and transported to other Parts. Farther towards the North, are Marareo; Tuquala, otherwise call'd Tognalla or Tagalla: and Macaon, or Macham.

The Kingdom of Camboja, Camboia, or Cambodia lies on the East of Siam, having Cochinchina on the Cambo-North-East; and otherwise surrounded with the dia K. Sea, whereof that on the Well is called the Bay of Siam, and the Eastern, of Cockinchina and Chiampa. It is water'd by the River Mecon, and its Towns on the Bay of Siam, are Tarvana, Langor, and Carol. The other Towns more remote from the Bay, are Lanneck, or Lenweck, otherwise called Revecca on the River Macon, taken for the Capital, by M. Bandrand, but that honour is by others given to Camboia, or Cambodia, a noted Mart Town, feated also on the River Mecon 100 Miles more Southward, and not above 20 Leagues from the Sea.

After having given a Description of the principal VII. parts of the Empire of Siam, the order of the mat-Anna K. ter leads us to the Kingdom of Anna, (in Latin, Regnum Annamiticum, sive Annanum) i.e. The Western, fo call'd, because it was sometime the Western Part of China: Its situation is between the Kingdom of Siam, the Empire of Ava, China and the Bay of Tonquin, and M. Baudrand divides it into the Kingdoms of Cochinchina and

Cochinchina is the Southern part of the Annamitick Kingdom, so call'd (as some will have it) Cochinby the Portugufes, as it were, The Chinese Cockin; china K. by reason of the resemblance it bears with the Kingdom of Cochin in Malabar, and because of its neighbourhood to China. It is bounded on the West, by Cambodia; on the North, by the Kingdom of Tonguin; and on the East and South, by the Gulph of Cochinchina. The Soil is extremely rich, and brings forth abundance of Rice, with feveral forts of Fruits; neither is there any want of Cinnamon, Pepper, Silk, the beftkind of Metal, Rhinoceros's, Elephants of a large fize: and convenient Harbours. This Country is govern'd by its own King, who is Tributary to the Emperor of China, and divided into Proper Cechinehina and Chiampa. Chiampaa, otherwise termed, Criam-Chiampa, Chiapaa and Thompa, which forme Authors pa K. unite to Cambodia, takes up the Southern Part of Cochinchina, and is dignify'd with the Title of a Kingdom, under the Dominion of the King of that Country; its Capital Town being Pulocacein; or Pulocacein. Cochinchina, Ilrietly taken, is of a much larger Extent than Chiampa, and the Western Part of it is inhabited by the Kemi, a particu-

tom of iam.

IX.

are at this day situated in the Northern Part of lar People. The most remarkable Towns (according to M. Tavernier) are Bonten, with an ex-cellent Harbour; Dinphoan; Tachan, Camelea, Hai-fo, a well fortify'd Place; Caccian, or Caccian, which fome make a Royal feat, where the Chinefes and Japonefes carry on a great Traffick, although M. Tavernier takes no notice of this Town: And Sanfo, formerly a large and eminent Mart-Town which has fallen much to decay, ever fince its Harbour was choak'd up with Sand.

The other Part of the Annamitick Kingdom, is Tonquin that of Tonquin; bounded on the South, by Cochinckina, and the Bay of Cochinchina, or of Ton-quin; on the East and North, by China; and on the Welt, by the Kingdom of Brama, and a cer-tain People nam'd Laji. The Air is temperate, and the Country which is for the most part Champain, is destitute of Corn and Wine; but abounds with Rice, Silk, Sugar, Oranges, Rhinoceros's, Elephants, Horfes and Tortoiles. In this Kingdom are feveral Provinces, and many Cities, Towns and Villages; but the Europeans have little knowledge of them: Those of chief note (as M. Tavernier informs us) are Cunfay, Cuadag, Keccio or Checho, near the Mouth of a River, which divides the Town into two Parts, being the Capital of the Kingdom, where the King untilly keeps his Court: And Bodego, feated a little higher. The King of Tonquin is very powerful, both by Sea and Land, and feveral Princes do him Homage for their respective Tenures; nevertheless, he himfelf is oblig'd to pay Tribute to the Emperor of

It remains only to account for the third and The Em-last Part of India beyond the River Ganges; that pire of is to say, the Empire of Ava, the Bounds of Ava. which on the South, are the Empire of Siam; on the West, the Bay of Bengall, and the Empire of the Great Mogul; on the North, Tartary; and on the East, China, and the Kingdom of Tonquin: A great number of Territories are comprised within the Limits of this Empire, and in its Eastern Tract, towards the confines of China, feveral forts of People are to be met with; particularly, the Gueyes, those of Ciocangua and the Layes, who are Vassals, or Tributary to the King of Ava. This Empire is likewife divided into many Kingdoms, the chief of which are those of Pegu, Arraean, and Ava.

XI. The Kingdom of Pegu, heretofore the largest Pegu K. and most potent, is now almost ruin'd by the neighbouring Kings of Ava and Siam, and takes up the most Southern Part of the Avan Empire; It borders upon the Kingdoms of Siam, and Martaban, and upon the Bay of the fame Name, and is also wash'd by that of Bengall: Its Figure refembles that of a half-moon, and it is enrich'd with colour'd Genms, which are laid to be found no where else, throughout the whole Eastern Continent, but here and in the Island of Ceylon, viz. Rubies, Topazes, Amethysts, Jacinths, Sapphires, &c. This Country likewise abounds with several forts of Metal, Musk, Fruits, and Elephants, and (as they say) depends on the Jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Ava. The most eminent Towns of these Parts are Jancoma, or Jangoma, Manar, Tangu, Marsim and Pegn, a famious Mart on a River of the same Name, generally reputed the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom. with colour'd Gemms, which are faid to be found ly reputed the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom,

and the Royal Seat, with a most stately Palace, which nevertheless is call'd Siren, by M. Tavernier. Over against the Mouth of the River Pegu, in the Bay of Pegu, appears the Island of Siriaon, with a Town that takes its Name from it, and whichother term Siriavo; besides those of Cosmi and Ledoa. The Kingdom of Arracan, or Aracam, is si-

tuated in the middle between that of Pegu on the South, and the Territories of Bengall on the West, Arracan and is wash'd on the South by the Bay of Bengall. K. The chief Towns are, Aracam, near the Mouth of the River Cosmin, not far from the said Bay; the Capital of this Kingdom; being distant six Miles from the Sea-coafts, and 140 from the City of Pegu: Sora and Cadonascan.

The remaining Part of the Avan Empire is known by the Name of the Kingdom of Ava, although it contains feveral Kingdoms, deriving Ava K. their Denominations from particular Towns, of which the most remarkable, are Chacomas, Tipoura, or Tipra, Cassuli, Boldia, Mandranella, Canarana, Brama, or Brema, Transiana, Ava, the Metropolis of the Kingdom, and of the whole Empire, Casted and the Prince Casted an King keeps his Court, and a great frade is managed with Jewels and Musk: Prom, Totay, Largaray, and Tolema.

The whole Country of India beyond the Ganges XIV. is water'd with several great Rivers, and the most The Ri-Eastern of them is Mecon, or Meton: which flow-ver of Iaing through the Territories of the Layes, as alfo dia, bealing the Confines of the Kingdoms of Tongain yout the and Cambodia falls into the Indian Sea, near the Ganges Bay of Siam. Four other Rivers, which furpass the reft, in many respects, take their Rise out of the Lake of *Chiama*, in the most Northern Track of this part of *India*, extending itself 180 Leagues in Compass, and are call'd Menan, Caypumo, Cofmin and Caor; the first of which runs into the Bay of Siam, and the three others into that of Bengall.

The River Menan, being the largest and most Menan.
Eastern, directs its course through the Kingdoms of Flu. Avan, Pegu and Siam, and discharges itself (as we have said) into the Bay of Siam. The Caypumo, Cayputotherwise call'd Pegu, flows through the King-mo Flu. doms of Ava and Pegu, after having water'd both the Cities that bear those Names, falls below the latter, into the Bay of Pegu, which is part of the Gulph of Bengall. The Cosmin waters the King-Cosmin dom of Ava and Aracam, and discharges itself-slu.

into the Gulph of the same Name. Lattly, the
Caor, after having likewise pass'd through the Caor Flu.

Kingdom of Ava and Bengall, falls into the Eastern Mouth of the Ganges, and through that into the Gulph of Bengall. These five Rivers, after the same manner as the Nile in Egypt, over-flow the Lands lying round about, and render them extremely fruitful.

Before we proceed to the Empire of the Great Several Mogul, we cannot but take some notice of King Opinions Solomon's Ophir; concerning the fituation of which about Sothere are different Opinions among the Learned; lomon's some take it to be Hispaniola, an American Island Ophir. in the Northern Ocean; and others will have it to be Peru, the Western part of Southern America, on the Pacifick Sea. Again, fome look for Ophir in the Eathern and Maritime part of Africa, where the Kingdom and City of Zefala, or Zofala, Caffaria;

Caffaria; or where Mosambie, a Sea-port Town stands, in the Southern Tract of Zanguebar. Several Authors place it in divers Territories of the East-Indies; many supposing it to be the Tapro-East-Indies; many imposing it to be the Tapro-bana of the Ancients, and some make it the same with the Kingdom of Pegu. According to the Sentiments of Mercator, Julius Scaliger, Rhamnsi-ms, Orosius, Sukius and Linschoten, it is the Island of Sumarra; but Bochart, (who also makes men-tion of another Ophir in Arabia, near the Country of the Sabeans) and others, fix it in the Isle of Ceylon: Neither are there wanting some Persons who avoid it to be the Aurea Chersbuckus power. who avouch it to be the Aurea Chersonesus; now who avoided it to be the Autra Christiphe, how call'd Malucca; unless that former Term (as fome maintain) be not a Proper Name, but common to the Gold-bearing Countries; by which confequently may be underflood Cylon, which confequently may be understood Ceylon, Pegu, Malacca, Sumatra, and all the Coasts of India, that afforded those Things, which are mention'd in the Sacred History. Athanassus Kircher is of opinion, That Ophir is an Egyptian Word, and signify'd among those People, a great part of India, viz. Malabar, Ceylon, Malacca, Sumatra, Java, the Malacca-lises, and other Provinces, that yield good store of Gold. To conclude, I am apt to believe that the Sacred Text with all the Difficulties, may be very well explain'd, if Ophir were fix'd in the East-Indies, not in any one particular Place, but in all the Sca-coast, from particular Place, but in all the Sea-coaft, from the Gulph of Bengall Eftward, where those Mer-chandizes were produc'd, which King Solomon's Fleet convey'd from thence, after a Voyage of

three Years; not excluding China and the Islands

of Japan.

As the Opinion of feveral Writers relating to XVI.
the lituation of Ophir, are very different, to their Different Sentiments are no less various with respect to opinions Sentiments are no lefs various with respect to opinions. King Solomon's Tarsis or Tharsis; which some will about have to be the Mediterranean Sea, others the Indi-Soloman Sea, and others, the Ocean. Some take Tar-Tarsis fis for Tarsis, a City of Cilicia, or the Country of Cilicia itself; and others suppose it to be Tunis, Carthage, or Africa. Bother produces two diffinct Places under the Term of Tharsis, viz. one in Spain, about the Mouth of the River Basis, or Ginadleguiver, wear Calix, or Gilicalte at the be-Span, about the Mouth of the Aiver Batt, or Ginadelquiver, near Cadie, or Gibraltat at the beginning of the Straight of the fame Name; and the other, to which the Ships fail'd from Exiongeber, in the Indian Ocean; lying next to Ophir; and perhaps on the Promontory of Cory, which tomewhat refembles the Spanish Gibraltar, and is now call'd Cape Comorin. There are also some Parsons who having comparéd the ferent Places. Persons, who having compard the several Places of Scripture, concerning Tarsis and Ophir, are induced to believe, not without good ground, (in my Opinion) that they were the same, or at leaft neighbouring Countries, or that Tarfis, was a Town of the Country of Ophir, from which the Ships, because they were us d to resort thither, took their Name, as at this Day the Smyrna Fleet derives theirs, from that noted Port: But it is difficult to determine where Tarfis was really fi-

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INDOSTAN

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INDOSTAN or the Empire of the GREAT MOGUL.



HAVING pass'd through the Islands and the two Peninsulæ, we come now to the main Land of India, being the Empire of this great Monarch; formerly named Indolfan or Hindow's-Stan, i.e. the Country of the Hindows, who (as we have elsewhere said) were the People that originally inhabited this Land. But the

Tartars about 300 Years ago having fettled themfelves here, and the latter Monarchs being of that Race, the Indians have given them the Name of Mogals, which in their Language fignifies White, because these are not Yellow and Tawny like the ancient Hindows, but White and Red.

The Bounds of Indoftan are Great Tartary, on ounds. the North; the Peninfula within Ganges, or the Kingdoms of Decan and Golconda, and the Bay of Bengall, on the South; India extra Gangem and the Kingdom of Thibet, which is part of T.wiary, on the East; and Persia, on the West. The form of the Country being almost square, and extending 1500 Miles from East to West; and 1200 Miles from North to South: That is to say, from the twentieth to the fortieth Degree of North Latitude, and from the eighty fecond to the hundred and twelfth (or if you reckon to the Eastern Bounds of Canduana, it will be found to extend to the 115th.) Degree of Longitude.

The Air and Soil of fo large a Country must

limate. needs be very different: For the South Part lying within the Tropick, and from the middle of the third Climate, is excellive Hot; but as the Northern Part lies under the middle of the fixth Climate, it is there much more Temperate, and Mr. Berneir tells us that in the Kingdom of Caffimeer

the Air is as Temperate as in Europe.

The Land in general is very well water'd by Rivers, and during the hottelt Months, the rainy Monfoons (which we spoke of in the Account of India in general) cool the Air, and water the parched Earth, fo as to render it in the main very Fertil; producing Rice, and other Corn in great Plenty, most delicious Fruits of divers kinds, as Oranges, Lemmons, and most of the other forts found in Europe, besides divers proper to themselves, as Mangos, Cayans, Jambos, Ananas, Brindoins, Tamarinds or Indian-Dates, Ficus-Indica, Myrobalans, &c. with many Plants that are very beneficial, and afford confiderable Traffick to the Inhabitants, viz. Cotton, Indigo, Opium, Bettelee, Aloes, Spikenard, Saffton, &c. The Earth also yields them divers forts of precious Stones, as Hyacinths, Granates, Jasper, Chrysolites, Amethylls, &c. also Diamonds and Rubies, but not so fine as those of Golconda and Pegu: and Minerals, as Salt-Petre, Sal-Armoniac, Borax, &c. also the Bezoar Stone found in the Stomach of a Wild Goat; and the Serpentine Stone, found in the Head of a Serpent, and effected of great Virtue against Poison; with Rhubarb, Musk, Civet, Lacca, Camphor, Sandal-Wood, and other Druggs, Sugar, Ginger and Long Pepper. All which together with the Manufactures, as Calicoes and Mullings of all the finest forts, raw and wrought Silks of inany kinds; Skreens, Cabinets, Scritores, and other very curious Wood-Works, and many pretty Toys; are Commodities that please the World so well, Enrope especially of late Years, that they setch vast fums of Mony as well as all the Commodities of other Countrys, and exceedingly enrich this Emperor and his Subjects.

The Country therefore is exceeding Populous, and the King wonderfully rich and powerful, being absolute Lord and arbitrary Disposer of all his Subjects Persons and Estates; which makes that a great Part of the Land lies uncultivated: for Estates not descending to Children, and the Lands always at the Emperor's Command, the People have no inclination to grow rich in a visible manner, because that would cause their Destruction; and therefore their Wealth is commonly buried in the Earth, partly to conceal it, and chiefly to serve them in the other World,

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according to their foolish Superstition. For the fame reason their Buildings are generally poor and mean; none but the Emperor's Favorites daring to build a fine House left he be turn'd out of it immediately.

But this mighty Monarchy is not of very ancient Date, for befides the Hindows already mention'd, we read in all Accounts of the uncient State of this Country, of the Points a minierous People that possess'd Bengall and all the Provinces of this Empire, Eastward of the Garges: and most of the other Provinces had particular Kings till the time of Eckbar, who was the Son of Homayon, whose Father Mirzah Bahor descended from one of the Sons of the Great Tamerlane, was the first of the Tartar-Race which at present fits on this Throne.

The Story in thort is thus. At the Death of History of Tamerlan which happen'd foon after the Year the Suc-1400, Tartary was divided among his Sons, in ceffort of which Division Mawaralnahara otherwise call'd the Great Zagatha, the Province that lies on the North of Moguls. Cabul and Cassimeer (two Provinces of India) fell to the Lot of Pir Mahomed, Son to the eldelt Son of Tamerlan, from whom descended, as we have said, Mirzah Baber; who being expell'd his own Eabor. Country by the Usbegs his Neighbours, made himfelf Malter of a great part of Indoftan, and dying in the Year 1532, left it to his Son Homayon. He Homayhad Wars with his younger Brother that confpi-on. red against him, but was assisted by the Emperor of Persia, whose Daughter he married, and reigned till 1552, when dying he left his Kingdom to his Son

Eckbar, a Prince of great Valour, Wissom Eckbar. and Fortune, to whom may more properly be imputed the Foundation of the present Monarchy; for it was he that extended it to the Grandeur we now fee it, by the Conquell of Tatta, Cambaya, Bengall, Chuor, Caffineer, and many other confiderable Kingdoms. He died of a Poyton prepar'd for an Enemy, and by miltake taken by hunder A. D. 1604, in the 531. Year of his Reign: and left one Son named Sha Selim, who for rebelling against his Father had been imprison'd for some Years; and now at his Death Joine of the great ones endeavour'd to put him by, and advance his Son Cufferon to the Throne; however, Sha Selina obtain'd the Crown, and took upon himfelf the Name of Jehan-Gaire, or as it is corruptly writ-Jehan-ten Jangheer: But as he had been an unnatural Guire. and ungrateful Rebel to his Father, he was now paid in his kind, and his Reign was full of Difturbances. His eldeft Son Cufferon began his Conspiracies with his Father's Reign, and in a little time appear'd at the Head of an Army against him, but was defeated and imprison'd the rest of his Life. After that his third Son Curroone, having had Success in the Conquest of Decan, and by that means obtain'd an Effeem in the Army, his Ambition prompted him to fer up for himfelf; accordingly he declar'd War, and fought a long and hazardous Battle with the Emperor's Army, but was at last defeated and forc'd to fly. Soon after a Civil Diffention happen'd on Account of Nourmahel, one of the Emperor's Wives, whom he was exceeding fond of, and permitted to govern him and the Empire just as the pleas'd; which gave great Diguit to the Minifters of State, and goods there. and made them raise an Army to separate the

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King from this arbitrary Woman. And in Effect they feized both him and her, but at the Emperor's Promise of Amendment released her, and foon after he made escape; so that the Lords for their safety joyned themselves with Currone, by whom Cufferoo in Prison had been kill'd, and Perwhom Conferon in Prilot had been kind, and Pervis the fecond Brother was dead, so that Curroone was now the eldest of Jehan-Guire's Sous. These Missortines broke his Heart, and Jehan-Guire died in the Year 1627; naming Sultan Bullochi the Son of Custers of or his Successor. But he was apposed, first by the ambitious Nourmahel, who resolved to fee you the South Brother Sultan Sherical South States. folv'd to fet up the fourth Brother Sultan Sherjar, to whom the had married her Daughter; but the was foon defeated by Bullochi, and Sherjar committed to close Imprisonment, and his Eyes put out: and next by Curroone, who during the absence of Bullochi in his Expedition against Sherar got Possession of Agra, and caused himself to Sha-Je- be proclaimed Emperor by the Name of Sha-fehan; and foon after confirm'd himfelf on the Throne by the Deaths of Bullochi, Sherjar, the Sons of Pervis, and all the other Princes of the Blood, whom by the Assistance and Contrivance of A-Saph-Chan, the Instrument of all the Male administration in the late Reign, he caus'd to be murther'd by Villains in the Castle of Lahor. But as he afcended the Throne by thefe bloody Steps, he was fain to be very cautious in his Govern-ment, and endeavour by mild and gentle treatment to sweeten the Minds of his Subjects and keep them firm to him. He was kept the more in awe by a counterfeit Bullochi, who was cherished and entertain'd by the Emperor of Persia as the true one, and ready to be made use of if Occasion offer'd. So that upon the whole, the Reign of Sha-Fehan was very peaceable and happy to the People, till the latter end of it; when through the Ambition of his Sons there were bloody Wars for four or five Years. Sha-Jehan had four Sons, Dara-Sha, Sultan Sujah, Aureng-Zebe, and Morad-Back-be: Who when they grew up manifested the same Ambition their Father had been guilty of; wherefore to prevent Michief he feparated them, by appointing them Governors of Provinces at diffant Parts of the Empire, the eldeft only being allow'd to tarry at Court. But in the Year 1655, the Emperor falling into a Sickness that oblig'd him to deny access to his Person, occasion'd a Sufpicion that he was dead; which coming to the Princes Ears, they immediately each fet forward to oppose their Elder Brother, and pulh for the Crown: Sultan Sujah arrivd first, and was first deseated, but escaped with Life and Liberty.

Aureng-Zebe pretended no Ambition, but contenting himself with a private Life, joyned with his repurser Brother. his younger Brother M.rad-Backhe, who both together marched against Dara the eldest, defeated his Army, and seized the Castle of Agra, and the Person of the Emperor. But assoon as he had Aureng done his Business, Ameng-Zebe threw off the Mask and feiz'd Morad-Backhe, whom he had only made a property of, that he might the easier defeat Dara, who fled to Guzerat, and endeavour'd to make Head again, but by the Subtilty of Aureng-Zebe he was defeated in all his Defigns, and hunted about from place to place, till at last he fell into the Toil, and was delivered to him; who having exposed him to view all over Agra, fent him Prisoner to Gualeor, where Morad-Backhe was

also confin'd; and soon after, even Mamood the eldest Son of Aureng-Zebe was committed to the faine place by his Father, though he had defeated his Uncle Sultan Sajah, the only remaining Brother; who escaping with Life, and flying to Aracam, was there killed: But this and the feizing the Castle of Agra, were Services too great to be given to a jealous Prince; for instead of creating a Love for his Son, it caused him to suspect that he might possibly make use of the Reputation and Interest he had obtain d in the Army to an ill purpose, as he express'd in a Letter that fell into the Hands of Mannood; which so startled him that he fled to his Uncle Sujah and offer'd him Assistance, but was afterwards prevail'd upon to return to his Father upon Promise of Pardon; which not withstanding he was committed close Prisoner. The Son of Dara had also been secured, and finally, as we have faid, Sultan Sujah kill'd in Aracam; which left Aureng-Zebe the fole Poffession of the Empire: accordingly in the Year 1660 he caused himself to be crowned, though his Father was then living, and continued living till the Thus Aureng-Zebe ascended the Year 1666. Throne, which he still enjoys this present Year 1700, if not dead very lately.

The Wealth and Extent of this Prince's Do-Wealth

minions, together with the absolute Power he ex- and Reercises, must necessarily render him one of the venues of greatest and most pussions the Entry the En-and according to the Vanity of the Princes of the East; the En-that part of the World, he assume most pom-pous Titles, expressing himself the greatest Mo-narch of the World. His Revenues arise, I. By Tributes of the Provinces, which we are told has amounted to 30 Millions Sterling per Annum.

2. The Emperor is general Heir to all his Subjects. 3. Presents are made to him upon every Access to his Person, besides many annual Prefents. 4. By Duties on Goods exported and imported. And 5. By Merchandizing himself. And his mighty Wealth appears by the Magnificence of his Court, wherein he has feven Thrones, one whereof is of Mafly Gold, and so befet with Diamonds and other pretious Stones, as to have cost, they say, above twelve Millions of Pounds Sterling; this is call'd *Tamerlan's* Throne, and was finished by Sha-Fehan; the rest also are exceeding rich. His Armies are vassly large, 40000 Elephants, and 250000 Horses are constantly maintain d, and an infinite number of Men in constant pay.

These Princes of the Tartar Race were all of Religion. the Mahometan Religion, wherein Sha-Jehan especially was very zealous; and Aweng-Zebe made his Sanctity a great Pretence for opposing his Brothers, the one having no Religion and the other that of Haly; and in profecution of that Zeal, after he came to the Crown he perfecuted the Indians, and hath in a manner expell'd their Religion; so that Mahomitanism is at present the ruling Religion in Indoftan.

What ought more to be faid of Indostan, such as the wild Beafts, Mountains, ancient Religion, and Inhabitants, Discovery and first European Voyages thither: We have already spoken of in our account of India in general. As also of the Rivers, but of these however the Reader will find a more particular account at the end of the defcription of the Country; the division whereof is the next thing to be mentioned.

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Indostan is by the Inhabitants divided into twen-Division ty general Governments called Sonbah, which are Division ty general Governments cance someon, which are of the fubdivided into many lefter Governments under the name of Serkars, i.e. Quadforthips. But Foreigners ufually confider this Empire as Compounded of Everal Kingdoms, or large Provinces; which according to the different Computation of the confidence of the c Authors are recken'd 35, 38, 39, or 40 in Number. We shall choose to follow this manner of ber. We finall choose to follow this manner of Divilion, as being the only one express d in our Maps. And then we find seven Kingdoms or Provinces on the East, Five on the South, Thirteen in the middle, Seven on the North, And Seven on the West. The names whereof with the chief Cities in each are thewn in this Table.

III.

On the East lye these Seven Kingdoms. Chief Cities.

Kanduana Karakantaka. Udessa Fekanet Nechal S Rajapore Massee. Suigee Brinkalatte Ieffual Mevat Narval H gipore Navagur Gor Gor Pitan Pitan Camoro

Patna

On the South are thefe five Kingdoms.

Heliobafs Bannares Nuddea Caunouwe Saferon Rotas Soumelpore Pattana Gowra BENGAL & Malda Caffimbazar Rojomahol Dacca Satigan Chatigam Bengal Oueguely or Huguely Ballasore Arsepore Piepely Bangia Angelim

S Orixa Ramana Carapara Palhor Manicapatàn Orixa

Berar Schapor.

Patna

Brampore Hassera Taulnere Mandoue Canow Sadissa Caddor Sawbon Daytâtote Netherby Chandis or Kandis (Salote

Sombay Island.
Conorcin Island.
Carania Island. The Salfette Illands (Elephantino Island.

GUZERAT Suratt Damaon Bafaim Baroche or Cambaya Pate Mangerol (Amadabat Jaquette

In the Midland are these Thirteen Kingdoms or Provinces.

Chitor Chetipore Billmal Mudre Chitor > Rudrepore

Ugen or Ougel Nader Malyay Rantipore Calleada Serampora Syranga or Seronga

Raja Ranas Gurchito Candera Bando Bando Adsmere Goday Jeloure Gualeor Gualeor or Gualera Narvar Gehud Ouden Sambal Sambal Sanfaran Bacar Bicanor Tamba Calfery Serenagar Famba Agra Secandra Fellipore AGRA Samonger Doulpore Bayna

hay. DELLY Fehan-abad Delly Vetus Fenupar Syrina Tanasfery Jenupar

Pengab or S Lahor Fettypore Temmery Lahor Emenbade

On the North lye thefe Seven Kingdoms:

Naugracut Naugracut Callamacha Siba Hardware Serengar Kakares Dankalen Purbola Bankish Beishur.

S. Cassimeer Syrenaker Achiavel Sand-Brary Cassimeer

Attock Candabara Puckow Daddos Ducha Langora Vageston Attock) Hassanabdal

S Cabul Ghidel Parna Cheree-cullon Cabul Gorehand.

The West part contains these Kingdoms or Provinces.

Multan Multan Alican Seerpore Haican Chatzan Uche Buckor Bucker Sucker Rawree

Country of Hendown
Hendowns

Mearta

Jesselmeer Ammer Radimpore Janagar Pacho Teffelmeer. Soret

Tatta, or STatta Sindi Lourebander Diul Sindi

Two Provinces sometimes attributed to Persia, and fometimes to Indostan, viz.

Cabul Cabul Candahara Candahar The Bay Ganges, re- Canda, Perfely, Gemene or (Semena. of Bengall Guenga The chief Rivers 'of the Great Mogul's The Bay Indus re-Chanab Empire, falling into Behav of Indus Nilab Ravee Caul.

The particular description of each Province IV.

and City is as follows.

In entring the Mogal's Empire from India beyoud Ganges, last described, we meet with these four Kingdoms viz. Kanduana, Udessa, Fessual, and Mevat: which make the Eastern Frontier of this Empire; and Iye from North to South in the mention'd order, between the River Perfely and Kandu- the Empire of Ava. Kanduana the most Northern is feated between the 33d. and the 36. Degr. of Latitude on the Northwest of the Lake Chiamay, and near the Head of the River Perfely. It is a Country feated fo far out of the way of Trade that we know little of it, only that the chief City is Karakantaka, seated on a small River that falls unto the Persely. The Kingdom of Udessa lies next

to it on the South, and is a large Province whose chief City Jekanat stands in it's Southern Limits. Besides which Nechal is represented by Travellers as a very confiderable City, confiding of flately Buildings of Brick and Stone like ours. The Country enjoys a temperate Air and good Soil; inhabited by Hindows of civil Nature; and go-Jeffual. Jeffual. Jeffual, a Province of finaller extent but more frequented, lies Southward from Udeffa, on both fides the River Gandrunk which falls

into the Perfily: the chief City is Rajapore, seated on the River Gundrunk, in the Lat. 31. 10. Longit. 115. Suizee or Johnabad, seated also on the fame River, is fometimes vitited by our English Merchants; and more Northward stand Brinkalastre and Massee, other Cities of this Kingdom.
Mevat. Meva: lies on the South of Fessual, and the North of Bengall: a finall Province, whose Capital City is Narval, feated in the Latitude of 39 D. Several other Towns of note are in this Province, whereof Hogipore and Navagur have the advantage of English Factories established in

them.

Adjoining to these Kingdoms, on the West, between the Rivers Perfely and Ganges, lye the three Kingdoms or Provinces of Patna, Pitan, and Gor. Gor the most Northward lies on the Borders of Tariary and China, having Kaduana on the South-East; the chief City of the same Name is seated Gor. on the River Perfely, near its Fountain, in the Lati-Pitan. tude 39. 30. Pitan adjoyns to it on the South-West; a large Country govern'd by two Raja's tributary to the Mogul; the Northern part is subject to Raja-Rodorom whose chief Seat is Camon: and the South part is commanded by Raja-Mug-The Capital City of the whole is Pitan, feated on the East side of the River Canda, which rising in the neighbouring Mountains falls into the Ganges in the Latitude of 36. Pana another very large Province lies on the South of Piran, between the Parna. two Rivers Perfely and Ganges, whose confluence

is it's Southern bounds; the chief City of the fame name flands on the Perfely, in the Latitude of 35. and is faid to have received its name from the Po-

tans, a People once very considerable.

BENGALL the largest and most famous King-Bengall. dom of the Moza's Empire, lies on the South and West of the Countries we have mention'd, along the Coast of the inner recess of the Sinus Gangeticus, otherwise call'd the Bay of Bengall, and the Banks of the River Ganges; which here falls into the fame Bay: extending from the frontiers of the Kingdom of Arracam, and the River Caor on the East; to

the boundaries of Orixa and the mouth of the River Guenga on the West; which is reckon'd 220 Leagues: and from the Sea Coast in the South, it extends Northward, to the borders of Sambal a little beyond the River Gemini; in the Latitude of 30. D. which makes about 120. Leagues. The Air of this Country is temperate and healthy as any in Indofan except Cassimere; and the Soil is rich and fruitful, being water'd with the River Ganges, that runs through the middle of it from North to South, and divides itself into two large branches, which are again subdivided into many finaller, before they fall into the Bay; the fame River receives also divers finaller ones: and Rice, other Grains and Fruits are fo plentifully produc'd here, that Bengall is formetimes still'd the Storehouse of Asia; abounding also with Oxen, Sheep Hogs, Venison, Fowl and Fish: abundance of Elephants are found in the Woods, and made tame and very useful to the Inhabitants; here are alfo Rhinocerotes, Tygers and many other wild Beafts. For exportation they have these useful Commodities, viz. Ginger, Long-Pepper, Cotton, Silk, Sugar, Aloes, Civit, Walking-Canes, &c. but especially Manufactur'd Cotten-Linnen, as Muzlings, Calicoes, &c. of the finest forts; Silks and Herba Stuffs, as Bengals, Elache's, &c. and Raw Silk of the finelt fort next the Perfian. The Inhabitants are employ'd either in manufacturing their Silk, Cotten and Herba, (which by the way, is the Rind of a Plant that being pill'd off yields a fine thread, which is woven into those pretty Stuffs, known to us by the name of this Country) or in Merchandizing, whereby they are enrich'd, and Civiliz'd so far as from vicious Pirats to become of a very courteous and affable disposition. This Kingdom had formerly a Prince of its own, who was a Potent Monarch, but overcome by the great Mogul in 1582, and the Country made a Province of his Empire. Afterwards the Governors he had appointed in it, fet up for themselves; so that Sha-Jehan, the Father of Aureng-Zebe, was put to the trouble of conquering it a fecond time; fince when it has been undisputedly subject to that Emperor: and is divided into four Parts, viz. 1. Bengall proper, otherwise nam'd the Government of Jagannet, being the Maritime part. 2 Patana the Eastern Part. 3. Elabas, or Heliobass, the most Northern; and 4. Prurop, Midland. Before we proceed to the account of the Cities its necessary to Correct an Error very common in the Maps, which fet down Bengall as the chief City, whereas indeed there is either no fuch Town, or at most but a very obscure one; our Merchants and Sea-men that have been there so often, know no such place, and accorto the accounts of the fituation of the City Bengall, it should feem they mean Charigan, a place of considerable Traffick, call'd Porto Majore by the Portuguese, seated at the mouth of the Eastern Branch of the Ganges, over against the supposed Bengall. The chief Cities of this Kingdom being Heliobass or Praya, suppos'd to be the Palibothra of Sirabo and Piolomy, which was the Metropolis of the Gangarides; it stands in the Northern Confines, at the Confluence of the Gemene with the Ganges, and is a very ftrong Fortification, built about a hundred Years ago, being a Stone Castle with a stately Palace, the Seat of the Governor of this part of the Kingdom; surrounded with three

Walls and a deep Moat. The Indians pretend to thew here the Sepulchre of Adam and Eve, in an ancient Subterranean Cave. Bannares, on the East fide the Ganges, is noted for an Indian University, as is also Nudnea. Cannoune on the West fide the Ganges. Saferon near the great Pool Banrea, a spacious City of high Houses, built of a Fossil dug in the neighbouring Quarries and burnt to the hardness of Stone. Rotas, somewhat distant from the River to the South-West, is a Fortress feated on an inaccessible Hill, and surrounded with three Moats full of Fith, and the Walls of that extent; as to inclose large Fields; all which render the place impregnable. Soundpore, notable for the fine Diamonds found in its River, supmontains. Patama, feated on the Welf fide of the Ganges, and not on the East as some Maps place it; is for Largeness and Richness not exceeded by any in the Kingdom; but its buildings are not antwerable, being but low and mean; 'tis two Miles in length and very populous. This is the Rendence of a Governor of the neighbouring This is Country, and the Seat of an English and a Dutch Factory, and especially notable for Salt Petre. A little below Patanalye the Ruins of Gorra, once the largest City in the World, being a bundred Miles in compass: It was the Seat of twenty fix Kings of Bengall, every one whereof disdaining to live in the House of his Predecessor, built a Sumpluous Palace, which chiefly contributed to Fe Inighty extent of the Place: thus far Mr. Mar-The an English Traveller in those parts. But Father Tose with more probability tells us, the Walks are nine Miles in compass, and enclose The Burns of many noble Palaces; at prefent the place is almost depopulated. Malda, a little di-flant from the River, is a large Town with a good Trade, and the Seat of an English Factory. fim bazar, feated at the Efflux of the Eastern Arm of the Ganger, in the Latitude of 26 D. is a City of very great Traffick, especially for Silk, where-of its computed 20 thousand Bales are annually exported. Rojomakol, on the East fide of the Ganger at a little distance from it, and on a small River that falls into it, and made a commodious Haven, which brought a confiderable Traffick to the Town; which is wellbuilt, and was sometime the Seat of the Governor of Bengall. But Taver-nier says the Haven is choak'd up, and the Trade removed to Dacca, foinewhat more to the East, and feated on the little branch that runs cross the Island, made by the two Arms of the Ganges in Lat. 24:30. and extends in Length, along the Banks of the River, 5 or 6 Miles. It is the Seat of the Vicetoy or Governor of Bengall proper, and a place of very great Trade; reforted to by Merchants from China and divers parts of India, and chants from China and divers parts of India, and is adorn'd with many good Buildings, especially the Houses wherein the English and Dutch Factories reside. 'Tis exceeding populous, very rich, and abounds with all Necessaries. Satigan stands near the same Latitude as Dacca, on the Eastern branch of the Ganger, a little below where the River Caer falls into this Stream; and was a place of a residential. Total through the surface wheeling stress Haguery of confiderable Trade, but declin'd fince Haguely is grown up. Chatigan stands on the same branch of the Ganges near it's mouth, and is a place of confiderable Traffick, and by way of Eminence call'd Porto majore by the Portugueles Over a-

gainst it on the same River, the common Mabs place Bengall, whereof we have already spoken. Hugarly or Oneguely flands on the Wellern or main Huguely; Stream of the Ganges, on a finall Island in the middle of the River, about 30 Leagues from its mouth, in the Latitude 24, 10. Longitude 106, 30. of whose Original we are told, that the Portu-guese about 100 Years ago came hither, and built little Huts to vend the Commodities they had brought from divers neighbouring Parts, and were fo fit encourag'd by Eckbar, the Mogul then Reigning, that they built a City, and had the entire possession of it, till turning Pirates the Mogul expel'd them; but the City however encreas'd, and is become a large, populous and wealthy place; the chief in all these Paris for European Trade, at least for the English, who have a very considerable Factory here: as have also the Dutch. Farther to the South-Weil on the Bay of Bengall, and at the Mouth of the River Guenga, in the Lat. 22. Longit. 103. Hands Ballafore, formerly nam'd Ballapar, a reasonable good Haven and a Town of great Trade, where also the English have a Factory. But this and Huguely have both the misfortune to stand in a bad Air, which makes them at fometimes of the Year subject to unhealthiness. Arlepore stands on the faine Coast, somewhat more to the South: which, as also Piepely, Baneja and Angelim, are Towns of Trade. Many other confiderable Towns are in this Kingdom, but these are the chief that are known to us Europeans, and as many as the brevity of this work will let us enumerate: and therefore thall pass on to

Oriva, a Province formerly part of the King-Orixa dom of Goleonda, but now entirely cut off, and made part of the Mogul's Empire; it hes between the River Guenga, on the North, and Golconda, on the South; that is from the 20th to the 23d. Degree of Latitude. The chief Town which gives Name to the Province, stands in the middle of it on a Hill, 100 Miles from the Sea. Besides which Ramana, seated on the River Guenga; Carapara, Manicapatam and Palhor on the Coast, are reckon'd principal Towns of this Province: whole South part bears the Title of Talengand, and is the ninth of the twenty general Governments of the upper India. From hence croffing the River Guenga, we enter the Kingdom of Berar, a finall Pro-Berari vince feated on the West of Bengall, on the North of Oriva; and between them two Malvay and Chandis. The chief City is Schapor, not very confiderable, nor are there other Towns of any great note mention'd by Travellers in this Country. Chandis or Kandish that hes next to it is a King-Chandish dom of larger Extent; bounded on the South, by Orixa and Decan; on the North, by Malzas and Chitor; on the Ealt, by Bengall, and on the Welf, by Guzara. It has the advantage of a good Soil, being water'd with the Guenga, and the River Tapte which rifes in its Mountains and paffing Weltward falls into the Bay of Cambaya at Surae. Up-on this River stands the Capital City Brampore, whence fometimes the whole Kingdom is denominated, a large place, but the Buildings low, and the Air unhealthy; it is fortified with a ftrong Caffle and reckond a good Frontier, where the Governor refides, who is commonly a Son or fome near Relation to the Emperor: The Town is noted for the manufacture of fine Calicoes interwoven with Gold, which they vend abroad to di-

vers Countrys: A few Miles North from Bram-pore stands Hassera, a Fortress of impregnable Strength, being seated on a craggy Mountain, and furnished with 600 percess of Ordinance. Taulneure, seated on the River Tapte or Smally, is a confiderable City, as is also Mondone, on the Frontiets of Chitor. Canow, a City from which the Country is by some named the Government of Canon; in whose neighbourhood stand Saddifee, Caddor, and Sanbon. The South part of this Kingdom is inhabited by *Baneaus*, who were for fone time govern'd by a King of their own: Their chief Towns are *Daytatote* (whereof the King was allow'd to keep his Title after the Mogul had conquer'd him) Netherbery and Saylote: And on the Mountains in the South-West is the Country formerly possess'd by a certain Raja nam'd Partaspha.

The Kingdom of GUZARAT, or as the Portuguese term it CAMBAIA, lies next to Chandis, on the West; being bounded by Chandis and Chitor, on the East; the Indian Ocean, on the West and part of the South; the Kingdom of Decan bounding the other part on the South; and Jeffelmere, on the North. It extends from the 19th to the 25th Degr. of North Latitude, that is, about 360 Miles from North to South; and from the 83d to the 22d Degr. of Longitude, which makes about 450 Miles, from East to West: The two Bays of *Cambaia*, on the Weft, and *Indus*, on the Eaft, make the greatest part of it a kind of Peninsula: and the whole Country lying either on the Sea or on the navigable Rivers of Tapta, the Gemini, and the Padder; all which run through it, and fall into the two Bays above mention'd; render this a Land of great Traffick; the Soil also producing not only all Necessaries for Life, but likewise great plenty of Cotton, Indigo, Opium, Aloes, and many other Drugs; Chrystal, Cornelians, Rubies, Sapphirs, Agates, Topazes, Jasper, and other precious Stones. The Inhabitants allo make fine Cotton-Linnens, Silks, Cabinets, &c. The exportation of these Commodities enrich the Inhabitants, and the Customs yield the Mogul a vast Revenue, infomuch, that Guza-rat is look'd upon as one of the best Jewels in The Tropick of Cancer passes through his Crown. the vertical Point of Amadabat, fo that the greatoff part of this Kingdom lies in the Torrid Zone, and renders the Air fo fcorching, that if the rainy Season should fail (as it did in the Year 1630) a Famine would ensue. This Kingdom was formerly govern'd by its own Prince; but is now a Province of the Mogul's Empire, and govern'd by his Deputy, stilled Sultan, who resides in Amadabat. But the Western Part is inhabited by Rafbootes, who are notorious Robbers and Outlaws.

Before we proceed to the Cities of this King-dom, we will speak of the Jurisdiction of Basaim, which is the Coast on the South of it towards Decan, and comprehends the Island of Bombay, with two or three other finall Islands, and the City of Bafaim, formerly subject to the King of Guzarar, but conquer'd by the Portuguese. The City Bafaim stands on the Continent, in the Latitude of 19.30. of magnificent Structure and good Strength, being surrounded with high Walls, wherein are eleven Bastions, and the Town inhabited by about 300 Families of Portuguese Gentry and No-

bility; govern'd by a Captain with twelve Affiftants, whose Power extends over a great many neighbouring Villages and Islands. Bombay that Bom y was formerly one of them, was furrender'd to the English in the Year 1663, according to the Articles of Marriage between King Charles II. and Donna Catherina. This Illand is therefore possessed by the English Nation, and though a small one, being but 20 Miles round, is confiderable on Account of its commodious Haven (whence they fay the Island was named Bon-bay) and Situation for suppressing the Malabar Pirates who used to infest these Coasts: It is situate over against Chaul in Decan, in the Latitude of 18 D. The chief Town is about a Mile long, and pretty well fortified, having been confiderably improv'd fince the English have had it. The Island was for a few Years govern'd by the King's Deputy, but at the Request of the East-India Company, it was granted to them under Homage, and has been ever fince under the Jurisdiction of the Prefident of Surat, who appoints a Deputy Governor here. The Land has Woods of Coco-Trees. which with Salt is the chief Product of the Island.

On the North of Bombay lies the Island Canorein, denominated from the City, once famous, but now ruin'd: the chief Place now being Tanan. This Island is a fertil Land of about 70 Miles Circumference, and possess'd by the Portuguese. The Islands Carania and Elephantino, possess'd also by the Portuguese, lye near Bombay, and are comprehended among those called the Salfette Illands. From

whence we shall now pass to the Continent.

The chief Cities of Guzarat are, Strat seated at Surar the Mouth of the River Tapte or Sxalley, in the Lat. 21. D. Longit. 91. D. a place formerly inconsiderable, but in these last hundred Years, by means of the English and Dutch Trade, it is increased to a large, populous, and rich City, surrounded with a good Wall, and guarded by an old Castle said to be founded by Tamerlain; the Houses in general are low and mean, but the English Company's House is a noble Building of squared Stone; as is also those of the Dutch and French; and fome of the Baneans and Moorish Merchants have fine high Houses with Terasses at The City is guarded by 1500 Soldiers, besides the Garison and Governor in the Castle, and 30 or 40 peices of Ordinance: The Haven has a Barr of Sand crofs it, so that the Ships of greater Burthen are fain to lye without, at Swally-hole about 4 Leagues from the Town. But notwithstanding this Strength the samous Raja Sevagy (of whom we have spoken in our Account of Decan) entred the City in the Year 1663, burnt and pillaged it, carrying away a mighty Booty; at which time the English President Sir George Oxendine so well defended himself and the Merchants, that not only the Company gave him a Medal, but the Emperor prefented him with a Robe of Honour, and gave our Nation an abatement of 2 and half per Cent. in the Customs; but this has been fince revok'd. Surat is feated in a fertil, pleafant Country, and is a place of vaft Traffick for all forts of Indian Commodities, which being begun and carried on chiefly by the English, our Nation bath peculiar Privileges above others. The Company's Affairs are manag'd here by a President and Council, who direct and govern the Factories at Amadabat, Agria,

and other inland Places; also the Trade to Persia: and in general, all the Factories Westward of Cape Comorin. The President lives in great State; Cape Comorin. The President lives in great State; being always honourably attended, and hath a being always honourably attended, and hath a Salary of 500 lib. per Annum. Damaen, possess by the Portuguese, stands about 50 Miles South from Smat, and is a Place of good Strength and Trade. Baroche, about as far North from Smat, stands on the River Gemene, which 20 Miles below falls into the Bay of Cambach. It is also for the stands of the Salar Stands on a Hill adversal what he also for the salar Stands on a Hill adversal what he also salar Stands. pleafantly feated on a Hill, adorn'd with handfom Buildings, and enrich'd by a very good Trade in Cotton-Linnens, which are made here, and better whiten'd than elsewhere, and for that reafon the English have a House there. Cambaya, whence, as we have faid, the Kingdom is fometime denominated, is feated on the inmost recess of the Bay to which it gives name, in the Latitude of 22 D. Longitude 90 D. It is describ'd by Authors as a place of much better Structure than the Cities of Indoftan commonly are, and was a Place of very great Traffick, fo as to be call'd the Cairo of India: But the Sea is fallen away, fo as to leave the Haven quite dry at low water; and that perhaps may be the reason that the Trade also has left it. The ebbing and flowing of the Tide here is very remarkable, for it rolls in with such impetuosity, that an Arrow out of a Bow canmot keep pace with it, and falls away as faft. Goga, a City of good Trade with a fafe Harbour, stands on the West-side of the same Bay, about 20 Leagues from Cambaya; it was burnt by the Portuguese at the time of the Siege of Dio. As was allo Antote, once a confiderable City on the fame Bay. In the middle of the South Coast of the Peninsula of Cambaya, lies the Island and City of Dio, in the 20 D. 40. M. of North Latitude, and the 87 D. of Longit. It is a small peice of Land, of about a League in Length, and half so much in Breadth, which is cut off from the main Land by a small Branch of the Sea that flows between. by a small Branch of the Sea that flows between. The Portuguese got footing there in the Year 1535, and built a Fort; which was soon after attacked by Basur King of Guzarat, but so well desended, that he was fore'd to raise his Siege; afterwards in the Year 1546, his Son Mamood besieged it again with an Army of 40000 Men, who for several Months attacked it with great Vigor, but were fo valiantly oppos'd by the Portuguese, that in the end they were beaten off, and have never fince return'd. The City was formerly very con-fiderable, on Account of the Trade maintain'd by its Inhabitants to Perfia and India: But it is now declin'd, and neither the City nor Fort much noted at prefent. Pare, feated on the fame Bay, a few Leagues West from Dio, is a large City, and was formerly considerable for its fair Buildings and great Trade; but the Rasboores have often plunder'd it and spoil'd both. Mangerol, still more Westward, is a Place of good Trade for Cotton-Linnen, &c. and has an English Factory. Jaquette, on the Western point of this Penninsula is a fair Town with a famous Pagod or ninuia is a fair Town with a famous Pagod or Indian Temple, which fointimes gives Name to the Country. Laftly, Amadabat, a very large City, feated within Land, about 18 Leagues North from Cambaya, being the Seat of the Vice-Roy, may properly be reckon'd the Metropolis of the Kingdon: It is a Place of great Trade for Calicoes and other Cotton-Linnens, Indigo, O-Part 2 Part 2

pium, precious Stones, and other valuable Goods:

and therefore an English Factory resides in it.
Thus have we travell'd through the Eastern and Southern Provinces of this Empire of Indofan; proceed we now to the midland Parts, and view

Hoteled We now to the iniquand Faits, and view the Kingdoms of Chitor, Malvay, Ranas, Narvar, Agria, Gualeor, Bando, Delly, Jenupar, Sambal, Bacar, Jamba, and Pengab, or Labor.

Chitor, lies next to Guzerat, being bounded by VI. that Kingdom, on the Welt; Malvay, on the Chitor East; Chandis, on the South, and Raja Ranas, on the North: Its Extent is about 120 Miles from North to South, and about half as much from North to South, and about half as much from East to West. The chief City Chitor for Magnificence and Antiquity did formerly outvie all the Cities in India; its Name fignifying Mirrour of the World, and its ancient Name was Taxilla, fuppos'd to be the Place whence Porus islued against Alexander: The Castle of this Place was so strong that Eckhar esteem'd the taking of it, one of his most important Conquests: but its Gler; is pass'd away, and 'tis now but an ordinary Place. Chetipore, or Chitipur, being more noted at present on Account of its considerable Trade in Calicoes call'd Chites, whence they fay the Town had its call d Chites, whence they fay the Town had its Name. Billmal; Mudre; and Rudrepore; have been Places of Grandeur and Note anciently, but now obscure. The Kingdom of Mudvay ad-Malvay. joins to Chitor, having that on the West; Bengall, on the East; and Bezar, on the South. The chief Towns are Ugen by some call'd Ongel, seated on the West-side of the River Gemini, by some reckond the Capital of the Province; but by others, that Honour is given to Raylings. that Honour is given to Rantipore, feated on the East-fide of the same River more Northward, and famous for a strong Castle, which serves for a Prison to Noblemen that fall under the Mogul's Displeasure. Calleada, the ancient Regal Seat of the King of Mandoa, whose Dominions extended far. Sarampora. Syranga or Seronga, a large Town where fine painted Calicoes are made. And Nader, another Town of large Extent, feated on the top of a steep Hill. On the North of Civitor and the West of Malvay lye the Territories of Raja Ranas, Raja a Prince of ancient Extract, even descended from Ranas.

Porus, they say; and was the last of the Rasboote Race that became Tributary to the Great Mogul. The Castle of Gurchitto, seated on a Rocky Mountain, and famous for its impregnable Strength, is his Place of Refidence; as is also femetimes Candera, the other chief Town in this Jurisdiction. Northward from Raja Ranas lies the Kingdom of Bando, a pretty large Country but Mountainous Eando: and Barren. The City which gives Name to the Kingdom, stands in the 29 Degree of Latitude, about 150 Miles West from Agra; it is an angient Place, but not new considerable. cient Place, but not very considerable. Adjmere or Asmere, the Capital of a Government of the fame Name, stands more Southward near the River Padder; the Tomb of a Mahumetan Saint buried here, is richly adorn'd, and vifited from all Parts with great Devotion. The City is large, but of ordinary Structure; wall'd and meated round, and defended by a very ftrong Caftle at the top of a Hill. Godin, formerly a confiderable City, feated in the most fertil Part of the Kingdom. Felowe, a Castle of good Strength. On the East of Bando lies the Province of Gualeor, a Garleon parrow Tract of Land between Agra on the North, and Makey on the South whose chief North, and Milvay on the South; whose chief

Mountain, in the Latit. 27 D. and very well fortified, having a most advantageous Situation among inaccessible Rocks, and improv'd by many artificial Fortifications: Infomuch that the Castle is made the repository of a great part of the Mogul's Treasure; and a Prison for many Princes whose Birth gives Jealousy, or Misdemeanors Offence, to the Emperor: and 'tis here the prefent Emperor Aureng-Zebe confined his Brothers, Nephews, and his two cldest Sons. More Narvar. Eastward is the Province of Narvar, bounded on the North, by the River Semena which parts it from Sambal; on the South, by Mountains that divide it from Bengall; on the Eaft, with the Province of Elabasi; and on the Welt, with the Kingdom of Agra. The chief Cities of this Country are Gehud and Ouden; the former feated on the River Eugenes, which flowing through Narvar and part of Elabajs, falls into the Ganges; whereof nothing considerable is mention'd by Authors. The latter stands more Northward, and is a very ancient and formerly notable Place, as the ruines of its Callle declare; 'tis a Place of some Trade, especially for Rhinocerot's Horns, which are much used and valued in India: Not far from this Town is feen the Vestigia of an old Castle nam'd Radichand, a Place of Devotion mention'd by Purchas. On the North of this Province and on the other fide of the River Semena, M. de la Robbe places a Country which he calls Maroucha; o-Marouof Sambal extend quite to the River. However, he mentions these Towns as seated in its Bounds; cha. viz. Gianabad, Aurengabad and Menepora. The Sambal. Kingdom of Sambal lies on the North of the Seme-

Town Gualeor or Gualera, is seated on a craggy

na and the West of the Ganges; having Agra for its Western Bounds, and Bacar for the Northern. The chief City from which the Country is denominated, stands on the River Ganges, in the 31 Deg, of Latitude, and has the advantage of a pretty good Trade. A day or two's Journey from thence to the West stands Sanfaran a populous and trading City; where is seen a most magnificent Sepulchre of an ancient Heathen King.

Northward from hence lies the Kingdom or

Province of Bacar, between the River Ganges and the Province of Delly; whose chief City Bicanor stands on a finall River that falls into the Ganges. And farther Northward is the Province of Jamba, a mountainous Country possess of these Raja-Decampergus hath a large Tract of Land in the North-West part, whereof the chief Town is Cassery: and Raja-Mansa, who is reported a Prince of vast Wealth, possess, whereof Serenager is the chief Town. But Jamba which is reckon'd the Capital is subject to the Mogul, and seated more Southward on a small River that falls into the Ganges.

Agra, AGRA, which fome call *Indoftan* by way of Excellence, as being the principal Kingdom of the Empire, is feated between the 27th. and the 30th. Deg. of Latitude, and between the 97th. and the 101 Deg. of Longitude; bounded on the North, by *Delly*; on the South, by *Gualeor* and *Malvay*; on the Eaft, by *Sambal* and *Navvar*; and on the West, by *Bando*: It is water'd by the large River

Semena, which runs cross the Kingdom, receiving in its way the Tchembel, a River (though much sinaller than that) reckon'd as large as the Thames at London. These two Streams water the Land, and make the Soil Fertil in Oranges, Lemmons, and many other Fruits excellent in their kind; great plenty of Rice, and especially Cotton and Indigo, which are the chief Commodities they fend abroad. Agra, the Metropolis of the Kingdom and of the whole Empire, seated on the River Semena, about 60 Miles above its Confluence with the Tchembel, in the 29th. Deg. Latit. is now reckon'd the largest and most populous City in India, being nine Miles in Length, built in form of a Half-Moon, along the Banks of the River: Authors speak of its Antiquity, and make it founded by Bacchus, and call'd Dyonisia, afterwards Negara; or, as others, Cyrus built it, and gave it the Name of Agradarus; but according to Hackluyt, the Name of Agra was given it by the Tartars, and fo the Structure is much more modern: at least thus much is certain, that it was but a small inconsiderable Place before the Year 1566, when the Emperor *Eckbar* chose it for his place of Residence, and built a Palace of Stone so very noble, that Father Tost thinks it deserves to be rank'd with the Wonders of the World; it is four Miles in Compass, and contains the Courts of Judicature, &c. We have not room to describe the Magnificence of this Palace, but must refer the Reader to Herbert, Tavernier and Berneir, for more particular Accounts of it. The Nobility also have stately Houses of Brick or Stone (where-of there are large Quarries of a very beautiful fort, not far from Agra) but the common Buildings are mean, and the Streets narrow and dirty: The City is not wall'd, and only moated round, but has a ftrong Castle seated on a Hill for its defence. This is a Place of great Trassick, being reforted to by Merchants from China, Persia, all parts of India, and by the English and Dutch: Our Nation were used to maintain a Factory there, but the long distance from Surat (being above 600 Miles) and the Hazards and Difficulties they underwent in passing through the Countrys of many Rajas and Rasbootes has made them withdraw that, though they still maintain a Trade thither. Over against Agra on the other side the River stands Secandra, a stately Town, or rather Suburbs to the City, adorn'd with many sine Buildings, curious Gardens, and especially the many side of Felher and the Outer of magnificent Tombs of Eckbar, and the Queen of a fucceeding Emperor. Not far from Agra stands Fettipore, which the same Eckbar founded, and built many stately Structures, intending to have made it outvie all others, but the Water proved unwholsom, and forced him to leave it. Samon-ger, a Village on the South of Agra, is famous for the Battle between Dara and Aurenz-Zebe. Doulpore, on the Tchembel, is a Place of incredible Strength. Byana, formerly a large and fair City, now ruin'd, but still gives Name to a Country of 50 Miles Circumference. Scanderbad, not far from it, is supposed to have been founded by Alexander. Itas, feated on the Semena, 103 Miles East from Agra, was formerly the Seat of the Potan Kings, but now in a ruin'd state, except the Castle which stands on a high precipitous Mountain, and is fortified with a double Wall.

On the North-West of Agra lies the Province belly. of DELLY, denominated from its chief City, which standing in a purer Air, tempted the Emwhich training in a pure Air, tempted the Emperor Sha-Jehin Father to the present Mogal, about 50 Years ago to build a stately Palace and new City there, which from him is denominated Jehan-abal, i. c. the City of Jehan, seated on the River Semena, about 120 Miles above Agra; and is one of the Places where the Great Mogal resides. The Palace is about two Miles in Courses, being a Semicircle desired sent des Places. Compass, being a Semicircle deriv'd from the River, divided into two very large Courts of Magnificent Buildings, at the end whereof stands the great Hall of Audience (whose Roof is supported by thirty two stately Pillars of Stone four foot square, whereof some are inlaid with pretious Stones) and therein the rich Throne of the Great Mogul, which as M. Tavernier, who faw it, affures us, is of maffy Gold fet with Diamonds, Rubies, Emralds, &c. and judg'd to be worth near five Millions of Pounds Sterling; but it is faid to have cost above 12 Millions. The Scraglio, the Fortreis and the Mosque are proportionably Grand, but we have not room to particularize; the Reader may confult Taverneir and Berneir. The new City is about eight Miles in Compass, and furrounded with Brick-Walls; to which may be added a large Suburb, and the old Delly on the other fide the River, but joyn'd by a Bridge; and then the Place will be found four Miles long. The Country about it is plea-fant and fruitful, and the Air more cool and wholfome than that of Agra, which being feated in a fandy Soil is fcorching Hot. The old City was formerly a very Magnificent one, where the *Potan* Kings used to be inaugurated; it had 50 Gates and nine Castles, but is now ruined. There is another Delly, where lies interr'd in a most magnificent Monument the Father of Eckbar. The Government of this Province is reckon'd the first in the Empire. From Delly passing on North-Jenupar. Ward you enter the Province of Jenupar or Jenupar, ward you enter the Province of Jenupar or Jenupar, where are the Pits of Sal Armoniae. The chief City Jenupar stands in the 33 Deg. of Latitude, at the Confluence of two small Rivers which compose the Damiadee, that flows through this Country and that of the Hindowns, and falls into the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on Torre the Line Site hands on the Line Site into the *Indus*; 'tis a handfom Town, but not very eminent. *Sprina*, on the fame River, more to the West, famous for the fine Garden, Summer-House, and Scraglio of the *Moguls*. *Tanaf*fery, in the South-part, is noted for the Baths esteem'd Holy and much resorted to. In the Mountains which part this Province from Delly, Semena the River Semena, otherwise call'd Gemene hath its Source, which after a Course of 400 Miles Pengab salls into the Ganges at Holobasis. Lastly, the Pengab latis into the Ganges at Holorays. Lattry, is feated more Northward, between Jenupar, on the South; Cassimer and Bankilh, on the North; Jamba, on the East; and Multan and Attock, on the West. This is the third Government of the Pengab Empire, being often honour'd with the Emperor's Prefence in his Palace at Labor, once the Metro-polis of the Empire, and the Staple of Trade for Indigo, and in those days a magnificent and wealthy City; but fince these Emperors have extended their Dominions fo far Southward, Agra and Delly are more conveniently feated for their

are regular and well pav'd, the Houses all of Wood, but more high than is usual in these Parts: The Castle or Palace is magnificent and stately, the Courts large, the Buildings high and uniform. mostly of Brick, adorn'd with fine carv'd Works, and the Gardens large, pleafint and fill'd with excellent Fruit. The Extent of this City I dare not name, for when an Author tells me the Streets are 15 Miles long, and the City threetcore Miles in Citcumference, I cannot expect to be believ'd in transcribing him. Fettipore or Fettyabat; a pleasant Town, with a Catlle, seated on the South of Lahor. Temmor, to the East of Lakor, is the Seat of the Raja of Boffon, who pays Tribute to the Emperor. And Emenbade, on the North of Lahor: These are the Cities molt noted; many others are in this Province that were formerly famous, but they with the whole Province are now declin'd. And thus having pass'd through the third Divilion of this Empire, viz. the Eastern, the Southern and the Midland Provinces; we shall now proceed to

The Northern Kingdoms, viz. Naugracus, Siba, Kakares, Bankish, Cassimere, Attock, and Cabul.

Naugraem is a very large Country, extending VII. from the Borders of Labor in 32 Degr. to the Naugra-40 Degree of North Latitude, where it is bounded ext. by Kakeres, having Jamba and Sibi on the East; and Lahor and Bankish on the West. The Land is very Barren and Mountainous, and a great part of it subject to the Raja Talluck-chan. The chief City Naugracut stands near the head of the River Ravee in the Lat. of 34, and Long. 99, and is a place of good Trade for Druggs and other Commodities brought from Tartary. Callamacha or Fallamaka, more Eastward, is feated among craggy Rocks, out of which iffue Fountains that feem to call out Flames, and on that account wor-shiped by the Idolatrous People. The Province of Siba lies on the North-East of Naugracht, divi-Siba: ded into two parts by the River Ganges, and furrounded by Mountains: Its chief City Hardware stands in the 40th Deg. of Latitude, on a Lake through which the River Ganges passes, and near a Rock which the People fancy to be like a Cow's Head; and that Animal being facred an mg them, the Rock and the River Ganges that falls upon it in a kind of Cataract, is worthiped as Holy. The City enjoys a pretty good Trade, and the Country is reasonably fertil. Next to Sibz lies the Kingdom of Kakares, the most Northern of Kakares all the Mogul's Dominions, as bordering upon Tartary, whereof it was part till the Year 1609. Tis a Country of very large extent, being 600 Miles in length, but not proportionally broad. It is a very Mountainous and Barren Lind, but enjoys the Benefit of a good Trade from Tamary and China. The chief Cities are Dankalen in the Western part; and Purbola more East, and near the Ganges; which River hath its Scoutce in the Mountains Caucasus, which part this Country from Tartary. Gor, which lies on the East of this Country, we have spoken of among the Eastern Provinces of the Empire; and therefore now return South-Welt over the Dalasguer Mountains into Bankills, which is feated between Siba on the Eaft, Enkills. Coffinere on the Welt; Kakeres on the North, and Labor on the South. The dielectric for its a Country not large nor remarkable: The chief City is nam'd Beilbur, but not considerable or known to us.

Residence, so that this City is declin'd: The Streets

Part 2

Cassi- The Kingdom of Cassimere lies next to it on the more. West, between the Mountain Caucasius which divides it from Tartary on the North, the Kingdom of Pengab on the South, and Attack on the West. It lies between the 36 and the 40 Degrees of Latitude, and enjoys a clear and healthy Air, as temperate as in Europe; and a fruitful well cultivated Soil, abounding with all the necessaries of Life; and fo far exceeding all the neighbouring Provinces (where a feorching Heat parches the Ground) that Coffinere is fliled the Paradife of India. The Northern parts are Mountainous, rifing by Degrees one above another; the lower co-Game, without Lyons, Tigers, Bears, Serpents or any fort of noxious Creatures; and the higher cover'd with Snow; which melting, makes those many Rivulets that water the Country, and make it fo fruitful, that it looks like a large Garden of Rice, Corn, Saffron, Hemp, Apricocks, Peaches, Apples, Pears, Plums, Vines, &c. which as Mr Bernier tells us, aftonifhed him to fee himfelf of a sudden, out of the stifling Heat of the Torrid Zone, into the temperate Freshness of the Torrid Zone, into the temperate Frethness and Fertility of Europe. The People also are of sair Complexion and European Beauty, Ingenious, Witty and Industrious. The City, which gives name to the Country, is about two Miles long, and a Mile and half broad, seated on a Lake of fresh Water, and a little River is using from it over which are two Bridges: The Houses are built of Wood, two or three Stories high, and many of of Wood, two or three Stories high, and many of them adorn'd with pretty Gardens: The City is not walled; but is furrounded with Houses of Pleasure and Gardens; among which the King's is especially delightful, being furnished with curious Fountains, Chanals, Bowers, Oc. Strenakar is the next confiderable City, being three Miles in circumference, and by some reckon'd the Capital of the Kingdom; 'tis feated in the Southern Confines towards Pengah. Achiavel, notable for an admirable House of Pleasure of the Mogal's; and Sand-Brary for an Heathenish Temple, and wonderful Spring, which draws Votarys to it, are the other places of chiefelt note in this Kingdom. San-son places the Country of a certain Raja nam'd Tibbon in its Northern part. On the South-West of Cassimere lies the large

On the South-Welt of Callimere hes the large Province of Attock, between Cabul on the North, and Multan on the South, inhabited by a peculiar People call'd Puttans, of low Stature, but couragious Temper, not subjected to the Mogul before the Year 1590. The City whence the Province is denominated stands at the Confluence of the two Rivers Chanab and Sind, and is one of the best and strongest Garisons in all the Empire, which no Foreigner is permitted to enter without a Pass from the King. The other chief Towns are Candabara, said to be a handsome City, and a place of great Trade. Puckon, Daddos, Ducha, Largora, Vagefon, and Hassandal. On the North of Attock Lies the Province of Cabul, the Boundary of the Mogul's Empire on the North-West, having Tartary for it's Northern, and Persa for its Eastern Bounds. It is a Barren unpleasant Country, but by means of its convenient situation enjoys a good Trade: its chief City Cabul, being reported as large as Grand Cairo, and reforted to by Merchants from Persa, China and Tartary, for buying of Cattel, especially Horses, whereof vast numbers are

hence exported: The City is fortified by two strong Castles, and accommodated with many large Inns for the reception of Strangers. The other chief Towns are Ghidal, Parna, Cheree-cu'low, and Gorehand, with which we finish our account of the Northern Provinces.

The Provinces of the Western Part, or last Division of this Empire, on or near the Frontiers of Persa, are Multan, Haican, Bockor, The Country of the Hendowns, Jesselmeer, Sorett, and

The Province of Multan is feated between At-Multan. tock on the North, the River Ravee on the South, Pengab on the East, and Haican on the West, extending about 100 Miles either way. The River Indus runs through from North to South, and other smaller Streams contribute to water the Land, which is very fertil, in Sugar and Opium, and affords a mighty Traffick to the Inhabitants; who befides make great Quantities of Callico's, &c. which they vend to Agra, Tatta and elsewhere: So that this Country, especially it's chief City, is inhabited by wealthy Baneaus. The chief City Multan is seated on the River Indus, in the Latitude of 34 D. and is a considerable place on account of the Manufactures of Calicoes and other Linnens, and the number of rich Trading Baneaus that live in it: but was formerly more populous, being heretofore the Thorowfare between Persia and Lahor; but the Road lies now through Cabul. The People of this Town are notable Dancers, if it be worth while to mention tuch a Qualification; but fince that recommends em to the Courts of Indoftan and Persia, we should do em wrong to omit it. Over against Maltan, on the Welf fide the Indus, stands Alican, and more Southward Seerpove. Haiakan, otherwise call'd Haiacan Hangikan, a Province seated beyond the Indus, among the Mountains on the Frontiers of Person, is a fort of rude Country inhabited by the Bullo-ches, a flout and warlike People, who are Idolaters, and by fome Authors represented as wild Robbers; but others fay they are of a Conversible Temper. Two Towns in this Country are mention'd in the Maps, viz. Chatzan on the East side the Mountains, and Uche on the Frontiers of Perfia. The Province of Buckor lies next to Haican on Buckor, the South, between Perfia on the West, and the Hendowns Country on the East. The River Indus runs through and divides it into two Parts, waters the Land, and renders the Soil Rich and Fertil. The Inhabitants are a ftrong, robust People, like their Neighbours the Bulloches, uneasy under the Mogul's Yoke, and not kept under but by a ftrong Guard, perpetually kept upon em in the chief City nam'd Bucker; feated on an Illand in the River Indus, Lat. 30. D. 20. M. Other Towns of Note here, are Sucker, fomewhat higher on the East fide the River, a place considerable for Trade, as also for Agriculture, much practised by its Industriance. by its Inhabitants; and Rawree on the fame Riby its inhabitants; and Karree on the lame Kiver, more Southward, and near the Mouth of the Damidee, a place also of good Trade, sending Barks down the River, which Trade even as far as Mozambigue, and other parts of Africa. The Country of the Hindowns lies between Haican and Hen-Multan on the West, Pengab on the North, Jerdowns nuper on the East, Jesselmeer and Bando on the South, enjoying a fertil Soil in Corn, Cattel and Cotton; which last is made up into Cloths, and Cotton; which last is made up into Cloths, and

exported to other Parts. The Inhabitants are a diffined People, and according to their Name should be the Descendants of the Aborigine Inhabitants of all India. The chief City Hendown stands upon the River Damiadee (which runs through the Province from East to West) in the 31. D. 20. M. Lat. a large and rich Town enjoying a good Trade in Cotton and Calico. Mearta seated more to the South, is a great City, and considerable Mart for the same Commodities. The Province of Jesselmeer lies on the South of The Province of fellemeer has on the South of the Hindowns; having Guzarate for its Southern Bounds, Bando on the Eaft, and Buckor on the West. The North and East parts are Mountainous, but the South is water'd by the River Padder; and the greatest part of the Country is very sertil in Corn and Cattel, especially Sheep. Its extent is from the 25th to the 25th. Deg. of Latitude. Fesselmeer otherwise call'd Gisteneer, the chief Town, is seated in the North part within Land, but is however a place of very good Trade for but is however a place of very good Trade for Indigo, Cotton, and wollen Clothes, and remarkable for its pleafant fituation: 'Tis also Fortified with a very good Castle, and thirty pieces of Ordinance. Ammer, a Castle in this Country, is notable for being the Birth-place of the great Eekbar. Radimpore, seated on the River Palder, is the next confiderable Town in this Province, near its Southern Limits, and all that I find mention'd by Authors. The small Kingdom of Strett lies next to Jesselmeer, having that for its Eastern Beunds, the Mouth of the River Padder for its Southern, the River Indus on the East, and Tatta on the North 'Tis a rich Fertil Land, furnished with all things necessary for Life; and the chief City fanagar is populous and rich, being commodioufly feated near the River Padder, which a little below falls into the Gulph of Indus, and renders the Town a place of good Trade. Pacho, feated on an Island made by the Branches of the River Padder, in falling into the Sea is reckon'd in the Limits of this Kingdom.

Teffel-

meer.

Tatta.

Lastly, the Kingdom of Tatta, otherwise nam'd Sindi, and by the Inhabitants Abind, also sometimes by Europeans call'd the Kingdom of Dial, from the Port Town of that name. This Province is the South-West Limits of the Mogul's Empire, having Persia on the East, Bucker on the North, Jesselmeer and Screet on the West, and the Gulf of Indus, which parts it from Guzaratt, on the South. The Kingdom is about 200 Miles in length from North to South, and is divided in the middle by the River Indus; which waters the Land, and renders the Soil very prolifick in Wheat, Rice, Pasture, &c. The Country also being so conveniently seated, is much enrich'd by Trade, but not fo much as it used to be, before Suratte had drawn it away. The chief Cities are, Tatta the Metropolis, seated on the East side the River Indus, in the 27th. D. Latitude, a large City, and celebrated for Trade. Sindi in the Heart of the Country, the place of the Governor's Residence. Lourebander on the West side the Indus, 40 Leagues below Tatta, and near the Mouth of the River, a noted Port: but Dial or Dia (not Dio) is the most commodious and most celebrated Haven of this Kingdom, feated on the Mouth of the Bay of Indus, and a small River which takes its name from the Town: This place is usually touch'd at by the Ships failing from India to Ormus.

Thus have we Travell'd all over this mighty Empire, and taken as exact a furvey of it as we were able to obtain out of Authors of Reput enon; and mention'd as many particulars is the Brevity of our Work will admit. We should now proceed to Perha, but that it is requifite first to take notice that the Provinces of Balch and Candahara, seated on the Frontiers of Porhas, Northward from Haican, and on the Well of Multon and Attock, are by some Geographers made part of the Mogul's Empire, and by others attributed to Persa; the Reason whereof seems to be, that it is a disputed Country, and on that a count has more than once changed its Mafter. As far as I can learn, Balch is subject to the Perfin, and To deferib'd there: But Candahara is a Pr vince f Canda the Mozzl's Empire, except the chief City Carda-hara har, supposed to be the Caura of Proberty, seated in the 23. D. Lat. which is subject to the Perfun; a place of great flrength, and being on the Road out of India into Perfs., it's much reforted to. The Country is Mountainous, and so not over fruitful; but here are Rocks of Salt, which yield a Traffick to the Inhabitants, as ail Mines

found in the Bowels of the Earth.

It remains only to give an Account of the IX. principal Rivers, with which this vaft continent. The Riss water'd, being four in number, viz. the Gan-vers that ges, the Gunga, the Padder, and the Indus: Of these the two former discharge themselves into the Bay of Bengall, and the two latter, into that of Indus. The Ganges, call'd Gangaby the Natives, and erganges roneously taken by some Authors for the Pison Flux. mention'd in Holy Writ, is the most famous River of India: By which the whole Country was anciently divided (as it has been already hinted) into the farther, or India beyond the Ganges, and the hither, or India within the fame River. The Ganges takes its Rife not from Patadife, but in Mount Im ins, or Emodus, now call'd Mogha-li (according to some Authors) and Dalinguer by others, on the Confines of Great Turney, and by others, on the Commes or Great Tartery, and in the Kingdom of Kakarer: After having water'd thole Parts, it directs its Courie Southward through the Province of Siba, and there receives the Kanlah, or Canda, on the East: Then pailing Canda through the Confines of Jamba, Bazer, Sambal Flax. and Patna, it joyns the Perfely, likewife on the Perfely East, and a little lower near the Town of History Well is energies, with the Gamers Courie Couries. bass, on the West, is encreas'd with the General, G mena otherwise nam'd Genna and Semena: Lastly, ha-Ha. ving parted the Kingdom of Bengal, by its winding Course it is there divided into divers fire uns, and empites itself through several Moutes anciently five or fix in number) into the Gar zetick Gulph, which takes its Name from thence, and is now commonly call'd The Bay of Bengall. River was heretofore esteem'd as Sacred, and the Indians have still the same Veneration for it, infomuch that a great many are us'd to go thinher in Pilgrimage, on purpose to wash away their Sins. It's Breadth and Depth is much celebrated among the Ancients, and even by several Modern Writers, but M. Tavarnier is of a different Opinion: For he denies, that the lower Part of the Ganges is wider than the Channel of the River Seine, at Paris: and affirms, That from the Month of March, to June or July, before the rainy Scalon begins, it is to thallow that the Vetlels cannot fet out to Sea. The Waters of the Ganges attord a

most pleasant Drink to the Natives; but Strangers do not find them so healthful, with respect to their Constitutions, unless they are boil'd.

The other River that runs into the Bay of Bengall, is Guenga, call'd Ganga by the Portugueses,
which rising from the Mountains of Gata in the
Kingdom of Deean, passes through the whole
Country; as also through Goleonda, and along the
Confines of the Kingdoms of Oriva and Bengall,
and at last falls into the said Bay.

The Ristrate that flow into the Gulph of Indius, that is to fay vers that the Padder and the Indius. The Padder, which is the Gulph of a great deal lefs Note than the latter, firings of Indius, in the Kingdom of Bando, and traverses Jesselmer, or (as others will have it) only the Confines of that Province, and the Kingdom of Sorett, where it runs through two Mouths into the Indian

Gulph.

Indus The Indus, now call'd Sind, or Sinde by the Influs. habitants, being the most noble River of India, has its Source in the Kingdom of Cassimere, or near its Frontiers, springing from the highest Part of Mount Cascasus, or Mount Paropamissus, on the

Borders of Tartary, and flows down thence Southward through the Kingdom of Attock; where, by a Town of the fame Name, (according to feveral Maps) it receives the Chaneb or Cheneb, on its Chanet Eastern side: Then it passes through the Province Flux. of Multan, where the Rivers Behat and Nileb fall Behat into its Channel on the Western side; as also Flux. through the Kingdom of Buchoar; where, on the Nilab East, it is united to the Ravey, or Rowey, taken Flux. by many ancient Authors for Hydaspes, or Hidal-Ravey pis, which put a stop to the March of Alexan-Flux. der the Great, and takes in the Hypasis, before it intermixes its Waters with the Indus. A little below the Ravey, in the same Kingdom, and on the same side, the Caul, or Coul runs into the lat- Caul ter; although (according to M. la Robbe) the Flux. Rivers Caul and Ravey, are not joyn'd with the Indus, in the Kingdom of Buckor, but higher, where he places the Territories of the Hindowns. Afterwards the River Indus, continues its Course through sour, five, or fix Mouths, that heretofore were seven in Number, into the Gulph, or Bay, on which it has impos'd its Name.

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CHAP. XIX. PERSIA Modern and Ancient.



PERSIA fo call'd, fay the Classick Autorise, from Perfess the Son of Andromeda, is manned Farfifan, or Phurfifan by the Natures: and was call'd Elam by the Hebrews. Formerly the Miltris of almost all Afa, its Empire exending as far as the Hellespont. But though it be still a large Kingdom, its Bounds, are at prefent much narrower; Affria, Mesopotamia Babylonia, Acc. being cut off and subject to the Turks: So that at present its Boundaries are

On the East the Empire of the Great Magul, Bounds, whence the River Indus divides it, on the West Turkey; from which the Rivers Euphrases and Tigris part it; on the North, the Hirconian, or Caspian, Sea; on the North-East, the River Oxus, or Films separates it from Zagashes in Tostory; and on the South, the Gulph of Persa, otherwise nam'd the Gulph of Bassora; and the Arabian Sea divides it from Arabia: And in its present Extent the Empire of Parsa comprehends about 24 Degrees

Situati.

Degrees of Longitude, which makes about 1180 Miles from East to West; and about 15 Degrees of Latitude, which make 900 Miles from North

to South.

It is feated under the fourth, fifth, fixth and feventh Climates, and enjoys a more healthy, temperate Air than the other Parts of Asia; except on the Southern Borders, which lying under the 25th Degree of Latitude, is in the Summer Seafon excellive Hot.

Soil.

The Soil cannot be much praised for Fertility; a great part of the Land confishing of Mountains. and other Parts of fandy Defarts: And withal here are but very few Rivers: So that they have only Rain (and of that but little) and the diffolv'd Snow, which falling in finall Rivulets from the Mountains, water the Land, and make the Val-leys fruitful; bringing forth Corn in fuch plenty that Dr. Fryer tells us they have frequently a threefold Crop. Cotton alfo; and Mulberry Trees for the Silk Worm in great plenty, Wine of a delicious kind, and Fruits of the most pleasing Tasts, together with delightful Flowers. Most of the Species of both feen in Enrope being produc'd here, befides many other kinds; as also Affa Fe-tida, and divers estimable Drugs. For Cattle they have excellent Horses; Kine though small well fed; Sheep so exceeding fat that the Flesh is hardly to be found, and have Tails of 30 Pound Weight; Camels and Arabian Affes very ferviceable Goats, whose Skins yield a Manufactory and Merchandise very beneficial to the Kingdom; and Kids that are delicate Food: The Wild-Goats yielding also the Bezoar Stone: Stags, Antilopes; Fowl of all forts are also plentifully found in the Woods: and in some Parts are seen Wolves, Tygres, Foxes, and other Wild-Beafls, but of thefe not many nor dangerous.

The Mountains are high, craggy and barren, but however, contain in their Bowels Mines of Copper, Lead, Iron, Steel, and other Metals, Brimftone, and Rock-Salt: and the Sea yields Pearls truly Oriental, and the most valuable of any in the World. The Earth in some parts is fit for Porcelance, whereof exceeding fine is made here. Here are also large Quarrys of Marble; and several precious Stones, as the Lapis Lazuli, Turquoife, &c. are found in the Earth. Many Baths, Mineral-Waters, but especially a Spring of Naphtha, are likewise seen in Persia. Silk is exceeding plenty, and yields a valt Manufacture and Traffick to the People; which with fine Carpets, Pearls, Bezoar Stones, Lapis Lazuli, and some other Commodities they transport to other Countries: but have not enough of these to balance Trade; being forc'd to give Money to the Dutch and English for a great part of the Goods

they want from India and Europe.

The Persians are a People of good Address and 11. The Pernans are a People of good Addities and People. Inflicient Understanding; but addicted to Diffimulation, and exceedingly Lúxurious in their Diet and Cloaths; very guilty of Venery; and though Wine be forbid, they will secretly be Drunk, and take Opium, Tobacco and Coffee in excess. They are very fond of Astrological Predictions; and too Lazy and Luxurious to be very Legach. very Learned. They were originally of a tawny

come of a fairer Skin. The Houses of the com-mon People are mean, being built of Mud, where-of they not only make the Walls, but even arch them over very artificially. The Nobility and Courtiers have however stately Palaces built of Stone, adorn'd with Marble Pillars, and in the middle a Circle of Colums supporting a Cupola of great height and breadth, which is the room of Entertainment, and has round it a foot pace cover'd with fine Carpets, to fit on crofs leg'd like Taylors; and in the middle fine Fountains, Flower-Pots, and the like. This is their general Manner of Building, and is indeed exceeding Noble and Magnificent.

The ruling Religion of *Perfia* is the Mahome-Religion, tan, of the Sect of Haly. Belides which here are many of the ancient Gaurians, also Armenians; and some Jews remaining of the Babylonian Cap-

tivity.

The Emperor or SOPHI of Persia is a most Emperor. absolute and arbitrary Monarch, exceeding Wealthy, and maintains an Army of 60000 Horse and 120000 Foot in constant Pay. The eldest Son fucceeds the Father in the Throne, and according to the Cruelty and Jealoufy of those Parts of the World, commonly puts out the Eyes of his

younger Brethren.

The ancient State and Grandeur of Persia, when it constituted the Monarchy that succeeded the Affyrian, and was the fecond of the four that by way of Excellence are stiled the Empires of the World, and the downfall of that Monarchy. by the Conquest of Alexander the Macedonian; its division among his Captains after his Death, and the Conquests of it afterwards by the Parthians, are sufficiently known to all that converse with History. And the Story being too large to fet down here; we shall pass on and say only; That the Parthians having had the Possession of it for near 500 Years, Artaverses reftord the Persan Government about 230 Years after the Birth of Christ, and was succeeded by 28 Kings of the fame Race: But the Sarazens growing powerful in the Year 605, the Caliph of Bagdat beat out the Persian; and his Successor sposses of the Throne for 650. Years. About the Year 1257, the Tartars expell'd the Sarazens, and a Race of Princes of that Nation govern'd Persia till the Year 1472; when the Turcomanni enter'd and supplanted them: These govern'd but till 1500, at which time Sha Ismael Sophy, by the Death of Alamat, and Accession to the Throne put an end to that Race, and is reckon'd to have restor'd the ancient Perfian Line, whose Posterity still enjoy the Em-

Proceed we next to the Geographical Account of Persia, which, as we have faid, was anciently of far greater Extent than at prefent; for befides Babylonia, Assyria, and the other Countries West-ward; Cluverius includes Casimeer and Guzerat Eastward; and makes those two Provinces to be comprehended in the ancient Gedrosia: But our Author 7. Luyts contradicts him in it, and fays that Sinda only, and Makeran were included in Gedrossa; and if so, the River Indus was always, as it still is, the Western Boundary.

But in fetting out the Provinces, I find great Complexion, but by their Marriages with the fair Differences among Geographers, fome dividing Georgian Women, or chiefly by the many Tar-the whole Empire into fifteen, others fourteen, tars fettled there in these latter Ages, they are be-to-thers thirteen, and others will allow but twelve

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Provinces. Again, M. Tavernier teckons up so venteen, but then Usbeck, Turcomania, Diarbec, Curdistan and Iran are sive of them. Burtheld d	The partice	ular Towns whereof are feen in th
not properly deferve place here, for <i>Uibeck</i> is part of <i>Tartary</i> ; and the other four do for the mot part belong to the Turks, and are describ'd in ou Accounts of those Countrys. <i>Bandrand</i> name those Provinces	A Sinda or Send	Sarufan Candayl Debil
these Provinces. viz. Macheran Antiqua Gedrosia Candabar Arachosia	Makeran	Suddel Titz Makran Firhk Chalak
Sablestan Drangiana Sissifan Kherman Carmania Chorassan Pars Parthia	Sigestan	Fardan Kets Camultan Sitzifan Mafurgian Mafnith Araba
Rhoemus Margiana & Parthia Gorgian Hyrc.mia Farfi Perfia Coufifian Sufiana Erack-Agemi Media Churdifian Pars Affyria Terack Babylonia Dilemon Gilan	S.ibleft.in	Bekfabet Buft Særentz, Særvan Afba Memend Ræbel-Emir Kandahar Cufchecanna Greefa Curvan Duka Alunkan
Scirwan Cluverius divides Persus Ancient and Modern thus, viz.	Chórosf an	Salbachi Herat Thun Meched Nisabur
Ancient Modern Gedrofia Cossimeer and Guzerat	Estarabad	{ Estar-abad Damkam Amul
Carmania Kherman, Guadel and Ormuz Drangjana Sigefan Arachofia Candahor Paropamifis Sablefan Bactriana Coraffan Margiana Elfabar or Efarabad	Mazanderan	Firuz-kuh Sukar-abed Mionikiella Giru Talarapeßkt Saru Ferh-abad Ciarman Eßkiref
Hyteama Tabarifan Aria Diargiment Parthia Erack Perfis Farfi Suhana Elaran	Schirvan	Eperbent Baku Chamaki
Astyria Chusifan Media Schirwan	Edzerbayan	{ Ardebil Tebris or Tauris Sultania
This is fet down to shew the Difference between Authors, and the difficulty of affertaining the true Division of this Empire, which being done, we shall follow our Author Joan. Lays, who by comparing all these with the Accounts of M. Tavernier, thinks the most proper Division of Persa to be into thirteen Parts, viz.	Hierak-Agemi	Kashin Sava Kom, Kachan Hımadan Hipahanı'he Metropolis of Perfia Zalpha Yezd
Sinda or Send Makeran Sigiftan Sabluftan On the Eaft	Chisfiftan	Sufa ot Sufer Ardgan Ramhormous Abawas Skabar Bander-Rik Bander-Rakel
Choraffan Estarabad Mazanderan or Tabaristan with Kylan Scirwan On the North	Farfistan	Kazeron Altakur Schiras Benarou Firus-abad Darab-Giet Lar-Bander Kongo Bander-Abass, or Gomrom The Isle of Ormus
Edzerbayan Hierack Agemi Chufuftan Fars or Farfuftan On the South	Kherman	Sermazir or Barmasier Kerman Faskes or Fasques Kuhestek
Kherman Pert 2		N The

IV. Send.

The first Province that offers itself to our View. according to the aforefaid Order, is Sinda, or Send, plac'd in M. Sanfon's large Map of Afia, and others, on the Coasts of the Indian Sea; and on the Frontiers of the Kingdom of Tatta, or Sinda, which was last describ'd in the Great Mogul's Empire. That Geographer attributes feveral Places to this Province, particularly Sarufan and Candayl, in the Inland Tracts. And Debil, on the Sea-Coasts. Others take no notice at all of this Province, neither do they acknowledge any other Sinda besides the Kingdom of Taria. M. Taver-nier, makes mention of a Part of Persia, that Borders upon the said Kingdom, but does not expressits Name, nor those of its Towns, of which he declares himself ignorant: We have a just Deference for this ingenious Author's account of Persia; in regard that in the Forty years time he fpent in Travelling, he pass'd fix times through this Empire, taking different Roads, and diligently observing all things remarkable, especially the Names, Situation and Number of the Provinces, with the capital Towns, which (as he complains) are for the most part, either feign'd, or corrupted by Modern Geographers; and have according-ly very much follow'd his Foot-steps in the following Description.

The maritime Province of Makran, Mackeran or Makeran, borders upon Send, on the Weft, and is plac'd in its room, by those that omit the latter, near the Kingdom of Tatta, or the Empire of the Great Mogul. The Towns hereabouts are Gnadel, a Sea-port; [others place Gnadel in Kherman] Titz. Makran the Capital, from which the whole Province derives its Name.

Firbk, and Chalak.

The Province of Sigestan, fometimes call'd Sigistan and Süzistan, is extended on the North of the former, and contains these Places of good Note, viz. Fardan, Kets, Camultan, Sitzistan or Sistan, the chief Town; Masurgian, Masurb, and Haba.

The Province of Sablestan, or Sablustan, lies next

to Sigefan, on the North, and includes the following Towns, viz. Bekfabat, Buff, Strenez, Sarvan, Asba, Memend, and Rabel-Emir. M. Taverair places Kandahar within its Bounds, which is taken by others for a diffined Province, and was fometime govern'd by its own Prince, who, when the King of Perfu and the great Mogul continually strove to make themselves Masters of it, at last chose rather to submit to the former, upon condition, that as long as any Prince of his Race was left, he should be entrusted with the Admi-

nistration of the Government.

The Metropolis of the whole Country, is Canda-bar, the principal Bulwark of Persa, in the middle of which stands a Rock with a Castle on the top: It is a samous Mart beset with large Suburbs, and abounding with all manner of Provisions, through which the Companies of Merchants that travel from Persa to India, and those that return from thence, are wont to pass. Alimerdankan, Governor of Kandahar, deliver'd up this Town to the Great Mogul; but it was recover'd by Chadbas II. King of Persia. Afterwards the Mogul made three several attempts to retake it with a numerous Army, but was as often repuls'd: However Kandahar is reputed the sixth in order among the general Governments of the Indian Empire; by reason that several of its Towns and

Villages are at this Day subject to the Mogula and pay him Tribute. Cuschecanna, Greessa and Curvan, are also reckon'd among the Towns of Kandahar: M. Tavernier also attributes to Sablessan, the Towns of Duka and Aluncan, seated within the Borders of the Great Mogul's Empire.

The Province of Korassan, or Chorassan, lies out VIII. farther towards the North, and is usually extend-Chorased in the Maps to the River Oxus or Jihun, call'dan. Rutbkhane-kurkan, by M. Tavernier, who does not follow those Draughts, some of which make it to reach as far as the Caspian Sea. The most remarkable Towns of this Province, are Balbachi: The City of Roses, otherwise call'd Heras, or Erast; and Serberi the Capital; Thun; Meched, nam'd alfo Mesched, Meschech, Mexas, and Mesas, where is to be seen the Sepulchre of the Prophet Iman-Riza plac'd under a golden Arch, for which the Persians have a great Veneration; And Nisaber, or Nichabour.

The Province of Estarabad, or Estarabash, generally omitted in the Maps, is placed by M. Taver-Estaranier, between Chorussan on the South, and the Ri-bad. ver Jihan on the North, where Margiana was anciently situated; but others set out its Bounds farther towards the West. The chief Towns are Estarabad, the Capital of the Province, Damkam, and Amul. This Province is the Khoemus of the

common Maps.

Having taken a View of the first fix Provinces of Persia, lying out towards the East, we come to Mazan the four next, viz. Mazanderan, Chirvan, Edzer-deran. baian and Hierak-Agemi, that appear on the North. M. Tavernier describes a Province in which Mazanderan and Kylan are both comprehended, for the latter is a Part of the former; but others make them diffinet Territories. The Province of Mazanderan, or Mezanderan, call'd Tabristan, or Tabarestan, by M. Sanson, being strictly taken, is a Part of Eastern Maxanderan, according to the Maps, and its Northern Tract is wash'd by the Caspian Sea. The Country is marthy and annoy'd with innumerable fwarms of Infects, which extremely infect the Air, as well as the Vapours that rife up out of the Fens; but they dye afloon as the Pools are dryed up by the heat of the Summer, and there are many very fruitful Tracts of Land. The chief City nam'd Tabarifan is mention'd by Dr. Fryar as a confiderable place for weaving and transporting Silks and Velvets.
The Province of Kylan or Gilan likewise borders Kylan. upon the Caspian Sea, and abounds with Silk; but the Air is not more healthful than in the former. The Towns and Villages of Mazanleran taken at large are (according to M. Tavernier) Firuzkuh; Sukar-abad; Mionikiella, scated near the Mountains; Girs, Talarapeskt, and Saru, in the Champain Country; and Ferh-abad; Ciarman; and Eskiref, on the Coast of the Caspian Sea, a Town of modern Structure.

From Mazanderan we pass to Schirvan and XI. Edzerbayan, which are commonly taken for se-Schirperate Provinces, but they are united by M. Tazvan, vernier. Chirvan, Sirvan, Schirvan, or Servan, is the most Northern Part of Persia, and extends itself on the Western Coasts of the Cassian Sea. The most eminent Town of these Parts is Derbent, i. e. A straight Gate, in the Persian Language, or Demir-capi, i. e. An Iron Gate, according to the

Turkifh

VI. Sige-

ftan.

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VII. Sableftan.

Kandahar. Turkith Dialect; and hereabouts were the Cafpia Pyla of the Ancients, call'd Cafpia Claustra by Taciusis. This Town stands in the Frontiers of Daghestan, on the Foot of a Mountain, between its Straights and the Caspian Sea, and is so well fortify'd (as we are informed by M. Baustrand) that it may easily hold out against any hossile Attack whatloever; informed that its no wonder, the Turks have imposed on it the Name of the Irongate. It is also remarkable for its fine Castle, capacious Harbour, and the usual Passage from Persia into Musscovy; nevertheless its Inhabitants are not numerous, and it daily falls to decay. The other noted Towns of Chirvan, are Baku, or Bakuse, on the same Sea-coast, and Chamaki, or Schamachia in the inland Country.

The Province of Edzerbayan, otherwise nam'd Aderbejan, Adherbeizan and Adirbeitzan, is situated more Southward, and enjoys a healthful, though somewhat cold Air. Its most considerable Places and Towns are Ardebil, or Ardevil, one of the principal Cities of the whole Perfian Empire, and a renowned Mart especially for Silk; of large Extent, and pleasant Situation; where is to be seen the Monument of Cha-Seft the first of that Name, King of Persia, to which the Persians resort, from all the Provinces, out of a Principle of Devotion; as also, the Tombs of some other Princes of the same Race: Tebris, or Tabenez, so call'd by the Inhabitants, but known among Foreigners by the Name of Tauris, and generally supposed to be the Eckbatana of the Ancients, a large, populous and noted Mart-Town, where the King formerly kept his Court, and is at prefent the Seat of the chief Patriarch, abounding more especially with Silk, for which it is a great Empory; seated in a Champain Country that brings forth great sfore of Corn and Pulse, and furrounded with Hills almost on all fides; the Houses being built with Bricks dried in the Sun: And Sultania, or Soltania, a Town which in many Maps is plac'd in the neighbouring Provinces of Hierak-Agemi, remarkable for its Sitruation in a fruitful Territory, and the various temperature of the Air, which is excellive Hot in the Day, and no less cold in the Morning, Evening and at Night. This Town was often taken and recover'd by the Turks and Persians, and at present continues in the Possession of the lat-

The Province of Hierak-Agemi, Ierak-Agemi, Erack-Atzem, or Eirak, borders upon Edzerbayan, Gilan and Tabaristan, on the South, and contains the following Towns of chief Note, viz. Kashin, or Casnin, sometime the Royal Seat of the Kings of Persia, after the taking of Tebris, but now defitute of Walls; and inhabited for the most part by Mahometans: The Houses of this Town are very mean, and above one half of it is taken up with Gardens, among which are those that belong to the King's Court: 'Tis sicklier than Ispahan, though it exceed it in plenty of all things, says Dr. Fryar. Sava, a neat Town in a fruitful Plain: Kom, one of the largest Towns of Persia, in a Champain Country that brings forth good flore of Rice, with several forts of Fruit, and particularly most excellent Pomegranates; here are also certain stately Monuments that are highly eftern'd by the Natives: Kachan, or Kaschin, a large and populous Town, affording plenty of Part 2

Fruit and Wine; where a great number of Tems have their Habitations, and where the richest forts of Silk-Manufactures are ufually made. Hanadan, a Place that abounds with Cattel, Butter, Cheefe, Hides and Tobacco, and through which the Persians are us'd to pass in their Journey to Mecca. Ilpahan, or Hilpahan, otherwise call Afpahan and Haspachan, as also Sfahan, Spahana and Sfaon, according to the Persian Dialect, the prefent Metropolis of the whole Kingdom and the Royal Seat, built in a very fruitful and spacious Plain, with three large Suburbs: So that it takes up fixteen Miles in Compass, and is almost equal in Largeness to the City of Paris in France; but a great deal less populous; by reason of the great number of Gardens and void Places. private Buildings here are mean, but the Sophy's Palace, together with fome Noblemen's Houses, the Buzzars or Exchanges, the Carawanfera's or publick Inns, the Huminiums or Baths, and the Temples, are magnificent Structures. This City was anciently call'd Heeatompylos from its hundred Gates; and was the greatest Mart in Afra, before the Europeans found the way to India by Sea, having been the Staple for the Commodities of those Countries.

The other noted Places of this Province, are Zulfa, Julfa, or Golfa, formerly a Colony of the Armeniani, and a confiderable Town, neater than Ilpahan, and fituated farther towards the South: It is also taken by several Authors for a Suburb to that City; the most pleasant Walk of the whole Kingdom, lying between both, which may be pased over, within the space of half an Hour: And Yezd, a large but ruinous Town in the faudy Defart, where great quantities of Silk-clothes are workd. There are also Women of an admirable Beauty, and a fort of Wine that is very grateful to the Palate.

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It remains only to give a Description of the XIV, three last Provinces of Persia, viz., those of Consistant, ChusiFarsistan and Kerman, which are extended farther stantowards the South, and are wash'd by the Persian Gulph. The most Western of these is Kussistan, or Chusistan, situated on the innermost Bay of the Gulph of Baljora, and on the lowest Part of that common Receptacle of the Rivers Euphratest and Tigris. However, Authors are not agreed, as to the Extent of this Province, the best Towns of which (according to M. Tavernier) are Suster, Schouster, or Sus anciently Susa, the Capital; Ardgan; Ram-hormous; Aharus; and Skabar; as also, two little Sea-port Towns, on the Gulph of Bassisra, nam'd Bander-Rik and Bander-Ra-last

The Province of Fursitan, or Furs, lyes next to XV. Chussitan, on the East; and its most eminent Towns Farsiare Kazeron, the Territory about which yields a stambundance of Citrons and Lennmons; neither is there any want of fine Cypress-Trees. Alakar, where stood the ancient Persepolit, so celebrated for its magnificent Structure and immense Wealth. It had been for many Ages the Metropolis of this Empire, and the Seat of its Monarch before Alexander the Great destroyed it. That Prince having seized the publick Treasure, which Diod. Siculus tells us amounted to 12000 Talents, gave the Pillage of the City to his Soldiers, and afterwards in a drunken Frolick (being excited by Thais the Curtezan) set fire to the Palace, and ut-

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XIII.

Herak-

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World. Mr Herbert has given us a very good Account of its Ruins, to which we must refer our Reader, not having room to transcribe him; and can only fay that the Height, Beauty and Solidity of its Columns appear by what remains, the Sight whereof ravidhes the beholder, and demonstrates that nothing in Antiquity could exceed the Magnificence of this Place. It must be mention'd that some Authors make Schiras the ancient Perfepolis; as others, Chalminare, q. d. forty Towers; but modern Travellers affure us that though Schirus grew up out of its Ruins, yet it is two days distant from it. Schiras, or Chiras, the Metropolis of the Province, feated in a Plain, encompass'd with rocky Mountains; by tradition faid to have arisen out of the Ruins of Persepolis, but by others affirm'd to have been built by Cyrus. This City may be reckon'd the fecond best in all the Empire; being the Seat of a very confiderable Traffick, and adorn'd with many stately Buzzars, magnificent Palaces, and pleafant Gardens, Walks, Colleges and Temples. This being esteem'd a Holy-Place is also adorn'd with publick Schools and Convents well endow'd, and may be stiled the University of Persia. But the common Houses are made of Earth daub'd over with Mud, and may eafily be wash'd away by the Rain, which very feldom falls in those Parts. The adjacent Country affords the purest Wine of all Perfia. Benaron. Firus-abad, a little Town in a Territory that abounds with Dates and Daffodils, fo that the Inhabitants extract from the latter an Oil of a pleafant finell. *Darab-Gier*, or *Daragierd*, where is Salt of all manner of Colours, and great flore of Apples, with which a kind of Cyder is made, as also Oranges and Leminons. Moreover the King-Lar K. dom of Lar which now conflitutes a part of Farfiftan, was heretofore govern'd by its own Princes: But it is at present subject to the King of Persia, and reaches as far as the Persian Gulph. The Air hereabouts is excellive Hot, and the Metropolis of this Kingdom is likewife nam'd Lar or Lbor, a Town of no finall Extent, built on a Rock, amidft high Mountains, and fenc'd with a Caltle: It is stilled by Dr. Fryar the Granary of these Parts, being a Place of considerable Trade, adorn'd with an Exchange and many good Buildings, especially the Caun's or Governor's Palace, which is very fately and magnificent. The neighbouring Terrntory is fruitful, and affords great plenty of Oranges. On the Gulph, we may observe Bander-Kongo, a very confiderable Sea-port Town, where the Air is healthful and the Water excellent. As also Gombroon, or Bander-Abassin as 'tis nam'd by the Natives; a Town of great Trade, extended a Mile in Length along the Banks of the Gulph: and especially notable to us on Account of the English Factory there, to whom the Moiety of the Customs of Right belong; being granted to them for the Service the English perform'd at the taking of *Ormus* from the Portuguese. The Air here is exceeding Hot, and the Water not very good. This is the chief Port of Persia for European and Indian Trade, and is much frequented by the English and Dutch. 'Tis feated at the Mouth of the Gulph of Baffora in the 27th. Deg. of Latitude, and 74th. of Lon-Over against Gombroon in the narrow Straight

terly destroyed the most glorious Structure in the

of Mossandan lyes the finall Island Ormus, or Or-Ormus mous, a Place of Barren Soil and very scorching Island. Air; but being feated in the middle of this Straight, it is the Key to the Persian Gulph; and its chief Town of the same Name was once the Capital of a Kingdom which extended its felf far, on both the Perfian and Arabian Shores. In the Year 1517 the Town and Island were taken by the Portuguese, under whom it was a most flourishing and wealthy Place. But in 1622 the English assisting the Perlian (who had long attack dit in vain) took the Town by Stratagem, and the Portuguese were immediately expell'd; fince when the Town being slighted, the magnificent Portuguese Buildings are fallen to ruine; and except in the Castle (which is well garison'd) there are few Inhabitants on the Island: The rife of Gombroon proceeded from the decay of this Place, and all the Trade of it is remov'd thither.

We are now come to the Province of Kerman, XVI. Kherman, Kheirman, or Kirman, which is the last Kherof all, and extends it self on the Coasts of the man. Gulph of Ormus. The most remarkable Places and Towns, are Bermazir, or Bermasiir, Kerman, or Cherman, the Capital City of a large Compass, but now ruinous, where a fort of earthen Ware is made, scarce inferiour to the China Porcellane: Mochestan; Jaskes, or Jasques, a Sea-port Town on the Gulph of Ormus, with an adjacent Promontory of the same Name: And Kubestek, ano-

ther Port on the same Gulph.

Hitherto we have been treating of Modern Per-XVII.

Sia, but the ancient Persian Monarchy far exceed-Reputer. fia, but the ancient Perlian Monarchy far exceed-Bounds ed those Bounds: For it extended it self East the ancient and West, from India within the River Ganges, ent King part of which was also comprehended therein; domof as far as the Hellespont, or Straight of Gallipoli; Persia. in paffing of which Darius the Son of Hyfraspes, and more especially his Son Xerves, received a great Overthrow, notwithstanding their numerous Armies: And from North to South, it extended from Scythia, against which the same Darius undertook a fruitless Expedition; as also, from the Caspian Sea, Mount Caucasus, and the River Tanais, beyond which Darius was not able to extend his Dominions; to the Mouth of the Arabian Gulph, and the Confines of Ethiopia: For Cambyfes, who united Egypt to the Persian Empire, had an ill Success, in leading an Army against the Ethiopians.

But to omit the ancient Limits, we shall fet XVIII. down what Provinces were anciently contain'd The Proin the Kingdom of Persia in its present Extent. vinces of Some Authors reckon up seventeen of these Pro-Persia. vinces; and others fixteen, or fourteen: Others again (whose Opinion we shall here follow) reduce all to five Articles, and they are Aria, Bactriana, Parthia, Media, and Persis; which were subdivided into divers Parts, viz. The Parts of Aria were five in number, viz. Gedrosia, Arachosia, Drangiana, Aria proper, and Paropanissus. Those of Battriana were two, viz. Sogdiana and Proper Battriana. Those of Parthia were three, viz. Margiana, Hyrcania and Parthia. These of Media were as many, viz. Choromithrena, Tropa-tena and Antropatia, Lastly, the Parts of Persis were likewise three, viz. Susana, Proper Persis

and Carmania.

XIX.

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mifins Sogdia-Bactriana.

na. Hyrcamia.

Media.

Choromithrena. Tropatena.

Antropatia.

These ancient Provinces agree thus with the Gedro- modern. Gedrosia seems not to have been, where Guzarat now takes place; but in the room of Sinda, or (as others will have it) of Makeran; for it was fituated on the West of the River Indus. Aracho- Arachofia comprehended the Kingdom of Haiacan, now part of the Great Mogul's Empire, and the Province of Candatar in modern Persia. Drangiana, at present bears the Name of Sigestan; and Sablestan supplies the place of the Eastern Parts of Aria and Paropanisus, otherwise call'd Paropani-Paropa- sus and Paropanisus. Sogdiana and Bastriana were extended on the Territories of Usbeck, or the Country beyond the River O.vns, or Jihun, being part of Great Tartary. Margiana was in the room of Chorassan, Part of which Province (according to Margia- fome Authors) was taken up by Bactriana, Aria, and Parthia; but M. Tavernier places Margiana in those Parts, where he has set out the Bounds of Estarabad. Hyrcania, which imposed its Name on the Hyrcanian or Caspian Sea, was included within the Limits of Mazanderan, or Tabarestan. Parthia. Parthia took up the Western Part of Chorassan, with the Eastern Tracts of Hierak-Agemi, and its Capital City fonetime the largest of the whole Continent of Persia, and the Metropolis of the Kingdom was Hecasompylos, or Heatompylon, which took its Name from its hundred Gates, and is now supposed to be either Ispahan, or Yezd. The Parthians who were before a slothful People, and of no repute; after the Death of A-lexander the Great, extended their Conquests far and near; and in the time of the Roman Grandeur, they not only possessed the whole Persian Empire, but also Affyria, Mesopotamia and Baby-The Country of Media took up the Provinces

now named, Kylan, Schirvan, Edzerbayan and the Western Part of Hierak-Agemi; but Media, Cheromithrena, or Choromithrene took up the Part of Media, towards the South-East, and next to that (according to Prolemey's Map) lay Media Tropatena, bordering on the Hyrcanian Sea: Lastly, Media Antropatia, otherwise call'd Atropatia and Atropatene, extended it self farthest towards the North-West, and was inhabited by the Calpii, a particular People, from whom the neighbouring Sea deriv'd its Name. This noted Province heretofore constituted Part of the second Universal Monarchy, which at first comprehended two distinct Governments, and its Metropolis was Ec-batana, which many Authors take to be the same with the present Tauris; where the Kings of Per-

Fat of the ten Tribes of Ifriel, that were carribes of ryed away captive into Alfriel, by Salmanaffer, Ifrael. dwelt in Media, and even (according to Bochart's

Opinion, which is follow'd by feveral learned Men) in Media Amropatena; where between the two Streams of the River Cyrus, almost in the middle, between Mount Choatras, or Chaboras (as the fune Bochart terms it) and the Calpian Sea, the Town of Ganzania was feated, which (fays he) might probably communicate its Name to the neighbouring Country and River: but when the Perfians obtain'd the Sovereignty of those Parts, the Name of the find River was chang'd in ho-nour of King Cyrus; as another River of Atdia near the Cyrus, was dignify'd with that of Combyfes. Others are apt to believe, that the Town of Gaszania had its Denomination from the River Gozan. But the Posterity of the Ifraelues did not always abide in Media; being in process of time convey'd to Hyrcania, Parthia, Perfis, Carmania, and the most remote Parts of the East, cven to India and China; as also, (as the learned Spanhemius observes out of Herodosus and Diodorus Siculus) to Armenia, Iberia and Colchis. The fame Author adds, That a great number of the Ilrae-lines afterwards return d to Palefline, and had Pla-ces of Habitation in common with the other two Tribes: Moreover that they grew fo numerous as to fill Egypt and the adjacent Countries: And upon the Dispersion of the Greeks, they scatted themselves in Aha Minor, Greece and Macedonia; and at last came to possess some Countries of Persis, the remaining part of Persia.

The Country of Sufiana was fituated within the Sufiana. Bounds of Chusitan, and its Metropolis was Susa; now call'd Suster, or Schouster, enjoying a very gentle and pleasant Air, where (according to Atheness) the Persian Monarchs resided during the Winter-quarter. The Province of Persis took Persis. place in Farsistan, and its capital City was Persepolis, which some Authors suppose to be Schiras, but others place it in the Neighbourhood of that Town on the North, where, or near which are to be seen the Ruins of Chilminar, or Tebeelminar (as M. Tavernier expresses it) that is to say, several ancient Columns, and Statues of no Repute, with certain square and obscure Arches; all which relicks, the fame M. Tavernier, who actually view'd them, affirms to be undefervedly fo much cryed up by other Writers. Persepolis (as we are informed by Athenaus) formerly afforded a Place of Residence to the Kings of Per a, during the Autumnal Season, before it was burnt and laid wast by Alexander the Great, in a drunken Fit, at the infligation of the Harlot Thais. Lastly, the Country of Carmania, which was di-Carmavided into two Parts, viz. the Defart bordering nia. upon Parthia, and Carmania properly so calld, that lay next to Persu, on the South, and along

the Sea-coasts in the room of Modern Communa, or Kherman.

CHAP. XX.

Modern and ancient Arabia.

For a Map, confult that of Turkey in Asia.

HE eighth and last Part of Asia, commonly call'd Arabia, or Arabiftan, according to the Dialect of the Afaticks, is Arabia. bounded on the Ealt, by the Gulph of Ormus, the Straight of Mofandan and the Gulph of Ballora, which separate it from Persia: On the North, which feparate it from Perja: On the North, by Yerack and the River Euphranes, that part its Frontiers, from those of Diarbeck strictly taken; as also, by Syria: On the West, by the Ishmus of Arabia, otherwise termed the Ishmus of Egypt, or of Suez; the Red-Sea, and the Straight of Babelmandel, by which it is divided from African the Surphy by the Arabian Sea. Its ca: And on the South, by the Arabian Sea. the 14 and 33 Degree of Northern Latitude, and extends itself in Longitude from West to East, that is to fay, from the Isthmus of Suez to Cape Rez Algate for the space of 30 Degrees.

The Air of this Country is often excessive hot, and the Soil in many Places is fo very rough, fandy, dry and barren, that though a little mat-ter fatifies Nature, yet the Earth produces not fufficient for its support: The Rivers are but few in number, and those but shallow and small; and Rain is feldom feen there, fo that they have nothing but the Dew, which falls in abunnothing but the Dew, which falls in abundance, to water the Land, and initigate the extreme heat of the Weather. However, the Sea-Coafts, and the Tracts that lie near Rivers are more fruitful, producing good flore of Frankincenfe, Myrrhe, Aloes, Caffia, Spikenard, Cardamum, Cinnamon, Pepper, Dates, Oranges, Lemmons, feveral forts of Apples, Honey and Wax: The Inland parts yield Pathures for Horfes, Camels and Sheen that deferve much comfes, Camels and Sheep that deferve much com-mendation; and the Sea is no less remarkable for affording plenty of Fish, as also Pearls and Coral.

Some of the Arabians living in Towns, exer-cife Mechanical Trades, follow Merchandizing, and apply themselves to the study of the liberal Arts and Sciences, being well versed in Physick, Philosophy, and more especially the Mathematicks; infomuch that they are faid to have invented the Arithmetical Characters, which are now generally in Ufe. Others live in the Woods and Mountains, under Tents made of Hair-cloth, after the manner of the Tartars: Upon which account, they were heretofore called Scenita, as alfo Nomades and Vagi, or Wanderers; because they often remove their Tents to better Pastures, and drive their Cattel along with them for Forage. These wild Arabs, who are excellent Horse-men and most expert Archers, rove up and down in Troops, to rob Strangers, and frequently lye in wait for the Caravans that travel to Mecca.

Arabia is partly fubject to the Turks and partly to the Persians, but the most considerable Part is govern'd by its own Princes and States, who being fecur'd by the Mountains valiantly maintain their Liberty against the Assaults of their Enemies: They are generally addicted to the Mahomeran Religion, and speak a Language, which in former

times did not exceed the Bounds of their Country: but when the Saracens began ro enlarge their Dominions it was spread abroad far and wide, Syria, Paleftine, the Coasts of Africa on the Red Sea, Egypt, and along all the Coasts of the Mediterranean, even to the Straight of Gibralter, although its Dialects are different in several Places: Moreover it is the Language of the Learned, wherefoever the Mahometan Superstition prevails; for it is forbidden to read the Alchoran in any othet Tongue but the Arabick.

The whole Continent is usually divided in Arabia Felix, Deserta and Petraa, which are again fubdivided into several parts, as is seen in the fol-

lowing Table. Chief Towns. Calajata Mascata Suhar Orfacan Corfcan Iguir Nablan Tabla Jemena Mafcalat Oman. Sochar Masfa Mirabat Syr Calhat, or Quelhat Aman-zirifdin S Alibinali Seger. Guebelhaman Pechar Dolfar Fartach Hadra-Almacharan Laghi mut. Aden Mocha Zibit Mareb "Arahia Felix, con-Saada Hans Jacfeb Tehama. taining feven Provin-Ziden Mecca, the ces, viz. Metropolis of Arabia. Baifat Tajet Hagiaz. Giadila Chaibar Medina Taref Batn. Nackel divided into three Parts, Salamia Iamama Tima Hadrama, or Hadruma Chetta Laffach Bifcia El-Catif Bahrein, or Bahr Afhfa Hadanija Bahraim. { Anna Tangia On the Arabia South, Deferta, STJamma Sukana Anna Anah D in which On the are, Rahabat Sumiscahae North, Arabie

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In the in- Bufferet land Coun- Herac, Arabia Herat Petrea, in which On, or Madian El-Tor Elian are, near the Red Sea Faran

ARABIA FELIX, i.e. the happy or fruit-ful Arabia, call'd lemen by the Inhabitants and Turks, as also Hyaman or Hiemen, and sometimes proper Arabia, is extended farthelt towards the South and Welt; being three or four times larger than Arabia Deferia and Petraa. It is furrounded by Water except on the North, for the Red Sea on the Weft, and the Arabian Sea on the South; fo that it is a kind of Peninfula; whose Ishnus, being a continued Ridge of Mountains is above 500 Miles over. This Country is the most populous, best cultivated and most fruitful of all Arabia, and its Productions are fuch as have been particularly mention'd in the beginning of this Chapter; fo that it is defervedly dignify'd with the Title of the Happy or Fortu-

Many Kingdoms and Provinces are comprehended within the Bounds of Arabia Felix; and Golius tells us, that the Arabians themselves divide it into fix Countries, to which they reduce all the rest. In M. Sanson's large Map of Asia, it is diffinguished into seven principal Parts, the Names of which are these, viz. Oman, Seger, Hadramus, Tehema, Hagiaz, Iamama, and Bahraim. Others leave out Segar, and add Ormus to the fix other Frovinces, which (according to

M. Sanson) constitutes a part of Oman.

Oman, being the most Eastern Province of this Part of Arabia is wash'd by the Arabian Sea, as also by the Gulphs of Ormus and Bassora: Its most remarkable Towns on the Gulph of Ormus are Calajata; Mascata a noted Mart, (which in some Maps is plac'd under the Tropick of Cancer, and in others farther towards the North) having a convenient Harbour and a strong Castle. This Town was formerly possess'd by the Portugueses, but is now subject to its own Prince, who took it from them not long ago. Sohar, Orfacan, or Orfacan, and Corfcan on the Promontory of Mofandan, which lies out over against the Island of Ormus, and communicates its Name to the adjacent Straight. On the Gulph of Bassora, appear Lyur, or Iguir, Naban and Tabla. In the Inland Country, are Jemena, the Capital of a Kingdom of the sume Name; Massalt; Sochar; Massalt; Mirabat; Syr, otherwise call'd Sur and Thir; Calhat or Oughlat, and Amanipishin. Tsur; Calhat or Quelhat; and Amanzirifdin, or Aman-Zirifdin, the Metropolis of a Kingdom fo nam'd, which is otherwise termed Oman by M. Baudrand.

The Province of Seger lies next to Oman, on the South-West, and Part of it on the Coasts of the Abrabian Sea. The chief Towns hereabouts, are Alibinali, the Capital of a Kingdom that bears the fame Name, which is also call'd, The Kingdom of Seger; Guebelhaman, and Pecher, on the Sea-Coafts.

The Country of Hadramut borders upon Seger, on the West, and extends itself on the Arabian Sea, Straight and Gulph. Its noted Places and Towns,

are Dullar, Fartach, which others call Hadramut, the chief City of the Kingdom; Almacharan; Laghi; Aden, a very throng Town in the Arabian Sea, and the Capital of the Kingdom of Aden, with a capacious Harbour; formerly subject to the Turks, and at prefent to the King of Mocha: Mocha, a large well-built Town and a confiderable Mart; with a convenient Harbour; on the finne Arabian Sea, continuing under the Govern-ment of its own Prince, and abounding with Coffee, red Coral, &c. Zibit, a Town likewise of a large Extent, seated on a River of the same Name, the Capital of the Kingdom of Zibit. which is also termed that of Saba, sometime belonging to the Dominions of the Turks, but now govern'd by its own King, who fubdu'd it by force of Arms.

On the North of Hadramut appears Tehama, in VIII. like manner on the Arabian Gulph, and its Towns Tehand, of note are Dhafar; Sanaa, which in some Maps is set down within the Territories of Segar; Saada;

on the Frontiers; Hans; and Jacsab.

The Province of Hagiaz, Hegiaz, or Higiaz, 1X. extends itself between Tehama and Arabia Petraa, Hagiaza on the Coasts of the Red Sea, or Arabian Gulph: Some make this Country part of Arabia Petran, others include it in Arabia Felix; and others again teparate it from both. 'Tis a large Conntry and divided into two Parts, viz. those of Mecca and Medina. The most eminent Places and Towns are Ziden, otherwise nam'd Giodda, on the Coasts of the Red Sea; Mecca the Metropolis of this Part of Arabia, seated at a little distance from the River Chaibar, in a dry and barren Valley, surrounded on all fides with Mountains: being more especially renowned for the Birth of the false Prophet Mahomet, and frequented by the Turks from all the Corners of the Ottoman Empire, as also by the Mahometans of the other Parts of the World, who go thither in Pilgrimage, to perform their Devotions. This City has imposed its Name on the neighbouring Gulph, and is the chief of the Principality of Mecta, govern'd by its own Prince, common-ly call'd the Cherif, Scheck, or Sultan, one of the most Potent of Arabia, who deriving his Original from Mahomet is highly reverenc'd, and loaded with Prefents, by the Turks, Perfians, and all the other Tribes of superstitious Votaries; to the end that he may drive the Beduins (a very powerful People of Arabia Felix, who are us'd to fet upon the Caravans in their Journey to Mecca) out of his Dominions, or at least hinder them from committing Robberies and Devaltations, after their ufual manner. M. Bernier, who had an opportunity to view this Country, places Mecca in Arabia Petraa, although in the greatest part of the Maps it is appropriated to Arabia Felix.

The other remarkable Towns of this Province, are Baisat, Tajef, Giadila, Chaibar, on a River of the same Name; and Medina, Medina-Talnabi, or Medina-Tholnabi, i. c. The Prophet's City, which M. Baudrand fets within the Bounds of Arabia Petrea, fituated in a Plain near the River Laukic. and being of a narrower compass than Mecca, but no less famous for the Pilgrimages of the Mahometans, who go thither to vifit the celebrated Tomb of their great Prophet, which is raifed on high and supported with stender Pillars, but not at all Pendulous, nor is there any Iron, Steel, or Load-stone to be seen about it. Moreover, some

VI. Seger.

Oman.

VII. Hadramut.

Writers affirm against the common Opinion, that Mahomet was born there; but it is certain, that when he was forc'd to leave Mecca, by reason that the Inhabitants disapprov'd his Doctrine, he fled to Medina; where being honourably entertain'd, he not only had free liberty to propagate his Religion, but also took up Arms with his Fol-lowers, and established the Seat of his Empire; so that it is no wonder that it obtain'd the Name of the Prophet's City. From this Flight of Maho-met the Hegira, or Arabian Accounts of Time took its Rife, which is refer'd to the 15th. Day of July, A.C. 622. and is still in use among the Mahometans. Between Mecca and Medina lies the Defart, commonly call'd the Sandy-Sea, through which it is not fafe to pass without a Marinerscompass and a Guide, by reason of the light Sands that are easily blown up by the Winds, and threaten sudden Destruction to Travellers. Lastly, the Towns of Taref and Ban-Nackel are fituated farther in the Inland Country towards the East and North.

On the East of Hagiaz lies the Country of Jamana, whose chief Towns are Salamia, Jamana, the Capital on the River Astan, Tima, and Hadrama, or Hadruma. In this Province (as it is express'd in the Maps) are the Territories of the Bengebres, a very powerful People, who wander up and down, and infest the Roads with Robbe-

The feventh and last Part of Arabia Felix is Bahraim, or Bahrein, lying in the middle, between Iamama, on the West, and the innermost Bay of the Perlian Gulph, on the East: It is (as they fay) almost entirely subject to the Dominion of the Turks, and contains the following confiderable Towns, viz. Chetta, and Laffach, otherwise call'd Lacach and Labla, plac'd by some Geographers in the Province of Oman; being the Capital of the Turkish Government call'd the Beglerbeglick of Labsa, which comprehended Bahraim. О'n the Gulph appear Bifeia, El-catif, a famous Seaport Town posless'd by the Turks, from which the adjacent Land, at this Day, derives its Name: Bahrein, Bahraim, or Bahr, over against which lies an Island of the fame Name, not far from the Shore, very much noted for the Pearl-fifthing that is manag'd thereabouts: Ahfa, or Ahfo, and Hadanija, which stands farther towards the North.

It is determin'd among the Learned, that the

Gihon and Pison, were fituated in a Tract of Ara-

The Lands Lands of Cush and Havilah, watered by the Rivers of Cush and Havilah.

bia Felix, abounding with Gold, precious Stones and Spice, and bordering upon the Persian Gulph, into which those Rivers discharge themselves, with the Euphrates and Tigris. This Country 3abeans was anciently inhabited by the Sabeans, and their Name is fometimes communicated to the whole continent of Spice-bearing Arabia; so that it is not at all to be admir'd, that Arabia Felix was otherwise call'd Sabaa: But the Sabeans properly fo nam'd, whose Progenitor was Seba, or Saba, the Son of Joita, were settled on the Coasts of the Arabian Gulph, near the *Minei*; and their Country produc'd great flore of Gold, Gemms and Spice; the Metropolis of which was *Saba*, or *She*ba, termed Sabe by Ptolemey, where (according to the determination of many Authors, and parti-

cularly Bochart) the Queen of the South Reign'd,

who took a Journey to Jerufalem to visit King Solomon. Josephus is induc'd to believe, that the Queen of Sheba was the same with Herodotus's Nicaule, who Reign'd both in Egypt and Ethiopia, and receiv'd her Title from the Metropolis of the latter, which was Saba, before Cambyfes gave it the Name of Maroe, from that of his Sifter: But this Opinion of Josephus is expressly consusted by Bochart. The same Bochart besides Solomon's Ophir Ophir. above-specify'd, Chap. 17. Sect. 15. admits of another Ophir, (as also does M. Sanson) in Arabia Felix, near the Territories of the Sabeans, and in those of the Cassaniti, mention'd by Prolemey and Stephanus, which yielded great plenty of the sinest Gold.

The Saracenes, a People so nam'd from their in - Saracene clination to Robbery and Rapine, likewise dwelt in Arabia Felix, and (according to Piolemey) on the Confines of Arabia Petraa, whose Capital City was Jatrippa, or Jathribon, now call'd Medina and Jathrib by the Arabians. These People began first to be in good Repute, when the salse Prophet Mahomet having escap'd by slight from Mecca to Jatrippa, was kindly entertain'd, and with the help of the Inhabitants fubdu'd the neighbouring Nations: Then the Saracenes in a short time, made themselves Masters of Arabia, Egypt, the greatest Part of Africa, Spain, Corsica, Sardinia, Candia, and a very large Part of Asia, infomuch that afterwards the Ottoman or Turkish Empire, the Kingdom of Persia and many others, took their Rise from that Stock; but now the Name of the Saracenes, through long Dissuse, is be-

come obsolete and quite laid aside.

Having thus taken a view of the largest Part of XIII. Arabia, situated towards the South, we come Arabia next to the Northren, comprehending the Coun-Deferta tries of Arabia Deferta and Petraa. A R A B I A D E S E R T A call'd Berii-Arabistan by the Asiaticks, as also Arden and Beriara, is bounded on the East, by Yerack; on the North, by Diarbeck, or the River Euphraies, which likewise serves for a Boundary; on the West, by Syria and Arabia Petraa; and on the South, by the Mountains, which separate it from Arabia Felix. This Country is lefs Mountainous than the two other Parts of Arabia, abounding rather with Sands and vast Desarts; but that Part which lies near the Euphrates is more fruitful and better cultivated. It was partly under the Jurisdiction of the Turks, and is now govern'd by feveral Princes, one of whom is dignify'd with the Title of a King; and that part of the Holy Land which lies on the East side the River Fordan, is also comprehended within his Dominions: The Barrenness of the Country is a protection to the Princes of it; for the Grand Seignior, fets no great value upon these Defarts, and the Towns are few in number; The most considerable, are Anna, on the River Astan, and Tangia seated farther towards the West. M. Thevenot and others reckon Balfora among the Towns of Arabia Deferta, but we have already given a Description of it, in the Province of Yerack. The other Places of note on the North, are Tsamma, Sukana, Anna or Anah, an ancient Town, and the Capital of this Part of Arabia; formerly a famous Mart, but now not much frequented; yet remarkable for its situation on the Euphrates, and on the Frontiers of Diarbeck, upon which account it is erroneously, attributed to that Country, by

X. Jamama.

XI. Bahraim.

fome Authors Dalia; Rahabat, on the finne River; is usually expressed in the Maps, so that they and Sumiscalaac, nearer the Borders of Arabia Perceion Medina and Mecca among the Towns of

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The Land of Uz, the Seat of the Patriarch Job, he Land is plac'd by Spanhemius in Defart Arabia; yet not towards the Persian Gulph, nor on the Confines of Arabia Felix, nor in the Southern, or Inland Parts of the former; but in its Northern Tract, near the River Euphrates and Mesopotamia. To prove this, he confutes many different Opinions, in the third Chapter of his Treatife call'd The Hifory of Job; and at last in Chap. 4. confirms his own, with a great deal of Learning and Perspicuity: Among other Allegations he afferts, That that part of drabia Deferta lay nearest of all to the Territories of the Chaldeans, whose Invasion is mention'd in the very beginning of the Book of Job: That the Sabeaus a neighbouring People, who fell upon his Cattel and Servants, were not the Sabeaus of Arabia Felix, but deriv'd their Original from Seba, the Grand-Son of Abraham, by Keturah, who fettled his Abode towards the East, or in Arabia Deferta: That by this means the Sacred Text may be very eafily explain'd, wherein it is express'd, that Job was the greatest of all the Men of the East: And that the Habitations of his Friends, and their Delign in vifiting him agree admirably well with the above-mention'd Seat of this Patriarch. It were needless to produce his other Arguments, but refer the Reader to the Book it felf.

The fame Author afferts, That the Madianites, Medaneans, Dedaneans, &c. descended of Keturah, inhabited a Tract of Land, either bordering upon that of Feb, or at least, not very far distant from Thus he at first assigns to the Madianites, the Eastern Part of Arabia Deserta, who afterwards settled themselves farther towards the South and Weft, as far as the Coasts of the Arabian Gulph, Medane-where it washes Arabia Petraa. He makes the Medaneans next neighbours to the Madianites, who are also confounded with them; and in like manner places the Dedaneans in Arabia Deserta, on Dedathe Confines of Syria Palmyrena, at a little distance neans. from the most remote Habitations of the Idumeans: See the fixth Chapter of his above-cited Hiftory. Some Authors are also of Opinion, That the Magi, or Wise-Men, who took a Journey from the East to Jerusalem upon our Saviour's Nativity, came from Arabia Deferia; with greater probability, I think, than those who believe that the Country was Arabia Felix: Again, others affirm, that they came from Persis, Media, or Me-Sopotamia.

ARABIA PETRÆA, commonly call'd A-rabiftan by the Natives, and Dasc-lik Arabiftan by Arabia the Turks, otherwife Barrad and Baraba, has for its Bounds on the East, Arabia Deserta; on the South, Arabia Felix; on the West, the Arabian Petræa. Gulph and Isthmus; and on the North, the Territories of Syria. Golius and Bernier, as also, M. Baudrand, who follows their Steps, extend its Borders a great deal farther towards the South, than

Arabia Petraa; as has been already mention'd. This Country is mountainous, rocky and ill cultivated; fubject to the Dominion of the Turks; and its most remarkable inland Towns, are Buf-feret; and Herae, or Herae the Capital, formerly call'd Peira and Peira Deferti, which communicated its Name to this Part of Arabia, and was On or near the Arabian Gulph, appear, Madian; El-Tor; Eilan, or Hilan; and Earan.

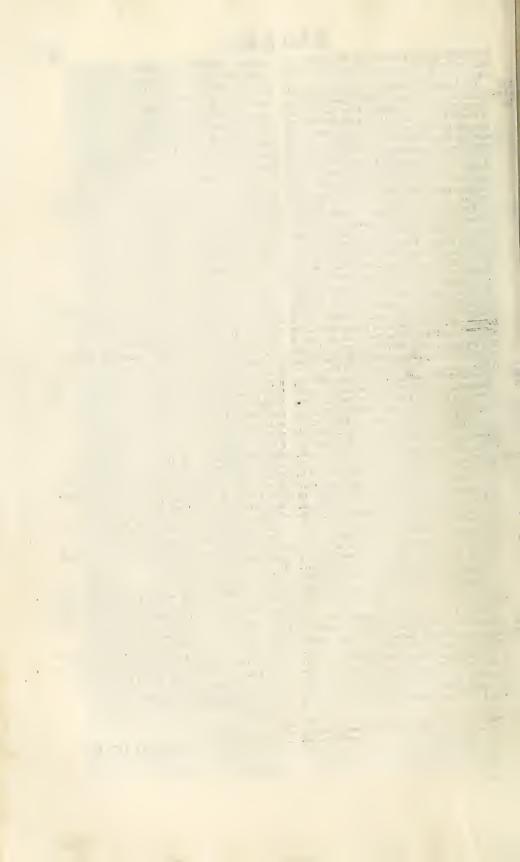
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were divided into twelve Tribes, inhabited Araba thome Petraa; for their Territories reach'd from the Delites. farts of Paran and Zur, or from the Red-Sea to the Land of Havilah; that is to fay, through Arabia has been seen to the Land of Havilah; that is to fay, through Arabia has been seen to the Land of Havilah; that is to fay, through Arabia has been seen to the seen to t rabia Petrea, Deferta and Felix, as far as the River Euphrates and the Perfian Gulph: infonueh that they were intermix'd with the Malianies, as the Chulai, or Culbites, were with both, who all in process of time became one Nation of the Sara-

Moreover the Israelites in their passage from E-Israelypt under the Conduct of Moses, arrived in this lites. Part of Arabia, after having pass'd through the innermost Bay of the Red-Sea, and (as some Authors fay) near the above-mention'd Town of El-Ter: Afterwards they wander'd through its Defarts nam'd Zin, Sinai, Zur and Paran, for the space of forty Years; making many Stations therein, as is shewn by the common Bible-Maps. Some Foot-steps of their Travels (they say) are still extant in the Desart of Zin, where are to be feen feveral Inferiptions cut in the Rocks, and reputed to be of the most ancient Assyrian Characters. In the Confines of Arabia Petras and Egypt, near the Lake Serbonis, or Sirbonis, now call d Baranguerlis by the Inhabitants; and the Mediterranean Sea (as we are inform'd by Ptolemey, Mount Casus of Antioch, or Proper Syria: This Mountin was heretofore famous for the Temple. of Jupiter Casius, and the Tomb of Pompey the Great was creeted in its Neighbourhood. The Mountains of Horeb and Sinai often mention'd in Horeb the Sacred Writings, Iye very near one another, and Siand are fituated farther towards the South-East: nai-The latter is call'd Gibel Monfa, i. e. Mofes's Mount, by the Turks; and the Europeans often term it the Mountain of St. Catharine, whose Body it supposed to have been buried there: Both these Mountains are faid to be inhabited at this day, by certain Monks depending on the *Greek* Church, who courteoully thew Travellers the Sicred Relicks, and Foot-Reps of those things that were heretofore transacted in these Parts. Lastly, Asson-gaber, or Exion-geber, was also feated on the Exino-Coast of Arabia Petras, being at first one of the geber. Mansions of the Israelises, and afterwards a Seaport Town, belonging to their Jurisdiction, from which King Schmidt Floor to Galler Only which King Solomon's Fleet let fail for Ophir.

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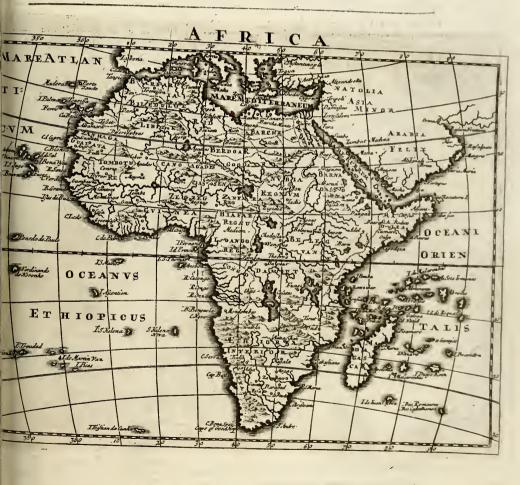


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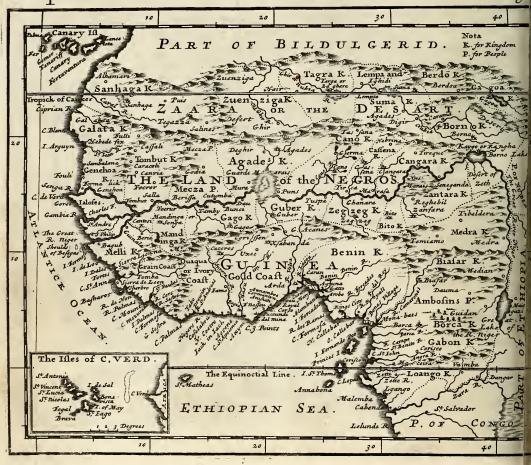
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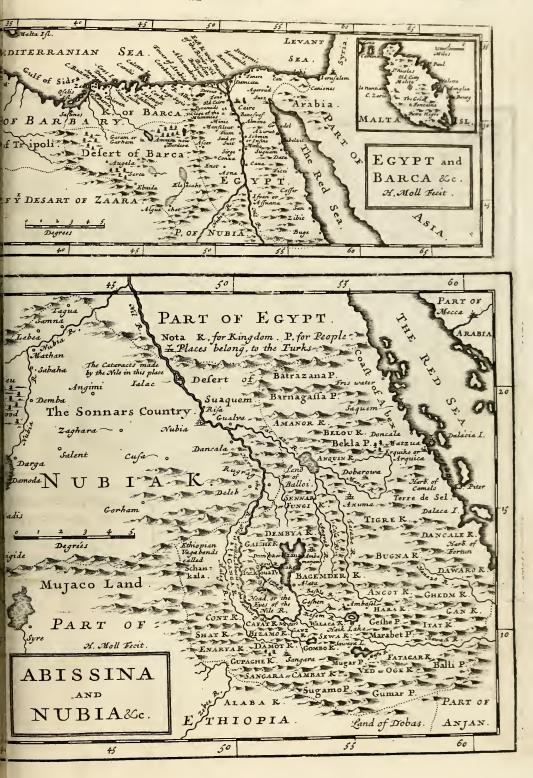
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AFRICA in general.

E are now come to the third and laft I. Africa. Part of the Continent of the ancient World, which extends itself farthell towards the South, and is commonly call'd Africa, as also Iphricia by the Inhabitants, as we are inform'd by Leo Africanus; taking its Name (as it. is supposed) from Afer, the Son, or Companion of the Libyan Hercules, or according to Fosephus, from Opher; the Grand-Son of Abraham: Some derive this Name from Ifricus, a certain King of the Country; others from the Arabick Verb Farek, i, e. he divided, because it is separated from Enrope by the Mediterranean Sea; and from Asia, by the Red-Sea; and others from the Hebrew Word Aphar, which fignifies Duft; but it were needless to insist any longer on the Opinions of the Etymologists, which are very different and altogether uncertain. This Country is also call'd Libya, by the Grecians, from the Daughter of Epaphus and Cassingia, of the same Name, or from the Term Libs denoting the South-West Wind. Africa is bounded on the East, by the Arabian Istumes, Gulph, Straight and Sea; these separate it from Arabia Petrea and Felix; as also by the Ethiopick Ocean: On the South, by the fame Ocean; which likewise washes it on the West, together with the Seas of Guinea, Cape Verd and the Canaries, Parts of the Northern Ocean: And on the North, by the Straight of Gibraltar, that divides it from Spain; and the entire Southern Part of the Mediterranean Sea, by which it is cut off from the Southern Tracts of Europe and Anatolia.

This valt Continent, with respect to the manner of its Situation is a Peninsula, and indeed the largest of all that are comprehended within the Compass of the old and new Worlds; reaching from North to South, from about the 35th Degree of Northern Latitude, to the same Degree of Southern Latitude: So that the middle of Africa is under the Equator; a very great Part of it in the Torrid Zone; a considerable Part in the Northern Temperate Zone. It is also extended from West to East, from the 4th. to the 84th. Degree of Longitude: It is very much sharp-pointed, on the South, as also partly on the North, and the middle is most spacetosts. Lastly, its Figure is compared by several Authors to that of a Triangle, and others will have it to resemble an Hehnet, an

Heart, or a Pyramid.

The Air of Africa is excessive Hot, even in those Parts that Iye under the Tropicks; and the Heat is very much augmented by the Sands, which reflecting the Rays of the Sun, render these Parts inhabitable, barren and destitute of Water. The Country abounds with huge Mountains of a prodigious Height, with fandy, dry, and most spacious Desarts; with all forts of noxious Wild-Beast's, particularly Lions, Leopards, Tigers, Panthers, Elephants, Rhinocerots, Unicorns, Camels, Droppedaries, Horses, Wild-Asses, Butfalo's, Sca-Horses, Mermaids, Crocodiles, Apes,

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Serpents of an extraordinary fize, &c. and willidreadful Montlers; nevertheles it affords feveral Mines of Gold, Silver and Salt: In other Places it is sufficiently fertil, more especially towards the Sea-coafts, producing good flore of medicinal Herbs, and some that are noxious, such as Alad, one Drachm of the Juice of which Plant is fifficient to kill a Man in an Hour's time; besides Corn, Spiee, Silk, Wine and Oil, with several forts of Fruit and Cattel, that are extremely Fat and their Fleth very delicate; more especially Mutton, Pork and Beef: There is also great variety of Birds and Fish. The Inhabitants being a mixture of natural Africans and Arabians are numerous, and for the nost part Negroes; informuch that some are of Opinion, That the natural Colour of the Africans is only Black, and that those among them, whose Complexion is White, are originally Asiaticks, or Europeans. These People are generally robust, of a perverse, subtil and altogether service Disposition; neither were they ever able either to found, or maintain any considerable Empires. Many of them, who live in Tents, are most expert Archers, and wander up and down from one place to another; being barbarous, cruel, and addicted to Idolary. A great number of others, who reside in Towns, and are more civilized, process the Mahametan Religion, as also Christianity and Judaisin.

M. Sanfon in his French Map, divides modern Africa into twelve Parts, which are, Egypt, Nubia, Abrifinia, Zanguebar, Monomotapa, Coffaria, Congo, Guinea, Nigritia, Sarra, Biledulgerid, and Barbary; to which he adds the Islands that are fituated over against Africa, more especially, in the Ethiopick and Atlantick Oceans. However, we shall content our selves only with seven prin-cipal Parts, viz. Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea, Niorilia, Zarra, Biledulgerid and Barbury. The first and fecond of the above-mention'd Parts, which take up above one half of Africa, extend themselves on the East, and the five others towards the West; Therefore, we shall first describe the former, and then the latter, in the same Order as they have been but now recited; taking a more accurate View of, and infifting longer on the Maritim Countries than the Inland, which are partly unknown to the Europeans; although they are more fortunate than many of the Ancients, who never fail'd round about the Coasts of Africa, as the Portugueses first have done, whom the English and Hollanders afterwards follow'd; the like Na-vigation being very often perform'd even at this day: Neither did they take any cognizance of that Part which lyes beyond the Mountains of the Moon, and the Spring-head of the River Nile: Neither had they an exact Account of the rest of the Parts of the inner Ethiopia, or of the Provinces of Ethnopia below Egypt, or of the From-the farther Libya: So that they only had a certain Knowledge of the hither Libya, or that Part of Africa which borders upon the Africarean Sea.

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Egypt.

CHAP. II.

Modern and ancient EGYPT.



HE Country of Egypt first presents itself to our View, which was anciently call'd Aeria, by the Phenicians, and Mitzraim, or Mifrajim in the Sacred Writings; as also Chamia, or Chemia, i.e. the Land of Cham: It is likewife termed even at this day, Miffir by the Turks, and Maffir, or Chemi by the Cophities, who are its native Inhabitants, and most constantly retain the ancient Names of Places. Its Bounds on the East, are the Red-Sea, Arabia Petraa, and the holy Land; on the North, the Mouths of the River Nile, and the Egyptian Sea; on the West, the Kingdom of Barea, being the most Eastern Part of Barbary, and the sandy Desart of the same Name; and on the South, Nubia, and the Coast of Abex. It is fituated within the 22d. and 32d. Degrees of Northern Latitude, and extends it felf from West to East, in the Southern Part, where it is broadest, for the space of seven Degrees; so that its shape may be faid to refemble the Figure

of a long Square.

Some of the Ancients look'd upon Egypt as the fourth Part of the old World, diffinguilh'd from Europe, Alia, and Africa: Others enclosed that Part of it which lies out from the Nile towards the East, within the Bounds of Asia, and the o-

ther Part on the West, within those of Africa: Afterwards the whole Country was attributed to Africa, and is still reputed to belong to the same Continent. The Soil of Egypt is different, according to the Situation of its several Parts: In those Tracts that are next to the River Nile, it is fo over-rich and luxuriant, that the Inhabitants are oblig'd to temper it with Sand. Thus it produces Wheat, Rice, Sugar, Cassia, Dates, and other forts of Grain and Fruit in such abundance, that great quantities of them are transported into that great quantities: Informuch that Egypt, with very good reason, was heretofore sly'd, The publick Granary of the World. The Sheep bring forth Young twice a Year, and the Women are commonly deliver of two Children at a Birth; which extraordinary Fruitfulness is occasion'd (as many are of Opinion) by drinking the Nile-Waters: Moreover, the Fruits are almost continually hang-ing on the Trees. The inland Country lies waste for the most part, and abounds with Sand, which is so Hot during the Summer and moveable by reason of its drynes, that it resembles as it were burning Water, and shines like Glass melted in a Furnace; upon which Account, it is sometimes call'd *The fiery Sea*. There are very few Springs in Face and as Rivers before the Miles. in Egypt, and no Rivers besides the Nile. It scarce rains but in the Months of December, January and February, yet some Rain has been ob-served to fall beyond that Season, at Alexandria and Rofetto, occasion'd by the nearness of the Sea. Mifts are frequent in those Parts, and more espe-cially Dew; without which the Plants and A-nimals could no longer subsist; but Thunder and Lightning feldom happen. There are also to be feen Mummies and Pyramids, which were devis'd by the Kings, to keep the common People employ d, or to hinder them from leaving any confiderable Estates to their Posterity: These Pyramids (to use Solinus's Expression) were rais d with a sharp Point at top, beyond all Hight that can possibly be carry'd on with Hands; and serv'd as Monuments for the Kings, who were usually bury'd under them. Meltonius assures us, that he saw one that was fix hundred Foot high.

The Egyptians are faid to be timorous, fainthearted, flothful, stupid, ignorant of all manner of good Literature, and of a haughty, yet servile Difpolition: The common People are much addicted to Lying, Robbery and Rapine, extremely covetous of Money, and treacherous: They take great delight in drinking Coffee and smoking Tobacco; and during the Months of December, January, February and March, are employed in the hatching of Chickens in Ovens, after the Eggs have been first made warm with Straw. The Cophri, Cophrites, or Kopten likewise live in Egypt, a particular Sect, whose Number is now a great deal less than in ancient times: They begin the Year from the eighth day of September, which confifts of twelve Months, allowing thirty days to every Month; and when that Term is expir'd, they add five days, before the beginning of a new Year.

Their Kalendar is in use among the Turks; be-sides whom, there are also in Egypt, Arabians, whose Language is there very common, with Moors,

Greeks and Fews.

The whole Country is at present subject to the Dominion of the Turks, who among their 25 General Governments, reckon the Beglerbeglick of Cairo, or Miffir, under which are four Sangiacates; allotting at the fame time twelve Cassilifs, or leffer Governments, in the Kingdom of Barca and Egypt: But we shall divide the latter into four principal Parts, viz. the lower, middle and up-per Egypt, and the Coast of the Red-Sea

v. The lower Egypt, now call'd Errif by the Inselower habitants, and Bahni by Meltonius, takes up the
gypt. Northern Tracts that are fituated towards the
Arms and Mouths of the River Nile. M. Sanson and others reckon up four Caffilifs, or Provinces, within its Jurisdiction, viz, Mansoura, Garbia, Menousia and Calionbech, with the Territory of Alexandria: The first of these extends it self on the East, beyond the Arms of the Nile; and the rest Iye between them, taking place among the principal Cassilis, more especially Garbia, which produces great store of Sugar, Rice, Oil, Flax, Grafs,

and Fruits.

The Towns of this Part of Egypt, as well as of the others were formerly very numerous; but Time that confumes all things, has now almost bury'd them in their own Ruins. The most considetable of these seated on the East, being generally destitute of Walls, Trenches and Ramparts, and only senced with a Castle on a Hill, are Mirgamir, a large and neat Town, on the Eastern Bank of the Nile, in the middle, between Cairo and Damiata: Mansoura, a very fair and spacious Town, on the same side of the River: Damiata, in Arabick Damiat, or Dimjat, stands likewise on the Eastern Bank of the Nile, in the form of an Half-Moon, at the distance of eight Italian Miles from its Mouth; being after Cairo the largest, neatest, richest, and most populous City of the whole Country of Egypt, and a renowned Mart, to which the Merchants resort in great numbers, from all the Parts of Turkey: This Town is taken by several Authors for ancient Pelusium, but others affirm, that it only grew up out of the Ruins of that City, and was built on the other side of the River. Tanis call'd Tzohan by the Hebrews, not far from the Tanatick Mouth of the Nile, where King *Pharoah* heretofore kept his Court, and *Mofes* perform'd many Miracles: It is now quite ruin'd, but the Place fill retains the Name of *Ta*nes. Semennut, a large Town, in form of a Tri-angle, plac'd by Meltonius, on the West of the Nile. Elmala; and Bourles, on the Sea-coasts.

The most remarkable Places of this Part situated towards the West, are Rosetto, a little but populous Town, where the heat of the Air is more moderate, distant about an hour's Journey from the Mouth of the Nile, and fortify'd with two Castles. Bochir: And Alexandria, or Alessandria, according to the Italian Dialect; founded by Alexander the Great, in the 112th. Olympiad, and now call'd Scanderik, by the Turks; anciently the Metropolis of Egypt, most renowned for the study of Philosophy, a famous Library, and Men of extraordinary Learning; and of so great Eminency, that it far furpass'd all the Cities of the Roman Empire, except Rome, in Dignity,

Largeness, Wealth, the number of Inhabitants, Stateliness of Building, Store of Corn, and Plenty of all manner of Provisions: This City is now much fallen from its ancient Grandeur, nevertheless it is a noble Mart, and its Harbour is very convenient, where the Indian Spices were formerly brought to be transported thence throughout the whole Continent of Europe. We are informed by Meltonius, that the House where the seventy Interpreters translated the Bible into Greek, that is to fay, the Verlion commonly call'd the Soptuagint, is still to be feen at Alexandria, and the fame Author makes mention of the following Towns of good Note, seated on the Nile, between Rosetto and Cairo, viz. Tseni; Motubis; Teirut; Sindiun; and Fuva, a very ancient, large and fair Town, in a molt pleasant Champain Country, the Fruits of which are highly effected throughout all the Territories of Egypt.

Between the lower Egypt, on the North, and VI. the upper, on the South, lyes middle Egypt, now Middle call'd Bechria, as also Demesor by some Writers, Egypt, and Vostani by Melvonius; to which M. Sanson and others attribute three Cassilists, viz. those of Giza and Fium, on the left side of the Nile; and Cairo, on the left side of the Nile; and Cairo, on the right. The capital Towns of this Country on the West of the Nile, are, or were Memphir, nam'd Moph, or Noph in Sacred Writ, seated on the Western Bank, of the Nile, a little above the place where that divides it felf into feveral Branches, or Arms; heretofore the Royal Seat of the Egyptian Kings, confectated to the God Apis, who was worthipp'd under the shape of an Ox: And (as the Arabians give it out) the Habitation of Joseph; near which the Pyramids were built, and Joseph's Pillars, that serve to measure the increase and decrease of the Nile; being (according to Melionius) the first of all that were erected on that River: But the City of Memphis now lies waste, altogether destitute of Inhabitants, and its Ruins are call'd *Menchis*, by M. *Bandrand*, Giza anciently *Arfinoe*, noted for its Labyrinth; formerly an eminent Town, but now reduc'd to a meer heap of Rubbith, rais'd up as it were to a Mountain, and nam'd Medinet Fares, by the Inhabitants: And Fium, a large and most populous Town, which rose up out of the Ruins of Arstroce, and is water'd by the River Nile, in a very fruitful and most pleasant Country, abounding with Vines, which are to be found no where else in Egypt, as also with Figgs, Pears, Oranges, Lemmons and Peaches.

On the East of the Nile appear the following Places and Towns of good Note, viz. Bulak, 2 large Village or Town (as others will have it) on the River-side, which is the Harbour of Cairo: Old Cairo termed Massr by the Arabians, lying in the middle, between the Nile and new Cairo, over against the place where Memphis was heretofore fituated; formerly a spacious and magnificent City, but now almost reduc'd to Ruins; being the same (according to Peter della Valle) with old Babylon, so call'd by the Chaldeans; but Melionius is of Opinion, that the latter ftood a little farther, towards the South, and fays that be-fides the vast heaps of Rubbish, there are only left three Churches belonging to the Cophrices: And new Cairo, otherwise call'd Grand Cairo and Alcairo, feated in a most pleafant Champain Country, on the foot of a fandy Hill, having a Caftle

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en its top, which is the chief Bulwark of the Town, and the Seat of the Turkish Governour: It is a most wealthy, populous and spacious City; and not only the Metropolis of Egypt, but also of all Africa; the largeness of which is every where highly celebrated; but feveral modern Authors affure us, That retrenching old Cairo and Bulak, which others include under the fame Denomination, it does not exceed in Compass the City of Paris in France: However, it is the only City among those of the whole Levantine Continent, that is dignify'd with the Title of The Great, and was formerly the Royal Seat of the Califs. Some part of its Suburbs was first built by one Gieuhar, and call'd Alcahira, i. e. The Victorious, whence the whole Extent of the old and new Town was alterwards known among the Italians, and the reft of the European Nations, by the Name of Alcairo. It was taken by the Turks, with the whole Country, A. D. 1517, and ever fince that time has abounded with Turkith Mosques: There are also six old Churches of the Greeks, and several others belonging to the Cophrites. This samous City is only diffant two Miles from the rightfide Bank of the Nile, a Rivulet proceeding from which runs through the middle of it, at high Tide; as also 80 Miles from the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea, to the South, and 120 from Alexandria, to the South-East. About three Furlongs below Grand-Cairo, the Nile is divided into its two largest Arms, and forms the Country of Delta. At the distance of 60 Miles from Cairo, on the South, Emelosfena, a confiderable Town stands likewise near the Eastern side of the same Ri-

The upper Egypt, or Sayd, borders on the North, upon middle Egypt, and on the South upon Nu-bia and the Coalt of Abex. M. Sanson and others place five Caffilifs within its Bounds, viz. Ebenfeilef, Manfelout and Girgio, on the Western Bank of the Nile; and Minio and Cherkeffi, on the East-These Parts of this large Province which se out farthest on both sides of the Nile, are beset with a continued Ridge of prodigious Mountains of Sand, that are altogether barren and un-

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The chief Towns of the upper Egypt, on the West of the Nile, are Benismaif, otherwise call'd Benisuef and Ebensuef; Munia; Manefelout; Said; Girgio; Barbanda; and Afna, anciently Syene, feated next to the Tropick of Caneer, not far from the Confines of Ethiopia; heretofore the utmost Boundary of the Roman Empire, and now of the Turkish. On the East of the Nile, appear Asuan; Chana; and Minio, taken (by some Authors) for the ancient Egypti.in Thebes, through the middle where-of the Nile runs, and on which Homer conferr'd the Epithet of ἐκαθρικυλοι, i.e. having an hundred Gates: Others will have these Gates to be so many Courts of Princes, or Porches of Temples, or Stables built near the River: The whole Country of Egypt was sometime call'd Thebæ from this City, which was of a vast Extent, even beyond all belief; most populous, and transcendently magnificent for its Temples, Offerings, Coloffus's, Obelisks, numerous Sepulchres of Kings, and hanging Garden, but was afterward razed to the very Ground. However, M. Bautrand takes the Town of Girge, or Georga, and Buno Theves, for that of Thebes, from which the adjacent Territory

deriv'd the Name of Thebais. In passing farther towards the North we meet with Ichmin and Almona, two Towns of good Note.

The fourth and last part of E_{2} , or the Coast VIII. of the Red-Sea, lyes in the middle, between the Coasts upper and middle E_{gypt} , on the West, and the the Red-Sea, or Arabian Gulph, on the East. The Sea. capital Towns of this Part, is Suez, or Sues, feated on the innermost Bay of the faid Sea, and communicating its Name to the Arabian Isthmus, which is scarce two Degrees broad; although some will have it extended for the space of forty German Miles. The Sultans of Egypt endeavour'd at feveral times to cut a Channel through this Isthmus, and by that means to make a communication between the Red-Sea and the Mediterranean, to as Ships might fail directly out of one into the other; but the Work could never as yet be brought to Perfection. The other Northern Towns of this Coalt are Elmena; Grondol, or Grodol; and Azirut: The rest are situated towards the South, viz. Jabelezait; Hihelezeit; Suguan; Dacati; Cossir; San; Zibith; and Buga.

Hitherto we have been treating of the modern

Division of Egypt, which was anciently at first Ancien divided into Egyptus superior & inferior, i. c. Egypt the upper and lower: The latter extended it self on the North, and its Royal Seat was Tanis, a-bove-specify'd: But the former situated on the South, had Memphis for its Metropolis, of which likewise a particular Account has been already given: Afterwards the whole Country of Egypt was divided into three Parts, viz. the lower,

middle and upper. Ægyptus inferior, or lower Egypt was otherwise X. simply call'd Egypt, and Delta by the Grecians, Ægyp by reason of its triangular Figure, and the Resem-interior blance it bears with that Letter of the Greek Alphabet. According to Pliny and other Authors, it is properly but a Part of the lower Egypt, comprehended within the most remote Arms of the River Nile; that is to say, the Canopick, on the West; and the Pelusian, on the East; bordering also on the North, upon the Mediterranean Sea; and on the South, upon the Nile, in that Place where it spreads out its several Branches, or Arms. In the lower Egypt, sometimes two Provinces were reckon'd and sometimes four, viz. Ægyptus prima, Ægyptus secunda, Augustamnica prima, and Augustamnica secunda. The Land of prima, and Augustamnica secunda. The Land of Goslorn, which the Israelites inhabited, was in-The Land closed within the Bounds of the lower Egypt, on Good within the Bounds of the lower Egypt, on Good within the Bounds of the lower Egypt. the East of the Nile, towards Arabia Petraa and shen. Paleftine, being a Champain Country, abounding with Grass, and affording admirable Pasturage. The Land of Rameses constituted a Part of Rameses. it, in which (as some say) was a Town of the same Name. The Israelites set forward from fame Name. Rameses in their March to Succoth, a Town so call'd from the Tents of the Arabians; and the most ancient Kings of Egypt took their Name from that Province.

Ægyptus media, or middle Egypt, so term'd XI. from its Situation, which it obtain'd between the Ægyr lower, on the North, and the upper, on the South, media was also call'd Heptanomos; because it comprehended seven Nomi, or particular Governments. M. Sanson attributes but one Province to this Part under the Denomination of Arcadia, whence middle Egypt was also sometimes express d by that Name.

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All. Ægypun superior, or the upper Egypt, otherwise nam'd Thebais, took up the most Southern Tracks, more especially the Eastern Part of the Province of Said; lying between the Red-Sea, or Arabian Gulph, on the East; and the River Nile on the West. It was likewise sometimes divided into two Provinces, viz. Thebais prima and Thebais secunda.

Lattly, it ought to be observ'd, That these three Divisions of Egypt contain'd several Nomi, which is a Term deriv'd either from the Greek, on Egyptian Language, and signifies (according For Pliny's Interpretation) certain particular Governments: For Nomus (as Beckman explains the

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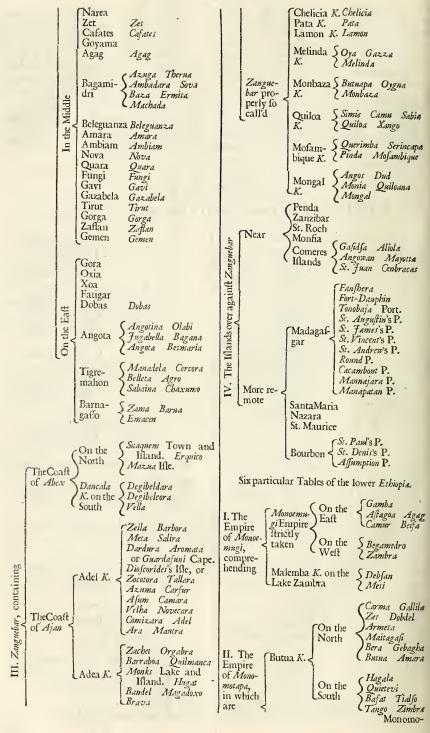
Word) is a Place proper for pleading, or determining Law-Suits. Some Authors affure us, that these peculiar Governments were sometimes thirty in number: Sesofris makes thirty six, attributing ten of them to the Province of Delta, as many to Thebais, and the other fixteen to the Countries that lye between those Parts: Others reckon up forty two, and others again, a great many more. It is also observable, That the Government of every one of these Nomi was committed to certain Magistrates styl'd Nomarche, who rul'd in their respective Territories, as so many petty Kings; and had the management of the Royal Treasury and Publick Revenues.

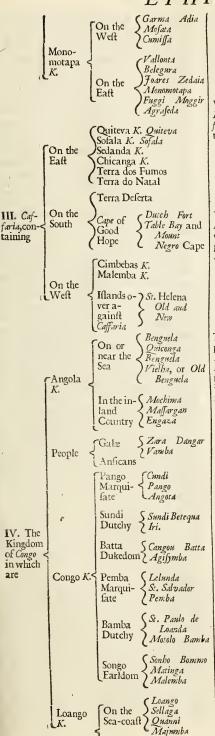
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ETHIOPIA in general, NUBIA and ABISSINIA.

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A FTER having pass'd through Egypt, we come next to Ethiopia, which is bounded Ethiopia, on the North, by the same Egypt and Bile-pia dulgerid; on the West, by the Desart of Zaara, Negroe-Land, the Kingdom of Guinea, and the Seas of Congo and Casseria; on the South, by the Casserian Sea; as also on the East, by the same Sea, and that of Zanguebar, with the Arabian Sea, Straight and Gulph. So that this Country is, beyond compare, the largest of all the other Parts of Africa: For it extends itself from the Tropick of Cancer, or from the 23d Degree of Northern Latitude, to the 35th of Southern; and from West to East, from the 34th to the Sth Degree of Longitude.

Ethiopia is usually divided into the upper and the lower, but all Authors are not agreed with re-Upper speck to the extent of the former, which is other-Ethioz wife call'd, the inner Ethiopia. For some will plan only have Abiffinia comprehended under that Denomination, and others Abiffinia and Nubia, to which others add the whole Country of Zanguebar. According to the last Account, the upper Ethiopia has for its Bounds on the North, Egypt and the Defart of Barea; on the West, the Defart of Zaara, with the Kingdoms of Biafara and Congó 4

on the South the Kingdom of Monoemugi and the Territories of the Caffers; and on the Earl, the Sea of Zanguebar, that of Arabia, the Straight of Babelmandel, and the Red Sea. Among the Parts of the upper Ethiopia, Nubia and Abiffinia are situated on the West, and water'd by the River Nile; but the Country of Zanguebar being altogether maritime, lies out, on the Eastern Sea-

TII. Nubia.

We shall first take a View of the Western Part and particularly of Nubia, call'd Neuba, by the Africans, which is dignify'd with the Title of a Kingdom, and is of a much lefter extent than Abiffinia. It borders on the North, upon Egypt and the Defart of Barca; on the Welt, upon the Defart of Zaara and the Kingdom of Biafara; on the South, upon part of Abiffinia and Mujaco-Land; and on the East, upon the same Abiffinia and the Coast of Abex. The whole Country is furrounded with Mountains, almost on all sides except the Eastern, and its shape resembles the Figure of a long Square. It is water'd by the Rivers Nabia and Nile, and was anciently inhabitation. ted by a certain People, whom Strabo calls Nuba, Prolemey Nubi, and Pliny Nubei; and who were the most eminent of old Ethiopia. The Air is excessive hot, and the Soil is of a different Nature in several Parts; for those which lie next to the Nile are render'd very fruitful by the overflowing of that River: But feveral other Parts are barren, and so extremely dry, that Men often perith for Thirtl, in regard that there are some vast Tracts of Land, in which not so much as one Spring or River is to be feen throughout their whole extent. The Wood and Defart of Zen are generally express in the Maps, on the South of the River Nubia. The Country of Nubia abounds with Elephants, Civet-cats, Gold, Sanders and Ivory: The Natives are faid to be couragious fubtil, of a strong Constitution, and of a very black Colour. They profess the Religion of the Alisfines, are for the most part addicted to Trafficking, or to the art of Husbandry, and build their Houses with Chalk. Many are of Opinion, that the strolling Crew of Fortune-tellers commonly call'd Gypfies, derive their Original from this Country.
The King of Nubia is a very potent Prince, the

chief Towns of whose Dominions are feated near or upon the Nile and the Nubia, or between those Rivers; and there are also (according to M. Sanfon) feveral Territories which bear the fame Names. The Towns, on or near the Nile, are Jalae in an Island made by that River; Rifa; Sula, or Sala; Angimi and Zaghaira, at a greater distance; Nisabia, the Metropolis of Nubia, according to the opinion of modern Authors, forties dittance; Nuabia, the Metropolis of Nubia, according to the opinion of modern Authors, feated on the Welfern fide of the Nile, Dancala, or Dangala, taken for the Capital Town of the whole Kingdom, by Leo Africanus, Sanuthus, Baudrand and others; Cufa, and Gorham. On the Eaftern fide of the Nubia, at a greater or leffer diftance from it are Sabaha, Mathan, Omos, and Coala: Tagua is remarkable for its fination in the Coar Tagua is remarkable for its fituation in the Confines of the Defart of Barca, not far from the Western fide of the Nubia; but Samna and Tamalma stand on the Bank of the same River: The other Towns between the Nubia and the Nile, are Salom, or Salent, Zaghara, Demba, Dargan, Da-gra, Damocla, Jadia, and Zigida, or Sigida. The second Part of the upper Ethiopia is ex-

tended in like manner on the West, and known by the Names of Abissinia, Abssisia, Habassia, Ha-Abissibessina, proper Ethiopia, and the Kingdom or Empire of the Abissines. In the facred Writings, this Country is call'd Lud, and the Inhabitants Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Abissian Lagrange of the Habissian Lagrange of the Abissian Lag deans; as also El-Hahasci, Elhabaschi, or Abassi, and the Dominions of the great Negus, by the Arabians: Moreover it is falfly termed the Empire of Prester John, or Precious John, so that it will not be improper here to give a short account of the original of that Errour. About five hundred Years ago, (others reduce the Term to a later Date) a certain Christian Prince establish'd his Kingdom, far and wide in the most remote Borders of Asia, who was imbu'd with Nessorius's Principles, and nam'd Juhanna; as also Ung-Chan, Unt-Can, and in the Persian Language, Padesha Prestigiani or Prestegiani, i. e. an Apostolical, Orthodox, or Catholick King; which Title was conferred on him by the Armenians, or his own Neftorian Subjects. He was not an Ethiopian, or an Abiffine by Nation, neither did he ever fly for refuge into Ethopia; yet many are of Opinion, That the Name of Prester John, which afterwards became most famous throughout Europe, deriv'd its Original from the aforesaid Royal Title of Prestigiani, peculiar to that Monarch. For a Report was spread abroad, that this Emperor Prester was very potent, and a Christian by Profession, but it was not known where he Reign'd: In the mean while, Peter Covillanius, Ambaifadour from John II. King of Portugal to Prefter John, having received information in Afiatick India, that there was a very powerful Christian Prince in Ethiopia, below Egypt, he went to him and refided for some time in his Court; insomuch that perceiving that many Things, which were re-ported concerning *Prefter* were fuitable to his Character, and that the fame Prince was flyl'd in the Persian Tongue by the Levantine Merchants, Prester-Chan, i. e. a King or Prince of the Slaves; as also, among his own Subjects Gian, or Belnl-Gian, i.e. A precious Jewel, and Gyam, or a potent King, he was fully perfuaded, that this Prince was certainly the *Prestor John* to much talk'd of, to find out whom he had undertaken that Journey, by the fpecial command of his own King. Thus this Ambaffadour first impos'd the Name of Prester John on the Emperour of the Abiffines, and the Portugueses call'd him by the same Name, particularly Damianus à Goes, Francis Alvarez, and several other Authors; by which means the erroneous Notion was convey'd throughout the whole European Continent, and is not as yet quite rooted out.

Abissinia is usually bounded, in the Maps, by Nubia, on the North, and a small Part of the Coast of Abex on the East, on the same Coaft of Abex; Ajan and Zanguebar; by the South by the Empire of Monoemugi; and on the West, by part of the Kingdom of Nubia, with those of Congo and Biafara. This Empire was heretofore extended to the Arabian Gulph, but is now altogether destitute of Harbours, neither is there any Passage into it from the Sca-coasts, but through the Territories of other Princes: The Kingdom of Congo was also Tributary to it, nevertheless the Gala, a certain People hereaster more particularly mention'd, found means to fubdue a great Part of Abissimia, and still retain

it in their possession. The Air of this Country, although fituated entirely under the Torrid Zone, is faid to be moderately hot, where it is Hilly or Plain, but the Valleys are feorth'd with the Sunbeams. In some Tracts it is rocky, full of Caverns, rough and altogether barren; but the Champion Parts and those that lye near the Ri-vers, are otherwise dispos'd, abounding with Frants, Pulse and several forts of Plants, which are often miserably devour'd by immunerable Swarms of Locusts: They also produce Sugar, Honey, Wax, Ginger, Vines, Flax, Cotton, all kinds of Metal and Sulphur, and afford Pasture to many Herks of will and true Beach. to many Herds of wild and tame Beafts.

The Abitlines are very numerous, of a black Complexion, more especially those that live nearest to the Equinoctial Line, of a towardly dispofition, and capable of attaining to the knowledge of Arts and Sciences; yet iomewhat lazy, imprudent and unskillful in the Art of Phylick. most wealthy among them usually wear filken Garments, and the meaner fort, those that are made of Cotton. They build their Houses with Straw and Lime, or Chalk, and take delight in cating raw, or parboil'd Meat; caufing three particular Dithes to be ferred up to Table, at the tame time, viz. one of Pears cut in form of a Cross, another of Fire, and a third of Ashes: So that the first of these Dithes represents a Symbol of the Redemption of Mankind, the fecond of Hell and the last of Death. Besides their common Language, they also use another, which comes near the Challaick, and is appropriated to Divine Service, and the writing of Hiftories. These People at first embrac'd the Jewith Religion, which (as it is faid to be recorded in their Publick Annals) King Melech, the Son of Silomon, by Ma-queda Queen of Sheba introduced into their Coun-try: Afterwards they inbibed the Principles of Christianity, nay they reckon themselves among the first Profesiors of it; in regard that the Gofpel was first preach'd in Abissima, either by the Apostle St. Philip, or the Eunuch of Queen Candace, which (as Pliny says) was a common Name to their Queens. They also encounter'd the Mahometans several times in defence of the Christian Religion, with a great deal of Valour and good Success: They have a Patriarch at this Day, ternied Abuna, who is usually confirm'd by the Patriarch of Alexandria, and constantly adhere to their ancient Rites and Ceremonies; rejecting those of the Roman Catholicks, which the Jesuis have endeavoured with indefatigable la-bour to propagate in those Parts, but were not able to compais their Delign.

The King of Abiffinia is commonly ftyl'd Negus, or Negnz, by his Subjects, which Term denotes an Emperor, or King; but the Arabians call him Asiclabaff, or Elpabafchi from whence the Abiffines, or Abaffians take their Name. He is also call'd the Great Negus by several Authors, and by some Paep, or Proster John, but falsely or at by tome Fary, of Frynch leaft improperly, as it has been already observed: He is a very rich and potent Prince, deriving his Original (according to the received Traditions of his Family) from King Solowon, of whose Son Melech, or David, he supposes himself to be de-feended in a right Line. He has no settled Court, but removes it from one Place to another, within the space of a few Days; being attended

by numerous Guards, and furnished with a vast number of Tents, Camels, Mules, Horiss, Asses, Oxen, and all forts of Houshold-stuff, Provisions and Treasures.

Abiffinia is divided into many Kingdoms or Provinces, according to the modern Maps, in the following of which it may not be improper to reduce them to three Articles: For they either extend themselves on the West, or through the unddle of the Country, of towards the East. The first of these, is the Island of Meroe, with the Merce Provinces of Mimencha, Ambiancantiva, Dambea, Lie. Vangua and Danut. Marce a very large Island which the Nile heretofore made on the West, and the Affaboras, on the East, is mention'd by Josephus under the Name of Saba; but it is now commonly call'd Guegaere, and Newbe by the Inhabitants (according to M. Marmol) being separated in the Maps from Nabia only by the River Nile. The Ancient Authors affure us, That it abounded with the best fort of Metals, Gramus Ebony, Palm-trees, most delicious Wine, Elephants and Inhabitants, whose Number is extremely multiply'd by Pliny. Some are of opinion, that the Queen of Sheba came out of Aliros to visit King Sol mon; but we are rather induced to place her Dominions in Arabia Felix. The chief Towns of this Island are fand to be Elera; in the Eastern Part, and Sarahoes, in the Western. However Hieronymus Lobus, a Portuguele, affirms in his Ethiopick Hiflory, that the Aile does not form any Illand in that Country, and therefore he takes no notice of Merve, which is also omittal beautiful that the Aile of the country and ted by many other Writers of good Note.

The Province of Ximencha is plac'd in the Maps, Ximenon the South of Nabia, and on the Welt of the cha. Nile, and its Towns are Amasen, on the Northern fide of the Lake; and Syra, on the Southern The Province of Ambiancantion borders upon Ai-Ambianmencha, on the South, and has a Town of the cantiva. fame Name. Dambea, is extended on the West Dambea, and East of the Nile, containing the Town of Dambea, which former take for the Capital of Aliffinia and Challenge are the West. Dambea, and Chedafian, on the Western Bank of the River. Vanyna, lies in the iniddle, between Vangua. Dambea, on the East, and the Lake Miger, on the West, and its Towns are said to be Mairagazi and Vangua. Damue, is situated under the Damue. Equator, and comprehends the Towns of Gaga, Colla and Damue. Some Authors likewise reckon Molemba. a Territory lying between the Kingdom. Malemba, a Territory lying between the Kingdom of Angola, on the West, and the Lake of Zambre, on the East, among the Western Provinces of Abiffinia; but others make it a Part of Caffaria, or a particular Province belonging to the Kingdom of Monoemngi.

The Kingdoms, or Provinces that take up the IX. middle of Abiffinia, are many in number, and Narca. the chief of them follow in their order, vis. Therea, on the Frontiers of Monoemugi and the Lake Zambra: Zet, with a Town of the fame Name, Zet, on the faid Lake: Caface, with a Town to nat-Ceface, and the faid Lake of Zara: Goyama: Assa, a Goyama, Province and Town; Bagamidri, or Begamelri, a Assa. Province and Town; Bagamidri, or Begamelri, a Resimilation of a very large Extent, befet with Mountain the chief of them follow in their order, viz. Na-Kingdom of a very large Extent, befet with Moundritains; the Towns of which, are Azuga; Theras; Ambadara; Soca, or Soua; Baza; Ermita; and Beleguar-Mathada: The Province of Beleguara, has a 22.

Town of the fame Name, and that of Amera, Amara, or Amakara is utivally plac'd next to the Equi-

gaffo.

XI.

noctial Line on the North, where is to be feen Amara a prodigious high and fleep Mountain, of a very difficult Paffage, having a spacious Plain on the top of it, on which is built a Town, or Ambi-Castle, where the Royal Progeny are educated, who never appear among the retinue of the Great Nova. Negus, left they should be burthensome to the Sub-Quara. jects, or give any occasion of raising Seditions. Fungi. Fungi. The other Provinces on the South of the Equator, Gazabe-are Ambiam; Nova; Quara; Fungi, on the Lake la. Zaflan; Gazi; Gazabela; Tirut; on the Confines Tirut. of Monoemugi and Zanguebar; Gorga, more to-Gavi. Tirut. Gorga, wards the North; Zaffan; and Gemen. Moreo-Zaffan. ver, every one of these Provinces are faid to have a Town of the same Name.

X. The Provinces of Absffinia, that lye farthest to-

wards the East, are Gora, on the North of Zan-Gora. guebar, next to the Equinoctial Line; Oxia, Xoa, Fatigar, or Fategar; and the Land of Dobas, with Fatigar a Town of the fame Name: Angota, is of a larg-Dobas. or Extent than the former, and its Situation is Angota- more Western: The most remarkable Places of

this Province, are Angotina; Olabi; Jugabella; Tigre-mahon, or mahon. Tigrea, borders upon Angota, on the North, and contains the following noted Towns, viz. Manadela; Corcora; Belleta; Agro; Sabaina; and Chaxumo, the Capital of the Province, heretofore (according to the Opinion of several Authors) the Royal Seat of the Queen of Sheba, who visited King Solomon, and of whom we have already made mention, in treating of Arabia Felix. Others are induc'd to believe, that some marks of the Name of Sheba, or Saba; are still lest in the Town of Sabaina, just before specifyd. Lastly, the Kingdom of Barnagasso presents it self to our View, being the most Northern of all the Provinces of Barna-Abissinia. It is taken by some Authors for a Part of Tipre-maken, and its Towns are Zama; Barua, or Debarea the Capital; and Emacen.

Thus we have given a particular Account of

Abiffinia, as it is commonly fet down in the modern Maps; but the Relations of feveral Travellers, who have had an Opportunity to view this Kingdom, do not at all agree with those Descriptions. They do not make Abissimia to reach beyond the Equator, nor even fo far as that Line: For (according to their Computation) it is only fituated between the 8th. and the 17th. Degree of Northern Latitude; fo that it does not extend it felf, on the East, as far as the Kingdom of Congo, nor even beyond the River Nile: Therefore they determine the Extent of Abissima not to be equal to that of Spain; and that those Parts of the Kingdom, which are at present under the Do-minion of the Emperor of the Abissines, are so inconfiderable, that he scarce seems to deserve the Character of a potent Monarch: Besides, that there is no fmall Difference, with respect to the Names, Situation, and Number of the Provinces: Those that are left in the Possession of this Prince, take up the Northern Part of the Country, and

are divided into the greater and leffer.

The largest of these Provinces may be reckon'd up according to the following Order, viz. Trgrea, Bagamidri, Dambea, Goyama, Narea, Xoa, part of which is only included by others within the Dominions of the Great Negus, and Amara: The most remarkable among them is the Kingdom of Tigrea, the Vice-Roy of which is known by the Name of Tigre-Mahon; whence the Province is also call'd Tigrea and Tigre-mahon: The Kingdom of Barnagasso, or Bahar-nagaes, (according to the common Dialcet) i. e. The Governour of the Sea, is a Part of Tigrea, that lies next to the Arabian Gulph. The leffer Provinces now subject to the Emperor of the Abiffines, are Magaza, Seguede, or Sagued, Olcait, or Holcait, Sacahal, Semen, Salait, Salao, Dobas and Oleca. The Southern Part of Abissinia was invaded A. D. 1537, by the Gala, or Galla, a warlike People, who came out of Guinea, and in process of time settled themselves in Ethiopia; being induc'd to undertake that Expedition, upon account of the Richness of the Soil, and the natural Disposition of the Abissines, who are inclin'd to perform Acts of Devotion, rather than military Exploits: And indeed, those People would have long ago depriv'd the Emperor of all his Dominious, had they not been divided into opposite Parties, destroying one another, with mutual Slaughters. Hieronymus Lobus, a Portuguese Author above-cited, makes mention of ten Provinces that were subdu'd, and are at In Florinces that were thoused, and are at prefent possess, the Gala, viz. Angoina, or Angoia, Oifia, Doar, Ballia, or Balia, Fatigar, or Fategar, Ogga, or Oga, Manza, Cambatea, Damut, and Bizam, of which the six first are situated on the East. the East, and the four last towards the West. Others increase the number of these Provinces.

Having thus taken two feveral Views of Abiffi- XII. nia, it remains only to give a short Account of ma, it reliains only to give a most Account of the principal Lakes, with which it is water'd; but neither are all Authors agreed with respect to their Number. The most remarkable of those commonly express'd in the modern Maps, in the Western and Southern Parts of this Country, are Niger, Zambre and Zassan. The Lake Niger be-Nigering the least and the most Northern Jyes between Lake. Congo and Abissinia, and extends it self in Length (according to M. Robbe) from North to South, for the space of 70 Leagues; as also 30 in Breadth, where it is widelt, and about 160 in Compass.
The Lake Zambra, Zamber, Zambera, or Zambera, zambr is situated on the South of the Equinoctial Line, Lake. and reaches to the Kingdom of Monoemugi, taking up (as we are informed by the same M. Robbe) 100 Leagues in Length from North to South, 80 in its utmost Breadth, and above 350 in Compass; and having a very large Island in the middle. Many are of Opinion, that the Lake of Zaire, or Zara, is the same with Zambra; yet those Zaire. Authors who have given us an accurate Descri-Lake. ption of this part of Abissinia, take no notice of the former: In the Maps, the Northern Part of the same Lake is commonly call'd Zara, and the Southern Zambra, taking both Names from two Towns of the same Denomination; the former feated on the West of it, and the other on the The Lake Zaflan lying out farther towards Zaflan the East, is 140 Leagues long from South to North, Lake, and 60 broad, and takes up above 300 in Com-

pass.

They that place Abissimia on the North of the XII enlarging its Bounds Equinoctial Line without enlarging its Bounds fo far on the West, do not reckon the above-spe-cify'd Lakes within those Territories; but only make mention of one confiderable Lake, which is generally omitted in the modern Maps: It is call'd, The Lake of Dambea, and Bar-Dambea, Damb i.e. The Sea of Dambea, by the Inhabitants, from Lake.

the Kingdom of Dambea, where it is situated in the North-Western Part of Abissinia: It is surrounded on all fides with Mountains, from which a great number of Rivers and Brooks issue forth, and contains many Islands; the chief of which, are Galila, Mecarat, Deca and Debra-Mariam.

This Lake is broader in its Northern Part, than in the Southern, and extends it felf farthelt from North to South; the Length of 25 French Leagues being usually attributed to it, and the Breadth of 15 of the fame Leagues.

CHAP. IV. ZANGUEBAR.

ROM the Western Part of the upper Ethiopia, we pass to the other, which is situated towards the East, and commonly call'd Zangnebar, or Zanzibar, by the Arabians, as it were the Country of Negroes. Indeed, all the Sea-coasts of the upper Ethiopia are comprehended under this Name, by M. Sanson; in whose Maps they are bounded on the North, by the upper Egypt; on the Welt, by Nubia, Abiffinia and the Kingdom of Monoemugi; on the South, by Caffaria, or the Territories of the Caffers; and on the Ealt, by the Sea of Zanguebar, with the Arabian Sea, Straight and Gulph. Others will have this Country only to confift of the Southern Part of Zanguebar, as we have but now fet out its Bounds, lying between the Coast of Ajan and Caffaria. But M. Sanson divides these Coasts taken at large, into three Parts, viz. those of Abex, A-jan and Proper Zanguebar.

The Coast of Abex has for its Boundaries on

the North, the upper Egypt, from which it is separated by the Mountains; on the West, Nubia and Abissinia; on the South, part of Abissinia and the Coast of Ajan; and on the East, the Arabian Straight and Gulph: It extends itself for a great space from South to North; but very little, in many Places, from East to West. The Air is excessive hot and unhealthful; the Country is destitute of Water, fandy, barren and defart for the most part, more especially towards the North, and the Inhabitants are generally addicted to the Maho-

metan Religion.

This Coast is divided by some Authors into the Northern and Southern Parts; the former being Subject to the Turkish Dominion, and call'd The Beglerbeglick of Habeleth, or Hustrebit. The capital Town of this Country, is Suaquen, or Suaquen, feated on the Arabian Gulph, in the middle, between its innermost Bay, and the Straight of Babelmandel; where the Turkish Governour keeps his Court, and from whence Ships often Sail to Sida, the Port of Mecca, in Arabia Felix. Over against this Town, somewhat Westward, appears an Island of the same Name, in the Gulph not far from the Shore, where Coral-fifthing is manag'd with good Success. Farther towards the South, the Town of Ercoc, Erquico, or Arquica, is fituated on the same Gulph, and over against it, the Island of Mazna, or Maczna, a-bounding with Pastures and several forts of Cattel! A spacious Wood is also said to be extended between Suaguem and Erquico. The Southern Part of the Coast of Abex comprehends the Dancala Kingdom of Dangali, or Dancala, which fome attribute to the Coast of Ajan: The Country hereabouts being more pleafant and fruitful than that

of the Northern Tract, is under the Jurisdiction of the Moors: Its chief Towns on the Western Shore of the Arabian Gulph, are Degibeldara, Degibelcora and Vella.

The second or middle Part of Zanguebar taken at large, is the Coast of Ajan, so call'd by the Ajan Arabians, as also Habaza, or Haber; which bor-Ceast. ders on the North, upon the Kingdom of Dancala, the Straight of Babelmandel and the Red-Sea; on the East, upon the Sea of Zanguebar, or the most Eastern Part of the Ethiopick Ocean; on the South, upon Proper Zanguebar; and on the West, upon Abissima: Its greatest Extent appears on the Northern Tract, but in the Southern, next to the Equinoctial Line, it is very much contracted. The Country abounds with Corn, Fruit, Pastures, Cattel, Honey, Wax and Ivory, by reason of the great number of Elephants that are there bred: It also affords Gold, and is water'd with several Rivers, the chiefest of which run through its Southern Tract. The Inhabitants are partly of a white and partly of a black Complexion. There is al-fo to be found the Sect of Bednins, who are originally Arabians, and have no living but by Robberies and Rapine. Some Authors divide the Coast of Ajan into four Parts, viz. the Kingdoms of Adel, Adea, and Magadoxo, and the Common-Wealth of Brava; but others will have Magadoxo and Brava comprehended under the Kingdom of Adea.

The Kingdom of Adel takes up the Northern Part of Ajan, and is govern'd by its own Prince, who is a Adel great stickler for the Mahometan Superstitions, and Kingd. a most inveterate Enemy to the Christians; so that his Subjects readily follow his Example. He often makes War with the Emperor of the A-bissines, who is said to have subdu'd a conside-rable part of the Kingdom. The most eminent Towns of Adel, are Zeila; Barbora; and Meta; the two last being Ports, near or on the Arabian Sea, which (as they fay) are fitbject to the Turks, and under the Futton of a Governour; who likewise presides over the Northern Part of the Coast of Abex. Farther towards the East, appear the Towns of Salira and Dardura, and the Promontory of Aromata, now known by the Name of Il Cabo di Guardafuni, or Cape de Guardafun, according to the French Dialect; over against which on the East, lyes the Island of Dioscorides, at prefent call'd Zocotora by the Portugueses, extending it felf about 80 Miles in Length and 26 in Breadth: This Island is under the Government of its own Prince, and produces great flore of the belt fort of Aloes. The following Towns are feated on or near the Coasts of the Sea of Zanguehar, viz. Tallara; Azuma; Carfur; Afum; Camara, or Camura,

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mura; and Vella: Lastly, the most remarkable Places in the inland Country, are Novecara; Comizara: Adel on a Rivulct of the fame Name; the Metropolis of the Kingdom and the Royal Seat;

Ara; and Massra.

The Kingdom of Alea borders on the South, upon Adel, and is govern'd by its own Prince, who is tributary to the Emperor of the Abiffines, and profess the Mahometan Religion, as well as his Subjects. The noted Towns of this Kingdom, are Zachet; Orgabra; Barraboa, where (according to the Opinion of several Authors) the King usually keeps his Court; Quilmanca, on the Mouth of a River of the same Denomination; Hugat; and Bandel, a Sca-port Town; but the Monks Lake and Island are situated farther towards the North, and at a greater Distance from the Sea. Next follows Magadoxo, a large Town, formerly florm'd and ruin'd by the Portugueses; the Capital of the Kingdom of the fame Name; and (as some will have it) of the whole Kingdom of Adea, although they make them distinct Dominious: It affords a Royal Seat to its King, and has the advantage of a capacious Harbour, with a Callle, on the Mouth of the River Magadoxo: It is also a considerable Mart, to which Clothes and Spice are imported out of India, and

Mart and Sea-port Town, between Magaloxo and Barraboa; the Capital of a Common-wealth that bears the same Name, and pays Tribute to the Portugueles, as we are inform'd by M. Sanfon

ufually exchang'd for Gold and Ivory: The In-

habitants are Mahometans, and derive their Original from the Arabians: And Brava, a famous

and M. La Robbe. The third and last part of Zanguebar taken at large, the Coast of Zanguebar properly so call'd, Proper Zangue- is bounded on the North, by that of Ajan; on the Well, (for so it is commonly express d in the Maps, and according to several Authors) by A-biffinia; which Country, as we have before obferv'd, some do not extend on the South of the Equator; as also by the Kingdom of Monoemugi: On the South, by Caffaria; and on the Weth, by the Sea of Zangubar. The least Part of this Coun-try is fituated on the North of the Equinoctial Line, some Part under it, and the greatest Part

beyond it, on the South: Its shape comes near the Figure of a Square, the fides of which are above four times longer from North to South, than from West to East; and its Sea-coasts are very full of Bays and winding Shores. The Air of these Parts is not commendable; neither is the Soil over-rich, as being low and marshy, so that it scarce brings forth such things as are necessary for the support of humane Life: However, it is water'd with feveral Rivers, and affords Pasture to Sheep which are extremely fat, and have Tails of a prodigious Weight, almost beyond all belief. There are also most numerous Herds of Elephants, and confequently good flore of Ivory, with some Gold and Silver. The Natives, the Colour of

whose Skin is black, are either Idolaters, or Mahometans; nevertheless, by the means of their

Commerce with the Europeans, they are render'd more tractable than the *Caffers*: Their Food and chief Suftenance confifts of Venifon, Milk, wild

Fruits and Pulse. The Portugueses possess several Castles and Towns along the Coast of Zanguebar, as well as in the neighbouring Territories of Coffaria; upon which account the King of Portugal, among the rell of his Titles, is flyl'd King of the farther fide of the African Ocean.

mong which feveral of leffer Note take their Names from particular Towns. In passing from North to South, we come to the Kingdom of Chelicia, on or near the Sca-coast, and not far from the E-Chelicis quinoctial Line, on the South; with those of Pa-Kingd. ta and Lamon. Oya, a Sea-port, and Gazza in Pata K. Towns of the Kingdom of Melinda, 3 large Melinda, 2 large polis of which is likewife call'd Melinda, a large, Kingda magnificent and most renowned Sea-port Town, adorn'd with the Royal Court; where the Portugueses have built a fine Castle with several Churches; and are us'd to traffick with the Subjects of that Prince. Under the Kingdom of Monbaza, are Butuapa; Oygna; and Monbaza, or Monbaz Monbazza the chief City of the Kingdom, built Kinga. on a Hill in a little Island, at a small Distance from the Continent, where the Portugueses have likewise erected a Fort, but the Air is unhealthful. From thence, a Passage lyes open to the Kingdom of Quiloa, or Quilloa, the inland Towns of which, Quilos are Simis; Camu; and Sabia: Quiloa, the Capi-Kingd. tal flands on the Sea-coasts, and is divided by M. Baudrand into two distinct Parts, viz. the old Town, now in the Possession of the Portugueses, with a strong Castle; and the other seated in a little Island of the same Name, which is

wards the South. The Kingdom of Mosambicha, or Mosambique, Mosamcontains the following noted Towns, near the bique K Sea-shore, viz. Querimba; Serincapa; Pinda; and Mosambique, the Metropolis, built in a little Island that is barren and destitute of fresh Water; the Air being also unpleasant and very hot: However, it is well inhabited by reason of its conveniency for Trasfick, and the Town stands on

pleafant and fruitful, although the Air's very un-wholfom: However, it is a famous Mart, and the Royal Seat of a King, who is oblig'd to pay

Tribute to the Portugueles. The Town of Xango appears next on the fame Coast, but farther to-

the Mouth of a River of the fame Name, and enjoys the benefit of an excellent Harbour, on which the Portugueses (who are Masters both of the Island and Town) have erected a Castle, wherein is the Governour's Apartment, who depends on the Vice-Roy of Goa, and prefides over this Kingdom and Zefala; but his Authority con-tinues only for the space of three Years: It is alfo observable, That the Portuguese Ships bound for the Indies are usually refitted here, and that

fome Authors take Mosambique for King Solomon's Ophir. Lastly, the Kingdom of Mongal presents Mongal itself to our View, comprehending these Towns Kingdom under its Jurisdiction, viz, Angos, or Agosti; and Dud in the inland Tracts, as also on the Sea-coasts, Monia; Quiloana and Mongal, the chief City, on the Frontiers of Caffaria, which nevertheless is o-

mitted in some Maps.

The Kingdoms of Zanguebar are different; a- VIII.

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The Island's over against Zanguebar.

Great number of Islands appear over a-gainst Zanguebar, some of them lying very gainlit Zanguevar, Joine or them tying very near the Continent, and others at a greater Diffance. Among the former are the Isles of Penda; Zanzibar, that communicates its Name to the Coast of Zanguebar; St. Roch; and Morsfia; which bring forth several forts of Grain and Fruit, and are situated over against the Kingdoins of Monbaza and Quiloa. The Islands call'd Comercs, or Compared the more remote from the Coast of Isle. Zanzibar Ifle. St.Roch Ifle. Monfia Ifle. Monhaza and Ouiloa. The Illands call'd Comeres, Monha or Comorres, are more remote from the Coast of Ille.

Zanguebar, or the Kingdom of Mosambique, and Comeres comprehended within the 11th and 13th. Degree of Southern Latitude: They produce good store of Rice, and variety of Fruits; neither are they deflitute of Cattel: Their particular Names, are Gastifa; Aliola; Angowan, otherwise term'd Answani and Loura; Mayotta, or St. Christopher's; St. John's; and Spirito Santo, or Centracas.

None of the above specify'd Islands is so far distant from the Continent of Zanguebar, as Matter and Company of Continent of Zanguebar, as Matter and Continent of Continent of Zanguebar, as Matter and Continent of Continent of Zanguebar, as Matter and Continent of C

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Madaga- distant from the Continent of Zanguebar, as Ma-car. dagascar, i. e. The Island of the Moon, otherwise cal-led St. Laurence, or La Ilha de San Loronzo by the Portugueses, because they first discover'd it under the Conduct of one Captain Lorenzo, on St. Laurence's Festival A. D. 1506. It is likewise termed the Dauphin's Isle, by the French, and was known to Pliny, under the Name of Cerne, as also to Pulemey, under that of Menuthias, according to the Sentiments of many Learned Men: But Voffius, who takes Zanzibar mention'd a little above, for Manuthias, opposes that opinion, and affirms, that the Island of Madagascar was altogether unknown to the ancient Grecians and Romans. It is Situated between the 11th and 26th Degrees of Southern Latitude; as also, between the 72 and the 31 Degree of Longitude; being somewhat sharp-pointed towards the North. Its extent (as they fay) furpasses that of Italy, or Great Britain, and it is reputed the largest of all the Iflands not only of Africa, but also of Asia, Eu-

rope and America.

The Europeans find the Air very prejudical to their Health, but the Country affords every Thing that is requifite for Sultenance; more especially producing Rice, Sugar, Ginger, Cloves, Oranges, Pomecitrons, Lemmons, Melons, Saffron, feveral forts of Pulfe, Honey, Wax and Cotton. The middle Part is befet with Woods and Mountains, the former yielding Brafil-wood, Ebony, and Sanders, of a white, yellow and red Colour; and the latter being well flord with the best kind of Metals, Springs and Rivers that run through the whole Island in great abundance. There are al-fo numerous Herds of Elephants, Camels, Stags, fallow Deer, Oxen, Buffalo's with huge bunches of Fat on their Backs, and Sheep with the largest Tails; besides Lions and Leopards. The Inhabitants of the inland Parts are favage and tingovernable, much like the Caffers, and live under very low Tents; but they that dwell at a little diffance from the Sea-coasts are civilized by the means of their Conversation with the Europeans. The Colour of the Natives is generally black, although there are some of a tawny and white Complexion; and their shape is neater than that Part 2:

of the Ethiopians: They often make a kind of Drink with Honey and Rice, and are easily into-xicated with it: To conclude, these People are partly Mahometans and partly Idolaters, and have been frequently induc'd to exchange Sheep, Oxen, and other Commodities, for Toys of little or no Value.

Five or fix Kingdoms are said to be comprehended within the Island of Madagascar; and in the modern Maps, it is divided into feve al Provinces and Territories of particular People, that are for the most part plac'd on the Sea-coasts, and of which as yet we have no certain Knowledge. Those that appear on the East, as we pass from South to North, are Amboula; Mananboula; Matatana; Antavares, or Antanares; Zaffa, or Zefa; Hibrahim; Manzhabey, or Manzughabey; and Vohe-maro. On the Welt, in returning from North to South, we meet with those of Andonvoucha, or And unwoucha; Ancianates, or Anthanach; Hazon-ringhets, or Hazonziringhets; Vohitz; Angombes; Eringdranes; and Labefont, or Lahefonti. On the South, are Muchicores, Muhafalles, or Manhafales; Caremboula; Ampatres; and Carcanoffi.

This Island is very full of Harbours, the chief of which on the South, are Fanshera; Fort Dasphin, a Colony of the French, who established others in several parts of the Sea-coasts, in hopes of obtaining a more wholesome Air, but have of late almost entirely deserted them; and the Port of Tonobaja. On the West, appear the Bay and Port of St. Augustine; St. Jame's Port; the Port and Bay of St. Vincent; St. Andrew's Port; and the Round Port, or Vingagora: The principal Bays and Havens on the East, are the Bays of Vohemaro; and Anongil, with the Harbours of Cacambout; Mannajara and Manapatan.

Several Islands are to be seen over against the Eaftern Coast of Madagascar, the nearest of which St. Maris is Santa Maria, or Nossi Hibrahim, of an oblong Fi-Isle. gure. Those that lye at a greater distance, are Nazara Nazara, St. Maurice's Isle, and that of Bourbon. The Isle. last. call'd Mascareous by the Portugueses, is fruit. St. Maulast, call'd Mascaregua by the Portugueses, is fruit-rice Isle, ful, well water'd, and in the middle befet on all Bourbon fides with Mountains, among which one casts forth Ifle. Flames, as well as fome part of the Land. This Island was cultivated and fortify'd by the Hollanders, within their few years, but the French made themselves Masters of it not long ago, and still re-tain it in their possession. Its most considerable Harbours bear the Names of St. Paul, St. Denis, and the Assumption.

Between Madagascar, on the East, and the Coast VII. of Zangueba, on the West, Syrtes Judaica, or Syrtes the Jewillo Shelves, appear, which are commonly Judiaces call'd Baixos, Baxios, or Baxos de Judea, by the Portugueses: They lye out very far from South to North, and are infamous for Shipwracks; confifting partly of coralline Rocks, that are clear, tharp, and of divers colours; infomuch that it is no wonder, that Coral is frequently thrown up on the Coals of Madagasear. About the same Shelves are Crab-fish of a prodigious fize, and of so great Strength, that in struggling with Men, they often lay hold of them with their Claws, and drag them into the Gulph.

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The Empires of Monoemugi and Monomotapa, with Caffaria.

Lower Ethiopia.

T is now requisite to return to the Continent of Africa, where having already observ'd all the Parts of the upper Ethiopia, we may in like manner, take a View of the lower, otherwise call'd the outward Ethiopia, to which all Authors do not affign the faine Bounds: For foine make Zanguebar taken at large a Part of it, which (as others will have it) is comprehended within the Limits of the upper *Ethiopia*; but we have thought fit to follow the latter Opinion. The lower Ethiopia then, (according to this sense) is bounded on the Ealt, by the Sea of the Caffers, Zanguebar, Abissimia, and Nubia; on the North, by the Desart of Zaara, and Negroe-land; on the West, by Guinea, the Sea of Congo, and part of the Castraian; and on the South, by the same Sea of the Castraian; of the Caffers.

M. Sanson only takes notice of three spacious Provinces, vix. Monomotapa, Caffaria, and the Kingdom of Congo; but we shall divide the whole Continent into five principal Parts, that is to say, the Empires of Monoemugi and Monomotapa, the Coasts of the Caffers, and the Kingdoms of Congo and Biafara. The two first of these Parts are situated in the inland Country, and the others on the Coafts, which are wash'd by the Ethiopian

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Sea. The Empire of Monoemugi, or Mono-Emugi, o-therwife call'd the Kingdom of Monoemugi and Nimeamaja, is comprised by M. Sanfon, under the Juridiction of Monomorapa. It has for its Bounds Monoe-(as they are commonly fet out in the Maps,) on the North, the Empire of the Abiffines and the Lake Zambra; on the West the Kingdom of Malemba and part of Monomotapa; on the South, Monomotapa and the North-Eastern Part of Casfaria; and on the East, the Kingdom of Mongal, which is the Southern Part of proper Zanguebar. Others removing this Empire farther towards the North, affirm that it borders on the East, upon the Kingdoms of Mosambique, Quiloa and Monbaza, and that it does not extend itself very far Southward from the Equinoctial Line.

The Country is extremely befet with Mountains, and comprehends part of those of the Moon, a-bounding with the purest fort of Gold-metal, with which nevertheless the Inhabitants do not coin Money, but instead of it (as some say) they use certain round Pieces somewhat like Glass, and of a red Colour: There are also considerable quantities of Silver and Ivory: This Empire is water'd by the River Cuama, and by that means has a communication with the Kingdom of Zefala, or Sofala. The Natives being Negroes, are faid to be of a favage Disposition, Idolaters, and the Subjects of a Monarch to whom feveral petty Kings are oblig'd to do Homage. It is express in the latt Relations of Travels into those Parts, that the Province or Kingdom of Malemba, lying between the Lake Zamha and the Kingdom of Angala, of which was horse before the second of the second o gola, of which we have before made mention, Chap. 3. Sect. 8. is likewise included within the Dominions of Monoemugi; as also part of the Peo-

ple, known by the name of Gala, or Galla, that are commonly plac'd next to the Inhabitants of the Kingdom of Congo call'd Giagua's, or Giaqua, and on the North of Malemba; and of whom we shall take special notice hereaster, in treating of the Kingdom of Congo. Indeed the Province and Towns of this Empire are but little known to the Europeans, and those Particulars that are related by the Writers of Travels, do not at all agree with the Maps, which are likewise very different one from another.

Some Authors make a Distinction, between the Empire of Monoemnei strictly taken, and the Kingdom of Malemba. The Towns of this Empire (to fay nothing of the Provinces, or Kingdoms into which it is divided by others) as we find 'em set down in several Maps, are Gamba on the River Cuamo; Astagoa; Agag; Camu; and Beifa, all situated towards the East. In the Western Tract, are Bagamedro, and Zambra, or Zambeza, on or near the Southern Bank of the Lake of the fame Name. In the Kingdom of Ma-Malern lemba, Debson and Meti, stand on the Western bak. fide of the fame Lake.

The other inland Part of the lower Ethiopia, is the Empire of Monomotapa, or Mono-Motapa Monootherwise termed Beno-Motapa, and Beno-Mo-most taxa; the Bounds of which on the North, are Empthe Kingdom of Malemba, and the Empire of Monoemugi, from which it is separated by the Mountains of the Moon: It is also bounded on the

East, South and West, by the Coasts of the Caffers. The whole Empire is divided into two Parts by the Tropick of Cancer: The Air is temperate, and the Country is fruitful and pleafant; affording admirable Palturage, with great flore of Rice, Sugar, Ivory and Gold, which is taken not only from Mines in the Mountains and Rocks, but also out of the Rivulets. However it is definute of Horses, and Wood is likewise very scarce; insomuch that Fires are usually made of Rice-twigs and the Dung of Beafts. The Natives are of a black Complexion, having briftly Hair, and go almost stark naked: They are a warlike, nimble People, but at the same time, restless, feditions and given to change. A considerable Part of them were heretofore converted to the Christian Religion and baptiz'd, more especially the Emperour hunself; nevertheless not long after, they rerurn'd to their natural Disposition, and put the Christians to Death, with the Jesnits, who had endeavoured to propagate the Principles of Christianity in those Parts. The Government is Monarchical, and its Dominions are call'd by Foreigners, Benematapa, or Monomotapa, i. e. an Emperour; fo that this Empire here takes its Name from the Emperour, contrary to the usual Custom, practised in other Countries. This Monarch is faid to be faluted with the Title of The Great Tabach or Tabaque, and is very potent, in regard that a very confiderable number of petty Kings are Tributary to him: He is well attended by a Life-guard of armed Amazons, which kind of Effeminacy has been already

already observ'd in treating of Asia: He is also extremely rever'd and belov'd by his Subjects, and causes Justice to be executed with so great severity, that there is no need of any Prisons throughout

his Dominions.

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M. Sanson divides this Empire into the Kingdoms of Monomotapa and Butua; the former lying on the North, and the other on the South. The Kingdom of Butua is noted for its admirable Gold-Mines, and its Northern Towns, are Carma, Gal-lila, on the Northern fide of the Lake Zachaf; Zet on its Eastern Bank, Dobdal, or Dobdel, near the left fide of the River Cuamo, just at its passage out of that Lake; Armeta; Mattagaft; Bera, or Boro; Gebagha, or Gebaghel; Butua, the capital City of the Kingdom, adorn'd with a stately, spacious and ancient Palace call'd Zimbaoe, of a square figure, built with huge Stones; which others do not place in the Town of Butua, but elsewherein the Kingdom: And Amara. The following Towns appear on the South, viz. Hagala, Orinicui, or Quietevi; Bafat; Tialfo, Tango and Zimbra, next to the T opick of Capricorn.

The most considerable Places and Towns of the Kingdom of Monomotapa, on the West, are Garma or Gorma; Adia, Mosata, or Mossata Mesata and Cumissa. On the East appear Valonta; Belegura; Joares, or Jouros; Zedaya, or Zedata, on the River of Espiritu Santo; and somewhat lower on the fame River Monomotapa, or Benomotapa, the Metropolis of the whole Empire, and famous for the Imperial Court; Fuggi, or Qugge, somewhat higher, on the opposite side; Moggir; and Agra-Seda.

x. Having thus given an account of the inland Caffaria Part of the lower Ethiopia, we proceed to the Maritime; where we first enter the Territories of Caffaria, otherwise call'd Cafraria, Cafreria and the Coasts of the Caffers, or Cafres: Its outward Boundary is the Sea of the Caffers, being Part of the Ethiopian, which washes it, on the East, South and West. But it has for its inner Limits the Kingdoms of Angola and Malemba, by which it is partly bounded on the North-Wett, and chiefly the Empire of Monomotapa, that ferves in like manner for its Boundary on the East, North and West; a very high continued Ridge of Mountains ranging along in the middle, between Caffaria and Monomotapa, more especially on the East and West; part of which lying nearest to the Cape of Good Hope is called Picos frazosos, i. e. Sharp Rocks, by the Portugueses: Lastly the Coasts of the Caffers are also bounded on the North-West by the Empire of Monoemingi, and the Coast of Zanguebar.

The Western Coast of Caffaria, reaches from the 14th to the 35th Degree of Southern Latitude; but that Part of the Eastern Coast, which lies nearest to the Equinoctial Line, takes up about 18 Degrees in Latitude: So that the whole Continent extends itself farthest on the Sea-coasts, and a great deal less, between the Sea and the Empires of Monoemugi and Monomotapa; neither is the intervenient Space every where alike, its shape almost resembling that of an Horse-Shoe. The Air is faid to be temperate, and fometimes very cold in those Tracts that lye near the high Mountains, more especially towards, the Cape of Good Hope, by reason of the Snow that covers their Tops, and the Winds that ruth out of them, with great Impetuoulity. The Soil is for the most part, barren; yet the Valleys abound with Grass and Flowers, and the Hills afford the finest Gold: Neither is there any want of Cattel of feveral forts, befides wild Beafts, particularly, Elephants

Staggs, Bears and Lions.
The Coffers are of a black Colour, Savage, cruel, and partly Man-caters, living like Brutes in Woods, Caves and Mountains: The meaner fort of them go almost naked, and the more wealthy are cloath'd with the Skins of wild Beafls : They feed upon Fish, Rice, raw Flesh, and the loathfome Entrails of Animals; from the cating of which (according to Becmanns) they have obtain'd the Name of Hotemots, among Foreigners: But M. Bandrand (ays, that the Natives of Caffaria call themselves Hottentots, and that they are termed Caffers, as it were Out-Laws, by the Europeans, according to the peculiar Idiom of their Language; which Opinion is confirm'd by Bertius. However, some of the Caffers who inha-bit the Eastern Tracks near the Frontiers of Zanguebar, are much more civiliz'd; neither are they altogether Canibals, without Law, King, or Fidelity: for feveral Kingdoms are comprehended within the Bounds of this Country, and even those Savages, who wander up and down in the Woods and Mountains, are obedient to their Commanders. In the Eastern Parts of Caffaria, the Inhabitants are Mahometans, and fome of those that converse with the Hollanders and Portugueses, follow the facred Rites and Cultoms of both thefe Nations; neither is it to be imagin'd, that the rest

are void of all manner of fense of the supreme Deity.
Thus the Coasts of the Caffers may not improperly be divided into three Parts, viz. the Eastern, Southern and Western. The first of these, which borders upon Zanguebar, is the most eminent, as being well cultivated and fruitful. In traverling this Part from North to South, we come first to the Kingdom of Quiteva, call'd Quingva by M. Quiteva Bandrand, with the Capital Town of the fame K. Name, now almost ruin'd; and from thence to the Kingdom of Zephala, Zofala, Sofala, or Sffala, Sofala K. where the chief Town, likewife named Sofala, is feated near the Mouth of a River of the fume Denomination and well fortify'd : It is a noted Mart, at present in the possession of the Portugueses, and communicates its Name to the most famous Goldmines of Sofala, which are distant 50 Miles from thence to the West, and call'd the Mines of Manica, by the Natives: Neither does the Land of Sofala only produce Gold, but the Rivers are also impregnated with it. There is also good store of Apes, Elephants and Ivory; so that Raphael Volaterranus, Ludovicus Venetus, and fome other Authors, are induc'd to believe that Sofala is the fame with King Solomon's Ophir; following the footsteps of the Chaldee Interpreter, who in feveral Passages, calls the Ships, that were fitted out for Ophir, the African Navy, or Fleet: They also add, that certain remainders of ancient Buildings, Inferiprions and other Monuments, are still to be feen in Sofala, which ferve to confirm their Opinion, But we have already deliver'd our Sentiments concerning this matter under the Article of India beyond the Ganges, Chap. 16. Sect. 15. The other re-markable Places of this Part of Cafferia, figurated farther towards the South, are the Kingdoms of Sedanda

Sedanda and Chicanga: Fames, or Terroidos Famos, K. according to the Portuguese Diakest, i. s. The Chican-Landda R.

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Cape of Good

Hope.

Fumes Land of Smoak; And Terra Natalis, or Terra do L. Natal, so nam'd by Vasco de Gama, because he first discover'd it on the Festival of our Lord and Terra Natalis. Saviour's Nativity.

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Eattern and Western; where the Desart Land, or Deferta. Coast call'd Costa Deferta by the Portugueses, is express d in the Maps, bordering upon the Empire of Monomotapa; and M. Baudrand reckons up thirteen particular People or Nations, inhabiting about the Cape of Good Hope and the Sea-coasts, into which (as he fays) the Hottentots of thefe Parts are divided. But nothing is more remarkable throughout the whole Southern Tract than the Promontory, or Cape of Good Hope, which is the most renowned of all that are as yet known in the habitable World, being the most Southern Part of Africa, and lying almost in the middle between England and the Fast Indies. The Por-tugueses at first nam'd it The Cape of Storms, be-cause they were made sensible by experience, that 'twas very dangerous failing thereabouts; the Waves continually rolling up and down, and violently beating upon their Ships on all fides: But this Name was not approved of by John II. King of Portugal, who order'd it to be call'd for the future El Cabo de bona Esperanza, i. e. The Cape of Good Hope; for he judg'd, that the weathering of it, and the good fuccess of the Indian Voyage, were not at all to be defpair'd of; reither indeed was be might ken as it appeared a little while atwas he mistaken, as it appear'd a little while after, from the prosperous Expedition of Vasco de

The Hollanders, A. D. 1650. erected a Fort on Tafel B.y or Table-Bay, at the foot of a very high Mountain of the same Name, samous for its little Cloud, the Fore-runner of an unavoidable Tempelt; and not far from thence they likewife Luilt a very neat Village. The Air is very wholesome, and the Vallies no less fruitful, bringing forth abundance of the Asiatick and European kinds of Gram: Neither is there any want of Cattel, besides excellent Spring-water, Fish and Fowl; so that Vessels bound for the East Indies which arrive at this Bay may be very conveniently refitted, and supply'd with all forts of necessary Provisions. The Hottentots of these Parts, whose Speech is scarce articulate, are most fordid Brutes, altogether ignorant of the use of Money, of a low Stature, Lean, of an artificial black Colour, and very fwist in running; to which purpose, they usually out off one of the Testicles of their male Children, that are newly born: They are also most expert Archers, and extremely skil-ful in the application of Medicinal Herbs. Some

understand by the Name of the Cape of Good Hope, all that Part of Africa, or Caffaria, that extends itself farthest towards the South, and make tis Parts to consist of Saldanha-Bay, termed Saldanha, by the French; Table-Bay; El Cabo Falso, or False Cape, El Cabo de las Agnias, or Needle Cape; El Cabo do Infante, or Infant's-Cape, Formoso-Bay, &c. but we have taken it in a more Strict Sense.

Lastly, the Western Part of Caffaria reaches XIV. from the Southern, to the Kingdom of Angola; being a vast Country, but very mountainous, barren, defart and quite destitute of Towns: On its Northern Tract, fituated between the Tropick of Capricorn and the fame Province of Angola, the Kingdom of Cimbebas is plac'd in some Maps; in Cimbethe Northern Part of which is a famous Promonto-bas K. ry call'd El Cabo Negro, i.e. the Black Cape. Other Maps likewife contain the Kingdom of Mataman, Matamat which lies at a greater diffance from the Sea, and K is bounded on the North by Angola, although fome do not diffinguish this Kingdom from that

of Cimbebas.

The new Island of St. Helena appears in the Ethi- XV. opian Sea, at a considerable distance from the St. Hele Continent, as also the old Island of St. Helena, na Island which is much more Western than the former, and lies at a very great distance from all other Islands: It is situated (according to M. Baudrand) in the 16th Degree of Southern Latitude, and takes up about 13 Leagues in compass. It is almost every where beset with Mountains, yet there are several fruitful Vallies, water d with Rivers, more especially in the Northern Part; and the Soil is extremely rich, being apt to bring forth any fort of Grain whatever; and abounding with Lemmons, Oranges, and most excellent Sorrel: There is also good store of wild Bears, and no want of fresh Water: Lastly, the Harbour is ve-ry convenient, and the Sca round about full of Fish: Insomuch that it is deservedly call'd, *The* Score-house of the Sea; in regard that most Ships in passing to the East Indies touch upon the Coast, and all that are homeward bound continue there feveral Days, to be refitted and supply'd with ne-cessary Provisions. This Island was first discover'd by the Portugueses, under the conduct of John de Nova, on the Festival of St. Helena, A. D. 1502, but the English made themselves Masters of it some years ago, and secur'd it with a Fort. It is diffant 1550 Spanish Leagues Westward from Goa, 520 from the Cape of Good Hope, 370 from Angola, 1000 from Lisbon, and 540 Eastward from the Coasts of Brasil in America.

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The Kingdoms of Congo and Biafar, with the Islands over against

HE next Territory that prefents itself to our View on the Continent of Africa, is

Caffaria, as far as Negroe-land, and consequently make it comprehend the remaining Part of the the Kingdom of Congo; by which Name lower Ethiopia: Others enclose it within much fome understand all that Country, which reaches from the Northern Tract of the Western Part of same Tract of Cosserie, and St. Catherine's Cape,

Congo

which is diffant two Degrees Southward from the Equator; or elfe they place it between this Promontory and Cape Ledo, fituated in the Tenth Degree of Southern Latitude. Again others will have these Dominions extended no farther than the Kingdom of Congo strictly taken; but according to our determination, this Kingdom is bounded on the South, by those of Macaman and Malemba; on the East, by the Lake Zaire and Abissina; on the North, by the Kingdoms of Macoco and Gabona; and on the West, by the Sea of Congo, which lies from North to South, from St. Catharine's Cape, as far as the Coast of the Casters.

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The Air would be extremely hot, were it not which falls cool'd by the Winds and the Rain, which falls every Day from April to September, the rest of the Months passing away without any Rain. The Country is fertil, and abounds with large and fmall Cattel, all forts of Fowl, Corn, Fruits and Medicinal Herbs. The Inhabitants are of a black Complexion, well fet, with vast Muscles, and very rubust: They are generally cloth'd with Cotten-shrowds, and live in mean Cottages, making use of Fish-shells and Potsherds instead of Money. They are almost altogether ignorant of Architecture and other Arts and Sciences, yet they have no small skill in Botanicks and the use of Medicinal Plants, every Man being his own Doctor. Part of those that have their Habitations about the Sea-coasts are faid to profess the Christian Religion; but there are many Idolaters, more efpecially in the Eastern Tract, who among other Deities, worthip the Earth, Sun and Moon. They are much addicted to the stealing of Foreigners Goods; the Women likewise give themselves to

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IV.

Angola

Several Kingdoms and States are comprehended within the Extent of this Country; the chief of which are the Kingdoms of Angola, Congo and Loango; and the Territories of the Gale and Angicans. These Kingdoms are subject to their own Princes, who are usually styld Mani, i. e. Lords, with which Title the Governours of Provinces are also dignify'd; only adding, for distinction sake, the Sirnames of their respective Provinces: Neither is it to be admired that the Kingdoms and Nations, in regard that they either sometime constituted the several Parts of it, or partly depended on its Jurisdiction; which they continue to do even at this day, under the Form of separate Governments.

Incontinency, and are great lovers of white Men.

The Kingdom of Angola, being the most Southern Part of that of Congo, is flutated between Mataman, on the South; Malamba, on the East; the Province of Congo strictly taken, on the North; and the Sea of Congo, on the West. This Kingdom formerly was comprised within the Dominions of the King of Congo, and (as we are informed by M. Robbe) is still Tributary to that Monarch: It abounds with Elephants, Fish, Fowl, Crystal, Marble, Precious Stones, Gold, Silver, Copper, and other forts of Metal: It is also very potent, and extremely populous, supplying the Spanish Work-houses (as they say) with above fifteen thousand Natives every Year. The Angolans generally prefer Dogs-sleth before Beef, and their chief Towns are Benguela, Nova, or New Benguela; Quiconga; and Benguela Visha, or Old Ben-

guela; on the Sea of Congo: In the inland Country, on the Eath, appears Mochima, or Mashima; near, or on the Banks of the Canza; as also, higher on the fame River, Massargan, Massirgan or Massargan; and Engaza, otherwise call'd Dongo, which several Authors take for the Capital of Angola, seated in its Northern Track, and on the Frontiers of the Kingdom of Congo.

Frontiers of the Kingdom of Congo.

Between the Lake of Aguillanda on the Welt, V. and that of Zara, on the Eaft, on the Mountains Galæ of the Sun, the Seat of the Galæ, or Gallæ, is People: plac'd in some Maps, a People who often style themselves Iamban Galla's, and are commonly call'd Giagua's, Giagua's and Giagues, by the Inhabitants of Congo. They are most notorious Robbers and Canibals, deriving their Original from the inland Country of Guinea; some of whom (as it has been already observed) subdived a considerable Part of Abissimia. Their Towns (according to Sanson and la Robbe) are Zaire, or Zaras, on the Lake of the same Name; Dangar, or Dagar, or the said Lake, where the Rivulet Zarata takes its Rife; and Vaniba, situated a great deal further towards the North, and scarce one Degree from the Equinoctial Line. Between the Territories of these Galla's on the East, and the Kingdom of Loango, on the Welt, the Anssons, or An-Anssons zicans, otherwise termed Anzighi and Antiquainers, take up their Abode, and are much of the same

Disposition with the former. From thence we fet forward to the Kingdom vi. of Congo properly fo call'd or strictly taken; which Congo is bounded on the East, by the Territories of the proper Ki Gale: on the North, by those of the Ansieans, and the Kingdom of Loango; on the Welf, by the Sea of Congo; and on the South, by the Kingdom of Angola. The Country is fruitful, well cultivated, and water'd with feveral Rivers. This wealthy Kingdom was heretofore of a much larger Extent, and is still divided into fix considerable Provinces, viz. Pango, Sundi, Batta, Pemba, Bamba, and Sango: The four first of these Provinces are situated in the inland Country, and the two last on the Sen-coafts. The Marquifate of Pango lyes on the Pango South of Ansicana, and is water'd by the River Marqui-Zara; containing the Towns of Cundi on the Za-sate. ra; Pango the Capital; and Angota. The Dutchy of Sunde, Sundi or Sundo, borders upon Pango, on Sundi the West, and is l'kewise water'd by the Zara; Dutchy, producing good store of Metal, more particularly Iron, on which the Inhabitants fet a greater value than on the other forts. Sinde the chief Town has imposed its name on this Province: beyond which farther towards the South, are Betequa, and Iri. The Dutchy of Beta Battal extends itself between that of Sundi, and the Dutchy. Lake of Aguillunda, and contains the Towns of Cangon, or Gangon, Batta, the principal, and Agissmba. The Marquisate of Pemba appears pembate to Batta, on the Welt, in which is the Marquisate of the Marq Town of Lelunda, on a River of the fame Mane; S. Salvador, call'd Banza by the Inhabitants, feated on an Hill, near the fame River, the Metropolis of the Kingdom, affording a Seat both to a Christian King and Bithop; and

Pemba.
From the inland Provinces of Congo, we pass to the two Maritime, of which the most Southern is the Dutchy of Bamba, abounding with Elephants, Edinba Buffles, Staggs, Tigers, Dragons, Vipers, Civet-Dutchjo

Cats, Eagles, Falcons and Parrets: The most remarkable Place of this Province is St. Paulo de Loanda, or Loando St. Paulo, a Sea-port Town with a safe and capacious Harbour, built in a little Island nam'd Loanda, that has neither Mountain nor Hill, where the Fishery is establish'd for Shells that pass for Money throughout the whole Kingdom, and where a kind of Tree grows, the Branches of which send forth certain small Twigs, which as soon as they touch the Ground, spring up into new Trees, with a wonderful Faculty of Propagation. This Town was taken by the Hollanders, but regain'd by the Portuguese; so that it still continues in the Possession of the latter, and is the usual Place of Residence of the Bishop of Angola. The other noted Towns are Matolo and Bamba. The Country or Earldom of Sogno, or Songo, is extended on the North of Bamba, and its Southern Tract is water'd by the lowest Part of the River Zara. Among other sorts of Animals there is great store of Parrets, both green and gray, Monkeys and Apes. The chief Towns thereabouts are Sonbo, on the Mouth of the Zara; Bommo, or Bonimo; Matinga; and Malemba, a Sea-port.

VII.
Loango
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Laftly, the Kingdom of Loango, is fituated between that of Congo strictly taken, on the South; the Territories of the Ansicans, on the East; the Kingdom of Biafar, on the North; and the Sea of Congo, on the West. It produces abundance of Ivory and Fruit-trees, more especially Palms, of which the Natives make Bread, Wine and Oil; and affords plenty of all forts of necessary Provisions. The Sea-port Towns are Loango the Capital, which has communicated its Name to the whole Kingdom; Sellaga, or Sollaga; Onami; and Majumba. The Inland Towns are Katta, Boecemeala, and Setta,

or Zetta.

VIII.

It remains only to give an Account of the third and last maritim Part of the lower Ethiopia, that is to say, the Kingdom of Biafar; under which Name forme Geographers comprehend all that Country, which is bounded on the East, by the Lake and River of Niger; on the North, by the Kingdoms of Borno and Zanfara; and on the West, by that of Benin and St. Thomai's Bay. The Air in these Parts is excessive Hot, and the Rain salls from the Month of April to that of Angust: The Soil brings forth a great number of Palm-trees, with which a pleasant kind of Wine is usually made, and the Champain Country breeds Elephants, Busses, substitution, and infamous for Robberies, Rapine and Sorcery. They dye their Bodies with several Colours, to render themselves more beautiful, and the Kings make use of Chalk for that purpose; performing Divine Wor-

ship to the Sun, Moon, Trees, and even to the Devil himself.

Many Kingdoms are contain'd in this Part, every one of which derives its Name from the capital Town, and is govern'd by its own Prince, who is ftyl'd Mani in the Dialect of the Country. The Kingdoms of Macoco and Giringbomba, with Macoco the Towns of the fame Name, are fituated on the Kingd. Eaft; as also the Kingdom of Medra, the Towns Giring-of which are Guidan, on the West of the Lake bomba Niger; Medra, on the lest-side Bank of the Ri-Kingdom of Zanfara. The Kingdom of Biafar properly fo call'd, lyes farther towards the West, Biafar. and contains the Towns of Biafar and Borca, which Borca K. last some make the Capital of a distinct King-Gabon dom. Lastly, the Kingdom of Gabon extends it-Kingd. Selfon the South, in which are the Towns of Gabon, Coriso and Maceira, next to the Equinoctial Line.

Several Islands are remarkable for their Situation in St. Thomas's Bay, over against the Kingdom of Biafar, but the chief of them are four in number, and depend on the Jurisdiction of the Portugueses; the two first that shall be immediately specify'd being farther distant from the Continent than the latter. The most remote of all is Annobon, i. e. The Island of a good Tear, so call'd Annoby the Portugueses, from the first day of the Year, bon Island of St. Thomas, lyes farther towards the North-East, un-Thomas der the Equator, and was descry'd by the Portu-Isle. gueses on the Festival of that Saint; being of a large Compass, and almost of a round Figure. The Air is prejudicial to Foreigners; but its Heat is much allay'd by frequent Showers of Rain and a plentiful Dew: The Soil brings forth Sugar, Ginger, Oranges of an extraordinary largeness, Cucumbers, Melons and Figgs. The capital Town bears the fame Name with the Island, and is otherwise termed Pavoasan; affording a Place of Residence to the Governour: It is seated on a River and well fortify'd. The *Prince*'s Island, (on Prince's which the Portugueses impos'd that Name, be-Isle. cause its Revenues were assign'd for the use of the Prince of *Portugal*) extends itself on the North of the Equinoctial Line, and is lesser than that of St. Thomas: It is somewhat long, and well cultivated, producing great flore of Sugar: It alfo enjoys a healthful Air, and the advantage of a
confiderable Town, with fome Villages. The
Island of Fernando Po, fo nam'd by the Discoverer, Fernando Po, Town of the Policoverer of the Sugar S lyes nearest to the Continent; and is larger than do Po's the Prince's Ifle, but much of the fame nature; Illand. in which feveral Villages are built, with a Castle. Upon account of these Islands and some other Places in the Kingdom of Congo that are in the Possession of the Portugueses, the King of Portugal makes no scruple to style himself King of the hither side of the African Ocean.

Songo County.

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CHAP. VIII.

Ancient Ethiopia, with the principal Rivers of that Country.

FTER having taken a Survey of Modern Ethiopia, it is requisite to make a short Description of it according to its ancient State. This Country was heretofore divided into Ethiopia under Egypt, and Æthiopia interior. The former took up almost the fame space with the modern upper, or inner Ethiopia; and its Parts were the Territories of the Nubi, Proper Ethiopia, Troglodytica, Azania and Barbaria: The Nubi were fettled along the Wellern-fide of the River Nile, where the greateft Part of Nubia is now fittiated; although M. Carlon in Nubia is now fittiated; although M. though M. Sanson is of a different Opinion, and though M. Sanjon is of a different Opinion, and thinks fit to place the Nubi in the inner Libya. Ethiopia properly fo call'd, is now known by the Name of Abiffinia, and anciently comprehended the Island of Meroe, made by the Nile, the Cinnamon-bearing Country, near the Marshes of that River; and the Myrth-bearing Land lying out farther on the North-East, towards Axania and Troglodytica, with the Territories of many other particular People. Troglodytica extended itself in Length, along the Coasts of the Arabian Guloh, from Expect to the Promontory of Arabia. Gulph, from Egypt to the Promontory of Aromata, and was inhabited by feveral forts of People; but at prefent, is termed, the Coast of Abex. Azania was fituated on the South of Troglodytica, where the Coall of Ajan appears at this day. Lattly, Barbaria supply'd the room of Zanguebar, and that Part of the Ethiopian Sea which wash'd it, was nam'd Sinus Barbaricus, aut Pelagus Barbaricum, i. e. the Barbarian Gulph, or Sea; as al-fo Asperum Mare, or the rough Sea, by reason of the great number of its Shelves and Quickiands.

The other Part of ancient Ethiopia, was interior, Æthio- or the inner, which we now call the lower, or the pia inte-outward; wherein were contain'd the Territories of the Men-eaters, the Country of Agisymba, and the Hesperian Ethiopians: The Canibal Ethiopians had their Abode on the South of Barbaria, where Caffaria is now extended: Agisymba took up Part of the lower Ethiopia, that is to fay, that space which is possess of Monoenugi and Monomotapa: Lastly, the Hesperian Ethiopians inhabited the present Kingdom of Congo taken at large, and Part of that of Biafar, near the Equinoctial Line.

We shall now proceed to give an Account of the principal Rivers of Ethiopia, that run into the Mediterranean Sea, or into those of the Caffers, and of Congo. The Nile, call'd Nil by the Africans, and Abanhi by the Abiffines, discharges itself into the first, being the most eminent River not only of Ethiopia, but also of the whole Continent of Africa. Its source was unknown if not to all the Ancients, at least to the most part of them, nay they imagin'd, that 'twas impossible to find it out; which supposition gave occasion to the Proverb, To seek for the Spring-head of the Nile. Piolemey (to pass by the Sentiments of other Authors) determines, That this samous River issues forth beyond the Egnator, out of two Pools or Lakes, one lying Westward and the other East-Part 2

ward, that receive the Snow from the Mountains of the Moon, which in the Maps are usually expressed on the Confines of the Empire of Monnemugi, Abissinia, and the Lake of Zambra: Netther indeed is this Opinion very different from that which has almost obtain'd an univerful Approbation, intimating that the Nile taking its rife, either from the Mountains of the Moon, or out of the Lake Zara, which is plac'd within the 5th. and 13th. Degrees of Southern Latitude, at first flows through the Western Part of Abissima; afterwards having made the Island of Meros, or Gueguere on the Frontiers of Nubia, divides the fame Country of Nabia with its winding Courfe, and at last, passes in like manner through E-

They that place the Empire of Abiffinia only in our Hemitphere, admit of a quite different Origin of the Nile; relying upon the Relations and Journals of the Portugueses and other Travellers, who fix the Spring-head of this noble River in the Land of Sacabala, a Province of the Kingdom of Goyama, being the Weltern Part of Abissimia, in a Plain surrounded with high Mountains: Where is to be seen a little Lake, out of tains: Where is to be feen a little Lake, out of which two clear and deep Springs iffue forth, at the diffance of about 12 Degrees from the Equinoctial Line on the North: Thefe Springs having united their Streams, and being enlarg'd with feveral Brooks on both fides, conflittite a moderate River, that at first runs Eastward, and foon after Northward; where on the right fide, it receives the Gena, or Jema, directing its courfe to-Gena wards the East; then the Kelti on the left fide, Place, and a little lower, the Brant: Afterwards in Relia and a little lower, the Brant: Afterwards it Reli rolls through the lefter Cataract, and the South-Flav. ern Tract of the Lake Dambea, without intermix-Branting its Waters: Having pass d the Lake, it takes Flav. In the Gamala and Abea, on the right fide, out of Gamala the Kingdom of Goyama, and rufnes through the Flav. greater Cataract; below which, the Basila falls Abea into it on the left fide, from the Confines of the Flav. Provinces of Bagamidri and Amara, as likewife Basila does the Ruecam from those of Amara and Oleca. Then it flows towards the South through the Propagation of Oleca and the upper and lower Xao; from whence conveying its Stream Westward, as also by degrees towards the North. it traverses the in the Gamala and Abea, on the right fide, out of Gamala also by degrees towards the North, it traverses the Provinces of Gasacs, Bizam and Gongas; turns nearer to its Spring-head, and having water'd the Kingdom of Goyama, almost on all sides, sets forward to the Province of Fasculon; below which, on the left fide, it receives the Maleg, the largelt Maleg of all the Rivers, that have hitherto run into its flav. Channel. Not long after, it passes through Nabia, along the Territories of certain People call'd Bugihi, or Funchi, as also those of the Baloi, and large River, encreased with the March and fome Har. other Rivulets. At last, the Nile enters Egyp. and waters the whole Country, with a flow and winding Courfe, receiving the River Nabia in Nabia the upper Part, on the left file, near the Town flav.

Nile

The

Mouths of the Nile:

of Afna. Below the ancient City of Memphis; now the Village, or Town of Balac, it divides itself into two great Arms, or Branches, which with the Egyptian Sea, make a Triangular Figure, refembling the *Greek* Letter \triangle *Delta*; the top of this Triangle being below *Bulae*, and its *Bafa* on the Sea. The Western Arm ends in the Egyptian Sea, at the Town of Rofetto, and the Eastern at Damiata; the latter of which in its Courfe between Bulac and Damiata, is divided in-to another Branch, which empties itself into the Sea, at Brulli, or Bourles: An artificial Channel thirty Miles long is likewife cut down from the Western Arm to Alexandria, where it falls into the Sea, but is full of Water, only during one Month throughout the whole Year.

The feven Mouths of the River Nile are celebrated by Mela, Srabo, Diodorus, Herodorus, and other ancient Authors; and their Names (in beginning to count them from the Well) were the Canopick, otherwise call'd the Naucratick and Heracleotick; the Bolbitick; the Sebennitick; the Pathmetick, or Phathmick; the Mendesian; the Tanitick; and the Pelusian. Prolemey places two other fulfe Mouths between the Sebennitick and the Pathmetick; and Pliny reckons up four Mouths of the like nature; so that the former Author admits of nine, and the latter eleven Mouths of this great River. But the Constitution of Egypt is now so fur chang'd, that scarce any of those Mouths are to be found at this day, in regard that either they were obstructed and quite stopt up in process of time, or else they are so small, as to be of no repute.

VI. The River Nile is more especially remarkable Theover-for over-flowing the Country of Egypt, every Year; flowing of which famous Inundation happens (as we are in-Mile flux form'd by M. lionius) on the twelfth day of June, as it is express'd in the Calendar of the Cophites, or on the feventeenth day of the fame Month, according to the Julian Account. In the beginning its encrease is very finall, but it is afterwards excremely augmented, and rifes to the height of many Cubits; by which means the Lands that lye near the River are first cover'd, then the more remote, and at last the whole slat Country of Egypt, which of dry ground, becomes a navigable Pool; and the Course of the Nile, the Breadth of which at other times scarce exceeds one Furlong, extends intelf for the space of three hundred, and would run out farther, were it not restrain'd on both sides by the Mountains. When this Floud has attain'd to its greatest height, it does not immediately decrease, but continues for feveral days in the fame Station. gyptians give it out (as the faint Meltonius affures us) that the over-flowing of the Nile begins to decrease on the seventeenth day of their September, or the twenty fourth of ours, and finks again into its proper Channel; the Mud that is left, rendring the Soil extremely fruitful. This great Ri-ver usually over-flows sooner in Abissima than in E-gypt, where its Course is at first slow, but when contracted within its own Bed, it becomes very

fwift. They add that the Water in the beginning of its increase is of a green Colour, and afterwards turns red.

The River Zambera, or Zambeza discharges it- VII. felf into the Sea of the Caffers, and its Spring-head Zambe is plac'd in feveral Maps, in that Part of the za Flui Empire of Monomotapa, which bears on the South of the Tropick of Capricorn, near the Frontiers of Southern Caffaria and the Town of Mula: From thence directing its Course Northward, it waters the Kingdoms of Monomotapa and Bulua, and falls into the Lake Zachaf: After having passed the faid Lake, it runs swiftly through the Southern Tract of Butua, and a little above the Town of Gebagha, is divided into two Arms: One of these Arms, turns on the right hand, and is call'd by the Portugueses El Rio de el Espiritu Santo, i. e. Espirit The River of the Holy Ghost; which flowing through Santo the Kingdoms of Butua and Monomotapa, waters Flow. the Metropolitan City of the Empire, and at last glides along the Eastern Part of Cassaria; where it is likewise distributed into several Branches, and empties itself through divers Months into the same Sea of the Caffers. The other Arm of the Zambera, on the left hand, which does not pass beyond the Tropick of Capricorn, is a great deal larger than the former, and retains its proper Name, within the Bounds of Monomotapa; but upon its Entrance into the Eastern Track of Caffaria it assumes that of Cuamo. M. La Robbe gives us this Account, which is not approv'd of by other Authors, who are of Opinion, That the Zambera changes its Name no otherwise in Cafaria, than it does in Monomotapa, and that the faid Zambera and the Cuamo, are altogether diffinct Rivers.

Several Rivers, after having water'd the King- VIII dom of Congo, fall into the Sea that bears the Sunga fune Name; among which the Sanga, the Coanza, Flux, and the Lelunda hold the first rank: But the Zaiand the Leunaa hold the Internal State of Leunaa hold the Internal State of Leunaa its rife out of the Lake of Zara, waters the Ter-Flow. ritories of the Gale and Anficans: from whence Zara it passes through the Kingdom of Congo Strictly Fluv. taken, and rolls into the Sea at the Promontory of Palmarinho. This River, which is faid to be five Miles broad in some places, contains several large and well cultivated Islands, and breeds Crocodiles and River-horses: It is navigable for fome Miles, from its Mouth upwards, or against the Stream; but afterwards the Waves that come ruthing down from the Cataracts, with great Impetuofity, meeting with the Tide, hinder all manner of Pullage: But it difgorges fo valt a quantity of Water into the Sea, that the fresh ness of them (as they say) continues untainted, for the space of ten and sometimes sixteen Miles. It is also reported, That the Zara, and even the lesser Rivers of the Kingdom of Congo, at a certain season of the Year, overflow the adjacent Lands, after the fame manner as the Nile does, and render them extremely fruitful.

CHAP. IX.

A Table of Guinea.

(Badis Coffo Benin Agotton Aroba Ouwerra On the Belli Calabari Old Callebar Eaft Benin Boni Hodi Focko Kingdom, Formosa Cape Locbo contain-S Ody Curamo ing On the Daroera Ardra **LW**est Foulaen Popou Laya Pompeno Christianburg Akra Berku Cinko Annamboa Cormantin Anishan Nassaw Fort Corso Castle S. George GUINEA, divided into three Parts, viz. del Mina Fort On the East Commendo Ania Bumas Fetu AxymAdms Fantin Sabou Aboraas Dauma Proper Acanes Pequenos Guinea, Acanes Grandes Ocana in which Catamanu S. Lourenzo are Cerisseno Xabanda Caceres Uxoo Labora Parigom On the Srum Alderrada West Bacorees Jamo Bogia Tabbo Assina Corby Petoy Growaly Adaows People Settera Great Settera Little Sulyma On the Deppa Little Faly North Mala-Hamaya Maffagh Fegwonga guetta, compre-{Bagga Sherbro Tîmaa Bugos On the hending South

FTER having pass'd through Egypt and Ethiopia, that constitute its Eastern and Southern Parts, we set forward to its Western Tracts; where Guinea first offers it self to our View, which some Geographers reckon among the Parts of Negroe-Land. The Portugueses will have the Kingdoms of Congo and Angola likewise comprehended under the name of the lower Guinea, and call that the upper, which is simply nam'd Guinea by other Nations. This Country has for its Bounds, on the East, the Kingdom of Biasar, from which it is partly separated by the River Camarones; on the North, Negroe-Land; and on the West and South, the Sea of Guinea; where a continual calm is almost altogether predominant, which neverthelessis sometimes disturb'd by sudden and most impetuous storms of Wind, Part 2

commonly call'd Travadus by the Portugueses: 50 that it is not at all to be admir'd, that the Martnersuse so great precautions, to avoid these Couris in failing from Europe to the East Indies, and during their Return homeward: for they are often fored to continue there a whole Month before they can get off from the Shore. Gninea is fittated between the 4th and 12th Degrees of Northern Latitude, as also between the 9th and 37th Deg. of Longitude; its Extent being most of all contracted in the Western Parts of Benin and Malaguetta.

The Air of these Parts (as it sufficiently appears from the above-specifyd Laitude) is excessive hot, and prejudicial to the Health of the Europeans, by reason of the sufficiently Weather, and the frequent Showers of Rain, that cause Putrifaction, and abundance of Worms; infomuch that very long ones often breed even in Humane Bodies, and are usually drawn by degrees out of the Skin. The Soil is fruitfull and brings forth plentiful Crops of Rice and Barley with Cotton, a kind of Spice like Pepper, Dates and Palm-trees, the Trunk of which being cut yields a Liquor of an Ash-colour, that is more spirituous than the richest Wine, and somewhat resembles Whey. There are also numerous Herds of Elephants and consequently a great shock of Ivory, with which the Inhabitants drive a vast Trade; besides good store of Bees-Wax, Apes and Monkeys that are very subtil and inschievous, Peacocks, Ash-colour'd Parrets, and Fish; the Plains likewise affording Pasture for Leopards, Tigers and several forts of tame Cattel. Lastly, the Mines do not only produce Gold, but it is also taken out of the Sea-shores and Rivers.

The Natives are of a Coal-black Colour, and go flark naked, without any fense of shame. They are of a strong Constitution, long-liv'd, ingenious and much addicted to Merchandizing; but fraudulent in their dealings, covetous, arrogant and flothful: They greedily devour raw Fleth, and even the Entrails of Birds, extremely indulging their fenfual Appetites, and the female Sex are apt to fall desperately in love with the Europeans: Many of them live in the open Air, or else dispers'd up and down in Huts; adorning their Notes and Lips with Ivory. The wealthier fort of Women, in like manner fet off their Leggs, with Rings made of Iron, Tin or Brafs, and the Gold-coyn that is current among them has no Inscription. A great number of these People follow the Heathenish Superstitions, and some have embrac'd the Christian Religion. The Country is subject to divers Kings, and several European Nations have settled Colonies therein, more especially the Hollanders. The King of Peringal affumes the Title of Lord of Guinea; but at present he has no Possessions there of any considerable Note. A vast number of Slaves of both Sexes are frequently transported from these Parts to America, and put to hard labour; to avoid which many

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throw themselves over-board into the Sea, during

their Passage. The whole Country of Guinea is usually divided into three Parts, viz. the Kingdom of Benin, Proper Guinea and Malaguetta. The Kingdom of Benin, being the most Eastern Part is bounded on Benin Kingd. the East, by the River Camerones and the Kingdom of Biafar; on the North, by the Land of the Negroes; on the West, by Proper Gainea; and on the South, by the Gulph of Benin, and St. Thomas. The Monarch of this Kingdom is very potent, and feveral Kingdoms are tributary to him; but all those Dominions may be conveniently divided into the Eastern and Western Parts. The former lyes between the Kingdom of Biafar, or the River Camarones and the River Benin, and is faid to enjoy a healthful Air. The most remarkable Places and Towns of this Part, are Badis, or Budis; Coffo, or Cosfo, on the River Benin; Benin feated iomewhat lower, a noted Town, being the largelt and neatest of the whole Continent of Guinea, which (according to several Maps) is divided into two Parts, by the faid River, and reputed the Metropolis of a Kingdom of the fame Name: And Agoston, Agaton, or Gatto, fituated Iower on the oppolite fide of the River, as well as Aroba, or Arobon. Ouwerra, the Capital Town

> Focko; Cape Formosa, in the middle, between St. Thomas & Gulph and that of Benin; and Loebo on the Mouth of the River Benin. In the Western Part of the Kingdom of Benin, lying in the middle, between the River of the fame Name, and Proper Ginnea; are Ody and Curamo; both on the Lake of Curamo; the Compass of which is reputed to exceed fifty Leagues; Daroera; Ardra, or Ardar, call'd also Assembly, by the Inhabitants, the chief Town of a Kingdom to which it has communicated its Name: Foularn;

of a Kingdom fo call'd, stands farther towards the East, and is faid to be inhabited by a great number of Christians. The following Towns are built nearer to the Sea-coasts, viz. Belli; Calaba-ri, Callabarry, or Callebar, on the right-side Bank

of the River nam'd El Rio Real de Calabari, or the

Royal River; old Callebar; Boni; Hodi, or Bodi;

and Popon.

The second Part of this Continent, being the Proper largest and most eminent, is Guinea properly, or Guinea. Simply so termed, dignify'd with the Title of a Kingdom; the Emperour of which is most powerful, to whom many Kings and Princes are oblig'd to do Homage and pay Tribute. Proper Guinea borders on the East, upon the Kingdom of Benin; on the North, upon Negroe-Land; on the West, upon Malagnetta; and on the South, upon the Sea of Guinea. We shall likewise divide the whole Country into its Eastern and Western Parts; the former being fituated between the Kingdom of Benin, on the East; and the River Manfis, or Missim, call'd Manes by M. Sanson, on the West; which River falls into the Sea, at the Town of Asym, and on the West of the Promontory nam'd El Cabo de tres Puntas, or The Cape of three Points. The maritim Tract of this Part is commonly termed the Gold-coast, de Gond Cust in Dutch, deriving its Name from the abundance of Gold there produc'd, and contains the following Places and Towns of Note, viz. Laya; Pompeno; Christianburg, in the Possession of the Danes; Cinko; Akra, a Kingdom and Town; Berka, or

Barku; Annamboa; Cormantin, or Cormentyn un-der the Jurisdiction of the Hollanders; Anishan; Mostree, or Fort Nassam, a strong Hold built and still possess, built and still possess, and care corfo, a Cassle belonging to the English; the Fort of St. George del Mina, built by the Portugueses, and afterwards taken by the Hollanders; The Kingdom and Town of Commendo; Anta; Aschim, Asfiin, Assem, or Asym the capital Town of a Kingdom of the same Name, seated on the Mouth of the River Mansa, and possess'd by the Hollanders; Bumas; Fetu, or Futu, a Kingdom and Town fo call'd; as also, are Fantin, or Fanty; and Sabou. In passing through the inland Country we meet with the Towns of Adws; Aboraas, on the River Volta; Dauma; Acanes Pequenos, or the leffer Acanes; Great Acanes, and Ocana, or Ocaun, on the River Manfu. Catamanu, or Catamany; and St. Lourenzo, or St. Laurence, or Grant fluated lower, near the Eastern fide of the fame River.

The Western Part of Proper Guinea extends itfelf between the River Mansu, or Masuim, on the East; and the Province of Malaguetta, on the West. In the Northern or Inland Tract, the following Towns present themselves to our View, viz. Corisseno; Xabanda; Caceres; Uxoo, or Uxec; Labera; Parigom; Brum; Alderrada; Bacorees, or Baceres; and Jamo. The Southern or maritim Tract of this Part of Guinea taking its Name from the great flore of Ivory that it affords, is commonly call'd the Ivory-coast, and Tande-Cast, i. e. Tooth-Coast by the Hollanders, as alio Quapua-Cuft, (according to M. Baudrand) and Quapuaus, as it is express d in the Sea-Atlas. Moreover some call the Eastern Part of this Coast, Costia de Bonegens, i. e, The Coast of good Inhabitants and the Weltern Cofta de Malegens, or The Coaft of ill People. A particular People nam'd Adaoms inhabit the Ivory-Coast, the chiet Towns of which are Bogia; Tabbo, or Tobbo; Assina; Corby; Petoy, or Berby; and Growaly, or Gruwaly, which is attributed by others to the Province of Malaguetta, and is remarkable for its Situation near the Promontory call'd El Cabo das Palmas, or Cape Palmas.

The third and last Part of Guinea, being the least and most Western is Malaguetta, so Malatermed by the Portugueles, from a certain kind guetta. of Spice brought forth there in great abundance, which taftes like Pepper, and is often stronger than that of Calient. This Province borders, on the East upon Proper Guinea; on the North, upon Negroe-Land, from which it is feparated by the Lions-Mountain, Sierra Leona in Portuguese; and on the West and South, upon the Sea of Guinea. The shape of it resembles that of a Triangle, and its Eastern Part is call'd The Grain-Coaft, or De Greyn Cuft, according to the Dutch Dialect: The Country is inhabited by different forts of People, and subject to the Dominion of several Princes. On Settera, or Sestra; Crou; the lesser Settera; Sulyma; little Deppa; Faly-Hamaya; Maffagh; and fegwonga. In coasting along the Western Shore, we may observe the Towns of Bazza; Sherbro; Timaa; and Bugos; feated on the Mouth of the River of the Lions Mount, near the Promontory of the Lionesses Mount, styl'd by the

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Portugueses, and Spaniards El Rio et Cabo di Sinciphouring Town of Bugos is well built, and taken by some Authors for the Capital of the bout this Mountain, which is of a very great Kingdom of Sierra Liona. height, and always cover'd with Clouds. The

CHAP. X.

NIGRITIA or NEGROE-LAND.

A Table of Negroe-Land.

Sefegua Kingdom
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Guinola K. Biafar Kingd.

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fide of

Niger

Mandin- { Mandinga ga K. Tocrur

Gago K. Gago Tombi Bunci Dan

Guber K. Malel Guber

Zanfara { Zanfar a K. { Rheghebil

Ganga- {Semegonda Secmara ra K. {Tirqua Gangara

Cassena (Nebrina Cassena K. Nebrina Cassena K. Tirea

Cano K. Tassava Germa Cano

Agades Agades Deghir K. Agades Deghir Mayma Mura Cutumbo

Beyond the Niger

NEGROE-LAND divided into three Parts, viz.

Tombut | Berissa Gueguena | Tombut | Canvia Tocror Caragoli Caffali

Fulli Hebedefex Gandia Gualata Angra Arguyn Hoden Gualata

Genelica | Joulejaba | Sambalamech Patefau | Kellen Ganar | Brack Cockio Formalick Genehoa

Julieto Gambia Budomel Sollul Jaloffes Emboul Ivala People Barsola Nabara Charles-Fort Bctween the Arms Serra Cafama Fura or Bran- \ Cafanches of ga's P. Niger Bijago's { Catcheo Amatado P. Times Porvação Boyla, or Bogla

(Rio Grande Niger fluv. is divided into fix Arms, or Mouths, viz. or Mouths, viz. (Gambia Senega

ROM Guinea, a Passage lies open to Ni-f.
gritia, otherwise call'd the Land or Coun-Negroetry of the Negroes, as also, Swarten and Land.
Mooren in Dutch, which derives its Name (as fome fay) from the River Niger; but others af-firm that both the River and Country are so termed from the black Colour of the Inhabitants, who are commonly flyl'd Negroes. This Country is bounded on the South, by Guinea and Biafar; on the East and North, by the Defart of Zagra; and on the West, by Cape Verd, or the Atlantick Ocean; reaching from the third to the 45th. or 46th. Degree of Longitude; but its Extent from South to North is a great deal less. On the Coasts of the Atlantick Sea, where its Breadth is largest, it lyes out from the eighth Degree of Northern Latitude, almost as far as the Tropick

of Cancer.

The Air is healthful, notwithstanding its great Heat, and the nature of the Soil is different in feveral Places; that Part which lies next to the Niger being made rich and fruitful, by the over-flowing of the faid River: So that the Country affords Pastures for Cattel, Corn, Rice, Flax, Cotton, Honey, Spices, and several forts of Fruit-Trees; more especially Palms, with which the Natives make a kind of Wine: But the other Parts situated at a greater distance from the Niger, are not well cultivated, in regard that they are parch'd with continual Heat, and generally deflutte of Water: However they produce Mines of Gold and Brafs, with a confiderable flock of floory. The Negroes are faid to be robuth, but flothful, timerous, unchafte, and altogether ignorant of Arts and Sciences. They not only expose to publick Sale Captives taken from the

neighbouring People and Malefactors, but Parents and Husbands are also used to fell their Children and Wives to the Spaniards, Portugueses and other European Nations, who transport them to the Canary Islands, America, or the Islands of that Continent, there to be worn out with the hardest labour. They are partly Mahometans, partly Idolaters, and most implacable Enemies to the Fews.

III. Negroe-Land may be conveniently divided into three Parts; that is to fay, the first lying on the bither fide of the Niger, the fecond beyond the same River, and the third within its different Arms, or Branches. Every one of these Tracts comprehends feveral Kingdoms, which take their Names for the most part; from the Capital Towns; and the Kings exercise an absolute Power over their Subjects, in their respective

Dominions.
In that Part of Negroc-Land which Iyes on the

hither fide of the Niger, or extends it felf from that River towards the South, some Geographers reckon up eight Kingdoms, viz. those of Biafar, Melli, Soufes, Mindinga, Gazo, Guber, Zegzeg and Zanfara: Others place Biafar among those Kingdoms that are encless within the Arms of the Niger, and others again leave out Soufes; so that the former make seven Kingdoms, and the latter only six. We shall follow the first Opinion, beginning on the West, with the Kingdom of Biafar, the People of which are named Biafare.

Eight and where M. Sanson places Besegua, dignified likewise with the Title of a Kingdom; as also are, Bugula, an Island on the Mouth of the most Southern Arm of the Niger, called Rio Grande, or The Great River; and Guinala; seated higher on the same River, at its Constuence with Melli K. the Gninola, or Guinola. The Kingdom of Melli

extends it felf farther towards the Eaft, abounding with Cotton, Raifins of the Sun and Dates; in its Southern Tract, appears Sierra Liona, i. e. the Lions-Mountain, of an extraordinary Height, and the Natives are faid to make use of Cockle-thells instead of Money. Among the noted Towns of this Province, several Authors reckon Cantory the Capital of a Kingdom of the same Name, fittuated in that Part where the Nier first divides it self into two Arms. But some will have it to be a distinct Kingdom from that of Melli, and others attribute it to the Kingdom of Mandinga. Farther towards the South, are Beria; and Melli, a large and populous City, the Metropolis of the Kingdom of the same. The Province of

Souli K. Soult, inhabited by a certain People nam'd Soulos, or Soules, lyes between Malaguetta and Mandinga, and is befet with Woods and Mountains: But Mandin-this Kingdom is not fo large as that of Mandinga, which is posted for the next force of Cold.

which is noted for its great flore of Gold, and contains the Towns of Mandinga the Capital, and Toerur on the Southern fide of the Niger.

Gago K. The Kingdom of Gago borders on the East upon

Gago K. The Kingdom of Gago borders on the East upon Mandinga, and affords plenty of Cattel, several sorts of Grain, Fruit, Rice, and the richest Metals: nevertheles, it is not stor'd with Salt, but what is imported. Its chief Towns are Cacres Bonaes, Gago the Metropolis, Tombi on the Niger; Bunci and Dau, somewhat higher on the same River. The Kingdom of Guber situated further Eastward, is of a lesser compass than Gago, and abounds with Woods; including several

Towns within its Bounds, viz. Malel or Malet, feated near the Frontiers of Gago on the River Niger, and on the Southern fide of the Lake Guarda; Guber, a Place of greater Note; and Tuspa. The Kingdom of Zezzeg is remarka-Zegzeg ble for its Situation between the River Niger and K. the Kingdom of Benin, and for numerous Herds of Horses: The most considerable Towns hereabouts, are Zegzeg in the middle of the Province, and Chanara on the Niger. The Kingdom of Zanfara is more Eastern, and larger than the o-Zanfara thers above-specify'd, producing likewise abun-K. dance of Horses. The chief Town bears the same Name, as also does a Neighbouring Desart, which is otherwise call'd, The Desart of Zeth and Reghebil is not far distant from the River Niger.

Having thus taken a View of Part of Negroe-Land, fituated on the hither fide of the Niger, we passover to that which extends it self on the farther fide, or Northwards from the River. (in returning from East to West) we pass thro' seven Kingdoms; the Names of which are, Gangara, Cassena, Cano, Agades, Tombut, Gualata and Genekoa: The two last of these Kingdoms, are not only water'd by the River Niger, but their their Coasts are also wash'd by the Atlantick Ocean: The Kingdom of Gangara or Guangara, Gangara lyes over against that of Zanfar; and its Eastern K. Tract near the Lake Borno is a great deal narrower than the Western: It is a very potent and populous Kingdom, so that the Horse and Foot Soldiers have obtain'd great Repute among the Negroes; and here the River Niger encircles an Island that is 100 Miles long and 50 broad. The most remarkable Towns are, Semegonda, or Semegda, near the Place where the Niger divides it felf into two Arms to make the faid Island; Secmara, somewhat lower; Tirqua on the Confines of the Defart of Zaara; and Gangara the Metropolis, where are feveral Gold-mines. The Kingdoin of Cassena bordering Westward upon Ganga-Cassena ra, is Rocky and Barren: In its Northern Tract, K. the Town of Nebrina presents it self to our View, and Cassena the Capital, on the South: Marasa is seated on the Niger, near the Confines of this Kingdom and that of Gangara, to which it is attributed by some Authors; and Tirea, or Tirca, appears a great deal farther towards the West. The Kingdom of Cano is of a larger extent than Cano K.

Cassena, and its Southern Part is water'd by several Lakes and Rivers. The Soil brings forth Corn, Rice, Cotton, several forts of Fruit, and affords good Pasturage for Cattel. The most eminent Towns are, Tasana; Germa; Cano, a large, populous and noted Mart, the Metropolis of this Kingdom, and one of the chief Cities of the whole Continent of Negroe-Land. The Kingdom of Agades extends it self on the West of Cano; the Agades famous Lake of Guarda lying between both, near K. the River Niger, with a great Island in the middle. The Country abounds with Manna and Cattel, and the Capital Town seated in its Northern Tract, is likewise nam'd Agades: The others are, Degbir; Mayma, on a Hill; Mura, on the Western-side of the Lake Guarda; and Catumbo on the Niger. The Kingdom of Tombut Tombut appears next, surpassing all the other Provinces K. of Negroe-Land in the largeness of its Extent, and abounding with Gold-mines. The King of this

Country

Country is also very powerful, and several other Princes are faid to be his Homagers or Vaffels; nevertheless M. Baudrand affures us, That he him-felf is Tributury to the King of Gazo: The Towns of this Kingdom are, Beriffa on the Niger; Gueguena, otherwise calld Gueguera and Guegneva; Salla on the Niger, below which it is divided into feveral Branches; Tombut, termed Tungubusu by the Portugueses, and Tamboutou by some modern Authors, the Metropolis of the Kingdom, feated on the River Senega, and on the Frontiers of the Kingdom of Gambia: Cancia; Tocror; Caragoli; and Caffali.

It remains only to give an account of the two Maritime Kingdoms of Negroe-Land beyond the ualata River Niger, the most Northern of which is Gualara, or Galata, containing feveral Gold-Mines and the following Towns, viz. Falli; Hebedefen; Gandia; Gualata; Angra near Cape Blanco; Arguyn, a Sea-Port Town and the Capital of a Country of the fame Name; and Hoden. The other Maritime Kingdom is Genehoa, fituated in the middle, between Gualara on the North, and the River Senega on the South. It produces abundance of Cattel, Corn and Cotton; and is chief Towns are, Joulejaba; Samballamech, or Samballama; Pauefau; Kellen; Ganar; Brack; Kockio; Formalick; and Genekoa, the most eminent of

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all, water'd by the River Senega.

The third and last Part of Negroe-Land being the least, is more especially noted for its Situation between the Arms of the River Niger, and is inhabited by different forts of People, particularly, the Jaloffes, Cafanga's, and Bijago's, to which fome add the Bisfares; but a Defeription has been already made of these last, and of their Kingdom, in treating of that Part of Negroe-People. are the most Northern, and live between the River Senega and Ganbia, which likewife comprehend two Kingdoms of the fame Name. On the Mouth of the Senega, the French have establish'd a Colony under the Government of a Society, a Colony under the Government of a Society, which they term La Compagnie du Senegail; where they carry on a great Traffick for Negroes and Ivory. The Towns of this Tract are, Julieto; Gambia, the Capital of a Kingdom io nam'd; Budomel; Sollul; Emboul; and India, a Sca-Pott on the Eaft of Cape Verde, call'd Green-head by the Earlish artising was heretofore known by the the English, which was heretofore known by the Name of Promontorium aut Corns Hefferium, (according to Ortelius and Claverius,) altho' others will have it to be the Arsunavium of the Ancients; it is the most Famous and most Western Promontory of all those that are enclos'd within the Arms of the Niger, and was first discover'd by Denis Ferdinando a Portuguese, A. D. 1446; but the Hollanders are now Masters of it, as we are inform'd by Leutholfius. Cape Verde is very much frequented by the Europeans upon the account

of Trade, and lyes at the distance of about 20 Leagues from the Mouth of the River Senega, as also 240 Miles from the Town of Genehaa. The other confiderable Towns of the Territories of other confiderable Towns of the Territories of the Jaloffes, are Barfola, Nabara; and Charles-Fort. The People main'd Cafanga's are fettled Cafanga's between the Gambia and the River of St. Domingo; P. and their chief Towns are, Bintha; Codan; Serra; Cafama; and Jura. The Bijago's have their Abode furtheft towards the South, between the the River St. Domingo and Rio Grande; where are the Towns of Catcheo, or Catheo Amatado; Times; Powerseas, and Boala or Roads. Porvação; and Boyla, or Bugla.

After having describ'd the whole Country of VII. Nigritia, or Negroe-Land, it is requifite to take a particular View of its principal River; upon account of which we have divided it into three Parts. The Niger then, call'd Nigir by Protency, Niger and at prefent, Heid Nijar by the Inhabitants, Flew. (according to Marnel,) rifes in Ethiopia out of the Lake Niger, and flows Northward thro' the Kingdom of Medra, Part of that of Biafar, taken at large: From thence it conveys its Stream thro, the Southern Part of the Kingdom of Borno, and is there fwallow'd up in a fubterraneous Cave, as it is express'd in the most part of the Maps, except that of M. la Rebbe. As foon as it has recovered it felf, it runs thro' the Lake Borno; turns its Courfe directly Weltwards, thro' the middle of Negroe-Land; and is encreased with feveral Rivers, the Names of which are fearee known to the Europeans. In the Kingdom of Gangara it makes a large filand, and in that of Carlo. that of Guber, it passes thro' the Lake Guarda: Thus after a very long Courfe, it divides it felf and Tombut, and lower, into feveral others, which lofing the Name of Niger, affume new ones, and flux at laft difeharge themselves thro fix very w de S. Domin-Laft duries of Coard These so Flux. at last discharge themselves thro in very wides. Domin Mouths into the Atlantick Ocean. These Arms go Flav. or Mouths of the Niger (beginning to reckon Casathem from South to North,) are named Rio manza Grande, i. c. the Great River; Rio S. Domin o, or Flav. St. Dominick's River, otherwise call' J. Rio James, Rio dos Ostros, Rio Casanazza; Rio dos Ostros; R. Garehie, and Gambia R. Senega. The Rivers Senega and Rio Grande, Flav. Girras and Liveness we have eness the others that Ive in the mid-Sangar. furpass in largeness the others that lye in the mid-Senega

The River Niger overflows the adjacent Terri- VIII. tories, at a certain time; and upon that account M. Sanson deservedly calls it, The Nile of the Negrous. This Inundation (as we are informed by Leo Africanus,) begins every Year on the 15th Day of June, encreases for the space of 45 Days, and takes up as much time in its Decrease. But it rifes so high, that Ships may fail thro' the Countries of Negroe-Land, that lye near this River, nevertheless not without great Dan-

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CHAP. XI.

The Islands of CAPE VERD.

A Table of the Islands of Cape VERD.

Five on I. do S. Fago S. Domingo Ribera Gran.
I. do S. Fago S. Tago, Metropolis
I. da Bona Vilta Mari The I- . flands of Cape Verd, are Ten in (Ilha do Sal I. do S. Nicolao number, Five on viz. theNorth, I. da Santa Luzia
I. do S. Vicente
I. do Sant Antonio

Cape Verd Isles.

HE Islands of Cape Verd, in Spanish Las Islas de Cabo Verde, are situated in the iniddle of the Atlantick Ocean, over against Negroe-Land, at the distance of 360 Miles (according to M. Baudrand,) from that Continent, on the Welt. Many are of Opinion, that they take their Name from the faid opposite Cape; but others will have them to derive it from the Sea of Sargasso: For so the Portugueses call that Part of the Atlantick Ocean, that Iyes between these Islands of Negroe-Land, and extends it self far and wide; from a certain Herb that bears the same Denomination in their Language, and in Dutch that of Kleyn Peterfely. These Herbs, which are somewhat like Watercresses, bring forth narrow Leaves, with little Berries, that are empty on the infide and infipid, and cover the whole furface of the Sea; infomuch that afar off, it feems to be a green Island, and Ships are often so entangled with their Fibres, that they cannot get loofe, without the help of a gentle Gale of Wind; upon which account, the Sea of Sargafo is so formidable to Sailers, that they use their utmost Endeavours to avoid it, as it were a foul Fiend, or Fury. But by what means this Herb happens to grow in fo great a depth of Water, and at fo valt a diffance from the Land, is a Question that has put many a clear-fighted Philosopher to a Non-plus. Moreover, the Isles of Cape Verd are also termed by the Hollanders De Soute Eylanden, i. e. The Salt-Islands, and not without good grounds, in regard that they abound with that necessary Commo-

These Islands (according to the Opinion of several Authors) were call'd Gorgades, or Gorgones, by the Ancients, from the three Sisters nam'd Gorgons, that are faud to have inhabited them; as also Hisperides; which nevertheless others diffinguish from the Gorgodes, because it is recorded in History, that the former were distant above forty Days Voyage from the Continent of Africa: So that they suppose, those Hesperides to have been certain Islands situated in St. Thomas's Bay, or where the Azores now appear; or rather, they may be taken for the fame with the Caribbees, or Antilles, in the Gulph of Mexico.

The Islands of Cape Verd were first discover'd III.

(according to Bertius) by Lewes Cadmusto, a Genoese, A. D. 1440, and were found altogether untilled, and destitute of Inhabitants, no manner of Human Foot-step appearing any where: But there were Flocks of Doves so tame, that they might have been taken with one's Hand, or kill'd with Sticks. Afterwards the Portugueses settled themselves in these Isles, who still retain them in their Possession. They are situated between the 14th and 20th Degree of Northern Latitude, and between the 154th and 158th De-gree of Longitude. The Air is excessive hot and unwholsom, and the Soil is of a different nature: For in some of them it is Rocky and Barren, but in others sufficiently Fruitful, bringing forth most excellent Fruits; and affording likewife good flore of Wine and Sugar. There is also abun-dance of Fowl and Cattel, more especially Kids.

Some reckon up twenty Isles of Cape Verd, but the chief of them are only Ten in number;

Vicente, and Sant Antonio.

The five first lye out a great deal farther to- v. wards the South than the rest, and are of a small compass except San Fago. The Island of Brava is the most Western, and produces the best Brava fort of Wine; as also does Ilha do Fuego, i. e. Isle. The Isle of Fire, which is not far distant from Los Brava on the East. The Island of San Jago S. Jago or St. James, extending it self farther towards Isle. the North-East, is the largest and most populous of all those of Cape Verd: It is best with Mountains, but the Valleys bring forth good store of Graves. Sugar, Rice. Melons. Pamegranates Grapes, Sugar, Rice, Melons, Pomegranates, Oranges, Leinmons and Figgs. Among the Cattel here bred, there are numerous Herds of Goats and Kids, the Flesh and Skins of which are much esteem'd. There is also a vast number of Tortoifes, whose Shells are as large as Bucklers, and the greatest plenty imaginable of Salt. The Sea-Port Towns of this Island are, San Domingo, or S. Dominick's; Ribera Grande, which M. Bautrand makes an Episcopal Sea, under the Metropolitan of Lisbon; fituated on the Mouth of a River, that is capable of containing Ships of the largest fize: S. Jago, or Saint James's Town, which (as we are inform'd by M. La Robbe,) is the Seat of a Bishop and of a Portuguese Governour, to whose Jurisdiction the Islands of Cape Verd are not only subject, but also the Governours of those Places which are under the Dominion of the King of Portugal, on the Sca-Coasts of the Upper Guinea; Praya; and Santa Maria. The Island of Mavo is of a round Figure, and affords; do abundance of Salt, as well as that of Bona Vista, Mayo i. e. The Island of Good Sight, so call'd by the Distance Source when they first arrived there, avery social Wista. coverers when they first arriv'd there, over-joy'd na Vista. at their prosperous Success.

Among the five latter Islands of Cape Verd,

do fal. Ilha do Sal, i. e. the Salt-Isle follows in order, being the most Eastern, and abounding with wild do S. Hosses. Ilha do S. Nicolao, or St. Nicholai's Island, licolao. Iyes a great deal further Westward, and is the Luzia largest after S. Jago. Santa Luzia, or St. Lucia's

Is in much lesser than the last, and faid to be well inhabited. The silands of Sant Antonio, or 3. Anto-St. Anthony, and San Vincente, or St. Vincent arctonio. larger than Santa Lucia, and the latter extends Sinites farthest towards the North-East.

CHAP. XII. ZAARA.

A Table of the Defart of Zaara.

On the Tegunt Zanhaga West Almahara Defart containing On the East ${Zanhaga \atop Tegaffa}$ Puis Zuenziga {Zuenziga {Ziz Proper Zuenzi-AARA divided into VII Provinces, viz. ga D. Gogden Defart Ghir D. Ghir S Hair D. Targa Proper Targa D. Ignid D. Lempta Suma Catif Elchebir On the North Lempta On the Agades South Degir Berdoa, Defart and Kingdom Berdoa Sarno On the Borno Kaugha Weft Defart Amasen and (On the East Kingdom Albayad Gaoga Kingdom and Defart Gaoga

ROM the Islands of Cape Verd, we return to the Continent, and there (according to our proposed Method) take a View of Zara, or Zahara, otherwise call'd Sarra and Saara, an Arabian Term which signifies a Desart. This Country is bounded on the South, by Negroe-Land, and Part of the Kingdom of Biasar, taken at large; on the East, by Nubia; on the North, by Biledulgerid; and on the West, by the Atlantick Ocean: It reaches from the 4th. to the 41st. Degree of Longitude, as also from the 20th. to the 28th. Degr. of Northern Latitude, and consequently lyes under the Tropick of Cancer: Its Extent is narrowest on the West, more especially on the Coasts of the Atlantick Sea, and broadest where it borders upon Biasar, and the opposite Part of Biledulgerid.

The Air of Zaara is very hot, nevertheless so wholesom, that it is said to restore sick Persons the latest the same seasons.

The Air of Zaara is very hot, nevertheless to wholesom, that it is faid to restore sick Persons to their Health, who are conveyed thither out of the neighbouring Provinces. The Soil is so full of Sand, that the whole Country is frequently Part 2

termed The Sandy Sea, by the Arabians and other Nations: It is also dry, barren, very little cultivated, and often miserably insested with Locusts. However, numerous Herds of Camels are here bred, in which the Riches of these Parts chiefly consist. The Rivers are very few in number, so that its Eastern Tract is only water'd by the Giras and the Lake Borno; the middle by the Ghir; and the Eaftern Part by the Horfe-River, which being divided into two Arms, runs into the A-tlantick Ocean. Therefore large Wells, or Pits are ulually digg d in the High-Ways, but fo inconvenient, and in Places fo far distant one from another, that Travellers often dye for Thirst. The Natives are reputed robust, and able to endure hard Labour, the scorching Heat of the Sun and the fuffocating Storms of Dust and Sand: Some of them live in Towns, and others wander up and down like brute Beafts; the former being fomewhat civiliz'd: But the latter are altogether Savage, Untameable, and extremely addicted to Robbery and Rapine. Part of these People are subject to their own Kings, whom they style Xeques, or Cheques, i.e. Lords, and profess the Mahometan Religion.

The whole Continent of Zaara is divided into feven particular Provinces, or Defarts, which take their Names, for the most part, from Towns, and are (beginning to count them from the East) Zanhaga, Zuenziga, Targa, Lamta, Berdoa, Borno and Gaoga.

Aniong these Provinces, Zanhaga, or Sanhaga IV. is only maritim, and of a quadrangular Figure, Zanhaga extending itself for a considerable space from Desart. West to East, but not far from South to North. The Horse-River, of which we have already made mention, takes its Rise in this Province, flows through it, and at last runs from thence into the Sea. The Cities and Towns hereabouts are not only very few in number, but also throughout the whole Country of Zanna. In passing Westward, Tegunt and Almahara present themselves to our View; and the Town of Zanhaga, with the Desart of the same Name, appears farther on the East; as also Pais; and Tegussa, or Tegasza, abounding with Salt, that is digg dout of a Rock. This last Town is placed in several Maps on the South of the Tropick of Cancer, not far from the Frontiers of the Kingdom of Tombas; and in others under the Tropick itself.

Zuenziga, which some take for a Kingdom and others for a Desart, borders on the East, upon Zuenziga.

Zuenziga, which fome take for a Kingdom and v. others for a Defart, borders on the Eail, upon Zuenziga Zanhaga, and is water'd by the Rivers Ghir and D. Ziz. It is inhabited by Arabians, who are Manflealers, and ufually divided into Proper Zuenziga, the Defart of Gogden, and that of Ghir. The Defart

I. Zaara. Defart of Kingdom of Zuenziga strictly taken is its Northern Part, lying next to Biledulgerid, where the Town of Zuenziga is feated on the left-fide Bank of the Ziz, and that of Ziz farther East-Dogden ward. The Defart of Gogden is extended about D. the Tropick of Cancer, and that of Ghir, lyes out Ghia D. from thence towards the South; in which the Town of Ghir stands on a River of the same Name.

VI. Targa, the most Northern of all the Provinces TargaD. of Zaxra, is likewise differently reputed a Desart and Kingdom: It affords Passures for Cattel, and Wells of good Water, with excellent Manna, which is said to fall every Morning. This Province is water'd by the River Ghir, and divided into three Parts, vizz. Hair, Proper Targa and Hair D. Ignid. The Desart of Hair takes up the Western Track, and its Town bearing the same Name, is otherwise call'd Benefer. The Desart or Kingdom

Froper of Targa properly fo termed, extends itself farTarga. ther towards the East: where the Town of Targa, nam'd also Sagra and Zaghara, is seated on
the Western side of a large Lake. The Desart
Ignid D. of Ignid is plac'd by M. Sanson on the South of the

Tropick of Cancer, and on the Borders of Negroe-Land, although others fet out its Bounds towards Biledulgerid.

VII. Lemta, or Lempta lyes next to Targa, as also Lempta Suma, and is one of the largest Provinces of Zara. Some think fit to dignifie it with the Title of a Kingdom, and others only reckon it among the Desarts. The Towns of this Province are Lemta, Suma, and Caif Elchebir, on the North of the Tropick, with Agades and Degir, or Digir, on the South of the same Circle.

VIII. It remains to give a short Account of the three last Provinces, nam'd Berloa, Borno, and Gaaga, which among all the rest (according to the O-

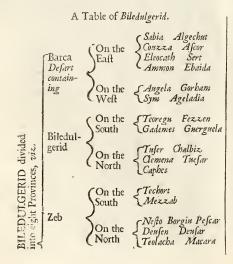
pinion of fome Authors) are only creeked into diffinit Kingdoms. The Kingdom and Defart of Berdoa Berdoa, bordering on the Well upon Lempia, and Dead on the North upon Biledalgerid, is divided (according to its Length) almost into two equal Parts by the Tropick; and is not altogether 15 dry and barren as the other Provinces. It brings forth abundance of Palm-trees, and its chief Town is likewise nam'd Berdoa.

The Kingdom and Defart of Borno, or Bornoa, IX. (as others term it) is the only Province of Zaa-Bornol ra, that does not lye under the Tropick of Cancer: and K. It is also the largelt, most Southern and best cultivated, and assords plenty of Water. The Inhabitants being partly of a black and partly of a tawny Complexion, are of a good Temper, and more civilized than those of the other Provinces. The most remarkable Towns of this Tract, are Borno the Capital of the Kingdom, a Place of some Repute; Kuygha, on the Northern sile of the spacious Lake Borno, which lyes between this Kingdom and Negroe-Land; and Amassen, not far from the Eastern side of the same Lake. Besides these Towns, Albayad, otherwise call'd Albayajad and Talmama, is seated farther Eastward, near the River Nabia, and the Frontiers of the Kingdom of the same Name.

The Kingdom and Defart of Gaoga, the most X. Eastern of all the Provinces of Zaara, is situated Gaogak between Borno and Berdoa, on the West, and Now and D. bia on the East. It abounds with Cattel, and by that means provides Employment for the Natives; part of whom have embrac'd the Christian Religion, after the same manner as some of the Egyptians. The capital Town of this Kingdom is likewise nam'd Gaoga, or Kaugha, and stands on

the Western side of a great Lake.

CHAP. XIII. BILEDULGERID.





FTER having pass'd through the Desarts of Zaara, we enter Biledulgerid, which is eall'd by the Arabians, Beled el Gerid, i.e. The Country of Dates, and derives its Name from the great plenty it affords of that fort of Fruit. It is bounded on the South, by Zaara and Nubia; on the East, by Egypt; on the North, by Barbary; and on the West, by the Sea of the Canaries, Part of the Atlantick Ocean. This whole Country is situated between the 5th and 61st Degree of Longitude, and between the 22d and 32d Degr, of Northern Latitude; so that its greatest Extent reaches from West to East, but it does not extend itself uniformly from South to North: For its least Breadth takes up one Degr. and half, its greatest almost 7 Degr. and the Parts lying in the middle, indifferently come near to the Dimensions of both Extremes.

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The Air of Biledulgerid is much of the same nature with that of Zaara, that is to say, excessive hot, yet very healthful, and the Inhabitants are faid to be long liv'd. The Soil is generally fandy, dry, rough, untilled and barren, and the Country is very little inhabited in many Places; nevertheless, in others it is more pleasant and fruitful; but it abounds with nothing more than Camels and Dates, which are usually exchang'd for Corn and other Grain, that are here extremely scarce. This Country is inhabited both by the Natives and by several Arabian Colonies. The former are favage, ruftical, intemperate, stupid, and addicted to Robbery and Rapine: The latter and addicted to recovery and reapper. The latter are of a more civil and obliging Temper, and very industrious in the management of their Affairs. They live in Tents, and remove them from one Place to another, seeking for new Pastures, as often as the Cattel have made those bare, where they first settled their Abode; but it is unsafe to trust either of these fort of People. They are partly govern'd by their own Kings or Princes, who are almost altogether tributary to the Turks, Algerines, Tunetans and Tripolitans: Again, Part of them are subject to a multiplicity of Governments; whilft others are quite defittute of Rule, and free from all manner of Laws and political Obligations. The Princes of these Parts and a great number of the People adhere to the Maliometan Superstitions, and many fens are also in-termix'd among them, who have built Synagogues in the chief Towns, where they drive a confiderable Trade.

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All Geographers do not observe the same Method in the dividing of Biledulgerid, some making it to contain twelve Provinces, and others only seven or eight. The last Division comprehends all its most remarkable Provinces, which are the Desart of Barea, Proper Biledulgerid, Zeb, Tegorarin, Segelmessa, Tasket, Darks and Tesser. The two first take up almost one half of the Country, situated on the East, and the six last the other balf that lyes on the West.

In travering these Provinces in their Order, IV. from the East, the Desurt of Barca first presents Earca tiefelf to out View; being a very large Province, Desarta bounded on the South, by the Kingdoms of Nabia and Gaoga; on the West, by the Kingdom of Berdon and Proper Biledagerid; on the North, by the Kingdom of Barca; and on the East, by Egypt. It is full of most desart Wildernesses, some of which are nevertheless well inhabited, containing the following Towns or Villages, on the East, viz. Sabia; Alguebet on a Lake; Conzza; Alcor; Eleocath, on the side of a Lake; Son; Anmon; and Ebaida. The Western Towns are Afgela; Gorham; Sym, on the Consines of the Kingdom of Barca; Ageladia, or Agedalia, on the River Melel.

Bileangerid properly so call'd, has for its Bounds on the North, the Kingdoms of Tripoli and Tunis; Proper on the Worlt, the Province of Zeb; on the South, EicdulZaara; and on the East the Desart of Barea: It gerid. reaches for a considerable space, from East to West; but its Extent from South to North is a great deal lefs. The Soil, more especially in the North-Western Tract, brings forth so great abundance of Dates, that it has imposed the Name of Biledulgerid, not only on this Province, but also on the whole Country. However there are several Desarts, but in the Southern Part, we may observe the Towns of Teoregu; Fezzen; Gademes; and Gherguela, referred by some to the Province of Zeb, which are the Capital of certain Territories of the same Name. In the Northern Part, appear Tuser, on the left side of the River Capes; Chalbiz; Clemena; Teusar; and Caphes.

The Province or Kingdom of Zeb borders upon

The Province or Kingdom of Zeb borders upon VI. Proper Biledulgerid, and its Southern; Towns are Zeb Techore feated on a Hill on the South of a River Prov. of the fame Name; being the chief of the Techortine Territory, which is very plentiful of Dates, and taken by fome, for a diffinet Province of Biledulgerid: And Mezzab, the most eminent Town of a Territory whereto it has communicated its Name, and (as others will have it) a separate Province, through which Travellers frequently pass into Negroe-Land and Barbary, and keep the same Road in returning from those Countries. Farther Northwards are Nylo, otherwise nam'd Nessa, or Nessa; and Borgia, on or near the River Guadalbarbar. In palling lower we come to Pescar; and Deusen, on the Confines of the Kingdom of Algiers; asalio Deuser; Teolacha; and Macara.

The Province of Tegorarin lying next to Zeb, VII. on the Well'is well water'd, and brings forth great Tegoraftore of Dates, and feveral forts of Grain, but is rin F. not fufficiently flock'd with Cattel. The Inhabitants are much addicted to merchandizing, and the Northern Towns are Tegorarin the Capital; Telebit likewise the chief of a Country of the same Name; and That. The other Towns on the

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South, are Tegzat; Tegrat; and Benigorai or Be-

nigorait, on the River Ghir.

The Province of Segelomessa, or Segelmessa, extending it self on the West of Tegorarin, is one of the most considerable Parts of Biledulgerid, and is water'd by several Rivers: The chief of these are, the Ghir and the Ziz, which like the Nile, are us'd to over-flow this Country, and the Towns of Note are feated on or near those Rivers; particularly, Feghig on the East of Ghir; Benigumi on its Eastern Bank; and Chasaira higher, near the Frontiers of the Kingdom of Fez: On the Weltern fide of the Ghir, are Mazalig and Abshinan, somewhat lower: On or near the Eastern side of the Ziz, in descending from North to South, we may take notice of Gastrir; Tamaracost; Melel; Mammnna; Segelmessa, the Metropolis; Tenegent; and Tebubasant: At some distance from the Ziz, Westwards, appear Humeledeg; Ummelhefen; and Sugaihil, not far from the River Togda.

The Province of Taflet, which others dignifie with the Title of a Kingdom, is of a great deal IX. Tafilet lesser extent than Segelmessa; lying between it on the East; the Kingdom of Morocco on the North; Darka on the Welt; and Zuenziga, a Province of Zaara, on the South. The River Farcala runs Yeata F. thro' this Province, and the Territories of Nata, commonly reputed its Southern Part, is subject to its Jurisdiction. Both these Countries are very Mountainous, and the chief Town of Tasilet bears

the same Name with the Province. The Province of Darha, which some likewise ereclinto a Kingdom, is fituated between Tafilet on the East, and Teffet on the South and West. Others will have the Bounds of this Province fo far enlarg'd, as to include those of Tafilet and Tiata, just now specified, within its Jurisdiction; but we take it in a stricter sense. Darha (according to Marmol) is fubject to the Dominion of the King of Tafilet, and a River of the fame Name flows thro the whole Country from North to South. The Towns on the East of this River are, Mucabah, otherwise call'd Benisabih; Swzerin; Tinzed; Darba alias Tesuf, the Capital; Taragalel; and Jamegnerut: On the West of the Darba, appear Tinzulin; Tagumadert; and Afra, on the Borders of Teffet.

Teffet is a very large Maritim Province, and XI. the most Western of all the Parts of Biledulgerid; Tesset its Western Tract being water'd by many Rivers. P.
The inland Country contains the following
Towns, viz. Archa, on the Confines of Zaara;
as also Tesset, the Capital; Isren, on the River Arid; and Guaden, on the River Buzader. On or near the Coasts of the Canarian Sea, are the Towns of Buzador, on the East of Cape Bajador ; Nun, Albena, Ansulima ; Munster ; Targuez, or Targuez, a Town of the Province of Sus, the greater Part of which is comprehended within the Kingdom of Morocco, and shall be more particularly described hereafter in treating of that Kingdom; Bulez on Cape Non, heretofore reputed the utmost Boundary of Navigation; and Suana, seated very near the Kingdom of Morocco.

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CHAP. XIV.

The CANARY-ISLANDS.

A Table of the CANARY-ISLANDS.

Fer, Island (Hierro, or Ferro S. Cruz de la Palma Palma 1. Tassacorda S. Andre Brenia Gomer Gomera Pike, Mountain \S. Christoval de Laguna La Ramela Gerachico Teneriff Adeca Gratiofa S. Cruz La Ro-Seven The Canary-Mands are 14, viz. Grea-(Tedla Argorez Galder ter, Canary I. Guia Arginogi Canary Forteventura Chaliros Forteven-) Baltarhay Langala tura 1. Poso Negro Tarafalo Ricquerocqua Lancero- Rubicon Porto de Cavalos ta I. Porto de Naos Lancerota

(Isla de los Lobos Rocco I. Seven Gratiofa I. Leffer, S. Clara I. Alagranza I. The two Salvages

HE Canary-Islands are situated in the L Canarian Sea, over against Tesset, the Canary most Western Province of Biledulgerid, Islands and were fo termed by the Spaniards (according to Linschoten,) upon their first Discovery, from the abundance of Dogs that were seen on the Coasts: But one of these Islands was long be-Coans: Dut one of the manus was one of the call'd Canaria, even in Pliny's time (a sthat Author affures us,) from the great number of Dogs [Canes in Latin] of a prodigious Size found therein, and fill retains the fame Name; which this Island, being as it were the Principal, com-municated to the rest of the Canaries. They are generally supposed to be the same with the Infula Portunata of the Ancients, in regard that the moderate temperature of the Air and fruitfulness of the Soil, which were more especially remarkable in the latter, as also their little distance from Mauritania, with the particular Name and Condition of every one of them, cannot be more fitly apply'd to any other Islands of the Atlantick Ocean. Indeed, it must be acknowledg'd, That the Latitude which *Ptolemey* assigns to the Fortunate Isles, is more agreeable to that of the Islands of Cape *Verd* than of the *Canaries*; but it is not to be imagin'd, that that famous Geographer always set down the Longitude and Latitude of Places, with the utmost Exactness and

Accuracy.

The chief of the Canary-Islands are situated between the 26th and 29th Degree of Northern Latitude, and the rest that are of a great deal lefs Note, lye out a little farther towards the North: They also extend themselves (according to several Maps) from Well to East, from the first Meridian to the seventh Degree of Longitude. The Air is somewhat hot, but very healthful, and the Soil is extremely rich, abundantly bringing forth the belt forts of Grain, with most admirable Oranges, Lemmons, Pomegranates, Figgs and Dates; befides, the fineft Sugar and Wine of a most exquisite Taste, which is trans-Wine of a most exquinte rane, which is man-ported to all the Countries of Europe, and chief-ly to England. There is alfo plenty of Gun and Wood; Oricelum, a kind of Herb that is much us'd in the Dying of Clothes with a Pur-ple Colour: Laftly, Thefe Islands abound with variety of Birds and Cattel, more especially wild Affes and Kids, the Milk and Skins of which are much effeem'd. The Canary-Ifles were first difcover'd (according to M. Baudrand) by John de Betancourt, a Noble French Man, who made himself Master of two of them, viz. Forteventura and Lancerota, A. D. 1417. Asterwards Ferdinand Peraza took Possession of Gomera and Ferro, in 1445, and Proper Canary was brought rerry, in 1445, and Proper Canary was prought into subjection to the Spaniards, by Peter de Vera in 1483; as also Palma in 1493, by Alfonso Ferdinando de Lugo, who likewise subdu'd Teneriffe in 1496. So that all these Islands still continue under the Jurisdiction of the Spaniards, and are reputed an Appendage of the Kingdom of Castille. of Castille.

Pliny, who is follow'd by Solinus and Capella, reckons up fix fortunate Islands, as well as Piolemey, who places all under the same Meridian; but there is a great deal of difference between the Names that are attributed to them by these Authors. At present the larger and principal Canaries are seven in Number; and beginning to view them from the West, they appear in the following Order, viz. Fer, or Ferro, Palma, Gomera, Tenerist, Canary, Fortevensura and Lancerota.

lowing Order, viz. Fer, or Ferro, Palma, Gomera, Teneriff, Canary, Forteventura and Lancerota.

The Hand of Fer, in Spanish La Isla del Hierro, or Ferro, is the most Western of all, and sarthest distant from the Continent, being altogether Untilled, Rough and Barren, altho' some commend its Fruitfulness: It is also extremely drie, and (as they say) quite destitute of Wells, Springs and Rivers; neither is it ever resresh'd with any Showers of Rain: However, the Divine Providence has afforded a singular expedient to supply this want of fresh Water, and such as is no where else to be observ'd; by the means of a certain Tree of an unknown Kind, bearing somewhat long and narrow Leaves that are always green: The Tree is also said to be extremely ancient, and never to decay, or die; but some deny that it has any such Property, and to retrench its everlasting Continuance, are willing to admit of several others of the same Kind.

This wonderful Tree (as some give it out) is cover'd every Morning with a little Cloud, by which all the Branches, Trunk and Leaves, are fo thoroughly foak'd, that a most clear and pleafant Liquor continually drops down from them, which is received in Vessels set round about for that purpose, and in so great a quantity, as is a-bundantly sufficient for the use of the Inhabi-tants and Cattel throughout the whole Manda It is reported, That when the Spaniards first made a descent upon this Island, a certain Harlot discover'd the faid Tree to them, which the Natives earneflly endeavour'd to keep from their Knowledge; neverthelets, the only procur'd her own Ruin by the Difcovery. The French have made the first Meridian to pass thro' the Western Part of the Isle of Fer ever tince the Year 1634; by the special Command of King Lewis XIII. after he had confulted the most skilful Astronomers and Geographers about the matter. This Island (according to the relation of John Nun de Pena,) takes up 6 Leagues in breadth, 7 in length, and 22 in compass, and has a Town likewise nam'd Hierro, with a convenient Harbour.

The Island of Palma is more Northern than Fer, V. and well cultivated, abounding with all forts of Palma I: Fruit: It also produces good flore of Sugar, and a kind of Wine like Malmsey, which is transported even as far as America. Its Capital Town bears the Name of Santa Cruz de la Palma, and enjoys the advantage of a safe Harbour. There is also a great number of Villages, particularly Taffacorda, St. Andrew and Brenia, and a burning Mountain, that casts forth Flames, as we are inform'd by the above-cited J. Nun de Pena, who was a Native of this Place. Palma Isle is said to extend it self for the space of 26 Leagues in compass, 10 in length, and 7 in breadth, and was

The Island of Gomera, fittuated on the South of Vi. Palma, is very fruitful, affording plenty of Grain, Gomera Apples, Sugar and Wine, with Pastures for nu-limerous Herds of Cattel. It takes up 22 Leagues in compass, and has a considerable Town of the same Name, with a very capacious Harbour.

The Island of Teneriff, call'd Thenerife by the Vit.

The Island of Teneriff, call'd Thenerife by the vit. Inhabitants and Spaniards, lyes next to Gomera Teneriff on the East, and almost in the middle of the Isleven Canaries; taking up 48 Spanish Leagues in compass, 8 in breadth, and above 15 in length. Niger takes it for Pliny's Nivaria, that deriv'd its Name from the Snow, with which it was continually cover'd: However, it is at present well cultivated, very pleasant and extremely fruitful, more especially of Grain and Laurel. This Island was heretofore govern'd by several Princes who were its Natives, but after a War of two Years the Spaniards made themselves Masters of it, under the Conduct of Alsonso Ferdinando de Lugo, Septemb. 29. A.D. 1496, and it is still subject to the Dominion of the King of Spain. Here is to be seen a most famous Mountain, one of the highest of the whole World, which is commonly called The Pike, as also El Pico de Teyda, or Pico de Teyraira by the Inhabitants, and Il Pico di Tenerifa by the Italians. It rifes up (fays Snellins J after the manner of a vast Pillar of a Conical Figure, the lowest Parts of which are most spacious, the higher contracted by degrees into a narrower compass, and the Top ends in a sharp

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Point. The Beginning of Longitude is reckon'd from this Mountain in many of the Dutch Maps, as it has been elfewhere hinted. The Capital Town of Teneriff is Laguna, or S. Christoval de Laguna, i. e. St. Oristopher of the Lake, deriving its Name from a neighbouring Lake, being the Seat (according to M. Baudrand) of the General Governour of the Canaries. There are also several content content to the Canaries. other Towns in this Island, particularly, La Ramela; Gerachico, or Garrico; Adeca; Gratiofa; Santa Cruz, a noted Sea-Port; and La Rotana; with 30 Villages or Parilhes, and three principal Harbours. The Illand of Teneriff is distant 36 Spanish Leagues from that of Furteventura on the East, to from Canary, and 55 from the near-cst Coasts of Africa; as also eight from Gomera Isle, and about 18 from Ferro.

VIII. Canary

The Island of Canaria, or Canary, forntimes call'd La Gran Canaria, or the Great Canary by the Inhabitants, still retains its ancient Name, imposing it also (as it has been already intimated) on the other adjacent Islands. It is the most Southern of all, lying between Forteventura on Southern of an, aying octiven to the Eaft, and Teneriff on the West; neither is it inferiour to any, in the fruitfulness of the Soil and abundance of Delights. The Towns and Villages of this Island are, Tella; Argorez; Villages of this Illand are, Tedla; Argorez; Galder; Guia; Arginogi; and Canary the Capital, fo nam'd by Foreigners, but the City of Palm-Trees by the Natives; the See of a Bishop, subject to the Metropolitan of Sevil: It is a neat, well-built and populous Town, with a very convenient Harbour and a fine Castle, affording a place of Produces of a war arging round. by M. la Robbe) to the Spanish Governour. The Royal Tribunal, or Court of Judicature for all the Canaries, is also established here, with that of the Inquisition. The proper Island of Canary is extended for the space of 11 Spanish Leagues in breadth with last the description. breadth, 12 in length, and 38 in compass; being distant 30 of the like Leagues from the Promontory

of Bojador in Africa, on the Welt, and about 100 from Madera on the South.

From Canary we pass to Forteventura, in Spanish La Isla de Eucrementura, i. e. The Island of good Forteve Luck, which lyes nearest to the Province of Bile-tura I. dulgerid, at the distance of 18 Leagues from the Continent, taking up 56 Leagues in compass; as also, 25 in length, and 8 in breadth. The Inland Country is partly Mountainous and partly Champain, abounding with Palm-Tees, Olive-Trees, Maltick-Trees, Wood for Dyers, Goats and Kids. The whole Ifland is well cultivated. and has a Town likewife nam'd Forteventura, be-fides feveral Villages, particularly, Chaliros; Baltarbay; Langala; Poso Negro; Tarafalo; Ricque-rocqua, & c.

Lancerota, or Langarota, fo call'd from the X. Name of a certain Portuguese, as also, L' Isle de Lancero Lancelotte by M. Sanson, is the seventh and last of ta I. the principal Canary Islands, and lyes over against Forteventura, partaking also of the same Nature and Constitution. It is said to take up 24 Leagues in compass, and 10 in length, but scarce 4 in breadth. The Harbours and Fortify'd Places of this Island, are Rubicon; Porto de Cavalos; Porto de Naos; and Lancerota, otherwise nam'd Cayas, the Capital Town.

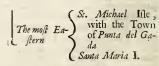
After having given a particular Account of the XI. feven chief Canary Islands, it is requisite to add a The lesse. few Words concerning fome others, that are of a Canaries great deal lefs Note. Their compass is but finall, and M. Baudrand affures us, that they are altoge-ther Defart and Untilled, viz. La Isla de los Lobos, I. de Lo or the Island of Sea-Wolves, situated between For-bos teventura and Lancerota: Rocco, Gratiofa, S. Cla-ra, and Alagranza, on the North of Lancerota. Two other Islands nam'd Salvatica, or The Salvages, lye out farther towards the North-West, which fome reckon among the Canaries, but they are omitted by others.

CHAP. XV.

The Islands of MADERA, AZORES, Oc.

A Table of the Islands situated on the North of the CANARIES.





HERE are several Islands situated on the North of the Canaries, of which it will not be improper here to make a particular Description; those that lye nearest to them, are the Defart Isle, Madera and Sunto Porto. The Defart Island, in Spanish La Isla Deserta, so Desart. nam'd from its desolate Barrenness, appears on the North of the Salvages, and is but of a finall compass, being distant only seven Miles from the Eastern Coast of Madera. The Island of Made-Madera! ra, or Madeira, (according to the Spanish Dia-lect) is a great deal larger and more eminent than the former, taking up 25 Leagues in length, and about 60 in compass. It was heretofore cal-

led Cerne Atlantica, and derives its modern Name from the great store of Wood with which it was flock'd: For when the Portugueses first enter'd this Island, it was nothing but a thick Forest; infomuch that to clear the Ground for Tillage, they fet it all on Fire, and by that means caus'd a Conflagration, (which as they fay) continu'd for the space of seven Years: However, now it is very fertile, affording plenty of the richeft Wine, Sugar, most delicious Fruits, especially Oranges, Lemmons and Pomegranates, with Corn, Honey and Wax: It also abounds with Boars and other wild Beafts, and all forts of Fowl; besides numerous Groves of Cedar-Trees. The Air at Madera is more temperate than about the Canaries, and confequently its Condition cannot be inferiour to that of any of those Islands; altho' it is not at present altogether so fruitful, as when the above-mentioned Fire happen'd. The Towns (to take no notice of the Villages which amount to above 30 in number) are, Moncerico, or Mon-chico, Santa Croce and Funchal, Funzal, or Fonzal, the chief City, so nam'd from the abundance of Pennel that was at first found growing thereabouts. It is the See of a Prelate, who is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Liston, and affords a splendid Court to the Portuguese Governour. This Island is faid to have been first discover'd by Robert Machin, an English Man; but afterwards John Gondisalvo Zarco and Tristano Vaz took poffession of it for the King of Portugal, A. D. 1419, and it is still almost entirely inhabited by that Nation. It was also remarkable for the Residence of that famous Navigator Christopher Columbus, and is distant only three Leagues from the Island of Santo Porto; as also, seven from

Isla Desierta.

Porto The Island of Santo Porto, call'd Port Saint by the French, and Holy Haven by the English, is a great deal less than Madera; taking up (as some fay) only eight Miles in compass: It is likewise possess'd by the Pertugueses, and subject to the Jurisdiction of the same Governour and Bishop. The Soil is very fruitful, and as for Honey and Wax, no better fort is to be found in any other Part of the World. But this Island is destitute of Fortifications, and confequently much expos'd to the Incursions of Pirates, by whom it was more especially inselled in the beginning of the

Jast Century.

The Islands of Afores, or Azores, lye at a greater distance from the Canaries, on the North-West, and were so nam'd (as it is generally believ'd) by the Spaniards, from a kind of Hawk, zores call'd Azor in their Language, and in the plural Number Azores; because they abounded with fuch Birds of Prey. These Islands are also styl'd Terceres from the name of the chief of them, and The Upper, by reason of their Northern Situation, with respect to the Canaries. Moreover, they are usually termed by the Hollanders, De Vlaemsche Eylanden, i. e. The Flandrian Islands, in regard that (as it is reported) they were first discover'd, by certain Merchants of Brages in Flanders, who fent Colonies thither to improve them by Tillage; for nothing was then to be found there but Trees, more especially Cedars, and several forts of Fowl. Afterwards they were made over to the King of Portugal, and are still subject to his Dominion. The Azores Isles are fituated between the 37th

and 41st Deg. of Northern Lat. in the middle of the Atlantick Ocean, almost at an equal Distance from Northern America and Africa; upon which account, M. Sanson in his Map of the Terreftrial Globe, does not place them next to either of those Continents, but between both. However, many refer them to Africa, and we have also follow d their Opinion; altho, they are some what nearer to Spain than to America, or Africa, and are the most remote of all the Islands that beand are the instruction of different and the latter. The Air is wholforn, and the inland Territories abound with Corn, Wine, Fruit, Fowl and Cattel. There are feveral hot Baths and Springs, which turn Wood that is thrown therein into Stone. It is related by Ortelius, That Paffengers who fet out from our Hemisphere to America, as soon as they have fail'd by the Azores, are immediately freed from Buggs, Fleas, Lice, and all forts of Vermin of the like nature, which die at that very inflant.

These Islands are commonly reputed to be nine in Number, viz. Corvo, Flores, Fayal, Pico, S. Corvo George, Gratisfa, Tercera, S. Michael and Santa sile. Maria. The files of Corvo and Flores are the Flores s. most Western, so that some Geographers make the first Meridian to pass thio' them; but Bertius admits of neither into the Rank of the Azores: The former being the leffer and more Northern, is fo nam'd from its numerous Flocks of Crows, and the latter from the abundance of Flowers. The Island of Fayal extends it felf farther towards Fayal I. the East, and takes its name from the great number of Beech-trees, where (as we are inform'd by Ortelius,) some of the Posterity of the Flandrians who inhabited the Azores, still have a place of Abode. The Island of Pico lying next Pico I. to Fayal, is larger, and of a fomewhat long Figure, deriving its Denomination from a very high Mountain of a Conick Form, which is termed El Pico by the Portugueses, and sometimes casts forth Flames. St. George's Island is like-S.George wise extended more in length than breadth, and I. a little farther Northward, being so call'd conformably to the usual manner of the Portugueses, who often impose on a Place, the Name of that Saint on whose Festival they first arriv'd there; which fingular Cuftom is observable as well in the Isles of Azores, as in other Parts discover'd by that Nation. The Island Graiosa, which is Gratiosa more Northern and of a leffer Extent, owes its I. Name to its extraordinary Pleasantness, as that of Tercera or The Third, is so styled from its Situa-Tercera I. tion; for it is the third Island of the Azores, in passing over from the Continent of Spain: It is also the most eminent of all, and often communicates its Name to the relt: Its Metropolis is nicates its Name to the reft: Its Metropolis is Angra, i.e. a Station for Shins, dignified with the Title of an Epifeopal See, well built and feated on the Southern Coaft of the Illand, with a capacious Harbour, and the Caftle of St. Philip, most strongly fortify'd. Alfinso King of Portugal, was banish'd by his Brother to this City, A.D. 1668. The Illands of St. Michael and State S. Michael and State S. Michael Angric, are finished fruthell towards the East S. ta Maria, are fituated farthelt towards the East el. and South, and several Geographers make them S. Maria the Standard for the beginning of Longitude. The I. former takes up 32 Leagues in compass, and is distant 28 from Tercera. Its Towns are, La Punta del Gada, the Capital; Villa Franca, and Sant Autonio, or St. Anthony.

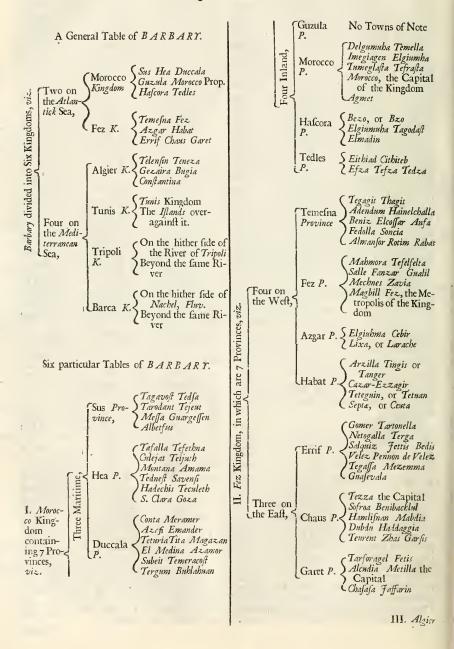
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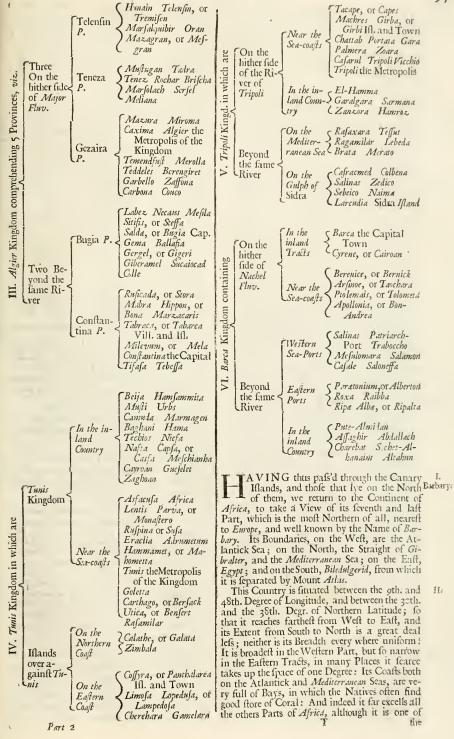
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BARBARY in General; and the Kingdom of MOROCCO in particular.





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the least, as being the most populous, best cultivated, and chiefly abounding with Cities, Towns and Villages. The Air is temperate, and the Soil fruitful, bringing forth Corn, and the most delicious Fruits: The Horses of these Parts are much esteem'd, as also the Skins of several forts of Animals, and the Inhabitants profess the Mahometan Religion.

The whole Country of Barbary comprehends fix Kingdoms, viz. those of Morocco, Fez, Algier, Tunis, Tripoli and Barca. All these particular Territories are maritim, the first of them lying on on the Atlantick Ocean; the second on the same Atlantick Sea, the Straight of Gibraltar, and the Mediterranean Sea; and the four last only on the

Mediterranean Sea.

The Kingdom of Morocco, fituated farthest of all Morocco on the South and West, is bounded on the South Kingd. by Teffet; on the East, by Darha, Tasslet and Segelmeija, Provinces of Biledulgerid; on the North, by the Kingdom of Fez; and on the West, by the Atlantick Sea. It produces abundance of Grain, Pulse, Oil, Honey, Sugar, and all forts of Every and the Course of an extraordinary of Fruit, particularly Grapes of an extraordinary largeness; besides numerous Herds of Cattel, more Marogains, and the Shing of which are call'd Marogains, and the Shag is of fingular use in the making of Hair-Camlet Stuff. There are also several Mines of Gold, Silver and Copper, and variety of Rivers. The Monarch of this Kingdom (as we are inform'd by M. Robbe) assumes the Title of Emperor of Africa, King of Morocco, Fez, Sus and Tafilet; Lord of Gago, Darha and Guinea; great Seriph of Mahomet, &c.

It is divided into feven principal Provinces, which are Sun, Hea, Duccala, Guzula, Proper Morocco, Halcora and Tedles: The three first are fituated on the Sea-coasts, and the four last, in the Sus Prov. inland Country. The Province of Sus is the most Southern of the maritim ones, and borders on the North, upon Tesset, deriving its Name from the River Sus with which it is water'd: It is omitted

by M. Baulrand, in reckoning up the Provinces of the Kingdom of Morocco, and attributed to Bile-dulgerid: But others are of a different Opinion, conformably to the Maps, in which the Southern Part of Sus, lying on the South of the River of the same Name, and containing the lesser Provinces or Territories of Extuca and Ydausquerit, is plac'd in Teffet, or Biledulgerid. Sus abounds with Corn, Flax, Sugar, Figgs, Dates and Gold, and its Sea-coalts afford plenty of fine Amber. It most remarkable Towns are Tagacost, near the Frontiers of Tesset; Tedsa; Tarodant, or Taradant, the Capital; Tejeut, on the left side of the River Sus, in the Territories about which no other Coyn is current, but fuch as is made of Gold and Iron digg'd out of the adjacent Mines; Messa, a Seaport Town, on the River Sus, not far from its Mouth; Guargessen, on the Sea-coasts of the Atlantick Sea; and Albersus somewhat higher, on

the same Coasts. The Province of Healyes next to Sus, on the Hea P. North, between the River Assfraud, on the East; and the Atlantick Sea, on the West; extending itself on the Coasts of it, from Cape Ger, or Geer, to the Mouth of the River Tensific. The inland Country is rough, mountainous and woody, but yields abundance of Barley. The Natives are ignorant of the Arts of Phylick and Surgery; nay, few of them know how to write or read: They fet down upon Mats at their Meals, after the ufual manner of the Turks, and possess the following Towns, viz. Tafalla, on the Coasts of the Atlantick Sea; Tefethna, on the Mouth of a River of the same Name, a Mart-Town with a convenient Harbour; Culejat; and Teijuth in the inland Tract; Montana, on the Sea-shore; as also, Amama; Tednest, the chief Town, on the River Savensi; Hadechis; Teculeth; Santa Clara; and Goza, on the Coasts.

The third and most Northern Province of the VII Kingdom of Morocco is Duccala, fituated between Ducca the Rivers Tenfit and Ommirabyn, and abounding P. with Corn. Its inland Towns of Note, are Conta and Meramer; and the principal Sea-port Towns, are Azafi which fome take for the most rowns, are Azap which tonic take for the most eminent, feated at a little distance from the Mouth of the River Tensity: Emander, on the East of Cape Cantin; Teturia; Tita, sometime in the Postession of the Portugueses (according to M. Sanson) but now demolish'd; Magazan, Magrazan, or Mazagan, a famous and well fortivy'd Sea-port subject to the same Nation. El Mostice. Sea-port, subject to the same Nation; El Medina feated on a Plain, at the Mouth of the River Ommiraby; Azamor, with a fine Harbour, formerly under the Dominion of the Portugueses, but afterwards recover'd by the Moors, and now almost reduc'd to a Village. The Towns of Suben; Te-meracoft; Tergum; and Bublahum follow in Order, on the left fide of the Ommiraby.

After having describ'd the Maritim Provinces, VIII. we proceed to those of the inland Country, and Guzula first to that of Guzula, which is the most South-P. ern of all; bordering on the West, upon Sus; on the South, upon Tesset; and on the East, upon Darha. This Province is water'd by the upper Part of the River Sus, and its Towns are defitute of Walls and Ramparts: But there are many large, rich and populous Villages, where-in Fairs are kept every Year, to which the Afri-cans refort in great numbers. The Inhabitants are faid to be flow and stupid, but they are very

destrous in making Iron tools.

The Province of Morocco properly so call'd, is IX. situated on the North of Grzula, and separated Proper from Hea, by the River Assimal; as also from Morocco Destruction of the River Assimal; as also from Morocco Destruction of the River Assimal; as also from Morocco Destruction of the River Assimal; as also from Morocco Destruction of the River Assimal; as also from Morocco Destruction of the River Assimal River as the Rive Duccala and Hascora, by that of Tensift: It is justly reputed the principal Part of the Kingdom, being very well cultivated, and abounding with all forts of Cattel. The most eminent Towns are Delgumuha; Temmella, on a Mountain of the fame Name; Imegiagen, or Imagiagen likewise on a steep Mountain; Elgiumha, a strong Town on the River Sefsava; Tumeglasta; Sefrasta; and Morocco, seated in the middle, between the Rivuler Niffi, or Nefti, and the Town of Agmet, in a very spacious and verdant Plain; the Royal Seat and Metropolis not only of this Province, but alfo of the whole Kingdom, on which it has imposed its Name. This City (as Leo Africanus expresses it) was heretofore of an incredible largeness, containing above 100000 Houses, and 24 or 25 Gates: it is encompass'd with a very thick and high Wall full of Towers, and adorn'd with most artificial and magnificent Temples, or Mosques, besides a large and most strongly fortify'd Caftle; so that if its Walls, Marble Gates and Compass be duly consider'd, it may well be taken for a distinct Town. However, a great

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part of the City at present lies wast, and among the Ruins of the Houses are to be seen Palm-tree Groves, spacious Gardens, and very fruisful Cornstelds; in regard that it is unsafe to till the Ground, without the Walls, by reason of the frequent incursions of the Arabians. Morocco is also inhabited by Jews, and several Authors suppose it to the same with Prolemey's Bocanum Hemerum. Buno affures us, That the Arts of Grammar, Poesy, Astronomy, and the Knowledge of the Laws of this Nation flourish there, and that the Youth frequently repair thither, from all the Parts of Barbary, to follow their Studies. The City of Marocco is distant 160 Miles Eastward from the Coasts of the Atlantick Sea, 100 Leagues Southward from Fez, as many from Turadom, and 107 Spanish Leagues from the Straight of Gibraliar. The Town of Agmet, appears farther on the South-East, and was formerly much more noted than it is at this day.

The Province of Hascora lyes next to Morocco, X. between the Rivers Tensis and Quad-el-habid. The Hascora Women hereabouts are beautiful, and apt to fall P. in Love with Strangers. The most considerable Places are Bezo, or Bzo, a Mart-Town; Elginambia, on a Mountain; Tagodast, or Tegodast, a Mart, built likewise on an high Hill; and Elmadin, the Capital, a noted and most populous Mart-Town, situated farthest towards the North, and on the Frontiers of Duccala.

The Province of Tedles is the most Eastern of XI. all, and remarkable for its Situation between the Tedles River Quad-el-habid, on the West; and Segelomssa, P. a Province of Biledulgerid, on the East. Its Towns are Eithiad; Cithiteb; and Esza, seated on Hills; Tesza, a very wealthy Town, and the chief of the Province, on the River Derna; and Tedza, in a mountainous Tract, near the Confines of Se-

gelmessa.

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The Kingdom of FEZ.

THE other Kingdom of Barbary, walh'd by the Atlantick Sea, is Fez, being the most Northern of all, and the nearest to Europe. Its Bounds on the West, are the same Atlantick Ocean; on the North, the Straight of Gibrahar, and the Mediterranean Sea; on the East, the Kingdom of Algier, from which it is separated by the Rivers Mulvia and Zhus; and on the South Segelmessa. Part of Biledulgerid, and the Kingdom of Morocco; being dissever'd from the former by Mount Aslas, and from the other by the River Ommiraby. The Kingdom of Fez is the best cultivated and most populous of all those of Barbary; abounding with Hills and Valleys; neither is there any want of Champain Grounds. The Soil brings forth great store of Corn, with several forts of Fruit, particularly, Apples, Pears, Plums, Grapes and Figgs. The Weather during the Summer-season is hot, calm and serene.

The Provinces of this Kingdom, which is likewise stiphiest to the King of Maracca, are seven in

The Provinces of this Kingdom, which is like-wife fubject to the King of Morocco, are feven in number, viz. Temefna, Fez, Azgar, Habat, Errif, Chaus and Garet; the four first constituting its Western Part, and the rest the Southern. All the Provinces of the Western Part are maritin, and wash'd by the Atlantick Sea, and the fourth also by the Straight of Gibraltar and the Mediter-

ramean Sea.

The Province of Temefna extends itself from the River Ommiraby its Southern Boundary, to the River Buragrag, on the North, and from the Atlantick Sea to Mount Alla: The Country is champain and fruitful, nevertheless there are several Desarts that afford Lurking-places to most fierce Lions and Leopards; infomuch, that Travellers cannot pass but in Companies, and some are obliged to keep watch in the night, lest the wild Beasts should set upon them as they lye afleep and tear them into Peices: Tortoise are also to be found throughout this Province, the inland Towns of which are Tegagit, on the River Part 2

Ommiraby; Thagit: Adendum, with a Territoric noted for its Iron-mines; and Hainelchalla. On or near the Sea-coalts appear Beniz; Elooffar; Anfa; Fedolla; Soncia; Almansor; Rosim; and Rabat, built on a Hill, between the River Buragrag and the Sea-shore: This Town was formerly in a more flourishing Condition than it is at prefent, and is still taken by some for the Capital of the Province.

From Temefina, a direct Passage lyes open to the Province of Fez, situated between the Rivers Fez P. Buragrag and Suba: its Extent being narrow on the Sea-coalts, but a great deal wider in the inland Territories. The Air is very temperate, and the Country abounds with Horles, Sheep, Goats, Kids and Hares, The most remarkable Sea-port Towns are Mahmora, with a capacious Harbour on the Mouth of the Suba; Tefelfelta; and Sala, or Salle, at the influx of the Buragrag, with a Castle, on an Hill, a Mart-Town formerly of greater Repute than it now is: The Harbour is choak'd up with Sand by little and little, and the Inhabitants are insanous for their living altogether by Piracy and Rapine. The inland Towns are Fanzar; Gualit; Mechaes; Zazia; Magbilt; and Fez, suppos'd to be the Volubilis, or Volubile of the Ancients; not only the Metropolis of this Province, but also of the Kingdom, and even of the whole Continent of Burbary. The River Fez runs through the middle of it (according to several Relations) but M. Basakrand and La Robbe will have it seated on the Pearl-Rivulet, at the distance of 100 Miles Westward from the Coals of the Ocean, as many Southward from the Medicerranean Sea, and 150 from Tanger; as also 100 Leagues Northward from the City of Morocco, about 40 from Tensan. This City is of a prodigious Extent, in form of a long Square, and its high Walls are flank'd on all sides with numerous Towers; it is faid to contain 86 Gates, 200 large Streets, 700 Temples, or Mosques, of which, 60

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Temefna P. are elegant Structures, 42 Market-places, and 686 Springs and Wells; befides many Hofpitals and Colleges, in which Arts and Sciences are taught in the Arabick Language; a vaff number of Houses and Shops belonging to Merchants and Tradesmen; and other stately Buildings both publick and private: Infomuch that it may well be reputed the chiefest Ornament of Africa, and one of the most magnificent Cities of the whole World; although others give it out, that its Grandeur has been much diminish'd for many Years, and that

v. After having pass'd through Fez, we come to Azgar P. the Province of Agar, or Azgar, which enjoys a wholesome Air, abounds with Woods and most verdant Pastures, and affords great store of Cotton. In the maritim Tract are feveral Pools and Marshes, that breed numerous Sholes of Eels. The chief Towns of this Province are Elgiuhma, the Granary of the Arabians; Cebir, or Cafar-El-cabir; and Ptolemey's Liza, or Pliny's Lizas, now call'd Larache, or Arache by the Europeans, and Arais by the Africans; heretofore a very large City, where (as they fay) was the Royal Court of Antaus that Libyan Giant, whom Hercules put to death, and the Gardens of Hesperides so much celebrated for their golden Groves, which others place in the Province Cyrenaica, not far from the Town of Barca. Larache is at present reputed the Capital Town of Azgar, and senc'd with a Castle, as also a convenient Harbour on the Mouth of the River Lixes, or Luss, and the Coast of the Atlantick Sea. The Spaniards made themselves Masters of this Place A. D. 1610, but it was lately retaken by the Emperour of Morocco.

Habat, call'd Elbahat by Berting, and Halbat by VI. M. Bandrand, is of a great deal larger Compass Habat P. than Azgar; being the most Northern of all the Provinces of the Kingdom of Fez, and only separated from Spain by the Straight of Gibraltar: It extends itself farthelt between the Province of Fez and the faid Straight, takes up a much lefs the Southern Part, and in that which lyes next to the Straight: So that it is wash'd on the West, by the Atlantick Ocean; on the North, by the Straight; and on the East, by the Mediterranean Sea. It has the advantage of a fruit-full Soil, and of Grazal considerable Tours fruits. ful Soil, and of feveral confiderable Towns, viz. Zilia, or Zelis, now call'd Arzilla by Marmol and other Authors, a strong hold, seated on a Bay of the Atlantick Sea, and (as M. Bautrand fays) subject to the King of Fez: And Tingis, or Tingi, supposed to have been first founded by the Giant Anteus, from which Mauritania Tingitana, and Fretum Tingitanum deriv'd their ancient Denominations: It is now known by the Name of Tanger, and fituated on a Bay of the Straight of Gibraliar, in a fandy and barren Territory. The Portugueses took this Town from the Moors, under the Conduct of their King Alfonso V. A. D. 1471, but it was granted in 1662 as a Dowry to Catharine Infanta of Portugal, upon her Marriage with Charles II. King of England, who caus'd it to be well fortify'd with two Castles, and a new Mole of free Stone, built in the Harbour: But all these Works were afterwards demolished

with the Town, by the Order of the fame Prince.
The other noted Places, are Cazar, Ezzagir, on the Eastern Bay of the Straight, at prefent in

the Possession of the Spaniards. Teteguin, Teguan, or Tetuan, a neat and strong Town, in the inland Country: And Centa, anciently Septa, feated on an Hill, that was heretofore call'd Septem Frares, i.e. The feven Brothers (according to Pliny and Mela) from the number and likeness of its Hillocks: It is a little Town, but very remarkable for its Fortifications, and the vigorous Devices of the property of the p fence it has made for several Years against the continual Attacks of the Moors: It stands on the Eastern Coast of the Straight, where it is narrowest, Laterth Coart of the Straight, where it is narrowert, near Mount Abyla, or Alybe, which is now call'd La Sierra de Las Monas by the Spaniards, as also Il monte delle Simie, i. c. The Apes Monatain, by the Italians, and was suppos'd by the Ancients to be one of Hercules's Pillars. The Town of Centa was taken from the Moors, by John King of Portugal A.D. 1409, but has been united to the Kingdom of Cafile in Spain, ever fince the Portuguetes shook off the Spanish Yoke, and chose a new King of their own Nation: It has a large Harbour on the Straight, and is diffant 36 Miles from Tanger, as also 30 Leagues from Velez, a Town of the next Province.

From the Western Part of the Kingdom of Fez, VII. we pass to the Eastern, and there enter the Pro-Errif P. vince of Errif, which borders upon Habat, and extends itself along the Coasts of the Mediterra-nean Sea, between the Rivers Gomer and Nocor. It nem Sea, Detween the Nivers Comer and 2000. It is befet with Woods, high Mountains and Defarts, and produces good ftore of Fruit, particularly Grapes, Figgs, Olives and Almonds, with Paftures for numerous Herds of Goats, Kids, Affes and Apes. Its Towns, for the most part, are either maritim or near the Sea-coafts, and the most empression of them are Gamer, which fome take for minent of them are Gomer, which some take for the Capital; Tartonella; Netogalla; Terga, on the Mouth of the Cherser; Salguiz, on the opposite side of the same River; Fettis; Bedis, or Belis; Velez; Pennon de Velez, i. c. The Rock of Velez, a Fort built by the Spaniards on an Island, near that Town, with a good Harbour; Tegaffa; Mezemma, on the Mouth of the Novor, fornetime a large and populous City; and Guafevala, in the inland Country at a great distance from the

Next to Errif, on the South and West, lyes VIII. Chaus, otherwise call'd Elchaus, the largest of all Chaus P. the Provinces of Fez; taking up above a third Part of the Kingdom, and abounding with Mountains, Hills and Defarts. The Rivers Nocor and Mulvia have their Rise in this Province, in which the following Places of Note are comprehended, viz. Tezza the Metropolis, a large and magnificent City, one of the most eminent of the whole Kingdom: Sofraa; Aenibachlul; and Hamilifnan, on the Confines of Fez: Mabdia; Dubdu; and Haddaggia, on the River Mulvia: Teurent, in an hilly Country, on the Rivulet Zhu; and Garss on the Mulvia.

It remains only to give an Account of Garet, the seventh and last Province of the Kingdom of Garet P. Fez, which is one of the leaft, and remarkable for its Situation, in the middle between Chaus the Mediterranean Sea, and the Rivers Nocor and Mulvia. It is altogether dry, fandy, mountainous, barren, and full of Defarts, where Paffengers are much infested by wild Beasts, but it affords most excellent Iron-Mines. The Sea-port Towns are Tarforagel; Fetis; Alondia, near which

Iyes the most Northern Promontory, call'd El Ca- which (according to M. Sanfon) is likewise anbo de tres Forcas, i.e. The Cape of three Forks: Melilla, or Melela, the Capital, with a fine Harbour, in the Possession of the Spaniards, Chasasa,

nex'd to the Spanish Dominious; and Isfarin, near the Mouth of the Mulvia, on the borders of the Kingdom of Algier.

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The Kingdom of ALGIER.

MONG the Kingdoms of Barbary that are feated on the Mediterranean Sea, that of Algier presents itself first to our View; its utmost Boundary on the North, being the Mediterranean Sea, from the Mouth of the River Mulvia, to that of the Guadalbarbar: on the East, the Kingdom of Tunis; on the South, Proper Biledulgerid, with the Provinces of Zeb, Tegorarin and Segelmess; separated by Mount Atlas; and on the West the Kingdom of Fez, from which it is disfered by the Rivers Zhas and Malvia.

It is extended very far from West to East, that is to fay, from the 15th, to the 29th, Degree of Longitude; but its greatest Breadth does not amount to four Degrees. This Country is befet with high Mountains, more especially on the South, in which are contain'd the richest Metals, particularly Gold, Silver, and Iron, with Caves and Lurking-Places for a valt number of wild Beafts; neither is there any want of Defarts. In other Parts, the Soil is very fertile, and water'd by many Rivers; producing the belt forts of Fruit, with Corn, Honey and Wax: The Sca-coasts likewise afford plenty of Coral.

The Kingdom of Algier, being very potent, and

in and infamous for Piracy, is infally divided into five Provinces, viz. Telensin, Teneza, Gezaira, Bugia, and Constantine. The Province of Telensin, or Telessin, the most Western of all; dignisy'd with the Title of a Kingdom, is bounded on the West by the Territories of Fez, and on the East, by those of Teneza: Its chief Towns seated on or near the Sea-coasts are. Hensin, with a conon or near the Sea-coasts are, Henain, with a convenient Harbour, where the adjacent Country brings forth abundance of Cotton, Oranges, Lemmons, Pomegranates, and Figgs; Telensin, otherwise call'd Tremsen, or Tremecen, and here-tofore Tumici, the Metropol's of a Kingdom of the same Name, built on the lest side of the River Sefsis, or Teffis, not far from its Mouth; formerly a very large and magnificent City, but its Grandeur has been lately much impair'd by most violent Wars: Marsalquibir, or Marsa-el-quibir, under the Jurisdiction of the Spaniards: Oran, or Orano, nam'd Guharan by the Africans, a little Town on a rugged Hill or Rock, fenc'd with a strong Castle, and a capacious and safe Harbour: It was taken by the Spaniards under the conduct of Cardinal Ximenes, A. D. 1509, and still continues in their Possession: And Mazagran, or Mesgran, defended likewise with a Fort, on the Sea-Thore.

The Province of Teneza being of a leffer Comeneza pass, lyes between the Rivers Sites and Mirom, the former separating it from Telensin, and the other from Gezaira: The Towns of Note near the Sea-coasts are Musingan, a Town situated at

a little distance from the Mouth of the Seres, which fome suppose to be the same with the Cartenna of Mela and Anonius: Tadra; Tenez, or Tenes, a well fortify'd Town with a good Harbour, that has impos'd its Name on the whole Province, and on the neighbouring Promontory: It is taken by M. Sanson for Julia Cefarea, the Capital of Mauritania Cefariens, built by King Juba, which was at first call'd Jol, and afterwards had its Name chang'd in Honour of Julius Cefar: Aochar; Brischa, Marsolach; Sersel, or Sercell; and Meliana, seated on an Hill, and on the left side of the River Mirrow, in the inland Country, abounding with Sersings and Mutators.

abounding with Springs and Nut-trees

Gezaira, or Proper Algier, remarkable for its v. Situation in the middle of the five Provinces of Gezaira this Kingdom, is enclosed within the Rivers Mi-Province, on the Welt; and Major, on the East. The most considerable inland Town of this Province is Mazura, seated on the right side of the Mirom: Near the Sea-coalts appear Miroma, or Maroma; Caxima; and Algier, commonly call'd Gezaira by the Arabians, Alger by the French, Algiori by the Italians, and Argel by the Spaniards. Several Authors suppose it to be the same with Inlia Casarea, but M. Sanson is of a different Opinion, attributing that ancient Name to Tenez (as it has been bised a listely before a description.) it has been hinted a little before) and taking Rufucurum, or Pliny's Ruscuruim for Algier. However this City is very wealthy and potent, and reputed the Metropolis not only of the Province of Gezaira, but also of the whole Kingdom. It began to decay at first under King Telensuns, and became tributary to the King of Bugia; afterwards it fell into the Possession of Ferdinand stream'd the Catholick, King of Spain: At last it was taken by Budward, the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and tributary of the Arabanian and the Barbarossa the Arch-pirate, and united to the Ottoman Empire. It is fituated at the Mouth of the River Sefaia, on the foot of a Mountain, and rifes up by degrees, from the Sea-coast, along its Heep side, in form of a Theater; the more remote Edifices far furpaffing in Grandeur, those that are built near the Shore. It extends itself on all sides almost in a square Figure, and is most strongly fortify'd with a broad, thick and high Wall; deep Ditches, but for the molt part, deflitute of Water, Ramparts, Caffles, Towers, feveral Peices of Ordinance, and a confiderable Garifon. It has also the advantage of an excellent Harbour, and contains about fifteen thousand Houfes, some of which are more especially remarkable for their Stateliness; besides above 100 Temples, or Mosques, with a great number of hot Baths and Springs; but the Streets are very narrow. The Inhabitants are extremely numerous, among whom are many Janizaries, and their Government comes near that of a Common-Wealth,

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Wealth, under the Protection of the Grand Signior, whose arbitrary Injunctions nevertheless, they are oblig'd to observe. This Place is well known to be a nell of the most notorious Pirates of Barbary, where many thousands of Christians are always imprison'd, and undergo the severest Slavery. The Emperour Charles V. endeavour'd to make himself Master of it, A. D. 1541, but loft a great Fleet in the Attempt, by a violent and continual Storm at Sea. Algier is distant 30 Leagues Westward from Bugia, and about 36 from Tenez.

The Territory without the Walls of Algier, is diversify'd with numerous Hills and Valleys that are extremely delightful and verdant, abounding with all forts of Fruit-Trees, particularly most admirable Vines. The other Towns of the Province of Gezaira on the West of Algier, are, Temenfus, with a good Harbour; Merolla; Teadeles; Berenginet; Garbello; Zassona; and Couco, on the left side of the River Major, at a great distance from the Scacoals.

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The Province of Bugia, lyes next to Gezaira in Eugia P. the middle, between the River Major on the West, and Constantina on the East: Its Inland Towns on the River Major, are Lebez, in a mountainous Tract of difficult Access; Necaus, and Mesila: As also, Steffa, antiently Sitifis, the Metropolitan City of Mauritania Stiffensia, on the River Majurius: On, or near the Sea-coasts, the following Towns present themselves to our View, viz. Bugia, the Capital of this Province, which is commonly taken for antient Salda; feated on the Mouth of the River Major, and the in-nermost recess of the Bay of Bugia, with a capa-cious Harbour: Gema; Ballasia; Gergel, other-wise call'd Gigeri and Gigiari; as also heretofore Igigili, or Igilgilium, with a little Haven, which the French feiz'd on, A. D. 1664, but were expell'd by the Moors the fame Year; Giberamel; Sucaiocad; and Colle, formerly known

by the Names of Cullu, Cullus and Collops Magnus.

The Fifth, or last Province of the Kingdom of Algier, and the most Eastern of all is Constantina, Constan which others term the Kingdom of Constantina, as tina P. having been sometime govern'd by its own Prince: Its most eminent Sea-Port Towns are, Sora, the Rasicada, or Ruscicada, of Pliny and Mela; situated on a Bay of the same Name, with a spacious Harbour: Mabra; Hippon, or Hippon, sirnam'd Regius, or the Royal, heretofore a large City, and an Episcopal See, which was a long time possess by St. Augustine: It is at present call'd Bona, and stand on a Bay to which it has communicated its Name, being reduc'd to a sittle ill-built Town: but it is Fortify'd, and has having been fometime govern'd by its own Prince: tle ill-built Town; but it is Fortify'd, and has the Advantage of a convenient Harbour, with a Fort built on an Hill: Marzacaris; Tabraca, Tabracha, Thabraca, or Tabathra, now commonly flyl'd Tabarca, a Village with a Caftle and Haven, on the Mouth of the River Guadilbarbar, near the Borders of the Kingdom of Tania, over against which appears the Hand of Tabraca. ver against which appears the Island of *Tabarea*, at a little distance from the Continent; where is to be found Coral of divers Colours.

In passing thro' the inland Part of Constantina, we meet with Milevum, or Milevis, where a Council was held, in which St. Augustine pre-fided: It is now reputed by several Authors, the same with Mela, on the River Susegmar, not far from the Frontiers of Bugia. A little higher, on the opposite side of the same River, Constantina appears a large Town, the Capital of the Kingdom, and remarkable for its Situation on a Mountain: Some take it for the Cirtha, or Cirta Julia of the Antients; but others are of Opinion, that the latter was nearer to the Sea-coafts, than Modern Conflamina: The other Places of Note, are Tifafa, or Tefafa, likewife built on a Mountain; and Tebessa on the River Magnad, in the Confines of the Kingdom of Tunis; the Walls, Springs and Nut-Trees, of which are much com-

mended.

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The Kingdoms of TUNIS and TRIPOLI.

R OM the Kingdom of Algier, we pass over to that of Tunis, which is bounded on Tunis the West by the Province of Constantina, on the North by the Mediterranean Sea, on the Ealf by a Gulph of it, heretofore nam'd Syrtis parva, fen Minor, and now Sinus Capfus, in French Le Golfe de Capes, and the River Capfus, or Capes, which separates it from the Kingdom of Tripoli;

and on the South, by Proper Biledulgerid.

The Kingdom of Tunis reaches from West to East, for the space of about three Degrees, and more than four from South to North; so that its . Extent is a great deal less than that of the Kingdom of Algier. The Shores are very full of Bays, and the principal Rivers are, the Guadil-barbar, the winding Course of which is very wonderful, the Magrad and the Capes; this Kingdom formerly extended it felf farther than it now

does, and was fubject to its own Princes. Moreover, several Islands that Iye over against its Northern and Eastern Coasts, depend on its Jurisdiction, but it is requisite at first to take a particular View of the Continent.

The Inland Towns of these Parts are, Beija,

feated in a most pleasant Plain that is very fruitful of Corn; Hamsamita; Musti, on the River Guadil-barbar; Urbs, or Arobes, in a fertile Country; Camuda, on the Borders of the Province of Constantina; Marmagen, on the River Magrad; Baghani; Ha-ma; Techios; Niofa, Nafta; Capfa, or Caffa, for-merly a Bishop's See; Meschianha; Cayroan, in a barren Tract lying near the Mountains, and de-flitute of Water; Guefelet; and Zaglioan.

The most eminent Sea-Port Towns of the Kingdom of Tunis, are Asfacufa; Africa, or El Media, with a large Harbour, the Entrance into which

is but narrow; Monastero, or Lempta (according to Arabs Nubiensis) heretofore call'd Leptis Parva, or Lepte Minus, and now not well inhabited; Susa, antiently Ruspina, a neat Mart-Town built partly on a Rock, with a convenient Harbour; where the adjacent Territory abounds with Paflures, and brings forth great store of Barley, Figgs, Olives and Quinces: Eraclia; Hammamet, or Mahometta, a considerable Mart, formerly known by the name of Adrametum; and Tunis, call'd Tunes, Tunis and Tunicense Oppidium, by the Antients, which several Authors take for the Thinissa, or Thunisa of Ptolemey; sometime a Royal Seat, and still the Metropolis of a Kingdom of the same Name, which upon failure of the Royal Progeny, became a kind of Common-wealth, under the Protection of the Turks, ever fince the Year 1570: So that their Power being almost absolute, they chose a General, or Governour, commonly call'd the Dey; who constitutes all the Cadis, or Judges, and has the management of all Civil and Criminal Affairs. The Town of Tunis is feated on the innermost Creek of the Bay of Goletta, otherwise call'd Barbafreco. at the distance of nine Miles from the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea, and 18 from Goletta: It was at first of a small Extent, and owes its Rise to the Ruins of Carthage; but it now takes up (as fome fay) a little Mile in compass, and its Figure, excluding the Caltle, refembles that of a long Square: The Streets are narrow, but there are many fine Mosques, Hospitals, Colleges for the use of Students, maintain'd out of the Publick Revenues, and Market-Places; altho' their Number is now a great deal less than it was in former times. To these Buildings is added, a strong Castle on an Hill, and two Suburbs, befides feveral flately Tombs adorn'd with Marble, and pleasant Gardens round about the Town; which nevertheless, has not the advantage of any River, Spring, or Pit of sweet Water, and is only furnish'd with Cisterus. The Inhabitants, who frequently exercise Piracy, are Moors, Turks, Jews and Slaves of divers Nations. This Place is famous for the defeat of the Antient Romans by the Carthaginians, with the Auxiliary Forces of Xantippus the Lacelemonian, when Marcus Attilius Regulus was taken Prisoner; as also for the Death of St. Lewes King of France, which happen'd whilft he was befieging it, A. D. 1270.

On the North of Tunis, and on the Straight of the Gulph which lyes before that Town, appears the ftrong Fort of Goletta, the Key of Tunis, noted for the Expedition of the Emperour Charles the Fifth, who made himfelf Master of both, A. D. 1535; not far from thence stood Carthage, heretofore a most renowned City, sounded by the Phenicians, and more antient than Rome, with the Citadel of Byrfa, built in the middle by Queen Dido, which is reported to have taken up the space of two Miles, that is to say, as much ground as could be encoupased with an Oxhide cut into Thongs. This City, in process of time, became so extremely opulent and powerful, that it strove for the Mastery, even with Rome it self, subdu'd a considerable Part of Africa, extended its Dominion thro' Spain, and maintain'd a continual War with Italy, Sardinia and Sicily: But these over-cager Attempts

to enlarge its Territories, at last procur'd us Destruction; for after the third Punick War, Scipio Emilianu, raz'd it even with the Ground: It was rebuilt by Julius Cesar, and afterwards at several times inserably laid waste, by the Goths, Vandals and Saracens: So that now it lyes altogether bury'd in its Ruins, which are scatter'd far and near, and call'd Barsack by the Inhabitants of those Parts. The other noted Places are, Bensert, so nain'd by the Inhabitants and Arabians; as also Biserta by the Inhabitants and Arabians; as also Biserta by the Inhabitants, and Biserte by the French, which several Authors suppose to be the same with Utica of the Antients, that was reputed the most eminent City of Africa after Carrbage, where Caw died, who was thence sirnant'd Uticensis, altho' a Roman by Extraction; being still a large and well-built Town, seated on the Bay, on which it has impos'd its Name: And Rajamilar, a considerable Town, further towards the West.

There are certain little Islands situated at a greater or leffer distance from the Coast, which now belong to the Kingdom of Tunis, or at least fornetune depended on its Jurisliction. The chief of these on the North, are Galata, or La Ga-Galata lita, nam'd Calathe by Ptolemey, the most Western Isle. of all, taking up 10 Miles in compass; and Zim-Zimbala bala, on the Well of Cape Bona. On the East P. are, Panthalarea, or Pantalarea, antiently Coffyra, Pantalaor Cossura, about 30 Miles in compass, which rea I. formerly belong'd to the Kingdom of Tunis, but was united to that of Spain, A. D. 1620, under the Government of the Family of Requesers, and dignify'd with the Title of a Principality; an Island destitute of Corn and sweet Water, being almost altogether Mountainous, and abounding with a kind of rough black Stone; in which is a little Town of the fame Name, with a Callle ; containing about 600 Inhabitants, who generally speak the Arabick Language: And Melita, or Malta, which was likewise subject to the Kingdom of Tunis; but it has been already describ'd in treating of Europe; altho' many antient Authors and feveral modern ones, have attributed it to Africa: And the rather, for that this Island lying nearer to Sicily, which is referr'd to Europe, than to Africa; it was for a long time annex'd to the Dominions of the former Continent, and is still possess d by the Knights of St. Fohn of Ferusalem, who own themselves to be Subjects to the King of Spain. The other Isles are situated nearer to the Territories of Tunis, viz. Limosa, or Limoza, which some take Limosa for antient £thusa, Lopedusa, or Lampedosa, ex-I. tending it self 15 Miles in compass; famous for Lampethe Devotions usually paid by Roman Catholick dosa L. sea-men to the Virgin Mary, and for the Ship-wrack which the Spanish Fleet under the Emperour Charles V. suffer'd there, A. D. 1551: And chara I. more especially, Cherchara and Gamelera, at the Gamele-Entrance of the Gulph of Capes.

In returning to the Continent, the Kingdom of Tripoli prefents it self next to our View, which Tripoli (according to the common Estimation) is K. bounded on the North by the Mediterranean Sca, and Syrtis Major, or the Gulph of Sidra, a spacious Gulph and very formidable to Mariners; on the East, by the Kingdom and Desart of Barca; on the South, by Proper Biledulgerid; and on the West, by the River Capes, and Syrtis

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Minor, or the Gulph of Capes, which separates it from the Kingdom of Tunis. Some Geographers extend the Borders of this Kingdom, which sometime constituted a Part of that of Tunis, as far as Egypt, so as to comprehend the Kingdom of Barca, of which we shall hereafter make a particular Defermine.

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The Kingdom of Tripoli is lituated between the 30 and 39th Degree of Longitude; but its breadth even where it is wideft, scarce exceeds two Degrees, and in some Places is a great deal lesser, more especially in the Eastern and Western Parts. The Maritime Tracts are best cultivated, and those that are remote from the Sea, are more barren and desart. The Towns being sew in number, are partly seated on the hither side of the River of Tripoli, and partly beyond it; so that this River divides the whole Kingdom into its Western and Eastern Parts; the former being the lesser, and the other of a larger Extent.

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In palling thro' the Western Part, on the hither side of the River Tripoli, along the Sea-coasts, we meet with Capes, or Caps, antiently call'd Tacape, and afterwards Capla by modern Latin Writers; a well sortify'd Town, built on the Mouth of the River Capes, and the innermost Bay of the Gulph, on which it has impos'd its Name, with a little Harbour that is dangerous, and uncapable of holding Ships of a large size: Mackres; Girba, in Italian Gerbi, call'd Locophagites by Ptolemey, Mirmex by Polybius, and Meninx by Pliny and Strabo; a little Island situated on the Mouth of the Gulph of Capes, so near to the Kingdom of Tripoli, that one may pass into it on foot, and at high Tide, over a wooden Bridge. The Spaniards took possession of it in the Sixteenth Century, but were afterwards expell'd by the Turks, with a very great Slaughter: It is well built, and has a Town with a Castle of the same.

The other Towns on the Continent, are Chattab; Portate; Gara; Palmera; Zoara, in a very barren Territory; Cafarul; Tripoli Vecchio, or Old Tripoli, heretolore known by the Names of

Sabrata and Sabathra, but now reduc'd to a Village, not much frequented by reason of the unwholfomness of the Air : Zaviaz ; and Tripolis, or Tripoli, fo nam'd (according to Solinus) from the three Towns of Taphra, Abrotonum, and Lepiis Magna, the Inhabitants of which agreed together to lay its Foundation: It is also call'd New Tripoli, and Tripoli of Barbary, to diffinguish it from another Town of the same Name in Syria, and stands on the Mouth of the River of Tripoli: It is furrounded with a high Wall, and fortify'd with Towers and Ramparts. Its compass is not very large; nevertheless it is a populous, well-built and noted Mart-Town, and the Capital of the whole Kingdom. Its Inhabitants are no less famous, or rather infamous for Piracy, than those of Tunis, Algiers, Salle, and other Ports of Barbary. The Town of Tripoli was taken by the Spaniards, A. D. 1510, and granted in 1528 to the Knights of Rhodes, of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem; afterwards it was subdu'd by the Turks, and continu'd for a long time in their Possession: At this day it is almost a free State, retaining the form of a Com-mon-wealth, and only owns the Grand Signior for its Protector. The following Towns of note are situated at a greater distance from the Sea-Coasts, viz. El-hamma, on the right side of the River Capes, not far from its Mouth; Garalgara; Sarmana Zanzora; and Hamroz above Tripoli, at a little distance from the Mouth of the River of the same Name.

In the Eastern Part, or beyond the River Tripoli, near the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea, are Rasaxarra; Tessia; Ragamilar; Lebeda, otherwise call'd Lebida, Lepeda, and sometimes Neapolis, which Mercasor and others suppose to be the same with Leptis Magna; Brata, and Meraso: On the Gulph of Sidra appear Castraomed; Colbena; Salinas; Zedico; Sebeico alias Sabrico and Sabeico; Naima, or Taimi; and L'Arcusia, overagainst which, at a little distance from the Continent, lyes the Island of Sydra, or Sidra, from whence this Gulph derives its modern Name.

CHAP. XX.

The Kingdom of BARCA.

F the fix Kingdoms into which we have divided the whole Continent of Barbary, that of Barca only remains to be accounted for; being the most Eastern of all, and enlarg'd so far by some Geographers, as to include the Defart of Barca; which we shave thought fit to place within the Limits of Biledulgerid: So that this Kingdom (according to our Determination) is bounded on the West, by that of Tripoli and the Gulph of Sidra; on the North, by the Mediterranean Sea; on the East, by Egypt; and on the South, by the Defart of Barca.

The Soil is rocky, fandy, dry, extremely barren and untilled, and the whole Country is subject to the Dominion of the *Turks*; constituting a part of the general Government of *Cairo*; as it

F the fix Kingdoms into which we have has been already observed in treating of that of divided the whole Continent of Barbary, Egypt. The Inhabitants profess the Mahometan

Religion.

The Kingdom of Barea may be conveniently divided into the Western and Eastern Parts: The former being more eminent and less barren than the other, lyes between the Kingdom of Tripoli and the River Nachel, and is also water'd by the River Doer, Melel, and Salinas, which take their Rise in the Desart of Barea. The most remarkable inland Towns, are Barea the Capitas, which has impos'd its Name on the whole Kingdom; where a Turkish Sangiack usually keeps his Court: And Grene, heretosore a magnificent City that vyd with Carthage, and was sounded (as some say) by King Battus, A. M. 3563,

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A. U. 143; taking its Name from Cyrene, the Daughter of Peneus, which it communicated to the Country of Cyrenaica: It is now commonly call'd Cairoan and Corene, and stands on the less side of the River Doer, not very sar from its Mouth; at the distance of 32 Miles from the Coast of the Mediterranean Sea, and 25 French

Leagues Northward from Barca.

The chief Towns near the Sea-coasts, are Bernick on the Gulph of Sidra, antiently Berenice, for nam'd from Queen Berenice, the Wise of Ptolemey III. King of Egypt; where Ptolemey the Geographer, and Pliny, place the Gardens of Hesperides: Arsinoe, otherwise call'd Teuchira, and at this day, Taochara, or Trochara: Ptolemais, or Tolometa, deriving its Name from its Founder King Ptolemey; at present only a Village with an Harbour: And Apollonia, now call'd Bon Andrea, seated a great deal farther Eastward in the middle between the Rivers Doer and Nachel, and enjoying the advantage of a capacious Harbour; from whence the adjacent Promottory has its Denomination. Upon account

of the five Towns last mention'd, the Northern Part of Cyrenaica bordering on the Sea-Coasts, was termed Pentapolis, or Pentapolitana Regio, i. c. The Country of five Cities.

The Eastern Part of the Kingdom of Barea, which extends it felf between the River Nachel and Egypt, and is destitute of Rivers, contains several Sea-Port Towns; of these the most Western are, Salima Patriarch-Port; Traboccho; Mesfulmara, or Mesilamara; Salamon; Casale; and Salonossa. Farther on the East, appear Alberton, heretotore call'd Paratonism; as also, Ammonia, or Hammonia; because a Road leads from thence to the most renowned Temple of Jupiter Ammon; now a little Town, with a convenient Harbour, the Mouth of which is very narrow: Roxa, or Raxa, which communicates its Name to the adjacent Promontory: Raibba; and Ripa Alba, or Ripalta. In the Inland Country, are Pute Almidan; Assassing Abdallach; Chareba; Sechet-Alhaniam, and Altabun; and some other Places of no great Repute.

CHAP. XXI.

Ancient LIBYA, with the greater and leffer Mount ATLAS.

A FTER having made Defeription of five large Provinces of Africa, that is to fay, Guinea, Negroe-Land, Zaara, Biledulgerid, and Barbary, which conflitute its Weftern and Northern Parts; it is requifite to shew in a few Words, what Countries and eminent Nations the Antients plac'd therein, as also by what Names they were usually call'd. The whole Continent of Africa was heretofore divided into Ethiopia and Libya; but we have already set out the Bounds of the former, in Chap. VIII. §. 1, 2. of this Volume; where we have also explain'd the manner of its Division into greater and lesser Parts, and how they agree with the respective Countries of modern Ethiopia. The other Part of Africa was nam'd Libya, or Lybia, (as it is express'd in several antient Inscriptions) and Proper Africa; and comprehended the entire Western and Northern Parts of the Continent, or the five Countries but now mention'd, with that of Egypt. The term Libya is here to be understood in a more limited sense; in regard that among the Grecians, (according to Pliny and Strabo) it denoted the whole Continent of Africa.

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II. This Libya, or Africa, firstly taken, was two-Libya fold, viz. Ulterior and Citerior. Libya Ulterior, Exte- otherwife termed Interior, i. e. The Upper, or Infior. ner Libya, being the largest and most Southern Part of Africa, was bounded on the South by the Ethiopick Ocean; on the West, by the Alantick Sea; on the North, by Libya Citerior; and on the East, by Ethiopia: So that it contain'd Nigritia, the Lands of the Getuli and Garamantes, Libya Deserta, and some other Contines, the Southern Parts of which were very little known to the Antients: The Territories of Part 2s

Guinea, Negroe-Land and Zaara, now take up the Place of Libya Ulterior.

Libra Citerior, five Exterior, i. c. The Hither, or III. Outward Libya, was more Northern, and of a Libya great deal lefs Extent than the former; lying in Literior, the middle between Libya Ulterior and Ethiopia, as also between Egypt, on the South and the Mediterranean Sea, on the North: Its Parts (according to M. Sanson) are four in number, viz. Egypt, Proper Libya, Africa strictly taken, and Mauritania; altho' others do not reckon the first, amongst the Provinces of Libya Citerior; and as for antient Egypt, we have already given a particular Account of it in Chap. II. S. 9. & feg.

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Libya, otherwise (for distinction sake) termed IV. Libya Propria, was situated between Egypt, on Libya the East; the Meditertranean Sea, on the North; Propria; Syrtis Major, or the Gulf of Sidra, the Kingdom of Tripoli, and Proper Biledulgerid, on the West; and the Country of the Garamantes with Ethiopia under Egypt, on the South: So that its Place is at this Day, possessed by the Kingdom and Desart of Barca. This Proper Libya was divided into Libya strictly taken, Marmarica and Grenaica: Lybia strictly taken, Marmarica and Grenaica: Lybia strictly taken, or Libya Exterior, was the most Eastern Part of Lybia Propria, which contain d the Territory nam'd Regio Hummoniaca, bordering upon Marmarica, and therein the Temple of Jupiter Ammon, or Hammon, famous for its Oracle. This is the Opinion of several Authors; nevertheles, Chreverius places the Temple of Ammon in Grenaica, and others translate it to Marmarica. That Oracle was first consulted by Bacchus, afterwards by Perseus, Hreules, and Alexander the Great; and Cambyses King of Persa, was severely punished.

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punish'd for attempting to pillage it. Near the Temple was the Greve of Hammon, and in it among other Springs, that of the Sun, the Water of which (as it is related by Quintus Curtius,) was luke-warm about the break of Day, and cold at Noon, altho' the Weather was excef-five hot: The fame Water grew hot towards the Evening, and became boiling hot at Midnight; but when the Night was far spent, and the Morning drew near, a great deal of its no-churnal Heat abated, till at the very dawning of the Day, it return'd to its usual lukewarm Temperature. Those Parts of Libya were heretofore inhabited by many different Nations, particularly the Libyazyptii, Nitriota, Chattani, and Zygrita. Marmarica extended itself on the West of Proper Libya, and its most eminent People, were the Najamones, Anarite and Libyarche. Lastly, Marmarica lay next to Cyrenaica; where among several other Natious, the Psylli had their Abode, whose Bodies are said to have bred a kind of Counter-poison, proper for the destroying of Serpents; as also, the Barcita, and there-in was included the Territory of Pentapolis, specify'd in the last Paragraph but one, of the preceding Chapter.

v. After Libya Propria, follows Africa likewise termed Propria, to avoid Confusion, and by Propria fome Authors Africa Minor, or the lesser Africa, from which the whole Continent derives its Name. Its Bounds were, Cyrenaica, on the East; Syrtis Major, or the Gulph of Sidra, and the Mediterranean, or African Sea, on the North; Mauritania, on the Welf; and Libya Deferta, on the South. Where Africa Propria was here-tofore fituated, we may now observe the King-doms of Tripoli and Tunis, with the Eastern Part of that of Algier, including the Province of Constanting, and part of adjacent Bugia. The Parts of Proper Africa were four in Number, viz. Tripolitana, Byzacena, Africa firictly taken, and Namidia. Regio Tripolitana took up the Place of the modern Kingdom of Tripoli, and Name, on the South.

Arica frielly taken, on the South, Armon the Southern Month, to Tacape, or Capes, and the innermost Bay of the Guiph that bears the fame Name, on the North, to Tacape, or Capes, and the innermost Bay of the Guiph that bears the fame Name, on the South.

Africa strictly taken. Name, on the South. Africa strictly taken, commonly call'd Carthiginensis and Proconfularis, lay in the middle between Byzacena, on the East and South, and Numidia, on the West, that is to fay, in the remaining Part of the Kingdom of Tunis: In this Province liv'd the Carthagenii and Libyphanices, or Libophanices, otherwise nam'd Pani, and Carthage was its Metropolitan City: Lastly, Numidia styl'd Numidia Syla Displacement dia Nova, by Prolemey was extended on the fame Level, with Constantina and Part of Bugia in the Kingdom of Algier; and its most noted People were the Certesii and Natabate.

Maurita-ritania, the fourth and last Part of Libya Citeria, which lyes out farthest of all Wettward: It was bounded on the East by Proper Africa; on the North, by the Mediterranean Sea, and Fretum Herculeum, or the Straight of Gibraltar; on the West, by the Atlantick Sea;

and on the South, by Libya Interior. The Natives were call'd Mauri, as also Maurusii by Vitruvius and Maurisii, by the Grecians, as it were the Inhabitants of Mount Aurasus, and still rethe Inhabitants of Mount Aurajus, and Itill retain the Name of the Moors. Prolemey divided Mauritania into Tingitana and Cefariensis, to which others have added Sitisensis. Mauritania Sitisensis, so termed from Sitist, or Sissa, its Capital Town, was the most Eastern and least Part of Mauritania taken at large, lying in the middle, between Numidia on the East, and Mauritania Cesariensis on the West, which and Mauritania Casariensis on the West, which Ptolemey comprehends under Casariensis: It was also call'd (according to Procopius) Mauritania Prima, and Zaba; and took up the Western Part of the Province of Bugia; being inhabited by the Toduca, or Taduca, and Cidamusii. Mauritania Casariensii, on which the Town of Julia Cafarea imposed its Name, was fituated between Mauritania Stiffensis on the East, and Tingitana on the West, and had several sorts of People on the Weft, and had feveral forts of People for its Inhabitants, among whom, the Maccowa, Mazyces, Majejuli, and Dryita held the first Rank: Its Place is at this Day posses of dyter Western Part of the Kingdom of Algier. To conclude, Mawitania Tingitana, the chief Town of which was Tingis, or Tanger, border'd on the East upon Mawitania Casariensis, and on the West upon the Atlantick Sea: It was also call'd Bogudiana, from King Bogud, and Hispania Transfretana, in the time of the Emperour Constantine the Great: The most eminent People Constantine the Great: The most eminent People of this Part, were the Maurensii, Herpeditani, or Herpiditani, Volubiliani, Succossi and Metagonita, and the Kingdoms of Fez and Morocco are now contain'd within its antient Boundaries. Throughout the Territories of the hither Li- VII

bya, Mount Atlas extends it self with an unin-The terrupted Course; being the greatest, highest, greate most renowned, and most fabulous Mountain Mount of the whole Continent of Africa; of which Atlas. Pliny in Hift. Nat. lib. 5. cap. 1. gives us the following Account: 'It is related (fays he) That 'this Mountain raifes it felf up to Heaven, out of the middle of the fandy Defarts; so as one fide of it that lyes next to the Coasts of the Ocean, on which it has impos'd its Name, is altogether rough, foul and barren: But the other Parts, which range along the inland Countries of Africa, are befet with Groves and shady Thickets, and water'd with purling princes in Compute that all forts of Fruit na-Springs; infomuch that all forts of Fruit naturally grow at the Foot of it without any Tillage, and there is no end of its Delights: That none of the Inhabitants is to be feen in the Day-time, there being profound Silence every where, by reason of the dismal Solitudes, and that the Minds of those who come near, are struck with a secret Terrour; more especially in beholding its dreadful Height, advanc'd above the Clouds, and even near the Orb of the Moon: It is also added, That Fires are often seen in the Night, on the same Mountain, and that it resounds with the Noise of Pipes, Flutes and Cymbals, whilst the Fairies and Satyrs are celebrating their nocturnal Sports. This Mountain is supposed to have derived its Name from Atlas, King of Massitania, who being very much addicted to the Study of A-stronomy, usually took Observations of the

Stars from thence; more clearly and diffinely (according to the Opinion of the Antients) than if he had view'd them from a lower Ground: Upon that account, the fame Monarch is reported to have carry'd Heaven on his Shoulders, in regard he was the first Inventer and Maintainer of the Astronomical Science, and is seign'd by the Poets, to have been transform'd into this prodigious Hill, by Person, at the sight of the Gorgon's Head. Mount Atlas is also said to touch Heaven with its Top, and even to support it, because it rises up to the Clouds, higher than can be discern'd with the Eye.

This famous Mountain takes its Rife in Mauritania Tingitana, on the Coast of the Atlantick Sea, and the Promontory Gerum, or Cape Guer: From thence, with a continued ridge of Hills of a vast Height, it runs Eastward thro' the Kingdom of Morocco, and the Frontiers of Barbary and Biledulgerid, as far as the Defant of Barea; but its Name is often chang'd, according to the diversity of Countries, thro', which it

is extended. For at the faid Cape (according to Marmol) it is call'd Idevacal, or Aiducal, and Tenff, or Tenft, (as M. Sanson expresses it) in Hastora, a Province of the Kingdom of Morocco, where it borders upon Darba in Biledulgerid: On the Contines of Tedles, a Province of the same Kingdom, and of Segelmessa, Part of Biledulgerid; it bears the Name of Dedes; as also that of Zizi in the Western Part of Chaus; a Province of the Kingdom of Fez, &c.

Province of the Kingdom of Fez, &c.

The lefter Mount Atlas is the Off-spring of VIII. the Greater, and is also placed by Prolemey in The less Marriania Tingitana, but farther towards these Adast North, and the Fretum Herculeum, or Straight of Gibraliar. It is now nam'd Errif (as we are inform'd by M. Marnol,) and extends it self between the Kingdom of Morecco on the South, and that of Fez on the North, at the distance of about 130 Miles from Larache, to the South-East, and almost 200 from the Straight of Gibralian.

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General and Particular DESCRIPTION

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AMERICA.

First written in Latin by JOAN. LUTTS, and now improv'd with very particular Accounts of the English PLANTATIONS; and Maps laid down according to the latest Observations and Discoveries.

AMERICA



CHAP. I.

AMERICA in general:

HE upper Part, as we may call it, of the Terrelfrial Globe which was all that was known to the Ancients, having been hi-he Subject of our Discourse. We proceed therto the Subject of our Difcourle. We proceed now to take a View of the other Part, which with respect to our Hemisphere, is the lower; and in regard that it first began to be discover'd about two hundred Years agoe, it is often call'd *The* new World, but more commonly America; which Denomination is from Americus Vesputius a Florentine, who fetting out from Cadiz, by the Order of Emanuel King of Portugal, on the 20th day of May 1497, discover'd the Eastern Part of the Continent, which lyes to the South of the Equinoctial Line, and was the first European that

made a descent upon that Part.

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But though Americus had the Honour to give Name to this new World, the Difcovery of it is owing to Christopher Columbus, or rather Colonus a Genoefe, but Inhabitant on the Madera Islands; a Man of found Judgment, and accute Parts, skilful in Navigation, and well acquainted with Aftronomy; who by his own Reason and Study, was posses of with an Opinion, that there must necessarily be LandWestward, beyond the Atlantick Ocean. And having a strong Inclination to find out those un-known Countries he apply'd himself first to the Re-publick of Genoa; where being resused assistance, he fert his Brother Bartholomen, to Henry VII. King of England: Afterwards, he delivered his Mind, in Person to Alsonso V. King of Portugal; but neither the States of Genoa, nor either of those Princes could be induced to countenance so hazardous and expensive an Enterprise, that seem'd to tend but little to their Advantage. Lastly, he communicated his design to Ferdinand V. sirnam'd the Catholick King of Caftille, and Queen Isabel his Confort, but his Solicitations there too provid as ineffectual for several Years: Till at length the Queen thought fit to hearken to Columbus's Proposal, and by her Persuasion, he obtain'd of the King three Ships, furnish'd with all forts of neceffary Provisions, and enter'd upon his so long wish'd for Voyage, A.D. 1492: Thus setting out from Cadiz in the beginning of the Month of Angust (or as others say) of June, or September, he sail'd first to Gomera, one of the Canaries, and from thence made the best of his way Westward. After a course of nine Weeks, he happily arriv'd at the Lucayas-Islands, having first touch'd upon Guanahani, now call'd Salvador, which he took Possession of in the King of Spain's Name, and pass'd from thence to Cuba; then he came to History pass'd from thence to Cuba; then he came to appaniola, where having planted Crosses and set up the King's Standard, he returned to Spain to give the King's Standard, he returned to the King. This Navigation being thus profperoully compleated, he undertook a fecond to Hispaniola, by the Command of the same King Ferdinand, September the 11th. 1493. He also visited Cuba again, and discover'd Jamaica, with several other Parts. During his third and last Navigation, which he began from Spain, May 23, A. D. 1493, he made the Caribbee Islands, off Sottovento, among which Margarita was more especially remarkable, and discover'd the Coast of Terra Firma.

Some affirm, That a certain Sea-Captain, whom they differently name Aldrete, Garcilaffo Vega, and Alfonso Sanchez de Hielva, was driven by a Storm from the Coasts of Africa, which he frequented upon the Account of Trastick, Westward to certain unknown Lands: This Captain (according to their Report) lodg'd in the fame House with Columbus, in the Island of M.dera, and dying a little while after his Arrival, left him the Journal of his late Veyage. Whereupon Columbus having receiv'd fuch notable helps, and being admirably well vers'd in the Sciences of Astronomy and Geography, apply'd his Mind altogether to the discovering of these Countries. But others fuspect, not without good Grounds, that this whole Relation was feign'd by the Spaniards, who could not endure that the Glory of fo great a Discovery should redound to a

There are also some English-men, who aftert, That America was discover'd A. D. 1190, or (as others fay) in 1170, by Madoc, the Son of Oxen Guyneth, or Guisneth, Prince of Water. Others will have Madee to be the Prince of Wales's Brother, who (as it is reported) made two Voyages to America, and dy'd there, after having planted feveral Colonies, in Virginia, or in Florida and Canada, or in the Kingdom of Mexico; the Language of which Country, is faid to be intermix'd, even at this day, with many British

Words.

This vast Continent is call'd The new World, because it was but lately made known to the European Nations, and is the largest Part of the Terrestrial Globe. It is also supposed to have received the Name of Western India, or the West-Indies, from Columbus, who when he first touched upon the American Islands, imagined that he arriv'd at the Real or Eastern India. And indeed it may be faid that there is a notable Similande between the West and East Indies in Several Particulars; viz. that they were found out about the fame time; that the Natives of both (as it is reported) derive their Original from the fune Stock; and that their Manners and Customs are much alike; and especially that America supplies Europe with a valt Wealth of Gold and Silver.

America has for its Bounds on the East, the Northern and Ethiopick Oceans, which separate it, at a great distance, from Europe and Africa; on the the South Magellanick Straight, parting it from the Island of the same Name, otherwise call'd Tierra del Fuego; and on the West, the Pacifick Ocean, by which it is cut off, at least for the most part, at a very great Distance from Asia: Its utmost Extent Northward is not as yet fufficiently known; in regard, that certain Straights:

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Straights, Bays and Coasts are only discover'd, and it is scarce possible to make any farther Progress, by reason of the huge Shoals of Ice that float in those Seas, and the frequent Westerly Winds. The whole Continent (according to its present Dimensions) extends itself in Length from the 240th to the 340th. Degree of Longitude, and takes up no less space in Breadth; for in beginning to reckon only from *Hudfon's Straight*, it reaches from the 63d. Degree of Northern Latitude, to the 54th of Southern; nevertheless its middle Part towards the South is very narrow, so that its Figure may well be compar'd to that of an Hour-Glass. The lester Part of America is fituated under the Southern Temperate Zone; the greatest under the Northern Torrid and Temperate Zones; and an unknown Part lyes out far beyond the Arctick Circle; infomuch that the Degrees of Heat and Cold, must needs be very different, in the several Tracts of this most spa-

cious Country. When the Spaniards first made a descent upon the Land, they found no Gold, or Silver Coyn, the use of which was altogether unknown to the Americans; but a prodigious Quantity of Bullion of those Metals, with which it still abounds, and great flore of precious Stones. The Country was also destitute of Wine and Corn, instead whereof it brought forth Mayz, a kind of Pulse, and certain Roots, of which Bread was usually made. Neither were there any Dogs, Sheep, Goats, Horfes, Affes, Mules, or Oxen, which the Natives extremely admir'd at the first fight: However, there was and still continues to be plenty of Herbs, medicinal Plants, very different forts of wild and tame Beafts, Fowl, Fish, Sugar and excellent Fruit, and fuch as are transported thither from Europe, thrive beyond what can be imagined. How much the Herds of Oxen have encreas'd appears from the vast quantities of Hides that are brought over into Europe. But the Rivers which formerly had their Sands impregnated with Gold, now starce retain any; neither does the Sea any longer afford its usual Store of Pearls; which Defect is to be imputed to the Covetousness of the Spaniards. The Natives are ingenious, robult, nimble, revengeful and timorous; being very expert in shooting with Arrows, running and swimming. They that have no intercourse with the Europeans, are partly Savages, and fome of them are Cambals, or Man-eaters: Some go naked, and others are cloth'd with the Skins of Animals; adorning themselves with the Feathers of Birds, and dying their Bodies with divers Colours: They that enjoy their own Liberty, adore the Sun, Moor, Water, Fire, nay even the Devil himfelf, and whattoever their natural Inclination leads them to: But there are some (as they say) who worship only one God, the Creatour of Heaven and Earth; and others that are fubject to the Europeans, generally follow their Sacred Rites: Neither is one Language common to all, but they speak many that are very different.

Before the Arrival of the Spaniards, there was a great number of Kings in America, especially the two mighty Empires of Mexico and Peru, the Monarchs whereof, as well as the Petty Kings being entirely fubdu'd, and the greatest part of their Subjects deltroyed, the middle and best part of the whole Continent, (including the rich Gold

and Silver Mines of Pern and Poto(s) became fubject to the Spaniards, and is still under their Do-minion; being one of the most eminent Dependances of the Kingdom of Caftille. The Spaniards in bringing this Country into Subjection, exercited a most barbarous and unheard of Cruelty. cutting off the poor unarm'd Indians in valt numbers, fo that the Country which was formerly populous, is now in a manner defolate, except of Spaniards, who are not very numerous, but have the fole Administration of publick Affairs; the other Inhabitants are either Criolians, which are those that are descended of the Spaniards, but born in America; the Mellicio's born of a Spamish Father and an American Mother, which are reckon'd the very dregs of the People; the Negroes, or Ethiopians, a brawny and treacherous Crew, who being bought for Slaves in Africa, are transported thither, and put to the hardest Labour; and fome other Europeans, and a very few Indians. The Governours are chang'd every three Years, and the Inhabitants are forbidden to follow the Smith's, or Armourer's Trade, fo that all kinds of Arms and Iron-tools are brought from Spain. Moreover, part of America is possess'd by the English, French, Portugueses and Hollanders, whose Dominions thall be hereafter describ'd in their proper Places. Part of it is still govern'd by its own Kings; and Part (as they fay) is inhabited by a People that live without Law, and wander up and down from one Territory to a-

Before we proceed to the Division of America, VIII. it is requifite to discuss two notable Questions, that are usually started. The first is, From whence when, and by what means, Men (to fay nothing of brute Bealts, of a valt bulk) came to this new World, which is separated from Europe, Africa and Afin, by a most spacious Sea? The other is, Whether it was known to the Ancients, and frequented by them? Several Authors make different Answers to the former Question: Some are of Opinion, That America began to be inhabited from after the time of the Patriarch Noah, and the Confusion of Tongues at Babylon, and confequently ever fince the most ancient Disperfion of the Nations: Because, say they, the great Continent of America could not pollibly in a few Ages be supply'd with so great a number, variety and order of People, as the European Difcoverers found every part of it to be at their first Arrival: These Authors add, That the Americans were not ignorant of the universal Deluce and these three transports. luge, and that they retain'd among them a Tradition of the ancient Giants. L'erins is inclined to believe, That these People are the Off-spring of the Canaanites, who being driven out of their Proper Seats by Johna, at last settled themselves there, or else (according to the Sentiments of others) the Progeny of the ten Tribes of Israel, that were at first carry'd away captive into Assyria, afterwards scatter'd abroad far and wide throughout feveral Countries, and at length pass'd over into America. Robert Compté a Norman afferts, That the Phenicians (or Carthaginians, a Colony of that Nation) being a People of undaunted Courage and very skilful in maritim Affairs, who apparently navigated the Ocean, beyond Hercules's Pillars; first of all arriv'd at those Coasts, and were also the first

Inhabitants of the inland Country, from whom he fays the Americans were descended. 0thers think fit rather to derive the Original of them from the Tartars, at least from those People who passed from the Coasts of Tartary to America; because they suppose, that Tartary, among all the Parts of the old World, lyes nearest to

that Continent.

As for my Opinion, I cannot be perfunded by any means, That fo vaft a Country, the Inhabitants of which are fo different in their Cufloms, Constitutions and Languages, receiv'd them all together at once, from one particular Quarter, or after the same manner; and I take it for a great piece of Rashness to attempt to determine the Time, or Circumstances of their Annival, or the respective Provinces of America that were posses'd by any of those People. However there are fufficient Grounds to conjecture, That the Posterity of Noah, who travers'd the old World, came also to that which we have but lately discover'd, either through some Northern Tract, or a long and more direct Road; the new World being then perhaps less remote from the old, than it is at this day: For Experience plain-ly shews, that the Surface and Situation of the Islands and Continents are not always the same: And if there was only a Paffage to America by And if there was only a Paliage to America by Sea, why might not the Art of building and fleering Ships be transmitted to After-ages, from Noah the Founder of the Ark? Neither does it feem imprebable to me, That the Scythians, Tartars, Chineses and other People of India, pass d over into America; for it appears from the Relations of Voyages, that that Part of it, which is situated towards Asia. was no less populous, when the towards Asia, was no less populous, when the Europeans first arriv'd on the Coasts, than the opposite Part, which lyes over against Africa and Europe. And indeed, it is no less probable, That the Fhenicians and Carthaginians, whose Course might perhaps be promoted by a general Wind, continually blowing from East to West; as also the Norwegians, Greenlanders, and other Nations were convey'd to the fame Continent of America, at several times, either by Sea or Land, either accidentally, or of set purpose; for that which might possibly befall any one of those particular People, might also happen, with respect to all in general.

These Sentiments will be farther confirm'd, if we consider the common Opinion, That America was known in the most ancient Times, and frequented by the Inhabitants of the old World. It is related in Plato's Dialogues, 'That Solon was 'inform'd by the Egyptian Priefts, (in whofe Archives this Account was extant) That the Egyptian Hercules, otherwife call'd Ofris, after having fubdu'd many Countries, beyond and 'on the bither fide of the Hercules Secretary. on the hither side of the Herculean Straight, at last undertook an Expedition to Atlantis, an Island situated beyond Hercules's Pillars, in the vast Ocean, and of a great deal larger Extent than Asia and Africa taken together: Which Island he likewise conquer'd, and having made Peace with the Inhabitants, constituted his Grand-son Neptune Governout of it. Moreover, Plato gives us an accurate Description of the nature of the Country, the Manner, Disposition and political Government of the People, with the Si-tuation of the Towns and Castles, and more es-

pecially takes notice of the great flore of Gold and precious Stones. This Author is followed by Pliny and Strab; and Diodorus Siculus produces a Relation to the fame effect, viz. 'That the Phenicians, in the most ancient times, as they were coasting along the Shores of Africa, beyond the Straight of Hercules, or Gibraltar, were overta-ken with a furious and continual Storm: Infomuch that being driven to and fro, in the wide Sea, they at last arriv'd at a great Island, fitu-ated over against Africa, in the middle of the Atlantick Occan; where the Country was well water'd, very pleafant and extremely fruitful. Theopompus (according to Elnar) likewife made mention of another Continent, as well as Artfolk, who in Lib. de Mirabil. Aufault. informs us, That the Carthaginians found out a certain It-' land, beyond Hercules's Pillars, distant many days Voyage, from the Continent; where when by reason of the fruitfulness of the Soil, some began to contract Marriages, and to inhabit the Country, the Governours fet forth a Prohibition; under pain of Death, importing that for the fu-' ture, none should enter the Island, and at the fame time expell'd those that were settled therein, lest encreasing in number, they should at last aspire to the Sovereign Power, and deprive ' the Carthaginians of part of their Felicity. It were needless to alledge several other Testimonies out of Homer, Horace, Seneca the Philosopher, and Seneca the Poet, the last of whom being transported with inspired Fury, is said to have foretold the Discounties. the Discovery of America, in his Tragedy of Medea; more especially fince those Records that have been already produc'd, feem appositely to agree with the Nature and Constitution of that most spacious Continent.

Kircher indeed, diffinguishes the Island Aslan-tis, from the old and new World; neither does he take it for a Part of the latter, but supposes it to have been situated in the middle of the Atlanlick Ocean, and that when it was shook with a terrible Earth-quake, and fuddenly fwallow'd up by a great overflowing of the Sca, some few Foot-steps of it were left in the Flandrian and Canary Isles: But this Explication is little consonant to the largeness either of the Island, or of the Ocean, as it is describ'd in the above-cited Testimonies. Barlaus is of Opinion, That whatfoever Plato has deliver'd concerning the Island Atlantis is not a real History, but only a Mythological Relation, and that what Diodorus indeterminately proposes, ought not to be understood of America, in particular. But that the Account which Plato gives of this Island is not fabulous, it feems to be fufficiently evident from the Circumstances that are added; as also from the Testimony of Strabo, who says, that Solon wrote a Book on the same Subject: And if what Diodorus lays down must not be interpreted, with respect to America; let Barlaus or his Followers aslign another Part of the World, to which it

may be more properly apply'd.

Lastly, it is observable, That others will have America to be the fame with King Solomon's Ophir, to which, in those ancient times. a Fleet of Ships set fail every three Years: But it is objected by those of a different Opinion, That Ivory, which the Royal Fleet usually transperted among other Commodities, was altogether

unknown in America, at least in Pern, to which fome restrain the Bounds of Ophir; as also, that it was impossible to perform such a Voyage before the Invention and Use of the Magnetical Needle. However, we shall show at least, in

treating hereafter of the Country of Peru, That no Argument can be inferr'd from the likeness of the Terms Ophir and Peru, by the transposition of Letters.

CHAP. II. Northern AMERICA and the Arctick Countries.



AVING thus dispatch'd the Preliminaries, we proceed to the Division of America, which is commonly diffinguish'd, as it were by the direction of Nature it self, into the Northern and Southern. The former is sometimes call'd Mexicana, from the Kingdom of Part 2

Mexico, its principal Part, or from the Metropolitan City of the same Name; but it is as yet unknown, how far this Continent extends it self to the North, and by what it is bounded on that Quarter: Its Boundaries on the East, are Davis's Straight, which separates it from Greenland;

St. Laurence's Bay; the Sea of Canada, or New France; that of Virginia; the Gulph of Mexico; and the little Ittanus of Panama, by which it is cut off from Southern America: It is also bounded on the South, by the Southern Ocean strictly taken, or the Sea of New Spain; and on the West, by the Red or Purple Sea, which the Spaniards term Elmar Vermejo; und(according to several Geographers) by the Straight of Anian. The least, but most eminent Part of this spacious Country, Iyes under the Northern Torrid Zone, and the greatest Part under the Northern Temperate Zone.

greatest Part under the Northern Temperate Zone.

M. Simson divides Northern America into Canadian and Mexican; making the former to consilt of two Parts, that is to say, the Arctick Countries, whereto he also adds Greenland and Island, (which shall be hereafter accounted for in the Description of the Countries about the Poles,) and Canada, or New France. Under the Mexican Part, he includes the New Kingdom of Mexico and New Spain. However, we shall admit of six principal Parts of Northern America, viz. The Arctick Countries, Canada, Florida, the New Kingdom of Mexico, New Spain, and the Isles of the Mexican Archipelago: An Account shall likewise be given of the rest of the Islands of Northern America, that are of any Repute, after having described the several Parts of the Continent, over against which they are situated; first shewing the whole at a View in these Tables.

A General Table of Northern AMERICA.

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West. New Wales. I. The West, Arctick Countries Fames's-Island Cumberland-Isles in which On the are, Good Fortune I. -East, Mansfield I. Terra de Laborador Saguenay Prov. The Country of the Beyond the Cana-da River, Algonquins
That of the Hurons Lovisania Virginia Maryland Pensylvania New York New Jersey New England Irocoisia, or the Iroquois On this fide the Northern America, divided into Six Parts, viz. fame Ri-Country II. Canada Etechemins Territory contain-Arcadia ing, Proper Canada Anticosti S. Jean Cape Breton New-found-land Isle de Sable Nantuket Sturgeon-Ifles Islands o-Martins-Vinyard ver a-Ulieland Texel Elizabeth I. Block I. gainst the Conti-Rode I. Isle of Wight Plum I. Fishers I. Lnent, Manahattens Staten I. Long-Island Bermudas-Isles

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Canada the chief River, runs into the Gulph La Riviere des Prairies
La Riviere de Mons of the same Name, Les trois Rivieres

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Reading Salem Providence
York London Norwich Worcester Chichester Guilford Glocester Exeter Northampton Lancaster Chelmsford Kenebeck, &c.

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The Arctick or Northern Countries, so nam'd from their Situation towards the Arctick Pole, are very cold, and almost altogether unknown to the Europeans. in regard that some of their Sca-coasts only were discover'd about 100 Years agoe, chiefly by the English; as also by the Danes and Hollanders; hoping to find out a Passage from thence into the Pacifick Sea: But their Attempts were always frustrated, and they had only an Opportunity to discover certain Straights and Bays.

III.

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Thefe Countries may be conveniently divided New Into the Western and Eastern: Among the former are New Denmark, New South-Wales, and New North-Wales. New Denmark owes its Discovery to John Munck a Dane, by Virtue of a Commission from Christian IV. King of Denmark, A. D. 1619, or (according to M. Sanson) in 1629: The Arctick Circle passes through this Country, and it is wash'd on the East by the Christian Sea, which was so call'd in Honour of the same Danish Monarch. Munck was fore'd to take up his his Winter-Quartets in a little Cottage, or Hut, on the Harbour which bearshis Name, and found the Weather so excessive cold, that his Spanish Wines, and even those that were burnt, were quite froze: The whole Company that undertook this Voyage dy'd there, except the Captain and two other Persons, who at last return'd safe to Norway and Denmark. The Names of New Denmark and the Christian Sea, are now almost become obsolete, and are omitted in most Maps:

New South-Wales is fittuated on the East of V. New Denmark, and wash'd by the Bays of But-New ton, Hudfon and James; as also New North-Wales, Waled which is separated from the former, by the Christian Sea: Both these Countries were discovered and nam'd by the English in the beginning of the last Age.

The remaining Arctick Countries of chief Note, extend themselves farther Fastward, either on the hither side, or beyond Hudfon's Straight: On the hither side, or or the North of that Straight, appear the Islands of James, Cumberland and Good Fortune. James Island, to call'd by the English, James in honour of King James I. and Cumberland-Isle, Island is of a valt Extent; and Iyes in the middle, between Hudfon's Straight, and the Bays of Darns and Bassin: On its Southern side it has a large Gulph nam'd Cumberland-Bay, in the innermost Part of which the Cumberland-Isles are situated, Cumbertaking up but a small space in Compass. In landother Maps, instead of one great Island, the siles. Bounds of three are set out, separated from one another by several Straights, that show between them; in the most Northern of which, the Cumberland-Isles are usually plac'd. These Parts are delineated in the Dutch Sea Atlas according to the former Draught, which is also approved by Baudrand, La Robbe, and other modern Geographers, whose Foot-steps we have follow'd.

The Isle of good Fortune, appears almost in the VII. form of a Triangle, not far from the Entrance Good of Hudson's Straight: It is a great deal lefs than Fortune fames-Island, and was discover'd by the English Isle, when they found out the Arctick Countries.

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The other Parts of these Countries, situated VIII. farther Eastward, and beyond, or on the South Mansfeld-Isle and Terrasched Laborador. Mansseld-Island lyes in the mid-Isle. dle, between New Wales and Terra de Laborador, at the Confluence of Hudson's Straight and Bay; extending itself a great deal farther from North to South, than from West to East: It was lately found out by the English, and received its Name from them.

Terra de Labrador, ot Laborador, otherwife call'd IX. Estotiland and New Britain, is wash'd on the Terra de North, by Hudson's Straight; as also, on the West, Laboraby the Bay of the same Name; and is bounded dor. on the South, by Conasa. This Country is very still of Bays, and its Figure is almost Triangular; abounding (as they say) with Mountains, Woods and wild Beasts. Estotiland, in M. Sanson's French and Latin Maps is set down among the Parts of Canada, but in regard that no European Colony is settled therein, and nothing is as yet known but the Sea-coast, we are rather induc'd to refer it, with other Geographers, to the Arctick Countries.

CHAP. III.

Canada, and the adjacent Islands.

I. ROM the Arctick Countrys we pass to Canada, or New France, so nam'd by John Verazzan, a Florentine, who first took Possession of it in the behalf of Francis I. King of France, A.D. 1525; although it was discover'd several Years before by the English. It borders on the North, upon the Arctick Countries, but its utinoft Boundaries on the Weft, are not as yet sufficiently known; hevertheless 'tis certain that it extends itself very far on that Quarter towards the New Kingdom of Mexico: It is also bounded on the South, by Florida; and on the East, by the Sea of Mexico; they of New East, by the Sea of Virginia, that of New France, and St. Laurence's Gulph. But the Limits of Canada must be reftrain'd within a narrower Compais, if we cut off the Countries of Virginia, New York, and New England, with the reft of the English Plantations. According to the former Dimensions of Canada taken at large, is is fituated between the 34th, and the 55th. Degree of Northern Latitude.

The inland Western Part is posses'd by the Natives, but the Coafts both of Sea and Rivers is in the hands of the French and Englith. The Degrees of Heat and Cold in 6 spacious a Coun-try must needs be very different: In that Part which is under the French, the Snows that fall in the Autumnal and Winter Seafons are very great, which by reason that the Land is cover'd with Woods, the oblique Rays of the Sun, cannot fufficiently melt; infomuch that in process of time, they become a vall heap, and cause the Cold to be extremely intense: The Weather in the Summer-Season is excessive Hot, clear and open; but its sereneness is sometimes disturb'd, with fuddain Storms, and the Lightning is apt to fet the Woods on Fire, which often continues for a long time. However, fome are of Opinion, That New France, if it were industriously and duly manurd, would soon become as fruitful as Old France; because they are both situated, almost in the same Latitude, and Experience shews, that the Soil is very proper for such Tillage.

Moreover, the Country abounds with Mountains, Rocks, Marshes, Lakes, Rivers, Pastures, Meadows and very rich Arable Lands, and affords good flore of Mayz, Tobacco, Fruits, Herbs, Heath, Pit-coal, Silver and feveral other forts of Metal. In the Woods are bred Stags, Elks, Bears, Ounces, Porcupines, Foxes, Martins, wild Cats, Weafels, Snakes and Rabbets: There are alfo feveral forts of Birds, more effecially Eagles, Vulturs and Falcons; and the Rivers, Lakes, and Seas, are very full of Fifty: The former are and seasy are very fifth of Fifth. The former are frequented by Beavers and Otters; with Pikes, Carps, Eels, Lampreys, &c. In the latter are Whales, Sea-Wolves, Seals, Porpoifes, Urchins, and Dog-filli', befides Dolphins, Salmons, Tortoifes, Crabs, Cockles, Oiffers, and chiefly abundance of Cockfills, even fufficient to fimply the dance of Cod-fish; even sufficient to supply the whole Continent of Europe. The Canadians, who are faid to be of a quick Apprehension, ingeni-

ous and long-liv'd, usually dwell in Huts, which they fometimes change: In the Winter, they cloath themselves with the painted Skins of Animals, and adorn their Faces with divers co-lours: They are much addicted to Poligamy, and take great Delight in dancing, finoaking Tobacco, and drinking burnt Wine; as also in hunting, filhing and fowling: They generally live in great Peace one with another, without Ambition, Envy, or Contentions; and do not trouble the felves in the leaft with any Care for the future: But the Iroquois, Armonchiquois, and some other particular Nations are naturally deceitful, treature and very cruel to their Enemies. Their vy, or Contentions; and do not trouble them-Bodies are well proportion'd, and their Complexion naturally white; yet they make it of an Olive-colour, by anointing themfelves with Oils mingled with Bears-greafe, o'c. Tis also reported, That their ordinary Remedy when they are seen That their ordinary Remedy when they are fick, is to let themselves blood in the Belly, and that they use certain Herbs, the Virtues of which are known to them by Experience. These savage People are altogether Idolaters, but seem to have some general Notions of a God, whom they call Atakocan, i. e. The Author of all things. They are governed by Sagamoi, or Captains chosen with great Solemnty out of the eldelt Sons of their most eminent Families; to whom they usually give the Names of their immediate Predecessors, to revive them as it were in their Persons. In their general Affemblies, the Sagamo, and some old Autmoins, or Priests, have the decisive Voice. These last likewise personn the Office of Physicians; but are indeed no better than ridiculous Sorcerers.

To render our Descriptions more clear, we shall divide the whole Country of Canada into three which lyes beyond the River Conada; that Track which lyes beyond the River Conada; the fecond, that which appears on this fide the faid River; and the third, the principal Islands situated over against the Continent. That Division of Canada which is fet out on the farther side of the River of the fame Name, extends itself farthest on the North and West; and its chief Parts are the Provinces of Saguenay, the Territories of several forts of People, and Lovisiana.

The Province of Saguenay, fo call'd from a Ri- IV. ver of that Name, which runs through it and Saguenty falls into the *Canada*, is the best cultivated of all *Prov.* those that are in the Poslession of the French. The most remarkable Places and Towns of this Province (according to M. La Robbe) are Port de Quarier; Port S. Nicholas; and Chichekedee; all fituated on S. Laurence's Gulph: Port Neuf, on the Mouth of the River Canada: Talonflac, higher on that of the Saguenay: And Quebec, the Metrepolis of New France, divided into the upper and lower Towns, the former being built on an Hill, with a well fortify'd Castle, of a square Figure; and the other, on the foot of the Hill, with a little Harbour: It was erected into an Episcopal See by Pope Clement X. Octob. 1. 1674; and is the Scat of the chief Governour of New

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France, as also of the highest Court of Judicature. This Town is distant 300 Miles Westward from the Coast of the North Sea, and 60 Leagues Eastward from the Island of Mon Real. The other Places of Note, are Sillery, a Fort about a League higher: Les trois Rivieres, a little Town at the Mouth of the three Rivers: And Fort Frontenac, with a large Harbour, built A. D. 1673, on the Eastern side of the Lake of the same Name, otherwife termed Ontario. The Place was formerly call'd Katarakovi, and derives its modern Denomination from Count Frontenae, Governour of the whole Country, who caus'd it to be well fortify'd, to keep the Iroquois in Subjection. Monficur de la Salle the late Governour added much to its Beauty and Strength, having enlarg'd it to the Extent of 360 Fathoms, and furrounded it with Ba-thons and Out-works of Freetlone.

Besides the Province of Sagnenay, and the abovespecify'd Colonies, we may take notice of the Territory of the Algonquins, and that of the Hu-Hurons. rons, which the Iroquois have almost entirely laid waste, fituated on the Fresh-water Sea of the Harons, hercafter describ'd. It is needless to make any mention of feveral other forts of People, who are very numerous, and live on the hither fide of the Canada, in regard that they are of less Note.

and their Names are scarce known.

Farther, on the West and South, appears a large Country, lately discover'd by M. de la Salle Governour of Fort Frontenac, Father Lewes Hennepin, and others, by the Order of the present French King, and nam'd Lovisania, or Louisane, in his Honour. They sound therein most spacious Meadows; a great number of Lakes and navigable Rivers, very full of Fish, notable Mountains, Forests, Woods, Trees of a valt thickness and height, more especially Oaks, wild Vines, and several other forts of Fruit-trees, excellent Henp, and a Soil fit to bring forth all things that are produc'd in the most fruitful Countries of Europe. There was also abundance of Buffles, Staggs, Hedgehogs, Beavers, Otters, wild Cats, Parrets, Swans, Patridges, Tortoifes, &c. Besides Bears of a prodigious fize, Wolves, Vipers, Phyfical Herbs, I-ron and Brass. The Air is temperate and heal-thy, and the Natives are of a very robust and strong Constitution; the Men exercise themselves in hunting Wild-Bulls, whereof vast Herds are found here; and the Women perform all the laborious Works at home, carry vast Burthens, the Ground, &c. Their common Food is the Flesh of Wild-Bulls, and their Skins afford them Cloathing. They are of an affable Disposition, lively and active, excellent Marksmen, indefatigable Huntsinen, and very swift of Foot: They have no Fire Arms, or even Weapons of Iron and Steel, but make their Knives and Axes of Flints or other Stones. There are feveral Nations whose Languages are perfectly different, and are each under the Government of certain Chiefs or Kings, who are honour'd and obey'd by the Subjects. They feem to have but little Senfe of Religion, the chief Marks of Devotion appear in the Reverence they pay to the Sun, to whom they offer the best Parts of the Beasts they kill.

The French have built two Forts in Lovisiaina, viz. One on the South Coast of the Lake of the Ilionois, where the River Miamis empties itself into that Lake; that River hath its Name from the

neighbouring People, and the Castle is donominated from the River, being call'd Fort de Miamis. The other is nam'd Fort Crevecum, and stants about 100 Leagues more to the West, upon the River Illinois, or as the French call it Sagne-

The River Meschasipi, that hath been so much talk'd of fince Father Hennepin publish'I his Memoirs of these Parts, is a very large and deep Stream, issuing from divers Lakes in about the 55th. Degr. of North Latitude; from whence running Southward with many windings and turnings, falls at last into the Gulph of Mexico, in the 27th. Degree of Latitude, Laving perform'd a Course of above 800 Leagues. The River is deep enough to afford Paffage to the biggeft Ships, but the Navigation is interrupted by Joine Cataracts or great falls, whereof that nam'd by Hennepin St. Anthony, he tells us, is 50 or 60 Foot deep. Several confiderable Rivers fall into the Mefchafipi, and the Country on its Banks is good Soil, and capable of much Improvement.

And now having furvey'd the Countries of Canada beyond the River, we shall return and take a View of those lying on this side of it; whereof the English Plantations take up much the greatest Part, and therefore deserve our first Notice; but because we are now upon the Frenth Territories, we will pass through *Iroquois*, the Etechemin's Country, to their Provinces of Acadiaand Proper Canada; and also give an Account of the Lakes and Rivers of Canala, before we en-

ter our English Empire in America.

Irocoisia, or Iroquois, a Country, whose Situation is differently express'd in several Maps: For Irocoifia. Vischer places it between New England, on the East, and New Netherland, or New York, on the West, from which it is separated by a mountainous Tract: He also delineates the vast Lake of the Iroquois, which contains several Islands, and receives the great River of the Iroquois, with that of Canada, or St. Laurence: But the Author of the Description of Lovisania, sets out the Bounds of the Iroquois, or People of Irocoisia, on the West of New York, and for the most part, on the Southern and Eastern Coasts of the Lake Frontenae, or Ontario, on the North of which, some are likewise fettled: The French have built Fort-Conty, on the Southern Coast of the same Lake. The broques are divided into five distinct Nations, and are generally of a tall Stature: They cloath themselves with the Skins of Beavers, Wolves, and other Animals, and are of a favage and cruel Dif-position; but they are said to have been much civilized of late Years, since their Conversation with the French.

The Country of the Etechemins, a particular VIII. People, borders on the North, upon Proper Ca-Etechenada; on the East, upon Acadia; on the South, mins upon New England; and on the West, upon the People. River Canada: It is water'd by several Rivers, and among the rest, one of the same Name, but it does not contain any remarkable Places.

There only remain two Provinces of that Part XI. of Canada, which lyes beyond the River Canada, Acadiaor St. Laurence, viz. Acadia and Proper Canada, both annexed to the Crown of France. The former is bounded on all fides, by the Sea, except its Western, which borders upon the Territories

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of the Etechemins. This Country was fometime a Part of the English Plantations, and call'd New Scotland; but being made over to the French, by the Treaty at Breda, it obtain'd the Name of Acadia. It is very full of Harbours, and its chief Towns are built on the Sea-coasts, particularly Port-Royal the Capital, with a very capacious Harbour, in the innermost Part of the Western Bay; and Touchequet, farther on the South: The following Towns appear farther on the Eastern and Northern Quarters, viz. Port Rossignol; La Heve: Paspay: Macomode; and Martengo. The Heve; Paspay; Macomode: and Martengo. The People nam'd Sourieois inhabit the inland Coun-

In passing on the North of Acadia, beyond the Bay Des Chaleurs, we come to the Province of Canada; otherwise for Distinction sake termed which the spacious Gulph of St. Proper Canada, which the spacious Gulph of St. Laurence bounds, on the East, the Estuary of the River Canada, on the North and West; and the Country of the Etechemins, with the Bay Des Chaleurs, on the South. Its Towns are not very confiderable, but M. Sanson and La Robbe, among others, make mention of Richelieu, or Saurel, seated on the Eastern side of the River Canada; and Mont-Real, in an Island of the same Nume; a

reat Town, which has been well inhabited with-in these few Years.

The Lakes of Canada, are very numerous, and the most spacious are those that lye in the Western Part, and on the Frontiers of Lovisania, being five in number: They contain freth Water, are full of Fish and navigable; so that Ships of a large fize may fail in them, but not without great Difficulty in the Winter, by reason of most boilterous Winds which blow during that Sea-fon. The most Northern of these is the Upper Lake, otherwise nam'd the Lake of Tracy and Conde, scarce distant twelve days Journey Southward from Hudson's Bay. Its Extent (as they say) from West to East, takes up 150 Miles, 40 from North to South, and 500 in Compass: Besides several Islands, it receives ten navigable Rivers, and difcharges itself into the Lake of the Hurons, through the Straight, or Cataract of Maria, the Course of which is rapid, and obstructed by a great number of Rocks. The great Lake, or The Fresh-water Sea of the Hurons, is so call'd from the Hurons, certain People who have fettled themselves in the adjacent Parts, and otherwise The Lake of Orleans: Some take it for the greatest Lake of the whole Continent of Northern America, and it is suppos'd to reach in Compass, for the space of above 700 Leagues, as also 200 in Length from North to South; but its Breadth is of a different Extent, and largest in the middle. Many Islands are contain'd in this Lake, which by means of

the Straight of Missilimakinack, has a Communication with that of the *Ilinois*, i. e. The Lake of Ilinois Men. The latter is so term'd from the People, Lake who inhabit its Weltern and Southern Coasts, as affo the Dauphin's-Lake, by modern Writers, and takes up 400 Leagues in Compass: It is distant about 15 Leagues Southward from the Upper Lake, and its Northern Part lying next to that of the Humn, is known by the Name of Stink-Bay. The Lake of Erie, or Conty, being more Southern than Erie L. the former, and nearest to Northern Florida, is faid to extend itself from West to East, for the fpace of 140 Leagues: It receives four Rivers into its Channel, befides the Lake of the Hurons, on the North, through a most eminent Straight: and at last runs into Frontenac-Lake likewise on the Northern Quarter. The last of these Lakes Frontewhich owes its Name to Count Frontenac Gover-nac L. nour of New France, was formerly call'd Ontario, i. e. The Fair by the Iroquois, who inhabit the adjacent Territories. It is almost of an Oval Figure, and lyes out from West to East, for the space of 80 Leagues; abounding with Islands. In the Description of these Lakes, we have not follow'd the common Maps, which are very faulty, but that which M. Hennipin has annex'd to his Relation of Lovisania.

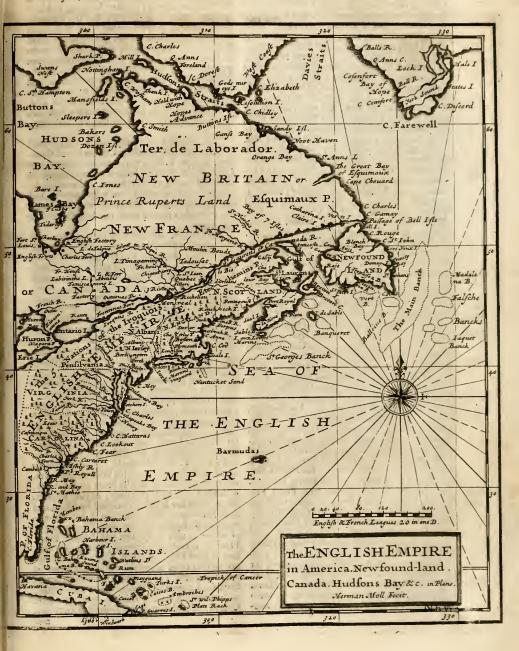
The River Canada is the largest of all those of Canada this Part, and even of the whole Continent of Fluv. Northern America, and is so call'd from the Country it waters; although others will have the Country rather to derive its Name from the River, which is also termed St. Laurence's River. Several modern Authors are of Opinion, that it takes its Rise in the Lake of the Hurons, and on the Confines of Florida; from whence it runs into the Lake Eriè, and afterwards passes through that of Frontenac: But Father Hennepin in his History of Lovisania, affirms, That the River of St. Lan-rence springs out of divers Lakes, the largest of which are the five but now specify'd, and that as soon as it has issu'd forth from that of Frontenac, it directs its Course towards the North-East: Afterwards having receiv'd on the left fide, the Rivers Des Prairies, i. c. The Meadow-River, De Riv. des Mons, and Les trois Rivieres; or the Triple River, it waters Quebec, and Tadouffac lower; where it is augmented, on the fame fide, by the Saguenay; Les trois At last, having divided Canada in two Parts, and Rivieres made many Illands; it rolls with a wide Mouth Saguenay by the Island Anticosti, into St. Laurence's Gulph, Flive-after a Course of 800 Leagues. Men of War may conveniently fail up this River, to the Town of Tadoussac, and Merchant-Ships of a considerable Burthen, as far as Quebec, but above Mont-Real it does not admit of Boats by reason of the Ca-

Lake.

upper Lake.

CHAP. IV.

The English Plantations on the Continent of Canada, viz. NEW-ENGLAND, NEW-JERSEY, NEW-YORK, PEN-SYLVANIA, MARY-LAND, and VIRGINIA. Together with the Islands of Newfound-Land, the other Islands on the Coasts, and Bermudas.



NEW ENGLAND, the most Northern of all the English Colonies in America, was first discover'd by Sebastian Cabot, a Portuguese, A. D. 1497; but was not inhabited by any Christians, till Sir Philip Amadus, and Captain Arthur Barlow having taken Possession of it for Queen Elizabeth, in 1584, a Colony was established there next Year, under the Government of Mr. Ralph Lane: And although K. James I. 1606, gave all Encouragement to another Colony fent thither, to plant and improve it for the Benefit of the Crown; nevertheless fo many Obstructions and Accidents befell the Adventurers, that it turn'd to no Account, till about the Year 1620, when New Plimouth being built, it became a Place of good Trade, and one of the most flourishing Plan-

tations of the English, as it continues at this day.

The whole Country is situated between the 41 and 45 Degr. of Northern Latitude, under the Temperate Zone, at an equal diffance from the Arctick Circle and the Tropick of Cancer. It is bounded on the East, by the Atlantick, or Great Western Ocean; on the North and West, by Canada, or New France, particularly the Country of the Etechemins; and on the South by New York.

ly fruitful of fuch things as are the peculiar Productions of the Country, but also of all forts of Grain convey'd thither from England; which it as kindly cherishes, as if it were the natural Mother. The Woods afford Oak, Elm, Firr, Alder, Ash, Asp, Pine, Birch, Maple, Walnut, Chesnut, Cedar, Cypress, Sassafras, Sumoch, &c., The Fields and Orchards yield abundance of Fruit, as Apples, Pears, and Plums, with several other kinds that are common to this Province. ther kinds that are common to this Province, with Maryland and Virginia. The Forest and Swamps are full of Bears, Lions, Foxes, Deer, Hares, Rabbets, Mooses, Musquashes, Rackoons, Otters, Beavers. & C. The Plains and Meadows have Pasture for numerous Herds of tame Cattel; as Horses, Cows, Sheep, Goats and Swine. The Rivers and adjacent Sea abound with excellent Fish, viz. Ale-wives, Basses, Clams, Cod, Cockles, Crab-fish, Eels, Grampuses, Haddock, Herrings, Hollibuts, Lamprons, Lobsters, Mackarel, Muf-cles, Oisters, Porpoises, Salmon, Sturgeon, Seals, Sharks, Smelts, Thornback, Tortoises, Whales, & c. Moreover, there is great variety of wild and tame Fowl; as Patridges, Pheafants, Heath-cocks, Cranes, Cormorants, Snipes, Herons, Black-birds, Humming-birds, Widgeons, Didappers, Loons, Turkeys, Swans, Geele, Ducks, Sheldrakes, &c. Among the noxious Animals, the Rattle-Snake is most formidable, and different forts of stinging Flies, that are very troublesome. The staple Commodities of these Parts, are rich Furrs, Tobacco, Flax, Linnen, Cotton, Amber, Iron, Pitch, Tar, Cables, Masts, Timber for the building of Ships, divers forts of Grain, &c. The Inhabitants usually supply Burbadoes and other English Plantations, with Flower, Bisket, Flesh, Fish, Salt, &c. receiving in exchange Sugar and other Merchandizes, both for their own use, and to self again: They also maintain a great Trasfick with England, for Wearing-apparel, Cloth, Silks, Stuffs, Iron, Brass, Indians. Housholdfurniture, and other necessary Provisions.

The Natives are generally Canibals, or Maneaters, and are often at variance one with ano-

ther: They are very inconflant, timorous, fubtil, foon angry, and fo malicious, that they feldom forget an Injury; nevertheless, they are Ingenious, of a quick Apprehension, and of a tractable Tem-per: They cloath themselves with loose Mantles of Deer-skin, and Aprons of the fame; and paint their Bodies, thinking those most gallant that are most deformed: They have several Towns and Settlements, and their Riches consist chiefly in Furrs and Skins, which they sell to the English; with whom for the most part, they have kept a fair Correspondence; making Leagues, and carrying on a Trade with them: But this Complyance seems to proceed rather from Fear than Love; as it evidently appears from the frequent Breaches and Violations of their Contracts made at feveral times. As for their Religion, they are meer Idolaters, and worship the Devil; under the Name of Okee, having Conference with him, and fashioning themselves according to his Shape: Besides him, whom they make their chief God, they are also us'd to adore every thing they fear will hurt them; as Thunder, Lightning;

Fire, &c.
These Savages are distinguish'd into several The Air is very wholesome, and agreeable to the English, and the Soil is not onners, as those Indians that inhabit Maryland and Virginia with the other Parts of America; and are subject to their particular Kings, Sachams and Sagamores, who command them with sovereign and absolute Authority: Neither have they any Laws, but what they receive from the Mouths of their Governours.

The English, who are very numerous and po-English tent, demean themselves conformably to the Man-Governners of their Ancestors in Old England, and are mentagovern'd by Constitutions of their own making:
They have several Courts of Judicature, and other publick Places, where they affemble once a Month, to enact or repeal Laws; to determine Caufes, and to chuse a Governour, Deputy-Governour, Assistants, Burgesses, and other inferiour Magistrates; each County electing such Ossicers every Year, for the management of State-Affairs. But it is observable, That the Government both Ecclesialtical and Civil, is in the Hands of Presbyterians and Independents.

The three principal Colonies of New England, are those of Plimouth, Connecticut and Masachsets; which contain five Counties, viz. Pecquid, Nara-ganset, Pocasset, Moheegans, and Nipnak, with a great number of fine Towns advantageously si-tuated for Trassick, either upon the Sea-coasts, or on navigable Rivers, and well inhabited: Among BOSTON, the Metropolis, communodioully feated on the Sea-shore, to the West of Cape Ann, where the Governour usually keeps his Residence: A large City, very populous; having uniform Streets, and fair Houses, inhabited by Merchants and Tradesman, who maintain a great Com and Tradesmen; who maintain a great Commerce to Barbadoes, and the other Plantations in America; as also to England and Ireland: It is a Place of considerable Strength, furrounded with two or three Hills, on which several Fortifications and Batteries are rais'd; and its Harbour is very capacious. Charles-Town, remarkable for its Situation between the Rivers Charles and Mistick, and beautify'd with a spacious and well-built Church: The Market-place is near the River-side,

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and two Streets take their Rife from thence, containing feveral good Houses. Dorchester, a considerable Town, built near the Sea, and waterd by two Rivalets. Cambridge, on the River Quinobegain, formerly call'd Now Town, the Seat of an University, adorn'd with two Colleges and divers elegant Structures; besides a Printing-House, where the Holy Bible was printed a few Years ago, in the Indian Language, and publish'd for the Senest of the Sevage Natives. St. George's Fort, on the Mouth of the River Sagadebock. New Plinoush, on the spacious Bay of Potuxed. Reading, a well-inhabited Town; conveniently seated about a great Poud; where there are two Mills, one for Corn and the other for Tunber: And Salem, pleasantly situated between two Rivers.

The other noted Towns on or near the Seal

The other social lowes on or near the Scal thore, are, West-chester; Merrenuck; Greenwich; Stanford; Chichester; Fairfield; Shasford; Millord; New-haven; Breneford; Guilford; Saybrook; Live; Stanton; Nincross; Weckford; Ear-ham; Warwick, on the River Paunee; Providence, on a River of the sume Name; Seaconck; Swansey; Taunton; Sindwich; Barnfable; Tarmouch; Estham; Marlosseld; Bringwarer; Duxbury; Hagsbam; Hall; Weymouch; Braintree; Milton; Roxbury; Medsteld; Dedham; Nemton; Water-Tonn; Woburne; Malden; Lynn; Shoshem; Becurley; Manchester; Giocester; Wenham; Issuich; Rowbey; Manchester; Saisbary; Tark; Hedeck; Wells; Searborough; Falmach, and Shipmiss, on a River that beats the same Prenomination. On or near the sides of Connedical River, are Meddictorn; Webersteld; Hartford; Windor; Welffield; Springsfeld; Northampson; Hadley; Hanfeld; Dierssield; Svansfield, Spundees, G. On the River Thames, are London; Normich and Inqui-Menton, near Providence River. Farther in the inland Country, appear Worceller, and Services; Chelmsford, Ge. Lastly, on or near the River, Marthogomy; Lancaster; Gruton; Sadbury; Concord; Biliericay; Chelmsford, Ge. Lastly, on or near the River, Martinake, are Bradford Amsbury; Andycer; Heneril; and Penicook. Koneleck, on a River of the same Name, Ge. The greatest-part of these Towns derive their Names from these in Old England, and are also known to the Indians by other Terms.

The Province, of Colony of NEW FERSEN, lyes between the 39 and at Degr. of Northern Lactudes, having for its Bounds on the South and East, the Western Ocean; countie North-East, Hullon's River, I which parts it from New York, and on the West, the River Delawae, by which it is separated from Penflyann systemating itself in length on the Sca-coast, and along Huston's River, above an hundred English Miles I to is divided into two Parts, viz: East-Juster Propriet tors; for the greatest Part of the foring belongs Part 2.

of Malabar; and the inland Parts are water'd by

many Rivers, the chief of which, are the Connections, Navigable above 50 Miles; Thames, which

receives the Glas-River; Prouvet; Ware, that falls into the Providence; Quinebegain; Marimake; Saco; Casco; Sagadebock; Kenebeck; and

to Mr. William Pen, Mr. Robert Weit, Je. and the latter is the Possession of Mr. Edward Lilling, or his Assigns.

The Temperature of the Air is healthful, and the nature of the Soil, with respect to its Richness, different in several Places, but it is generally fertile; tringing forth plentiful Crops of all forts of English Corn, besides Indian Wheat, which increases here produgiously, and is found very wholiom: It also produces good Flax and Hemp, proper for Linnen-Manufactures, with abundance of Oak Timber fit for Shipping, dar, Ath, Firr, &c. and variety of delicious Fruits, as Apples, Quinces, Pears, Peaches, Pluns, Grapes, Mulberries, Gr. The Tobacco planted by the River Delastare, is more especially remarkable for its Excellency. In the Woods are bred Deer, Conies and Wild-Fowl of fiveral forts, as Turkeys, Partridges, Swans, Geefe, Ducks, Sec. and the Pallures feed numerous Herds of Horses, Cows, Hogs, and some Sheep. Lastly, Some Mines and Minerals stave been already discover'd, and many more might probably be found out, it the Inhabitants apply'd themselves to the fearch of them : However, a Smelting-Furnace and Forge are already fet up, for the making of good Iron, which proves very advantagious to the Country. As for the Commodities of these Parts, Whale-Oil and Whale-Fins, with Beyer, Monkey, Rackoon and Martin-Skins, are often trans-ported thence for England. In like manner, great Hore of Horses, Beef, Pork, Pipe-Staves, Boards, Wheat, Barley, Rye, Ilidian Corn, Bread, Flower, Bitter and Cheek, is convey d to Barbado's, Fanaica, Mevis, and the other adjacent Islands; as also to Portugal, Spain, the Canaries, Oc.

The Indian Natives are but few in number, if compared with those of the neighbouring Colonies; but they are very serviceable to the English, not only in Hunting, and taking Deer, and other Wild Beasts, and catching Fish and Fowl for them, but also in all filling and destroying Bears. Wolves, &c. whose Skins they bring, and sell for small Matters. The Political Constitutions of the Country, were established A. D. 1666, by John Lord Borkley, and Sir George Corners, the instrument Proprietors, in which like Provision was made for Liberty in Matters of Religion, and Property in Blates, that all Persons may live happy under the Government, and by that means this Colony has been actually much encreased; a great number of Inhabitants continually resorting thither from the adjoining Plantations. The present Proprietors have likewise construited and enlarged the same Constitutions, for the benefit of Planters and Adventurers, and for the complete Settlement of this advantagious Colony; which is divided into Six Country, viz. Bergen, Especi, Muddle Rix, Forsey properly so call'd. Monmouth, and Cape-May.

The principal Towns and Places of New Jerfet, are Bergen, New L. New-Barbados; Proprietors Faim; Elizabeths-Town; Woodbridge; Paleminay, PERTH, or Amboy-Point, lyes a noted Bay, well known not to be inferiour to any of the American Ports, and where Ships of 400 Tun tide late with all Winds, and arrive before the Houses of the Town, within a Plank's length

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of the Shore. Middleton; Shrewsbury; York; Manalapan; Cape-May Town; Doncafter; Bridling-ton, or Burlington, &c. The Country is every where plentifully supply'd with lovely Springs, Inland-Rivers, Brooks and Creeks, which not only afford many convenient Harbours for Shipping, but also great store of excellent Fish, both for Merchandize and Food, as Whales, Cod-Fish, Cole, Hake-Fish, Sturgeon, Basses, Eels, Oisters, &c. with many other Kinds of stat and small Fish. The most remarkable of these Rivers and Creeks are, Part of Hadson's River, where is plenty of fresh Fish and Water-Fowl; the Pifack; Hacking fack; Raritan; South-River; Millfone-River; Neversink; Manasqua; Prince Man-rice's River; and Delaware River: With Fishing-Creek, Stipshin's Creek, Agreement Creek, Cohansy's Creek, Halfway Creek, Ceden Creek, Crabwick Creek and Lawrence Creek, besides a great number of Inlets, Bays, Rivulets, &c.

III. New York.

Nova Belgia.

New Sweeden.

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The next English Colony is NEW-YORK, which took its Name from the late King James the Second, when Duke of Tork, to whom it was granted by King Charles the Second, A.D. 1664, who the same Year, convey'd all that Part of it which lyes between Hudfon's River and Delaware River, to John Lord Berkley and Sir George Car-teret, jointly, by the Name of Nova Cefarea, or New Jersey: So that New York now only con-tains that Part of New England which the Dutch formerly feiz'd, being situated between Hudson's and Connecticut Rivers, with the Isles of Manahattens and Long-Island, over against the Continent; that is to say, between the 41 Degr. 30 Min. and the 43 Degr. 15 Min. of Northern Latitude. It on the South-West, by New Jersey and Maryland; on the East, by the Western Ocean; and on the West, by Part of New Jersey and Maryland; on the East, by the Western Ocean; and on the West, by Part of New Jersey and Pensylvania. This Country was sold A. D. 1608, by Mr. Hudson, its first Discoverer (but without Authority from his Sovereign King Charles I.) to the Hollanders, who imposed on it the Name of the Hollanders, who imposed on it the Names of Nova Belgia and New Netherland, and continued in the polletion of it till 1664, when they were expelled by the Forces which King Charles II. Sent to subdue it, under the Command of Sir Robert The Colony of New York likewife comprehended New Sweden, which was at first posses by the Swedes, and afterwards by the Hollanders. That Tract extended itself along the lower Course of Delaware River, but its Name is now almost grown out of use; neither is it any longer express in the Maps. Thus the English having settled themselves there, improved their Plantations from time to time, with good Success, and had Col. Nichols for their first Governour, who reduced several Parts under his Majesty's Obedience and made for firm a Legue of Percentage. bedience, and made fo firm a League of Peace and Ainty with the Indians, that no particular Person has been fince disturbed in the peaceable Enjoyment of his Lands or Possessions. Towards the Spring-head of Hudson's River, New Albany Albany: is fittuated, a Place of great Trade with the Indians; between which and New York, for the fpace of above 100 Miles, lyes as good Arable Land, as can be found in any other Part of the behindly World. habitable World: But it could not be brought to persection during the Dutch Government; in regard that the Savages then posses'd all, except one Garison, call'd The Sopers.

The Air is of a very good Temperature; the Country every where extremely pleafant; and the Soil fo rich and fertil, that it is reported, to have produc'd roo Bushels of Wheat out of one Bushel brought from Europe, and sown there. Besides the Fruits, which this Province naturally yields, as Wild Grapes and Nuts, with plenty of Herbage and Plants; it also abounds with variety of Grain and the best forts of European Fruits, viz. Apricocks, Peaches, Grapes, Chef-Fruits, viz. Apricocks, Peaches, Grapes, Cheinuts, Olives, &c. Moreover, it affords as good Tobacco as any that is ufually made in Maryland, or the other English Plantations, with Hemp, Flax, Hops, Rape-feed, Madder, Wood, Oil, Beef, Pork, Peas, Furns, Elk-Skins, &c. Laitly, The Woods are well stocked with Deer, and other Kinds of Wild Beasts and Fowl, and the Pastures have Fodder for numerous Herds of the Pastures have Fodder for numerous Herds of tame Cattel. The Old Inhabitants are several forts of Indi-

ans, not much different from those of Virginia; fwarthy, and black-hair'd, but well-proportion'd, robust, of quick apprehension, and very tracta-ble. They live chiefly upon Hunting, Fowling and Fishing, and are very dexterous at their Bows and Arrows; their Wives being generally employ'd in planting their Corn, and tilling the Ground. Their cloathing is a Mantle of Broad-Ground. Their cloathing is a Mantle of Broad-cloth, about half a Yard of which is put between their Leggs, and faften'd at two Cor-ners to their Girdle before and behind; their Food is Venison, Fowl, Fish, Thrtles, Rackoons, Pole-cats, &c. and their Money is Periwinkle-Shells strung like Beads. They live in movable Tents, generally set up where their Corn grows, and are much addicted to Sports and Pastimes, which consist chiefly in Dancing, Foot-Ball and Cards, at which they'l play away all they have, except a Flap to cover their Nakedness. They love strong Drink, but will not drink at They love strong Drink, but will not drink at all, unless they have a quantity fufficient to be drunk with, and therefore never carouze in greater Companies, than they have Liquor enough to intoxicate their Brain: In their Drinking-bouts, they drink all alike, and pour the share of those that are first fuddled, down their Throats; often murthering one another in these Debauches: They marry many Wives, but turn them away upon the least Dislike, and the Women are forc'd to take care of the Children. The Virgins are permitted to lye with any Man for Money, and the same Liberty is allow'd to Wives, if they can get their Husbands leave. However, these People are extremely good-natur'd, and freely impart to their Friends what they can spare, or what they take in Hunting. They are also very serviceable and courteous to the English, and have never given them any Disquiet since their first Arrival; nevertheless, they cannot endure them to be present at their Religious Solemnities, because say they, their God will not come till their Departure. And indeed, they are said to worship the Devil with Magical Rites and Cere-

monies, who often visits them in the Shape of a Man, Beast or Fowl, and is commonly call'd by the Name of Monetto: Their Priests are so ma-

ny Conjurors, who cause him to appear by their

Pawawing, or strange Incantations. They usu-

ally bury their Dead fitting upon a Seat, and furnish'd with a Gun, Money and Goods, to ferve for their use in the other World. To conclude, They frequently make War one against another, and seldom give quarter to any but Women and Children, whom they preserve for the recruiting of their Strength.

The Indian Natives are subject to a King, or Sachem, who in all Affairs of State, takes the Sachem, who in all Affairs of State, takes the Advice of a Council; but paffes the definitive Sentence himself, which the People generally accept with great Shouting and Applause. They rarely inflict Capital Punishment upon Malesactors, but for Incest, or Murther: So that when any are found guilty of those Crimes, they do not confine them, (for they have no Prifons,) but the King and his Guards pursue them, and shoot them to Death. The English are govern'd by a Deputy, appointed and sent over by vern'd by a Deputy, appointed and sent over by the King of Great Britain.

The most remarkable Places and Towns of this Colony, are Orange-Fort, now nam'd Albany, or New Albany, feated on the Welf-fide of Had-Jon's River; The Fort of Good Hope, on the Welfern Bank of the Fresh-water River; Arafapha, that has the advantage of a strong Castle; and NEW-YORK, formerly call'd New-Amster-dam, the Capital Town of the whole Country, and the Seat of the Governour; conveniently fi-tuated for Trade, Security and Pleasure, on the Southern Part of the little Island of Manahat-tens, which lyes at a finall distance from the Continent, at the Mouth of Hudson's River: It is wall'd and fenc'd by the strong Fort of St. James, and contains 500 Houses, built for the most part, of Dutch Brick and Stone, and cover'd with red and black Tiles; so that the Land being high, it affords a very pleafant Profpect to Spectators afar off. This Town is govern'd by a Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Justices of the Peace, and chiefly inhabited by the English and Peace, and chiefly innabled by the English Trade and Hollanders, who drive a confiderable Trade among the Indians, for the Skins of Bears, Deer, Elks, &c. as also for those of Beavers, Otters and Rackoons, with other Kinds of Furr. They like-Rackoons, with other Kinds of Furr. They like-wife buy Fish in the Summer, with Venison and Fowl in the Winter, of the Natives at an easie rate, and receive continual Supplies of all forts of necessary Provisions from the neighbouring Territories and Colonies.

The Province of New York is water'd by feveral Rivers; among which, the most remarkable are Hudson's River, about two Leagues broad, and very commodious for Shipping; and the Ra-

The Country of PENSYLVANIA, derives its Name from the Proprietor of that Tract of Land, William Penn, to whom King Charles II. in confideration of his Father's and his own Sufferings for their Loyalty, gave it by Patent, March 4. 1680. It is bounded on the North, by Canada; on the East, by Delaware River and Bay; on the South, by Maryland; and on the West, by New France.

The Air is wholsom and clear, and will refine, the Woods are more clear'd: The Sky is also as the Woods are more clear'd: The Sky is also very serene, as in the Southern Parts of France, and seldom over-cast with Clouds. The Soil is different, containing divers forts of Mould, as Sand

yellow and black, Gravel loomy and dufty, and and in fome places a falt fat Earth, especially by the inland Rivulets: There is also great store of a black hasel Mould, upon a stony Bottom; and the Back-lands are much richer than those that Iye on Navigable Rivers. The Woods afthat the on twangator ratvers. The Woods at-ford great plenty of Trees, viz. Ath, Beach, Ce-dar, Chefnut, Cyprefs, Gumwood, Hickery, Oak of feveral Kinds, as Red, White and Black, Pop-lar, Saffafrax, Swamp, Black Walnut, Wild Myrtle, &c. They are also adorn'd with great variety of fragrant Flowers, and divers Kinds of Plants. Some of which are Medicinal, and of of Plants, some of which are Medicinal, and of fingular Efficacy in the curing of Burns, Cuts, Swellings, &c. The Country likewife naturally brings forth good flore of delicious Fruit, as Chefnuts, Walnuts, Plums, Strawberries, Cranberries, Hurtleberries, and feveral forts of Grapes, little inferiour to Frontiniack's and Musicade's. Its artificial Products, are, Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats, Beans, Peas, Squashes, Water-Melons, Musk-Melons, Pumpkins, &c. with all manner of Plants, Herberry Beats, and Roote they wently the continuous and Roote they wently the continuous and Roote they wently the continuous and Roote they wently the continuous and Roote they wently the continuous and Roote they wently they wently the continuous and Roote they wently of Plants, Herbs and Roots, that usually grow in our Gardens in England. Moreover, this Province is well flock'd with wild and tame Beafts both for Food and Profit, as Bears, Elks, Deer, Horfes of confiderable value, Neat Cattel, Sheep, Beavers, Rackoons, Rabbets, Squirrils, &c. Neither is there any want of Fowl, as Turkeys of 40 or 50 Pound weight, Pheafants, Partridges, Pi-

geons and Heath-birds.

The Natives, like those of the other Parts of Northern America, are of a tawny and swarthy Complexion; yet not naturally, but by anointing their Skin on purpose. Their Houses are made of Poles, cover'd with the Bark of Trees and Mats, and their Diet is Mayz, or Indian Wheat, dress'd after divers manners: They cat twice a day, and fit on the Ground at Meals; taking great delight in flrong Liquors, especially Rum, and drinking of it till they fall afleep. In Sickness they are very impatient for Cure, and will part with any thing upon that account. Their Language is lofty and very fignificative : they treat Strangers with extraordinary Civility, but look for Refpect themselves, and think nothing too good for their Friends. They bring up their Children to Fishing, till Fisteen years old, and send them a Hunting in the Woods: So that when by their Skill in Archery, they can make a good Return of Skins, they Marry, which is usually about Eighteen years old for the Man, and Fourteen for the Woman. These Indians believe a God, and the Immortality of the Soul; affirming, There is a great King that made them, who dwells in a glorious Country Southwards, and that the Souls of the Vertuous shall be convey'd thither, where they shall enjoy everlasting Bliss. Their Worship of the Deity, is made up of Sacrifices and Cantico's: The former consist in the first Fruits of their Hunting, which they burn with a great deal of Ceremony: Their Cantico's are performed, by toning a mournful Ditty of ing, There is a great King that made them, who are perform'd, by toning a mournful Ditty over their Sacrifices, with Dances, Songs and Shouts. They bury their Dead, both Men and Women, in their Apparel, and their Kindred throw in some pretious Things into their Graves, as a token of their Love: They Mourn by blacking their Faces, and preserve the Graves, which are heaps of Earth neatly made, by pluck-

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ing off the Grass that grows on them.
These Savage People are govern'd by Kings, or Sochenia's, who attain to that Dignity by Succession; but always by the Mothers sides, yet no Woman is suffer'd to aspire to the Royal Anthority. The King's Council confifts of Two hundred of the oldest and wifest Men of his Tribe, and no Affairs of moment are transacted with-out their Advice. These Princes are powerful, and very exact in the Administration of Justice, but their Mulcts are generally Pecuniary, even for Murther itself; in which case, they pay twice as much for a Woman as a Man, and the Reason alledg'd by them, is, because they breed Children. The English that inhabit Pen-Sylvania, are for the most part, advantagiously fettled upon the Upper Rivers, which are plea-fant, and generally bounded by fruitful Territo-ries: They are of different Perfuasions, but generally Quakers, who went over with their Governour William Penn. As for their Govern ment, it is conformable as near as conveniently may be, to the Grant expressed in the Patent; in general, aiming at Duty to the King, Preservation of Right to all, the suppression of Vice and Immorality, and the encouragement of Vertue and Arts: To that purpole, Courts of Judicature are established in every County, which are six in number, viz. Philadelphia, Backingham, Chefter, Newcastle, Kent and Sussex.

The Capital Towns of this Colony, is Philadelphia cared on a Newly of Loud between

delphia, seated on a Neck of Land between the Rivers Delaware and Skulkill, both Navigable, with convenient Harbours for Ships: It is well built, populous and large, and furnish'd with all useful Trades. About two Miles from hence, are several Springs of Mineral Waters, which are of the same Esticacy with those of Barnet and North-hall in England. The other Places of Note;

are Newcastle, Chichester, Chester, &c.
Lastly, Pensylvania has the advantage of many considerable Rivers and Creeks; the chief of which are, the Sasquesahanough, or Sasquesahana, a great River, which runs up Northward to the Sinnicus, above 200 Miles, with several Rivers and Branches on both sides, on the East and West; being full of Falls, and Mands till about 10 or 12 Miles above the Indian Fort that bears the same Name: From whence it flows clear, yet is not Navigable downwards, but with great danger, with Canoos fleer'd by In-dian Pilots. The Delaware, a fine River, which is common to this Province and New Ferfey, and ends in alcommodious Bay of the fame Denomination And the Shalkill, which affords a Paffage to Boats 100 Miles above its Falls, and after having water d. Philadelphia, rolls into the Salquefahanough. The leffer Rivers and Creeks, yet convenient for Sloops and Ketches, and other Vellels of confiderable Burthen, are Christian Creek, Brandy-wine River, Filpat Creek, Chichefter Creek, Chéfter Creek, Prest Creek, Gum Creek, Derby Creek, Wall Creek, Hollanden Creek, Francford Greek, Dublin Creek, Potquefin Creek, and Nofhamar River, that all empty themselves into the Delaware. Moreover; it is observable, That these Rivers and Brooks which are so numerous, have for the most part gravelly and stony Bottoins; and confequently their Waters are very whelfour de til bleder stores & Bares

MARYLAND, has for its Bounds on the V. North, Penfilvania, New England and New York; Maryon the East, the Atlantick Ocean Delaware Bay, land: and Part of New Jersey; on the South, Virgiginia, from which it is separated by the River Patomack; and on the West, a Meridian Line drawn from the New Spile. drawn from the first Spring-head of the Patommack; which is continu'd Southward to the far-ther Bank of the fame River, following the We-ftern and Southern Course of it, to a certain Place call'd Cineynak, near its Mouth; and from thence to the Promontory, or Cape of Land nam'd Warkins-Peint, which lyes in 37 Degr. 50 Min. of Northern Latitude.

This Country was formerly reckon'd as a Part of Virginia, till the Year-1631, when King Charles I. erected it into a diffinet Province, and granted the Propriety of it to the Right Honourable Sir George Calvert, Lord Baltemore. At the figning of the Bill, his Majelty nan'd it Maryland, in honour of Hemietta Maria, his Queen Confort; but his Lordthip dying before the Patent pass'd the Great Seal of England, the said King made a new Grant of the Country to his Son Cecil Calvert Lord Bakemore, which bears Date June 20, 1632. By this Patent, his Lord-Thip and his Heirs were created the true and abfolite Lords and Proprietors of the faid Province, faving the Allegiance and Sovereign Dominion due to his Majerty, his Heirs and Succef-fors: Moreover, not only the whole Continent and adjacent Illands, with all Royal Mines and Quarries, were granted to the faid Lord; his Heirs and Assigns; but also all manner of Royal Prerogatives and Jurisdictions Military and Civil, both at Sea and Land: As Power of cnacting Laws Civil and Martial, conferring Honours, pardoning Offences, making War and Peace, coining Money, & All to be held of the Crown of England, in common Soccage, wielding and paying yearly for the same to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, two Indian Arrows at Windfor Caste, on Easter-Tuesday, and the fifth Part of all the Gold and Silver Oat, which should happen to be found in the faid Province. Whereupon his Lordship in November 1633, sent thither his second Brother, Mr. Leonard Calvert, in Quality of his Governour, accumpanied with Mr. George Calvert, his third Brother, and several other Persons of Quality, to take possession of this Province, and to settle a Plantation therein.

The Air finee the felling of the Woods, is fif-ficiently healthful, and not difagreeable to the Constitution of the English, who at their first Arrival, were seiz'd by a Distemper somewhat like an Ague, usually termed Seafoning; of which for some Years, many dy'd for want of good looking to, and a right Management of them felves. But fince the Country has been more cleard from Woods, and that a better Provin-on is made for Diet and Lodging, with the im-provement of the Art of Phylick, in applying proper Remedies; very few die of these Scalonings, and many now are not troubled with them ar Heats in Summer; which are as intense here as in Spain, generally receive scasonable Allays about Noon, sometimes from gentle Breezes, and sometimes by fresh Showers. The Cold of the Winter

Winter is feldom excessive; neither do the Frosts continue long; but the Vernal and Autumnal Seafons are extremely pleafant, mild and tempe-

The Country is very fertil, plain and for the most part level; yet rising in some places with gentle Afcents, up to plealant Hills of a moderate height, which let off the Beauty of the adjacent Valleys. The Trees, Fruits, Fith, Fowl, Birds, and Commodities naturally produc'd here, are much the same with those Plants of the neighbouring Colony of Virginia. There is also plenty of Indian Corn, commonly call'd Mayz, with all forts of English Grain and Pulse, as Wheat; Rye, Barley, Oats, Peas, Beans, &c besides Garden-Herbs and Roots. Among the great variety of Birds, the Eagles, Falcons, Lanners and Sparrow-hawks, are more effectially remarkable, besides a beautiful Bird with black and yellow Feathers, which is call'd the Baltemore-Bird, in regard that the Colours in the Field of his Lordhip's Coat of Arms, are Oran's Sable. There are also most other kinds of wild and tame Fowl; that are commonly known in England and other Parts of Europe. Great flore of Cider, Perry, and Quince-drink is made here and in Virginia, as good as in any Country whatfoever; and confiderable Quantities of Furrs, Hides, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Butter and Cheefe have been often exported from hence: But the chief Trade of Maryland, confifs in Tobacco, which being efteem'd most proper for a foreign Market is for the most part vended abroad, to the great advantage of the Planters, who in exchange for it and some other Merchandizes, receive all manner of necessary Provisions; infomuch that 100 Sail of Ships have of late been known to trade thither in one Year from England, and the rest of the English Plantations in America. The general way of Trassick in these Parts is by bartering or exchanging one Commodity for another; although there is a competent flock of English and other forts of Money; besides

the Coynthat is peculiar to the Lord Proprietary.
The Customs, Dispositions, and Manners of the Natives are much the same with those of Virginia, and they are likewise distinguish'd into many different Tribes; each govern'd by a par-ticular King: The Men are robust and well proportion'd, delighting chiefly in hunting and war-like Enterprizes: The Women are employ'd not only in managing their Household-Affairs, but alfo in planting, manuring and improving their Land. They cut their Hair (which is long, black, and uncurled) after odd fantastick Modes, and dye it of divers Colours; anointing their Skins with Bears-grease; by which means, their Complexion becomes more tawny; and their Bodies more capable of enduring the hardship of Weathern ther. They live in Huts that have but one large Room, and a Fire-place in the middle; lying round about it upon Mats, which are their own proper Manufacture. They are ufually cloath'd in Winter with a shagged Mantle, and in Sunmer the greatest Brayery their Grandees pretend to, is the wearing of Wan-Pompeag and Roanoack, a kind of Fish-shells, which they string like Beads and also use instead of Money. Their military Furniture confifts only of a Bow and Atrows, with a Gun, a Hatchet and Canoo, or

little Boat made of the Trunk of a large Tree. These Indians have many strange Rites in their Divine Worship, and maintain a plurality of Deities; but acknowledge one independent Sovereign and eternal Being, who created the inferiour Gods to be subservient to him, in the Works of Creation and Providence; among whem they reckon the Sun, Moon, and Stars. They Believe of according to its Works done upon Earth, either to the Mansions of the Gods, there to enjoy everlalling Happiness, or to Popognsto, i. e. A Pit of unquenchable Fire. They also worthip Idols, the

chief of which is call'd Kinafa.

The Government of Maryland, is fram'd according to the model of that of England, and maintain'd by wholesome Laws, that tend much to the Advantage of the Inhabitants; Liberty of Conscience being allow'd to all that profess Christianity though of different Persuasions: So that none is molested for difference of Judgment, in matters of Religion, and this Liberty is establish'd there, by an Act of Assembly, to continue for ever; by which means so many have been induc'd to settle under this Government, that the number of the English in the Year 1670, amounted to near 20000, and they all live together in the greatest Peace; Order and Concord imaginable. Upon emergent Occasions the Governour calls a General Assembly of the Estates of the Province; which is distinguish'd into an upper and lower House: In the former sits the Governour and Council, with fuch Lords of Manours and other Persons; as the Lord Proprietary, or his Deputy shall summon thither by Writ, from time to time; and the other House consilts of Delegates chosen by Free-holders in the respective Counties: This Affembly is conven'd, prorogu'd, or disfolv'd at his Lordhip's Pleasure; and whatsoever is decreed therein, with his Approbation, is of the same force there, as an Act of Parliament in England. The chief Court of Judicature is the Provincial, held every quarter of a Year, at St. Mary's City, of which in the absence of the Lord Proprietate, his Deputer or Congregated and Court of Congregated and Congregated and Court of Congregated and Court of Congregated and Congrega Proprietary, his Deputy, or Governour and Council are Judges. There are other inferiour Courts which are kept fix times of the Year in every parlicular County, for the Tryal of Causes, not relating to Life or Limb, nor exceeding the value of 3000 weight of Tobacco; from whence Appeals lye to the Provincial Court.

The whole Country of Maryland in the Posses-

fion of the English is divided into ten Counties, five of which are fituated on the West-side of Che-Appeack-Bay, viz. St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Ann-Arundel, and Baltemore. The other five lye on the Eastern Coast, viz. those of Somerset, Dor-chester, Talbat, Cecil and Kent. There are Foundations laid for Towns more or less, in all these Counties, which in a little time may come to due Perfection. In Calvert County about the River Patuzent, and the adjacent Territories, the Bounds of three Towns are fet out, viz. one over against Point-Patience call'd Harrington, or Harvey-Town; Calverton, or Calvert's Town; in Battel Creek; and Herrington, upon the Cliffs. The other noted Places are Warrington, Arundelton, Darrington, Rate-more-Town, Caxilton, Newark, Somerfet-Town, &c. But the Metropolis of the whole Province is St. MARYS, feated on the East-fide of St. George's

River; which has impos'd its Name on the County, and is dignify'd with the Privilege of a City; where the Governour relides, and the Provincial Courts are kept, with the publick Offices. The Ground-plat of a Fort and Priton is lately laid upon a Tract of Land nam'd Windmill-Point, from a Windmill which formerly flood there; being a very proper Situation for the commandming of St. George's River. Befides the Governour's Manfion-house in this City, known by the Name of St. John's, the present Governour has another very fair and plensant House, built partly of Brick and partly with Timber, about eight Miles

distant from St. Mary's.

The spacious Bay of Chefapeack gives entrance for Ships into this Country, and passes through the Heart of it; receiving many confiderable Rivers, viz. the Patoumack before-mention'd, which is the largest of all, and separates Maryland from Virginia, the Pataseen, the South-River, the Ann-Arundel, alias Severn, the Patassis, the Gun-powder River, the Buth-River, and the Sasguesahanough, all on its Western side: On its East-side in like manner fall in the Wighco, alias Pocomoack, the Wighcocomoco, the Nanticoke, the Tresquagain, otherwise call'd St. Catharine's River, the Little and great Chaptanek, St. Michael's River, Chester River, the Saffafrax, the North-East River, Oc.

The most Southern of all these Parts is VIR-Virginia. GINIA, which was first discover'd in the Year
1497, with all the other Coasts of North America, from the Cape of Florida on the South, to Newfound-land in the North, and even as far as the 67 Deg. 30 Min. of North Latitude, by Se-

baftian Cobot the Venetian, upon Account of HenDifferer, y VII. King of England. In 1584 Capt. Philip
ry. Amadas and Capt. Arthur Barlow made a particular Difcovery of the Country, at the proper
Cofts and Charges of Sir Walter Raleigh Knight, who is faid to have given it this Name, in Honour of Elizabeth the Virgin-Queen of England. The next Year Sir Richard Greenvil fetting out with feven Ships from Plimonth on the 9th. of April, arriv'd at Wokokon May 26, and began to make a Settlement in August following, at Roanoac, which lyes in 36 Degr. of Northern Latitude: He continuing there till June 1586; and made several Discoveries; but was forc'd to return to England, by reason of the incessant Molestations and treacherous Practices of the Natives, and landed at Portsmouth July 27. 1586. The same Sir Richard Greenvil undertook a second Voyage to Virginia, not long after with three Ships, and touch'd again upon Roanone, but found the Place deferted. Many other Attempts were made to establish an English Colony in those Parts, which likewife provid ineffectual; for all that had been hitherto left, were either utterly defroy'd by the Savages, or having made their Escape, got home again, with a great deal of difficulty. However, some other Discoveries were carry'd on, notwithstanding these Discouragements, particularly of Martin's Vineyard, and E-lizabeth's Isle, by Capt. Gosnot; of Whitsom Bay, by Martin Prigg; and of Pentecost-Harbour, by Capt. George Weymouth, who fet forth at the Charge of Thomas the first Lord Arundel of Warder. At last, King James I. having granted a Commission for the Plantation and farther Discovery of the

Country, Capt. Newport fet fail with two Ships, and being cast upon Cape Henry at the Mouth of Chesapeak-Bay, rais'd a Fort near the Mouth of the Pouhatan, now cass'd James-River; where he left a Garison of 100 Men, and return'd to England. This was the first Colony that maintain'd their Polt, and which encreasing by continual Supplies from time to time, has attain'd to that flourishing Condition which it now enjoys. Afterwards leveral new Difcoveries were made, on the Eastern Coast, and to the Head of Chefapeak-Bay, by the fingular Industry of Capt. John Smith and other worthy Personages. However, the inweterate Hatred and Cruelty of the Indians did not ceafe for feveral Years after, but broke out with greater Fury, when all things feem'd to be in a ftate of Peace and Tranquility; for in 1621, Sir Francis Win being Governour, they confipred the total Destruction of the English, and manag'd their Plot with fo much Secrecy and Sub-tilty, that no less than 700 Men, Women and Children were murther'd in one day, when the Colony did not confift of above 1500. Again, in 1643 another barbarous Massacre was committed, wherein 500 English miserably lost their Lives. But those savage Infidels were punish'd for their Cruelty by Sir William Berkly, who almost entirely defeated their whole Party, and took their Emperor Opichancono Prisoner, since when they have not been able to make any confiderable Attempt upon the English; however, their chief Security does not fo much depend on a change of the Disposition of the Indians as upon the encrease of their own Strength and Number,

which now amounts to above 40000.
This Country was call'd Apalchen by the Natives, and formerly comprehended all that Tract of Land which reaches from Norumbeque to Florida, that is to Tay, the Provinces of New England, New York, Maryland, and Part of Carolina, besides that which now bears the Name of Virginia. But at prefent it lyes between the 33 Degr. 40 Min. and the 42 Degr. of Northern Latitude; being bounded on the North, by Maryland; on the Well, by the Territories of the Erichronous, a. particular Indian People; on the South, by English Florida, or Carolina; and on the East, by the Western Ocean, on which it has imposed its Name. The Extent of it from South to North takes up about 150 Leagues, as also 80 from East to West, and it is diffant 1000 Leagues from the Coasts of England. The Olimate of Virginia is generally health-Climate till, and not difagreeable to English Constitutions, if Deit and Lodging be duly regulated. The Temperature of the Air and Seasons is much govern'd by the Winds, with respect to Heat and Cold, or Driness and Moisture. The North and North-West Winds are extremely Cold and Piercing and cause very sharp Frosts, so as to freez over the biggett Rivers from 3 to 9 Miles wide; though they are not of long continuance, as neither the somewhat deep Snows, with which they are accompany'd. The South and South-East Winds bring Heat in the Summer-months, and cease in July and August, when the Air grows excessive hot and troublesome. The Weather breaks fuddenly in September, and turns into great Rains; occasioning an Epidemical Sickness, commonly call'd Seasoning, which nevertheless of late is not to frequent, and much less mortal than formerly;

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with Cachexies; Fluxes, Gripes, Scorbutick Dropfies, &c. The Thunder is often attended with fatal Circumstances, killing many Persons, and overthrowing their Houses; and in one Pariticular is very remarkable, That it generally does not hurt nearest the Fire, and frequently comes down the Chinneys, especially if they have any Fire in them: It beats down great Trees, and twists others like a Withy; leaving a Sulphureons Sinell in the Air, when its over. There also often happens a kind of Whirl-wind, which whisking round in a Circle, carries up Leaves into the Air, that fall again in calm days, fome time

after in great Showers. The Country for the most part lyes low, and has but few Stones, yet there are very pleafant Hills. The Earth in some Places is intermix'd for several Miles together with Oister-shells, fo thick that they are equal in quantity to the other Mould, and continues fo for some Yards under Ground. These Oister-thells in other Places, lye in Mines cemented together as hard as Rocks, three or four Yards thick, and the Inhabitants usually make Lime of them. In the loose Banks of Shells have been found Teeth two or three Inches long, with the Back and Ribs of a Whale. The Country is also over-spread with Woods, and seems to be as it were one entire Forest, consisting of large Trees of several forts of Oak, Ash, Popler, Pine, Cedar, Elm, Hickery, Dog-wood, Black Walnut, Chesnut, Cyprels, &c. Yet it is free from Thickets, or Under-Wood, the small Shrubs growing only on Lands that have been clear'd, or Swamps, and thus it holds for feveral hundreds of Miles. The Soil is generally fandy, and even more fertile of Corn than England, yielding for the most part, between 25 and 30 fold; fo that an Acre of Ground commonly produces 200 Bushels of Corn. There are few or no Meadows, by reason that the Natives have not as yet learn'd the manner of drayning their boggy Marshes, or Swamps, which would make ex-cellent Pasture-ground, so that they are extreme-ly put to it, for Fodder for their Cattel in the Winter, and lose many. The Uplands are weak and will not bear above three Years good Tobacco, because they have no means to enrich them; but folding Cows therein, as we do Sheep in England; though they have good Marle and Stitch, the Use of which is unknown to them. They have likewise a sort of Clay that is very proper for Pipes and Fots; and Talk of which is made a delicate White-wash: besides great store of Pitch, Turpentine, a kind of Earth like Terra Sigillata, Allum, Black Lead, Copper and Iron. As for Fruits, there is abundance of divers forts, which may well be compard with those of Italy, or Spain, as Apples, Pears, Quinces, Apricocks, Peaches, Plums, Grapes, Cherries, Figgs, Chefnuts, Walnuts, Chinco-Pines, Melons, Olives, Strawberries, Rasberries, Goosberries, Mulberries, Ge. There are also several forts of Fruits peculiar to this Country and Maryland; as the Putcha-mines, a kind of Damsins, Messamines, a kind of Grapes; Chechinquamins, a Fruit that resembles a Cheinut, as the Raucomen does the Goosberry; Macoquer, a sort of Apple; Mattaquesunnauks, like Indian Figgs; Morococki, a kind of Strawberry, and a Berry call'd Oconghianamnis, fomewhat like to Capers. All forts of Roots and Gar-

den-herbs grow there plentifully, as Potatoes, Carrets, Turneps, Onions, Afparagus, Artichokes, Cabbages, Colly-flowers, &c. with many Physical Plants, as Radix Serpentaria, Dittany, Turbith, Mechoacan, Ague Root, the best Tobacco, etc. The Roots peculiar to Virginia and Maryland, Merbi, are Tockawaysh, both wholesome and suvousy to the Tast; Wichakan, very efficacious in the healing of all manner of Wounds; Poconis of admirable Vertne to affwage Swellings and Aches; and Musquasper, with the Juice of which affording a pleasant Colour, the Indians paint their Mats and Targets. The Plant call'd Mustouna is 110 less esteem'd among them, of which they make Bread, besides the Assentamen, a kind of Pink, and a rare Plant commonly call'd Silk-grafs, having thin and fibrous Leaves, of which is made a kind of fine Stuff, with a Glofs like Silk, and Cordage much better than of Hemp, or Flax, both

for continuance and Strength. Before the coming of the English, there was not so much as one Horse, Bull, Cow, Hog, Cattle. or Goat, but now there is plenty of most forts of Cattel, except Sheep, which the Inhabitants are difcourag'd from keeping, because the Wolves devour them so fast. In the Woods are nume-Wildrons Herds of red Deer, and Elks, whose Flesh Beasts, is said to be as good as Beef, Buffles, Lions, Bears,

Leopards, Tigers, Wolves, Dogs that are like Wolves, but do not bark, Rackoons (which are a Species of Monkeys) Hares, Squirrels, Martins, Pole-cats, Weafils and Foxes. There is also great flore of Land and Water-Tortoifes, Beavers, Otters, different forts of Froggs, of which one is eight or ten times as big as any in England, and make a Noise like the bellowing of a Bull; Lizards, and several kinds of Snakes, of which the most remarkable are Rattle-Snakes that have a Rattle in their Tails, made of Bones, enclos'd in a dry Husk; their Bite is deadly, yet they never meddle with any thing unless provoked. The blowing-Snake, a kind of Viper io nam'd, Serpents. because it blows and Swells the Head very much e'er it gives a Bite, which is accompanied with fatal Confequences: Moreover the Bite of the red Snake and Horn-Snake is mortal; but the Black, Corn and Water-Snakes are not fo venomous. Other forts of wild Beafts bred here and in Maryland, are the Aroughena, somewhat like a Badger; the Mussacu, a kind of Water-rat, or rather Musk-rat, that finells very strong of that Perfune; the Utchunquois, a fort of Wild Cat; the Opassum, a certain Beast, the Female of which has a Bag under her Belly, wherein the carries her young ones, and the Assanic, or Flying-

Squirrel. Virginia affords great variety of Birds, as three Birds. forts of Eagles, viz. the Gray, Bald and Black; the last of which is usually very destructive to young Lambs, Pigs, &c. Some Species of Hawks, as the Fifhing-Hawk, Gofs-Hawk, Falcon and Stannel. There is an Owl as big as a Goofe, that kills the Poultry in the Night; a delicate feather'd Bird, Milk-white and tipt with a Punctal of Jet-black. The Wood-peckers are many of them lovely to behold, being variegated with Green, Yellow, Black and white, and baving a large Scarlet Tufton their Crown. The Turkeys are here very large, some weighing between 50 and 60 Pounds. There are also Cocks and Hens,

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without Rumps or Tails, or Partridges, Pigeons, Turtle-Doves, Herons, of which there is one kind Milk-white, Cranes, Swans, Wild Geefe, Bitterns, Curlews, Sandippers, Snipes, Tewits, Wild Ducks, Teal, Widgeons, Dotterils, Heath-cocks, Brants, &c. To these may be added innumerable Flocks of small Birds of divers forts, as Blackbirds, very voracious of Corn; the Mocking-bird, which imitates the Notes of all Birds; it hears, and is esteem'd the finest Singing-bird in the World; the Virginia Nightingale, of a pure Scarlet colour, with a Tuft on the Head; Larks, Swallows, Ox-cycs, Martins, Red Birds, Blue Birds of a curious Azure colour; Goldfinches that are very beautiful, with Red, Orange-colour'd and yellow Feathers; Sparrows,

The Rivers abound with variety of excellent Fith, as Sturgeon, Perch, Crokers, Taylers, Cods, Fifh. Thorn-backs, Grampufes, Porpeffes, Baffes, Coney-fish, Rock-fish, white Salmons, Mullets, Soles, Plaice, Mackerel, Trouts, Eels, Roach, Shad, Herrings, Oifters, Cockles, Mufcles, Creyfish, Crabs, Shrimps, & Beside some other kinds of Fish that are peculiar to this Climate, Drums, Sheeps-heads, of which Broth may be made like that of Mutton, Cat-fish, Sting-rays, &c. The natural Productions of the Country,

Plants. &c. The natural Productions of the are, Wood, Madder, Hemp, Flax, Hops, Rapefeed, Anis-feed, Pitch, Tar, Rofin, Turpentine, Caral forts of Gums, and Balfoms of admirable Vertues; Elk-Skins that make excellent Buff, and other Hides; but the most staple Commodity at present, is Tobacco, being the General Standard by which all others are rated: There are two forts of it, viz. one call'd Sweetscented, the best fort of which is planted about Tork-River, and the other Oranco, i.e. bright and large; the former bears the greatest Price, and the latter is more common: It is observable, That such vast quantities of Tobacco are transported from Virginia to England, that the Custom and Exeife paid for it, yields the King a yearly Revenue of Fifty or fixty thousand Pounds Sterling: For above 100 Sail of Ships are bound thither every Year from England, and other English Plantations, on purpose to take off this Commodity. But the Plenty of it extremely duninishes its Value, and makes it so great a Drug, that the Merchant sometimes had rather lose it, than defray the charges of Freight, Custom, &c. insomuch that the Inhabitants might perhaps, employ their Time to better purpose, in improving forme other Products, and more especially in the making of Silk, in regard that Mulberry-Trees, proper for the breeding of Silk-worms, thrive so well in these Parts. Trades-men find good Englishment couragement there, and the usual way of Traffick is by bartering one Commodity for another; altho upon occasion, there is no want of English and other Foreign Coins: They receive from England all forts of Apparel, Silks, Stuffs, Linnen and Woollen-cloth, Household-Stuff and Utenfils, with Wine, Brandy, and other firong Liquors, in exchange for Tobacco, and other Commodities above-mention'd.

The principal Tribes of the Indian People, whose Names were known to the English at their ford.

first Arrival, were the Keconghtans, Weanocks, Airobatocks, Appametocks, Nansaminds and Chefa-

peaks, who inhabited the Country about the River Pomhatan; the Paspaheghes, who possess d the Territory where James-Town is now feated; upon the River Pamaunkee, were those of the Youngtanunds and Mattapaments: And the Manahoacs. with the Mocanghiacunds and Cuttatanomens, liv'd near the River Toppahanock. The Natives are formewhat tall, yet not corpulent, their Hair black and flaggy, and their Skin tauny, which they anoint with certain Oils mingled with Bearsgreafe. They ufually wear Deer-Skins for cloathing, and Shoes, paint their Faces, and fuffer their Manners. Hair to grow to an extraordinary length. dwell in Cabins or Hutsmade of Poles and Boughs, cover'd with the Barks of Trees, and the Chimney or Fire-hearth is plac'd in the middle: They Iye on Mats, and fit on Banks of Earth; their ordinary Food being Venifon, Fowl, Fish, &c. They fit on the Ground to eat their Meals, the Men on one fide, and the Women on the other; and burn the Bodies of the Dead: . The Features of the Female Sex are very agreeable, only they have finall Eyes, broad Nofes and wide Mouths. As to the Dispositions, Manners, Customs, Religion, &c. of these People there is some Difference, but most of all in their Languages; so that they: may well be reckon'd as fo many distinct Na-Treacherous, and great lovers of their Ease:
They are also much addicted to Hunting and going to War, and are very expert in Shooting. Traffick.
Their Traffick consists in the Skins of Deer, Beavers, and other wild Beafts, which they exchange with the English, for Guns, Powder, Shot, small Iron-tools and Brandy. Their Arms are Bows, Arrows and Clubs, with two Knobs at the end: They fight only upon Surprize, but are very vindictive, and will revenge the Death of a Perfon, upon the Family of the Murtherer, two or three Generations after. These Indians Religion are Idolaters, believing that there are several Gods of different Orders, who are subject to one Eternal Being: They maintain the Transmi-gration of the Soul, and have odd Fancies about the Creation of the World: But they have a par-ticular Veneration for a certain God, call'd Okee, who (as they fay) often appears to them, and discovers his Will, answering Questions put to him, about Hunting, Journying, Trafficking, &c. They offer to him the first Fruits of all Things every Year, affirming, They cannot expect good Luck without so doing. They account the God of the English better than theirs, because he often beats them; yet they observe strange Ceremonies, and their Priests are generally thought Conjurers: For in the time of a Drought, they are us'd to bring abundance of Rain, by their Pawawing or Incantions: The English keep themselves to the Forms of Divine Worship establish'd in the Church of England.

Almost every Indian Town, or rather poor Village, is the Seat of a Monarch, and the People wear certain Marks, or Badges on their Backs, thewing to what Kings or Lords they belong, whom they call Weraans: However, there are no Courts of Judicature, nor any Justice administer'd among them, but what particular Per-fons do themselves, by revenging their own, or their Friends Quarrels. They live in continual Wars one with another, and by that means

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are in a great measure destroy'd.

The Supreme Magistrate of the English Colonies, is a Deputy fent over by the King of Great Britain, who governs the Country by Laws agreeable to those of *England*, for the decision of all Causes both Civil and Criminal. The Legislative Power is lodg'd in the Governour and a General Assembly, consisting of two Houses, viz. the Upper, which is his Council, and the Lower, wherein fit Burgeffes chosen by the Free-holders. Thefe Laws are put in execution, by the Sheriffs, Juffices of Peace and other Officers, in every County; and Caufes are decided by the Monthly Courts, from whence there may be an Appeal to the chief Court of Judicature at James-Town, commonly call'd the Ounter-Court; as being held every Quarter of a Year, where the Governour and Council are Judges. Upon that account, the whole Country of Virginia, as far as the English Counter work in Judged in the Country of Virginia, glith Colonies reach, is divided into nineteen Provinces or Counties, the greatest part of which take their Names from those of England: On the Eastern Shore, appears the County of Nor-thampton, in Acomack; and on the Western Coasts, are those of Carotuck, Lower Norfolk, Narfemund, Isle of Wight, Surrey, Warwick, Henrico, Fames, Charles, York, New Kent, Glocester, Middle-sex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Rappahsmock and Hartford.

Besides the Indian Villages, which are only Knots of forry Huts, or Cabbins, fcarce deferving that Name, there are several confiderable Towns, for the most part built by the English since their Settlement, either on the Sea-coasts, or upon or near the Rivers, with respect to the advantage of Trade, or the richness of the Soil. The chief of these are, Cunarwoc; Secotan; Pomejoc; Demann-tiqua; Pasterion; Catoking; Powhatan, or Paw-hatan, on the North-side of a large winding Ri-ver of the same Denomination, call'd James Ri-

ver by the English.

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FAMES-TOWN, or rather James-City, conveniently scated a great deal lower in a Peninsula, on the North-side of the same River: It was first founded and so nam'd by Fames I. King of Great Britain, A.D. 1606; but it has been since fortify'd with regular Bulwarks, and adorn'd with many beautiful Brick Bulldings; being the Capital Town of the whole Country, where the Courts of Judicature and Publick Offices are conflantly kept: At a little diffance from this City, Northward, flands a fair Brick-house, call'd Green-Spring, where the Governour usually resides. The other Places of Note, are Elizabeth-City, a well built Town; containing several good Houses of Brick and Stone, and remarkable for its Situation, on the Mouth of Powbatan. kable for its Situation, on the Mouth of Powhatan, or James-River: Henricopolis, or Henry's Town, fo call'd in honour of Prince Henry, eldelt Son of King James I. to whom it owes its Foundation, in a commodious Part of the Inland Country, at the distance of 80 Miles from James-Town: Dales-gift, built and planted at the proper Costs of Sir Thomas Dale, Deputy-Governour, A. D. 1610; Bermuda; Wicocomoco; Ketonghtan, a Sea-Port Town much frequented, on Chefapeack

Bay, &c.
- No Country is better water'd with many large and swift Rivers; the chief of which are fames-River, York-River, Rappahanock, and Patonmack, Part 2

that all run into the Gulph or Bay of Chefa-Chefapeak, which divides the Country into two une-peak Bay, qual Parts, and gives Entrance for Shipping into it, and the adjacent Province of Maryland. This large and commodious Bay is faid to extend itself Northwards for the space of 75 Leagues in length; its Breadth in many Places, taking up 5, 6 or 7 Leagues, and sometimes more: It is 6 or 7 Fathom deep, and its Opening on the South between Cape Henry and Cape Charles, is about 10 or 12 Leagues wide. The Porthaum, or James-River, on the West-side of the Mouth of this Bay, is three Miles wide at its Entrance, and Navigable about 150 Miles. Turk-River, formerly call'd Pamaunkee, at the distance of 14 Miles Northward from the former, is likewise Nat vigable for 60 or 70 Miles, and carries fmull Veffels about 30 or 40 Miles farther. The Rappa-hanock, antiently termed Toppahanock, admits of a Passage for Ships, about 130 Miles; but the Potowmack is the biggest River, being 9 Miles over, in many Places, and ferves as a Boundary between this Country and Maryland. They all ebb and flow, but when the Wind is at North-Weft, their Course is scarce discernable; at other transfer than the state of t ther times, they rife at high Tides about two Foot. Belides these navigable and principal Ri-vers, there are several others of less Note that run into fome of them; particularly, the Poyankatane and Mattapeny, which fall into the Pamaunkee, or Tork-River: In like manner, the Powhatan, or James-River, receives the Apumatuck or Elizabeth-River, Southward; the Qayonycahanuck, Nanfemund and Chefapeak, Ealtward; and the Chickamahania, or Chicohamin, on the North; hear the Source of which, out of a Hill, isfu'd forth a kind of gliftering Sand, like the Filings of Brafs, and fo continu'd downwards, that the Ground feem'd to be cover'd all over with the fame Braffy-

It is now requilite to give an Account of the principal Islands that lye over against Canada, and constitute its Third Part, according to the above-mention'd Division. In St. Laurence's Gulph, are Anticoft, or L'Assomption, taking up 35 Attico-Leagues in length and about 7 in breadth; which sti L. was first discover'd by James Quarter, and is re-markable for its Situation at the Mouth of St. markable for its Situation at the Modulo 13 st.

Laurence's Gulph, where feveral French Colonies
are fettled. St. Jean, or St. John's Ile, lying in St. Jean
the innermost Bay of the same Gulph, and like-I.
wise possess by the French: Cap Breton, an Cap BreIsland, with a Promontory of the same Name, ton I.
somewhat farther towards the East, of a larger
Compass, and still of Bays; in which is the Town St. Pierre, or of St. Peter.

NEW-FOUND-LAND, a very large Island, VIII. fittiated at the Mouth of St. Laurence's Gulph, be-Newtittated at the Mouth of St. Lawrence's Gulph, be-New-tween the 46 and 53 Degr. of Northern Latitude, foundat the diffance of about 600 Leagues from Eng-land I, land, and only feparated from the Continent of Northern America, by a little Straight call'd St. George's Channel. It extends itself (as some say) from North to South, for the space of 120 Leagues, as also 100 from West to East, and takes up 340 in Compass; but these Dimensions are much enlarged by others. It is almost of a Triangular Figure, and more especially noted for the multiplicity

This Island was first discover'd A. D. 1494, by Sebastian Cabot, the Portuguese, for Henry VII. King of England, and was review'd by Mr. Thorn and Mr. Elliot, in 1530, in order to a more accurate Difcovery of it; but no Trade was manag'd thither by the English, many Years after, only the Portuguese, Normans and Britains of France, made some settlements there; changing the Names of the Bays and Promontories. However, the English did not quit their Claim; for in 1583, Sir Humphry Gilbert was order'd to take possession of the Island for Queen Elizabeth, who had a Design to establish a Colony therein; but his misfortune in fuffering Shipwrack, as he return'd, quash'd that Purpose: Insomuch that no Colony was fent till 1611, when Mr. Guy a Merchant of Brillol, having received a Commillion from King James I. undertook the Matter, and arrived fafe there, in 23 Days. This Colony thrived, and turned to fo good account, that in the Year 1623, Sir George Calvert, then principal Secretary of State, afterwards Lord Baltemore, obtain'd a Patent to fettle a Plantation in the Province of Avalon, and caus'd a stately House and Fort to be built at Ferryland; where he resided with his Family, for some time, and manag'd the Government himself: Afterwards he left it to a Deputy, and his Posterity are still Proprietors of this Province.

The Air is very healthful, yet fomewhat cold in Winter and hot in Summer, but never to excess. The Country in most Places, is fertil, and naturally beautify'd with Rofes and flately Trees; producing abundance of Peas, Filberds, and other Fruits, necessary for Humane Life and Delight; it has also afforded to the English, when Till'd, good Wheat, Rye, Turneps, Coleworts, &c. The Woods are well stock'd with Deer, Hume Fares Saviesh Otters Mayle care Mayle Hares, Foxes, Squirrels, Otters, Musk-cats, Musk-rats, and other Wild Beafts that yield excellent Furrs. There is also no less plenty of Land and Water-Fowl, and Fish, with variety of fresh Springs, the Waters of which are extremely deficious. On the Sea-coasts many Morses, or Sea-Oxen, are catch'd and kill'd, which is an amphibious Creature, as big as an Ox, tho' its Shape rather resembles that of a Lion: They have Teeth like those of Elephants, of as large a fize, and as good Ivory. Their Paunches serve to make Train-Oil, and their Skin is twice as thick as an Ox's or Bull's, and short-haired, like that of a

Seal. The Natives are of a middle-fiz'd Stature, beardless and broad-fac'd, colouring their Faces with Oker, and some of them go naked, all but their Privities. Their Houses are nothing but Poles set round like our Arbours, and cover'd with Deer-Skins, the Hearth, or Fire-place, being set in the middle. Ten or twelve Families live together in one of these Huts, and lye upon Skins, with their Dogs; often make Feasts, during which they dance and sing; they pass the Rivers in Canoos, or Boats, made of Birch-tree Bark, strengthned with little wooden Hoops. These savage People are faid to believe in one God, the Creator of all Things, but have many fartaftical Notions and ridiculous Opinions about his Essence,

plicity of admirable Bays, Harbours and Creeks, Immortality of the Soul, and usually bury all the Goods of their deceased Friends in the same Grave with them, to serve for their use in the o-They have recourse to a certain ther World. Denon, when they go a Hunting, to know where they shall find Gaine, and often speed; but do not otherwise worship him. Lastly, There are many Conjurers among them, whom they use for Physicians and Priests to consult their Oracle.

Their peculiar Form of Government is not known; but 'tis certain, they are rul'd by a Sagamore, or King, as the English, by their Governours. The Europeans do not inhabit the vernours. The Europeans which are very convenient, about the Ports, which are very convenient, where they carry on a great Trade with Morfes, Whale-Oil, Cod, Stock-fish, Poor-John, and other Kinds of Fish. The English are settled in the Province of Avalon, and are Masters of the Bay, five Miles broad in the narrowest place; yet safe and of very good Anchorage. Trinity-Bay; and the Bay des Trespasses, i. e. of the Dead. The French retain in their possession, the Port of Plaisance, and some other Places.

About 25 Leagues from this Island, to the South-Bast, over against Cape Raz, lyes a real-

South-East, over against Cape Raz, lyes a vast Bank, or ridge of Ground, which is cover'd with Water, when the Sea is high, and uncover'd and North to South, almost for the space of 150 Leagues, and above 50 in its greatest breadth, from West to East: The Sea is 200 Fathom deep all round it, and the Sand so movable, that Ships of a considerable Burthen may ride to the sand to the sand so movable, that Ships of a considerable Burthen may ride that Ships of a considerable ships of over it. About this Bank are several little Islands, on which Schassian Cabot impos'd the name of Los Baccalaos, i.e. The Cod-fish Isles, from the prodigious quantities of Cod-fish and Stock-fish there of his Vessels: So that every Summer, three or four hundred Sail of Ships, from England, France and Holland, come to these Parts, where they are fure of sufficient Freight of such Fish; this Code Carine Market Ma fishing continues from April to September. More-over it is observable, That with the Livers of the Cods, (which are immediately disbowell'd and falted) the Mariners bait Hooks, and catch a large fort of Bird, call'd by them, Tanquets and Happefoyes, which serve them for Food in this Voyage.

Over against the Eastern Part of Acadia, appears Isle de Sable, i. e. The Sand-Island, so call'd isle de by the French, who fettled themselves there for Sable. fome time, but were afterwards forc'd to abandon it for want of fresh Water: It takes up
15 Leagues in compass, and is distant as many
from Cape Breton. The principal Islands situa-Naneuker
ted over against New England, are Naneuker; I. ted over against New England, are Namenket; I.
The Sturgeon-Isles; Martin's Vineyard; Viteland, Martin's
call'd Natocke by the Natives, and formerly post Vinyard
sefs'd by the Hollanders; Texel, or Elizabeth's Vileland
Isle Block Isle; Rode Isle, the Towns of which I.
are, Newport and Portfounh; Isle of Wight; Plum Eliz. I.
Isle and Fishers Isle. Isle; and Fishers Isle.
Over against the Province of New York, Iye

Manahattens, an Island fo nam'd by the Indians, Manahat-Providence, &c. They also acknowledge the about 14 Miles long and two broad; chiefly retens L markable



inarkable for the City of New York, built on the South-end of it. Staten Island, of a square Figure, Harris': Bay, Elbow Bay, Great Turkle Bay, Portaking up about 10 Miles in length and as many in breadth; and containing Long Island, several fortify'd by Nature, and sence delaying the Fredikh by the more of their Staten I. South-end of it. Staten Island, of a square Figure, Long I. in breadth; and containing Long Island, several confideral Towns, viz. Wells; Dover; Billop, Old Town, New Town, &c. And Long Island, formerly call'd Matouwacks, and Yorkshire, after it was united to the English Plantations: It is parted from the Continent by the Mouth of Hud-low's River, and loss out also parts to Miles for for's River, and lyes out about 150 Miles from West to East; being in some places eight, in others twelve, and in others fourteen or twenty Miles broad. The whole Island is well inhabited, and exceeding plentiful of all forts of Entitle Carin with the admirable parties. glith Grain, with an admirable variety of Trees, Plants and Fruits, particularly Tobacco, Flax, Pumkins, Melons, &c. In the Month of May, the Fields and Woods are fo finely bedecked.

with Roses and other fragrant Flowers, that all seem to be but one entire and most delightful Garden. In the middle of this Island, a spaci-cious Champain Tract, commonly call'd Salis-bury-Plain, extends itfelf above 16 Miles in length and four in breadth, which brings forth very fine Grass, and affords good Pasture for Sheep and other Cattel: A Horse-race is also run there every Year, and the Victor rewarded with a Silver-cup. Moreover, there are two or three other little Plains of about a Mile Jouare, which tend much to the Advantage of the neighbouring Towns; and the Southern Coasts are frequented Towns; and the Southern Coasts are frequented by Whales and Crampuses; besides an immunerable multitude of Seals that Iye all the Winter upon the broken Marshes and Beaches, or Bars of Sand. The Dutch Towns of Long-Island, noted for the making of China Ware, are Usrecht, Middleburg, and Flushing. The chief English Towns are, Dover; Gravesend; Elash-buss, Bedford; Greenwich; Famaica; New Town; Hamsted; Huntington; Charbam; Albsford; Egerton; Nettlested; Nirthseet; Feversham; East-hampton; South-hampton, Sc.

South-hampton, &c. Lastly, over against Virginia and Carolina, but at the distance of 300 Leagues Eastward, the Bermu- Islands of BERMIDAS present themselves to our das Isles. View, in the 32 Degr. 30 Min. of Northern Latitude: They are likewise distant about 15 or 1600 Leagues from England, 1000 or 1200 from the Madera Isles, and 400 from Hispaniola. They take their Name from the first Discoverer of them, John Bermudaz a Spaniard; and are alfo call'd The Summer-Islands, from Sir George Summers, who suffer'd Shipwrack upon those Coasts, A. D. 1609. But the Mariners usually style them The Devil's Islands, by reason of the treme difficulty of the Passage. These are a great chaster of Islands, amounting (as some say) to the number of 400, and the Shape of all taken together, resembles that of a Crescent or Half-poor. moon: Bermudas properly so call'd, being the largest, is 18 Miles long, yet scarce three broad in its widest Extent; and all the rest, which bear the Names of St. George, St. David's, Coopers Isle, Nonesuch, Longbrid, Ireland, Daniel, Somerfet, Oc. are of a great deal less compass. They have the Advantage of many converse that have the Advantage of many convenient Ports, Bays and Roads, the chief of which are, The Great Sound, Pager's Bay, Abbot's Bay, Harring-

infomuch that the English by the means of their numerous Block-houses and strong Forts, especially those of Dover and Warwick have made them altogether impregnable: Neither can a Boat of ten Tuns come near the Harbours, unless the Passages are well-known; altho Ships of the greatest Burthen may be brought in by a skilful

As for the Air, it is of an admirable Temperature, and so exceeding wholson, that few Perfons die of any Distemper but Old Age: So that many have caus'd themselves to be convey'd thi-ther from England, and other Parts, on purpose to enjoy the benefit of a long and healthful Life; and those that have resided there for a considerable time, are fearful of removing out of fo pure a Climate. The Sky is almost continually serene and clear; altho' this Tranquility is some-times disturb'd by very tempestuous Weather; with Thunder and Lightning even for the space of 48 Hours. The North and Welt Winds oc-cation a kind of Winter, in the Months of De-cember, January and February; which neverthe-less is so moderate, that the Marks of Spring ap-pear in the Growth of Plants, and Breeding of Rieds. The Soli is extrapply Envirigit, and welds Birds. The Soil is extremely Fruitful, and yields birds. The soft is extremely Findent, and yields two Crops every Year, which are generally gather'd in July and December. There are feveral forts of excellent Fruit, as Oranges, Dates, Palmitos, Mulberries, both White and Red, breeding abundance of Silk-worms, &c. The Cedar-Trees are much different from those in other Places, but very fweet. Our English Corn and Plants thrive well here, besides Tobacco and Cocheneal, with which the Inhabitants drive a con-Ambergreece. They have plenty of Tortoifes, the Flesh of which is very delicious, and a great increase of Hogs, that were left by the Spaniards: They are also well provided with Fowls and Birds, chiefly Cranes, and a fort of Wild-Fowl that west in the bales of the Rocks like Rabbert. that nest in the holes of the Rocks, like Rabbets. Moreover, it is observable, That no venomous Creatures are found in these Islands, and that none will live, if brought thither. The Spiders in particular, are not poisonous, but large, and of different Colours; making their Webs so strong, that the small Birds are often entangled and catch'd in them.

The English are the fole Proprietors of the Bermudas Islands, and began their first Settlement there, A. D. 1612; fo that the Colony is now become very powerful, and confilts of about Five thousand Inhabitants. They have divided the whole Cluster of Islands, into feveral Tribes or Cantreds, viz. those of Sands, Southampton; Warmick, Paget, Penbroke, Devonshire, Smith, Hamilton, Oct. in every one of which is a Borough Town, regulated by the Magistrates, according to the Government of England, both in Church and State: To conclude, Every thing feems to contribute fomewhat towards the compleating of their Happiness, and they have but one great inconvenience, which is fearcity of Fresh Water; in regard that there are no Springs, Rivers or Brooks, in any of these Mands: But this Defect

1616, five Men set out from these Islands, in a Boat open at top, only capable of containing

is in some measure supply'd by Wells and Pits three large Tuns, or Hogsheads; and after having that ebb and flow with the Sea, and Cisterns fail'd seven Weeks, they all arriv'd safe in one for Rain-Water.

About Midstumer, A. D. of the Ports of Ireland; so that it may well be prefium'd, The like Undertaking was scarce ever perform'd within the Memory of Man.

CHAP. V.

FLORIDA and CAROLINA.

I. Florida. R OM the Bermudas Islands, we return to the Continent, there to take a View of FLORIDA, which is faid to have received its Name from Ferdinand Soto, who arrived there after some other Navigators, A. D. 1534, on Palm-Sunday, commonly call'd by the Spannards, La Pascua de Flores: Others affirm, That he impos'd this Name on the Country, upon account of the florid and fragrant Fields, verdant Meadows, delightful Savana's, &c. that were observ'd by him at his Arrival. However 'tis certain, That Sebastian Cabot a Portuguese, first discovered it in 1496, for Henry VII. King of England, but did not stay there, having a Design to find out a Passage that Way into the East. In 1512, Fohn Poncio of Leon (to whom some attribute the naming of this Province,) was fent thither by the King of Castile, but was expell'd by the Natives in 1520. Luke Vasquez, D' Aillon, with with some other Spaniards, undertook an Expedition in 1524, to subdue those People, and to force them to work in the Mines in the Spanish force them to work in the Mines in the Spanish fishands, and Pamfili Narraez cross'd the Country in 1528. Lattly, Ferdinand Soto first above-mentioned, after the Conquest of Pern, invaded it May 24, 1538, and dy'd there of Grief, because he could not accomplish his Designs. Afterwards, the French under Charles IX. got sooting in several Places, and built the Caroline Fort; but were often attack'd by the Spaniards with various Success and at last obliged to give with various Success, and at last oblig'd to give Place to the English.

The whole Continent of Florida is bounded on the North by Canada, and the Tracts of Land that are hitherto unknown, the Apalachean Mountains separating it from them; on the West, by the New Kingdom of Mexico and the Northern Part of New Spain; on the South like-wife, by New Spain and the Gulph of Mexico; and on the East, by the dangerous Straight, or Canal of Bahama and the Atlantick Ocean. It extends it felf from the 25 to the 35 Degr. of Northern Latitude, and from the 273 to the 297

Degr. of Longitude.

III. The Air is very pure and temperate, and the Soil made extremely fruitful by the frequent Dews. The Country near the Sea-coasts, is Sandy; but the inland Parts are for the most part Champain and well Water'd, altho they have the ill Fortune not to be thoroughly Tilled. It brings forth abundance of Trees, as Pines, Laurels, Palm-trees, Cedars, Cypreffes, &c. with Nuts, Chefnuts, Grapes, Plums, Medlars, and other Kinds of most delicious Fruit, besides variety of Pulse. It likewise produces great store

of Cattel and Wild Beafts, viz. Lions, Leopards, Bears, Wolves, Deer, Hares, wild Dogs, wild and tame Cats, Crocodiles and Serpents of a prodigious Size, that devour Men as often as they oran furprize them: Neither is there any want of Fifh or Fowl, more especially Partridges, Peacocks and Parrets. There are also precious Stones, and some Mines of Gold and Silver; the Rivers in like manner, affording Gold-Sands and Pearls.

The Natives are naturally of a white Complexion, but by anointing themselves with certain Ointments made on purpose, they become of an Olive-colour: They are brawny, robust, and of a tall Stature, especially those that dwell in the Plains: They are addicted to Robbery and Lasciviousness, and go for the most part naked, altho some of them are cloath'd with the Skins of Animals, taking great delight in a-dorning themselves with Plumes of Feathers of dorning themselves with Finnes of Features divers Colours: They often make War, and are very obedient to their Captains, termed Paron-flies: There are many Hermaphrodites among them, who serve for their Slaves, and are commonly used instead of Labouring-Beasts. These Savage People have a great veneration for the Sun and Moon, and believe the Immortality of the Soul: They likewise pay much respect to their Priests, call'd *Joanas*, who are also their Physicians and Surgeons; and are thought to be meer Sorcerers.

The greatest Part of Florida, especially the in- v. land Country, is still in the possession of the Natives; and the Spaniards were sometime Masters of almost all the Sea-coasts, but by degrees they abandon'd the most part of them. At present, the English possess the Maritime Coasts, which are extended from Caratack-Inlet, near the Frontiers of Virginia on the North, to the River St. Matheo on the South, and formerly belong'd to the Jurisdiction of the French, lying between the

29 and 36 Degr. of Northern Latitude.

This spacious Country was united to the Imperial Crown of England, A. D. 1660, and Carolina call'd CAROLINA, in honour of King Charles Duke of Albemarle, Edward Earl of Clarendon, William Earl of Craven, John Lord Berkley, Anthony Earl of Shaftsbury, Sir George Carteret Baronet, Sir William Berkley Knight and Baronet, and Sir John Colleton Knight and Baronet, and to their these and Successors. It has Virginia for its Heirs and Successors. It has Virginia for its Bounds on the North; the Atlantick Ocean, on

the East; the Apalatian Mountains and Spanish

Elorida, on the West; and on the same Sea, with the Peninsula of Tegesta, and the Canal of Baha-

ma, on the South.

The Air is very wholsom and temperate, so as the Heat is not offensive in Summer, nor the Cold in Winter, which is not so sharp as to check the growth of Trees, Plants, &c. insomuch that several Inhabitants of the Bermudaz Islands, who live in a most pure Air, and durst not venture themselves in any other Country, have remov'd thither; with many others, from most of the English Colonies in America. The Soil is generally rich and fruitful, producing, besides what is proper to the Climate, good Wheat and Barley, with all other English Grain, Herbs, Roots, &c. particularly, Turneps, Carrets, Par-fnips, Potatoes, and many kinds of Pulfe which are not to be found in England: The Fields are full of English and Indian Corn, and the Gardens are adorn'd with the choicest Flowers and Fruits, viz. Apples, Pears, Apricocks, Peaches, Cherries, Figs, Grapes, Plums, Olives, Quinces, Marachocks, Mulberries, Strawberries, Walnuts, Water-melons, &c. The Southern Walnuts, Water-melons, &c. The Southern Tracts yield abundance of Oranges, Limes, Lemons, Pome-citrons and Poinegranates. Woods not only afford all Trees ufeful for Timber, as red and white Oak, Poplar, Afh, Pine, &c. but likewife many fweet-finelling Trees and Shrubs, as Bay, Cedar, Cypres and Myttle; among which, there harbour Hares, Conies, Squirrels and Rackoons. The fpacious and most delightful Savanda are consided unit and most delightful Savana's, are crouded with fat Deer; the Meadows are well stock'd with stately Herds of Cattel; and the pleasant Pastures abound with Sheep. To these may be added several forts of Wild Beasts, as Otters, Bears, Wolves and Leopards, but no Lions, with some ftrange and monftrous Creatures, as Rattle-Snakes of two Yards and a half long, and Wild Cats bigger than a Fox. Moreover, there is great store of Hogs, which encrease wonderfully; as also of Fowl, as Paroquets, Cranes, Herons, Curlews, Heath-cocks, Swans, Geefe, Wild Turkeys, Doves, Dotterels, Widgeons, Brants, Ox-eyes, Teals, Ducks, Mallards, and divers other Birds, whose Flesh is most grateful to the Taste.

The Natives are a strong, lively well-shap'd People, generally of a good Disposition, and ready Wit, honest, and sincere in their Dealings: So that they maintain a perfect Friendship with the English, and are ready to serve them upon all Occasions. They are not inclin'd to Vice or Extravagance, but are moderate in their Diet and Apparel, and live a long and pleasant Life, taking little care for the siture: Their Old Women are usually employ'd in planting Mayz, and for the rest, the Rivers and Woods afford them sufficient plenty of Provisions. They are much addicted to Mirth, and take delight in Dancing. For the account of Time, they are said to make use of Hieroglyphicks, and instruct their Children in Matters relating to their Country and private Families. Where a signal Battel has been sought, or a remarkable Colony establish'd, they erect a Stone-Pyramid, expressing the number of Persons kill'd, or settled at such a Colony. They are great admirers of Valour, preferring it to all other Vertues, and conse-

quently very often engag'd in War, which tends much to their Deltruction. As for their Religion, they worship one God, the Creator of all Things, under the Name of Okee, and their High Pricks offer Sacrifice to him; but they maintain, that he minds not Humane Affairs himself, but commits the Government of them to lester Deities, i.e. to good and evil Spirits: They believe the Transinigration of Souls, and suttine Happiness after Death: They are of Opinion, That the whole Race of Mankind was propagated from four Women, and upon that account divide themselves into so many Tribes. Lastly, They observe many superstitious Ceremonies at their Martiages, and bury their Dead in sour several Burying-places, according to the number of their Tribes: They also inter with the Corps, all sorts of Provisious and Housholdssuff, for their use in Paradise, which they imagine to be situated beyond the Mountains and Indian Ocean.

There are many petty Kingdoms throughout the Country, and feveral Indian Towns, that afford a place of Residence to the Monarch of the adjacent Territory. The Savages are subject to these Kings, whose Will is their Law; but the En-English lish are govern'd according to the Statutes and Govern-Constitutions of England, and fuch By-Laws; as ments their Governours find necessary for that Province, their Governours find necessary for that Province, and there are proper Magistrates to put them in Execution. No Money can be rais'd, nor Laws made, without the consent of the People, or their Representatives, in a general Assembly. A Register is kept of Grants and Conveyances of Land, to prevent Law-Suits and Controversies: Liberty of Conscience is also allow'd to all Persons of different Persusions, but Assembly Persons of March 1987. but Atheisin, Irreligion, Immorality and lewd Practices, are condemn'd and discountenanc'd. In short, the whole Model of Government has been so well fram'd by the Proprietors, for the welfare and advantage of the Inhabitants, that it is generally esteem'd beyond compare. These Encouragements have given Rife to two confiderable Colonies, or Settlements of the English in those Parts, viz. one situated Northward on Albemarle River, in 35 Degr. 30 Min. of Northern Latitude; and the other much farther towards the South, in the Heart of the Country, on the Navigable Rivers of Afbley and Cooper. The latter is a most flourishing Colony, and the principal Mart for the whole Country, by reason of the healthfulness of the Place, and its conveni-ent Situation for Shipping. The Commodities ent Situation for Shipping. usually Exported thence, are Tobacco, Silk, Cotton, Indico, Ginger, Oil, Wine, &c.

The Province of Carolina is divided into several Counties, which take their Names from the Proprietors, viz. those of Albemarle, Clarendon, Craven, Berkley, and Colleton. The principal Towns are, CHARLES-TOWN, remarkable for its Situation upon a Promontory or Neck of Land, between the Mouths of Albley and Cooper Rivers: Old Charles-Town over against the former, on the farther side of the Asbley: New London, seated on the Northern Bank of South-Edistow River: And Cambabe, on a River of the same Name. The Country is every where well water'd with many great Rivers, about which the numerous Plantations are advantagiously

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fettled: Some of them are Navigable, and abounding with variety of excellent Fish, which are for the most part, of the same Kind as those of Virginia. The most eniment of these Rivers, beginning to reckon them from North to South, are Albemarle River, which receives the Noraway and the Noratoke; the Pantegue; the Neuse, or Nus; Cape Fear, or Clarendon River, divided into two Branches; the Wimgoe; Watere; Santee, or Craven; Sewee; Bowat; Cooper River, into which fall the Wando, the Back River; Goose Creek, Turkey Creek, Gr. Alphey River; Sono River; North-Edistow; South-Edistow; Colleton River; the Cambake; Sapola; Wallea; May River; and St. Matheo. Lastly, There is a great number of convenient, spacious and safe Harbours, besides innumerable Rivulets, Brooks, Bays, Creeks, Inlets, Gr.

The most considerable Places of Spanish Florida on the East, are S. Matheo, a little Town, now almost ruin'd with its Fort and Harbour, near the River of the same Name: And S. Augustino, a Town likewise of a sinall Extent, defended by a Castle, and built a little farther towards the South: Both these Towns are seated in the Province of Tegesta, a Peninsula lying between the Gulph of Mexico, on the West; and the Straight of Bahama, and the North-Sea, on the East; which is also call'd Proper Florida, by the Spaniards: They were also sometime Masters of Saurioa; in Carolina; Mollona, on the West-side of the River May, abounding with Gold and Silver; Edelano, on the Eastern Bank of the same River; Anategna, or Onatheagana;

and the Caroline Fort, nearer to the Sca-coasts and the Confines of Virginia: This last Place was the chief of all those that were in the possession of the French, till at last it was taken, and demolish'd by the Spaniards. To these Towns may be added Melilot, the Capital of the Country of the Apalachites, situated not far from the Apalacean Mountains, and the most spacious Lake Theomy, and comprehending six well-cultivated Provinces; which are subject to a Monarch, who keeps his Royal Court in the same City. On the side of Espiritu Sansto River, the Spaniards have Achalague; Ossansto River, the Spaniards have Achalague; Ossansto River, the Spaniards have Achalague; Ossansto River, and therritigua, otherwise termed Hirritiqua and Hirriga, not sar from the Mouth of the said River, and the Scacoasts.

The other Towns farther Westward, belonging to the Spanish Jurisdiction, are Colima; Cappaha, water'd according to M. Sanson, by the River Chucagua; Coza, or Coca, which the same Author places on Rio Grande, and where admirable Geins are said to be sound; Tascaluca, nearer to the Sea; Quigata; Xualatino, or Xaulatino; Chillano, on the West-side of Espirius Sansto River; Chagus; and Naguater, or Naguatex, higher on the same River. But M. Sanson's Descriptions are dissonant one from another, with respect to the Situation of these Places, as also the Situation and Names of the Rivers of this Country; among which the most remarkable are, S. Matheo, Rio Grande, R. de Canaveral, R. del Espirius Sansto, R. de Montanhas, R. Bravo, R. de la Madalena, R. Escondido, R. de Pahnas, &c.

CHAP. VI.

The New Kingdom of MEXICO, with CALIFORNIA, and the other Islands over against it.

I. New Kingdom of Mexico, otherwise call'd New Granda, is bounded on the East, by Florida and Louisana; on the dom of South, by New Spain; and on the West, by Mexico. the Gulph of California, or Purple Sea; but its utanost Extent on the North is not as yet known. It reaches (according to the most modern Maps,) from the 240 to the 268 Degr. of Longitude, and the Latitude takes up almost 27 Degrees. So that it is a most spacious Coun-

try; which the Spaniards discover'd, A.D. 1598, and still retain Part of it in their Possession. The Air of this Kingdom is faid to be wholfom, altho' hot during the Summer-Season, and very sharp in the Winter. The Country is beset with many high Mountains and Woods; affording numerous Cedars and Pine-Trees, rich Passes for wild Beasts and tame Cattel, and several kinds of Pulse, with Mines of Gold and Silver, Crystal and Precious Stones, which the Purple Sea likewise produces: There are also diverse Lakes abounding with Fish, and considerable Rivers; the chief of the latter is, Rio del Norte, i. e. The North-River, which slows thro'

the middle of the Kingdom, and (as it is express d in the common Maps) falls into the Purple Sea; but (according to Bandrand,) into the Gulph of Mexico; for this Author assures, He receiv'd that Information from a certain Learned Person, who had an opportunity to take a particular View of those Parts, a few Years ago. The Country is inhabited by many Nations, whose Languages, Constitutions and Manners, are different; yet some of them are tractable, and get their Livelihood by keeping Cattel and Hunting: They are govern'd by their own Princes, and the greatest Part of them are addicted to Idolatry; althosome (as it is reported,) worship one God, the Lord of Heaven and Earth, whose Throne is in Heaven; and the Spaniards endeavour to convert them to their Religion.

M. Baudrand divides the New Kingdom of Mexico into eighteen Provinces; which Division he declares, to have receiv'd from an illustrious Personage, nam'd Senor de Penalosa, who was sometime General Governour of those Parts; but in regard that these Provinces are not de-

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Stags-Skins: They are diffinguished by the Spa-niards into four Nations, two of which live on the South, viz. Apaches de Perillo, between the North River and the Purple Sea, and Apaches Va-The other two Nations, whose Seats are more Northern, are named Apaches de Navaio, or Navajox, and Apaches de Xua.

We shall not take any farther notice of the

other People and Provinces of this Country,. but proceed to the Description of its most remarkable Places and Towns, and first of those that are situated nearest to the North-River. The most eminent of them, is Santa Fe, call'd also by the Inhabitants Santa Fe de Granasla, and New Mexico by others, a neat City dignify'd with an Episcopal See, and the Spanish Governour's Court; being built alfogether with Stone, by the Spaniards, a few Years ago in the middle of the Kingdom. It is plac'd in feveral Maps, on the Western-fide of the North River; but M. Bandrand fays, it is diffant nine Leagues from it. Farther on the South, appear Sevilletta; Pilabo; Sencen; and Socorro, which in M. Sunfon's larger Map, are likewife fet down on the Western Bank of the fame River.

The following. Places are fituated at a greater distance from the North River, viz. Acoma, a very strong hold, built on a high and steep Rock;

Zagnato; Rey Coromedo; S. Miguel, and Porto de Santa Clara, on the Coafts of the Purple Sea.

Many Islands lye over against the New Kingdom of Mexico, and the nearest are contain'd in the Purple Sea, or Gulph of California, particularly La Islande Santa Cruz,

lineated in the Maps, we shall omit this Division.

IV. M. Sanson reckons up many People and Provinces, that are not as yet diffinelly known. Wall on the East by the Purple Sea, which sepaches The Apaches, a warlike People, have cularged their Territories frithed of sall throughout their South, West, and North; by the Pacifick Sea. Northern Part of New Mexico; and both Men and Women are said to cloath themselves with the Pennsula, or an Island, and some have taken to the property of the Property of New Mexico; and Several Authors have doubted, Whether it is a Pennsula, or an Island, and some have taken the strongle has been since. remaind, or an infand, and fome have taken it for the former; but that Scruple has been fince removed by the Experience of Navigators. This Island was first discovered by Ferdinand Cortez, A. D. 1535, and is situated between the 23 and the 46th Degr. of Northern Latitude: Its most Southern and least Tracet lyes under the Torried Tones and the Triviels of Cortex and the veries. Zone, and the Tropick of Caneer, and the relt take up the most part of the Northern Temperate Zone; extending itself from North to South, for the space of 460 Leagues, and 140; in its greatest breadth; which is widest in the Northern Part, and narrowest in the Southern. So that it is apparently the most spacious Island of all Northern America, and even one of the greatest in the whole World: It is of a long Figure, and very sull of Bays, on the North and West. The temperature of the Air and Soil, is supposed to be agreeable to that of New Spain; but no certain Account can be given the Manager Registroper of the the Manners, Religion and Government of the Natives; in regard that only some Bays, Harbours, and Promotories, are as yet known to the Europeans. M. Baidrand tells us, That the Spaniards have lately erected in a fruitful Territory, on the Southern Coasts, a Colony, or little Town, of the same Name with the Island; which nevertheless, is not express'd in the modern Maps.

On the West and South of California, many little Islands appear in the Pacifick Sea; the chief of which are, S. Clemen; Illa de Poraros; I. de Ceintas; Ulloa; Lanublada; St. Thomas; and Las tree Maries, three small slies that sye next to the Continut of the Contin

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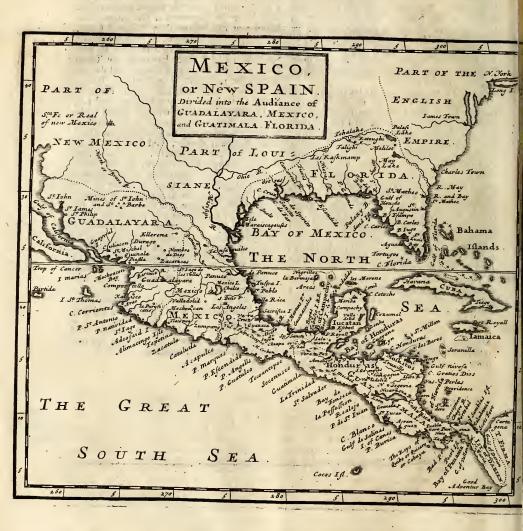
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New SPAIN, or the Kingdom of MEXICO.



E are now come to New Spain, the best and most noted Part of the Continent of Northern America, which is more inhabited by the Spaniards than any other Country of the New World, and is often call'd The Kingdom of Mexico, from its Metropolitan City. It is bounded on the West, by the Purple Sea, and that Part of the Southern Ocean on which it has imposed its Name; the latter serving also for its Boundary, on the South; on

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the East, by the Ishmus of Panama and the Gulpta of Mexico; and on the North, by Florida and the New Kingdom of Mexico. It is situated between the 8th and 30th Degr. of Northern Latitude, and between the 254 and 293 Degr. of Longitude; being broadest under the Tropick of Cancer, but very narrow in many Places on the South-East: So that its most considerable Part is only an Ishmua, and is justly termed by the Natives, Anabaac, 1. c. Near the Water.

The Air of this Kingdom is faid to be exceeding temperate and healthful, although its greatest Part lyes under the Torrid Zone. The Storms of Wind and Showers of Rain, fornetimes continue for a long time; but the Country abounds with Pasture, Corn, Mayz, excellent Fruits and Cattel, particularly Cows, Sheep, that bring forth Lambs twice a Year, and fine Horses of the Spanish breed; besides many other sorts of Beasts, that are often kill'd for their Skins, and variety of Birds; among which one call'd Cincon is more especially remarkable, being no bigger than a Beetle, yet adorn'd with delicate Feathers: This little Bird lives upon the Dew and the Smell of Flowers, and sleeps in the hollow of a Tree till the Month of April. There is also an admirable Tree, known by the Name of Maquey, or Mayguey, which yields Wine, Vinegar, Honey, Thread, Needles, Stuffs, and Timber for Buildings. The Commodities usually transported hence into Europe, are Gold and Silver, which are not only produced in the Mines, but also in the Rivers; Precious Stones, Bahn, Cocheneal, Salfaparilla, Mechoacan-Roots, Brimstone, Furrs, Wool, Silk, Sugar, Cocao-nuts to make Chocolate. This Country scarce affords any Wine, because the Weather is always rainy during the time of Vintage. It has been united to the Dominions of the King of Spain, ever since Ferdinand Cortez subdu'd it in less than four Years, viz. from 1518 to 1521, notwithstanding the numerous Armies that opposed his Progress: For the Kings were then able to bring 3 or 400000 fighting Men into the Field. The whole Kingdom is till govern'd by a Spanish Vice-Roy, who keeps his Court in the City of Mexico, and presides over all the Governments of those Provinces which his Catholick Majesty possesses in Northern Ame-

The Natives are civil, tractable, courteous to Strangers, and fincere in their Dealings, but not easily reconcil'd to those that deceive them, or do them an injury. They are fomewhat flothful, but have a great Inclination to Musick, Painting and making Pictures, with the Feathers of the above-mention'd Birds nam'd Cincons: They are also so expert in curious Gold and Silver-works, that nothing can be more ingeniously and artificially done: These People in appearance conform themselves to the Roman Catholick Religion, which is generally profess d in this Country. But as the Censure of Thomas Gage a Dominious Catholick Religion, nican is too true, viz. That most of the Spanish Priests are abominable Hypocrites and extremely covetous, their Converts cannot be expected to be very good Christians. The want of Charity among these Priests is no less evident; by the Hatred between the two different forts of Monks of the fame Order, in the fame Convent; that is to fay, the natural Spaniards, who are fent from Spain, from time to time, in the Quality of Missionaries to fill up the vacant Benifices, and strengthen the Spanish Faction; and the Ciroles, or Religious Persons descended of the Spanish Race in America, who feldom come to any Preferment, or are entrusted with any publick Office; because it is the Interest of the former to keep because it is the Interest of the former to keep the whole Government of the latter than them under; being admitted to no considerable was built by the Spaniards, A. D. 1531, Einployments, left they should tempt the National and erected into an Episcopal See, under the Mexico to revolution the Spanish Government.

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The Kingdom of New Spain is divided by the Spaniards into three Jurifdictions, or general Governments, commonly call'd Audien-ces, viz. those of Guadalajara, Mexico, and Guatimala.

The Audience of Guadalajara, otherwise termed New Gallecia, or La Nueva Galizia, being IV. the most Northern of all, is bounded on the Guadala-North, by the New Kingdom of Mexico; on the jara Au-East, by Florida and the Audience of Mexico, dience. which with the Sea of New Spain; bounds it like-wife on the South, and on the Welt, by the faine Sea, and El Mar Varmejo, or the Purple Sea. The Country in many Places rifes up very high, and is full of Woods; abounding with Silver, Copper, Lead, and the fame forts of Fruit that are produc'd in the Kingdom of Cafille: But it is often infelled with terrible Earth-quakes, impetuous Storms of Wind, violent Thunder and Lightning, and hafty Showers of Rain even in the Summer-Seafon. The Magpies hereabouts are not bigger than Sparrows, yet make great havock of the Grain, and the Bees have no Sting. The Inhabitants are faid to be long-liv'd, by reason

number, viz. Cinaloa, Caliacan, Chametlan, Xalifco, Proper Guadalajara, Zacateca, and New Bifcay. The five first are maritim, and the two others are stuated in the inland Country. The Province of Cinaloa is the most Northern of all, lying between the Purple Sea, on the West, and Cinaloa the New Kingdom of Mexico, on the North and Prov. East. Its chief Town bears the Name of St. The Provinces of this Audience are seven in

of the extreme healthfulness of the Air, which is

altogether free from Infection.

Juan, or St. John. The Province of Culiacan borders upon Cinaloa, on the South, at the entrance of the Pur- VI. ple Sea; and contains the following Towns, Culiacan not far diffant from the Sea-coasts, viz. Pe-P. tatlan; Culiacan the Capital; St. Assence; and Oninola.

The Province of Chametlan, or Chiametlan, lyes next to Culiacan, on the South, under the VII. Tropick of Cancer, and is walled by the Sea of Chamet-New Spain; having Aguacara, for its chief Town. lan P.

The most Southern maritim Province of this Government, or Audience, is Xalifo, which (according to M. Bankrand) is otherwise nam'd VIII.

New Gallecia. The most remarkable Places, are Xalifoo Compostella, founded by Nanio Guzman, a Knight P. of Guadalajara, who first discover d this Province; Xalisco the Capital Town; and La Purifica-

The Province of Guadalajara, the least Part of which lying between Chametlan and Xalisco only borders upon the Sea, is not diffinguish'd IX. from the latter, by M. Bandrand. Its principal Guadatowns are Chuiquipagua, or Ceutiquipagua, built jara F: on the Sea-coasts, and at the Mouth of a River; Quazacatlan, or Guavacatlan; Zaporaco, on the South of the Lake Chapala, in Spanish La Laguna di Charde, which takes up to Legues in Comna di Chapala, which takes up 40 Leagues in Compass: And Guadalajara, seated on the North of the same Lake, and on the River Baranja, the Metropolis not only of the Province, but also of the whole Government of the same Name: It A a 2

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Courts of Judicature, or general Affizes of the Provinces are usually kept in this City, which is distant 80 Spanish Leagues Westward, from that of Mexico, and 40 from the Coast of the South-

x. The two last Inland Provinces of this Audience, Zacare- are that of Los Zacarecas, and New Biscay. The former is so nam'd from the People who are its Inhabitants, and is partly fituate under the Tropick of Cancer. Its most eminent Towns, ate Xetez de la Frontera, on the Confines of Guadalajara San Luis de los Zacatecas, or fimply Zacaretas the Capital, near the Tropick: Ellerena; Durango, on the Foot of the Mountains, dignify'd with an Episcopal See; and Nombre de

The other inland Province, is La Nueva Bifcaya, or New Biscay, situate on the North of Zaca-XI. teens, and extending to the Kingdom of New Mezico, Bifcay. and remarkable for its Silver-Mines. The Places of Note in this Province, are Endeha; Meschito; Sr. Juan; and Santa Barbara.

XII. The general Government, or Audience of The Audi-Mexico, has for its Bounds on the West, that of Guadalajara; on the North Florida; on the East, Mexico. the Gulph of Mexico, Bay of Honduras, and the Audience of Guatimala, and on the South, the Pacifick Ocean. It is inferiour to none of the Countries of the New World, in the richness of its Soit, and number of Inhabitants; enjoying an admirable temperature of the Air. It abounds with all forts of Cattel, Mayz, Wheat, Fruit, Salt, Honey, Wax, Precious Stones, Gold, and more especially Silver; but it is almost destitute of Wine and Oil.

XIII. This Audience likewise contains seven Provinces, viz. those of Mechoacan, Proper Mexico, Panuco, Tlascala, Guaxaca, Tabasco, and Jutacan; the two first of which are situated on the Sea of New Spain, or the Pacifick, and the rest in their Order, on the Gulph of Mexico. The Province Mechoacan, from whence the Mechoacan-Root

chan P. derives its Denomination, is very fruitful, and borders upon Guadalajara: Its most considerable Towns are San Filippe, or St. Philip; S. Miguel, or S. Michael; La Concepcion de Salaya; Vila de los Lagos; Cusco; Mechoacan i. e. A Fishing-place, call'd Valladollid de Mechoacan, by the Spaniards; a large City, the Capital of the Province, and a Bishop's See; being distant but seven Spanish Leagues Southward from the Lake of Mechoacan. and 47 South-West from the City of Mexico: Tuspa: Colima: And Sacatula, on the Mouth of a River of the same Name.

Next to Mechoacan lyes the Province of Mexi-Mexico co, properly so call'd; and otherwise Themistican, the Principal not only of this Audience, but also of the whole Continent of America, under which Ilascala is often comprehended; but we shall describe them separately: The inland Country hereabouts affords the best fort of Metals, and the Coasts yield abundance of Oisters. remarkable Ports on the South Sea are Petalan; Catalutha; and Acapulco, a little Town newly built, with St. James's Castle, most strongly fortify'd on a Hill; having five Bastions and a very capacious Harbour, from whence Ships fet fail every Year to the Philippine Islands and China. The chief inland Towns are Chiaula; Ostuma; Tasco; Cuen-

nabaca; Atlisco; Suchimaleo; Xulatato; Tulasco; and Mexico a famous City, which has impos'd its Name not only on this Province and Audience, but also on the Kingdom of Mexico, or New Spain, and even on the whole Continent of Northern America. It was heretofore the Royal Seat of the Kings of Mexico, of a very large Extent, adorn'd with a stately Palace and many fine Temples, and built like Venice, in a spacious Lake: But the greatest Part of it was burnt and ruin'd by the Spanish Forces, under the Command of Ferdinand Cortez, who having taken the whole Town after a long Siege Ang. 13. A. D. 1521, remov'd it to the fide of the fame Lake, and caus'd it to be magnificently rebuilt on a most pleasant Plain: So that its Streets are very broad and all uniform, and the publick Buildings extremely fumptuous; the chief of which are the Cathedral Church, the Royal Palace, and that of the Marquess de Velle of the Cortesian Family; besides a great number of Colleges, Monasteries, and Hospitals, a fair Printing-House, and a most admirable Aqueduct, three Miles long: However, this great City is destitute of Gates, Walls, Trenches, Fortifications, and Pie-ces of Ordinance: And it has often suffer'd much damage by the overflowing of the adjacent Lake, more especially on September 21. 1629, when 40000 Inhabitants were destroy'd: But it is now well repair'd, and sufficiently secur'd against such Inundations, by the means of vast Ramparts of Earth; and the Waters of the Lake are somewhat abated, ever since their Course, not without prodigious Expences and Labour, has been turn'd another way; fo as to discharge themselves between the Mountains: Leaving only long Causeways to the Town, viz. one on the West. another on the North, and the third, which is the longest, on the South; as we are inform'd by Thomas Gage an English-man, who travell'd through those Parts. The City of Mexico was first dignify d with an Episcopal See, by Pope Clement VII. in 1527, and afterwards rais'd to a Metro-politan by Paul III. in 1547. A University was erected there by the Emperor Charles V. in 1551, and farther endow'd in 1553. It is the Seat of the Vice-Roy, whom the King of Spain fends to Northern America, of the Arch-Bishop, and of the Court of Inquisition: There also is established the chief Tribunal or Supreme Court of Judicature, commonly called La Audiencia Real, and the Mint for the coyning of Money. To conclude, it is faid to be inhabited by above 4000 Spaniards and 30000 Indians; being a most famous Mart, into which the Merchandizes of America, the East-Indies, and Spain, are imported; so that it may be justly reckon'd among the finest Cities of the whole Universe: It is distant 80 Spanish Leagues Westward from the Port of Vera Cruz and the Coast of the North-Sea, as many Eastward, from Guadalajara; as also Northward from Acapulco, on the Pacifick, or South-Sea; about 500 from Santa Fe in the New Kingdom of Mexico; and 300 from Guatimala, to the North-West.

Moreover it is observable, That Ferdinand Cortez, who subdu'd the whole Country of New Spain, and took this City, dyed there in the 63 Year of his Age, Decemb. 2. 1547. The Lake on which it stands, in Spanish, La Laguna de Mexico, is

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twofold, or divided into two Parts, one of which contains fresh potable Water, and is full of Fish, extending itself for the space of seven Leagues in Length, fix in Breadth, and twenty in Compass: The other Part, the Waters whereof are brackish and bitter, yielding great quantities of Salt, is almost of the same Extent: So that the whole Lake takes up about 49 Leagues in Compass: This Lake was formerly surrounded with 60 Cities, or well-built Towns; but now only fix Towns, and 30 Villages are seated near it; ever since the Spaniards reduc'd the Natives to the utmost extremity, and still continue to harrass them. On the East of Mexico City, are the Towns of Chaco and Cacatlan.

Having thus given a particular Account of the two Provinces that border upon the Pacifick Sea, we proceed to the rest belonging to this Audience, which are wash'd by the Gulph of Mexico. Panuco most Northern of these is Panneo, situated in the middle, between the Country of Florida and the Provinces of Mechoacan and Mexico. It contains the following noted Towns, viz. S. Jago de los Vallas, i. e. St. James of the Valleys; Panuco, which some call Sant Estevan del Puerto, or St. Stephen of the Port, a little Town, yet the Capital of the Province, built on the South fide of a River of the same Name: S. Luys, or St. Lewes, near the Sea-coasts: Iampica: Aquacaltan: And Iili-

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cipozapan.
Tlascala, otherwise nam'd Los Angeles, or the Tlascala Province of Angels, and Guastacan syes between two Seas; a large Tract of it on the East, being wash'd by the Gulph of Mexico, and its least Part, by the Pacifick Sea: It is bounded on the West, by the Province of Mexico; and on the South, by Guaxaca; and on its Western Part, the Mountains of Tlascala extend themselves for the space of 18 Leagues, which are of a great height, very pleasant, and well cultivated. The most considerable Places of this Province, are Ilascala, an ancient Town feated at the Foot of a Hill, on the little River Zahuatla, and on the Confines of Mexico; formerly very potent, and govern'd in form of a Common-wealth, but now much fallen to decay, fince the Spaniards became Maters of it; although 28 Villages fill depend on its Jurisdiction: Los Angeles, or La Puebla de lis Junidection: Los Angeles, of La Puedia are los Angeles, the capital City, large and populous, built by the Spaniards, A. D. 1630, in a most fruitful Valley, on the very borders of the Province of Mexica; so that the Episcopal See of Tlascala was translated thither in 1550, and its Grandeut feems dayly to encrease: Xalipa; Servera Malaclar at Investi terroed also Ville Piece. gura; Malatian; Almeria, termed also Villa Ricca, i. e. The rich City, a little Town, on the Coast of the Gulph of Mexico and the Mouth of a River of the fame Name; La Vera Cruz Vieja, i. e. The Real Gross, so call'd by Ferdinand Cortez, because he first discover'd it, on Holy-Cross day, in the Year 1519, sometime a large Town, seated on the Coast of the Bay of Mexico, with a wide Harbour, of difficult and dangerous Access: Upon which Account it was abandon'd by the greater part of the Inhabitants, who removed their Effects to S. Juan de Ulua, which is now often call'd Vera Cruz, and is distant six Leagues Eastward from the former: Its Harbeur is likewise capacious, but not very fafe for Ships to ride in, by reason of the Rocks: The Town also wants Walls,

and the Air is unwholfome: Over against the same Harbour, and for its Desence, the Fort of S. Juan de Ulua, of a Triangular Form is built on a little Island, or rather a Rock, near the Continent: This Place is very considerable, because it is the Port to Mexico. Passengers arriving from Europe, to go to that City, usually landing here, and the Marchanding are living for the control of the Marchanding are living for the control of the Marchanding are living for the marchand the Marchanding are living for the control of the Marchanding are living for the control of the marchanding are living for the control of the marchanding are living for the marchanding are living for the marchanding are living for the marchanding are living for the marchanding are lived to the m and the Merchandizes are likewise brought ashore here; as on the contrary, those that are to be transported from Mexico to Europe, are first convey'd hither. The other Towns of the Province of Tlascala seated near the Pacifick Sea, are Pacla and Castla.

The Province of Guaxaca, or Oaxaca, is no less XVII remarkable than the former, for its Situation be-Guaxaca tween the two Seas; and borders on the South, upon P. Tlascala: It is extremely fertile, and was former-ly dignify'd with the Title of a Marquisate, in rayour of the Family of Cortez, which is new enjoy'd by that of Pignatella. The Towns near the Coast of the Pacifick Sea, are Tuculula and Aquatulca. And on the North and East, appear Antequera frequently call'd also Guaxaca, the Metropolis of the Province, built in a fruitful Valley, and erected into an Episcopal See, by Pope Paul III. 1535, although it is but of a small Extent, and not very populous. S. Jago, or St. James; S. Ilefonso; and Espiritus Santo.

The Province of Tabajco, being the least of all, XVIII. lyes between Guaraca, on the West; and Juca-Ptan on the East; extending it self farthest between those Bounds, and for a great deal less space, from South to North: Its Northern Coalts are wash'd by the Gulph of Mexico, and its chief Town is Tabasco, or Nuestra Sennora de la Victoria: Near this Town Ferdinand Cortez obtain'd a great Victory over Motekuma H. the last King of Mexico, infomuch that 300000 Indians of those Parts,

were killed in the Fight.

The last and most Eastern Province of the XIX. Government of Mexico, is Jucasm, or Incatam, Jucasm lying in form of a Peninsula, which is made by the Gulphs of Mexico and Honduras. This Province being mountainous, abounds with Staggs, and wild Boars, and is water'd with very rew Rivers; but that defect is fupply'd by a confiderable number of Springs. Its chief Towns are four in number, viz. Campeche, or S. Francisco de Campenha, Merida the Campenha ampeche; Merida, the capital City and a Bi-shop's See; Valladolid; and Salamanca, a little Town, the most Southern of all, near the Coast of the Gulph of Honduras.

We are now come to the third and last gene- xx. general Government of New Spain, which is Gauti-commonly call'd The Andience of Guarimala, and mala lyes out farthest on the East and South: It is Aud. the Isthmus that unites North and South America, having the Bay of Honduras and the North-Sea on one fide, and the Pacifick or South-Sea on the other; with Mexico on the Welt, and Terra Firma on the Eaft: It is above 300 Leagues Long, but in some Parts not 40 Broad. The Country produces store of Cotton, Mayz, all forts of Grain and Fruit-Trees, and is well flock'd with wild and tame Beafts, Mountains and Springs, neither is it destitute of Rivers.

The particular Provinces of this Audience are XXL eight in number, viz. Chiapa, Soconusca, Proper Guatimala. Vera-Paz, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Ricce,

Ricca, and Veragua. The first is only situated in the inland Country; the second and third are wash'd by the Pacifick Ocean, the rest by the North-Sea.

Chiapa

The Province of Chiapa is the most Northern of all, and borders upon those of Jucatan, Tabaseo, and Guaxaea, being almost of a Triangular Figure: It abounds with all kinds of Trees, Pulse and Animals, more especially well-shap'd Horses, which surpass the rest of those that are bred in New-Spain; but the Country is infested with most venomous Scrpents of a prodigious size. The principal Towns are *Chiapa de los Indos*, the Metropolis seated in a spacious and fruitful Valley, and made an Epifcopal See by Pope Paul III. A. D. 1547, which was fometime fill'd up by Burtholomew de los Cafas a Dominican, who acquir'd a great Reputation by his Writings under the Emperour Charles V. and was highly offended at the Cruelty which the Spaniards exercis'd upon the poor unarin'd Natives of America. And El Real Chiapa, or Ciadad Real, i. c. The Royal City, built likewise in a fertil Terri-

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The Province of Soconufco, lying between Chia-Seconusco P. except Wheat, and is famous for the Merchandize of Cocao nuts, which are here produc'd in great plenty. The Cocao (according to Herrera's Description) is a Tree of a middle fize, and the Fruit of it is like a Chefnut, but fomewhat big-ger: It brings forth Flowers and Fruit every Month, and thrives much better in moift Grounds 'than in those that are expos'd to the Sun-Beams; ' fo that they are usually planted only in shady 'Places. The chief Town of this Province call'd Gnevetlan is a Sea-port, but not much frequen-

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The Province of Guatimala, being a great deal XXIII. The Province of Onational, other Seconates, on Guari- larger than the former, borders upon Seconates, on the mala P. the South-East; and extends itself farthest on the Pacifick Sea, between the Territories of the Soconaico and Nicaragua. The Air is not very healthful, by reason of the Heat and abundance of Rain, which falls in the Months of April and October. The Country is mountainous, yet produces great flore of Spanish Fruit; as also Cocaoand in the Rivers are bred Crocodiles of a prodi-gious bulk. The most eminent Towns of Proper Guaitriala on the Coalf of the Pacifick Sea are; La Trimidad, and S. Miguel: At a little farther diffance from the Shore, appear Xarez, and S. Salvador, a Town of a finall Compass. S. Jago de Graimala, the Metropolis of this Province and Audience, on which it has impos'd its Name, is the most remote of all the Towns from the Coast; being seated in a very pleasant Valley, on the River Missiaya, and near a Volcano, or burning Mountain, that often easts forth Flames. It was built A. D. 1524, and adorn'd with an University, founded by Philip IV. King of Spain, in 1628. It is also the See of a Bishop, who is Suffragan to the Archbishop of Mexico, and the Supreme Court of Judicature for the whole Country is ufu-ally kept there. From thence we pass to the rest of the Provinces of this Government, which are

wash'd by the North-Sea.

The Province of Vera-Paz, i. e. Real Peace owes its Name to the Dominican Monks, be-ENEER,

cause it is said to have been reduc'd to Obedience and peaceable Subjection, by the means of their Preaching: It is fituated on the innermost Bay of the Gulph of Honduras, between the Territories of Chiapa, Soconufco, Guatimala and Honduras. This Province is of a great deal less Extent than Guatimala, but is water'd with many Rivers: It is more especially noted for its Lakes, Hot Baths, Medicinal Springs and high Mountains, and is very fruitful of Mayz, as also of China and Me-choacan Roots, Salsaparilla, and Cedar-trees: There are divers sorts of wild Beasts, particularly Lions, Tigers, Fallow Deer, Apes, Monkeys, and Ser-pents, besides Eagles, Parrets, and other kinds of Birds, the Feathers of which are highly esteem'd. The Weather continues rainy for a long time, and the Serenity of the Air is often disturbed by Thunder, Lightning and impetuous Storms of Wind. The capital Town likewise nam'd Vera-Paz stands in the inland Country, on the Foot of the Mountains, near the River Dolce, and is but of a small Extent: Its Episcopal See establish'd A. D. 1556 was united to that of Guatimala in 1607.

The Province of Honduras, i. e. The Deep, being XXV. the largest of this Audience presents itself to our Hondu-View, next to Vera-Paz. It is bounded on the Iss P. North, by the Northern Sea, and the Gulph to which it has communicated its Name; on the Nicaragna; on the South, by Nicaragna; on the South, by Nicaragna; on the South-West by Guaimala; and on the West, by Vera-Paz: Its greatest Extent from West to East, between Vera-Paz and the North Sea, takes up about 200 Leagues, but its Breadth scarce contains 100. It is befet with Mountains, and affords great plen-ty of Mayz and Wheat, befides Pasture for all forts of Cattel, and Mines of Gold and Silver. The most considerable Towns of this Province, are Truzillo, or Trugillo, seated on the Gulph, with a fine Harbour, Villa de Naco, not far from the Sea-coast; S. Pedro, or St. Peter's in the inland Country; as also Gracias a Dios; S. Jorge & Olancho, so nam'd by Herrera, and St. Jago de Olancho by others; and Valladolid, which the Inhabitants generally call Comayagua, a little City; yet the Metropolis of Honduras built near the Mountains, in the middle, between the Northern and Pacifick Seas: It was credted into an Epifcopal See under the Metropolitan of S. Domingo, A. D. 1558, and is distant 100 Leagues from S.

Jago de Guatimala.
The Province of Nicaragua, otherwise termed XXVI. The New Kingdom of Leon, lyes next to Honduras Nicaraand Guatimala, on the South, and its Coasts are gua P. wash'd by two Seas, viz: the Northern on the East, and the Pacifick on the West. It extends itself farthest between those Seas, and is reckon'd among the largest Provinces of this Audience, ot general Government. The Country produces good flore of Mayz, Cocoa-nuts, Cotton, Cloth, and feveral kind of Cattel; but it wants Wheat and Sheep, and is water'd by few Rivers. How-ever, some make no scruple to style it the Paradife of Mahomet, upon Account of its fruitfulness and plenty of Gold. The most noted Places and Towns of Nicaragua, are Segovia la Nueva; Realejo, on the Coalt of the Pacifick Sea; La Possession, a very convenient and safe Harbour, distant only one League from that Town; Leon, or Leon de Nicaragua, the chief City of the Province

feated on the Lake of Leon; in Spanish, La La-guna de Leon, which takes up 25 Leagues in Compass, and not far from a burning Mountain. This City is the See of a Prelate, who is suffra-This City is the see of a Prelate, who is fuffragant to the Arch-bishop of Mexico, and is distant 12 Leagues Eastward from the Coast of the Pacific Ocean, and the Town of Realejo; as also 18 from Granda: This last Towns stands on a spacious Lake of the same Name, otherwise call'd the Lake of Nicaragua; extending itself in length from West to East, for the space of 35 Leagues; as also 20 in Breadth from North to South, and about 90 in Compass: The Lake receives several considerable Rivers, and contains receives several considerable Rivers, and contains many Islands, among which fix are chiefly emi-nent and well cultivated: At a little distance Southward from Granada appears Mount Massaya, which casts forth Flames. Lastly, the Town of Faen is remarkable for its Situation, at the farther end of the Lake of Granala, where the River Defaguadero iffues forth; which is also call'd El Rio de S. Juan, or S. John's River, by the Spaniards, who inhabit those Parts: It flows from thence Eastward, and after a Course of 30 Leagues, discharges itself with three Mouths into the North-Sea: This River is very broad, but its Passage is obstructed by three Cataracts.

The Province of Costa Ricca, or Rica, i. e. The Rich Coast, borders on the South of Nicaragua,

Cofta Ricca P. of which fome will have it to constitute a Part; lying in like manner between the two Seas, to that its largest Tract is wash'd by the Pacifick, and the other by the North-Sea. It is of a leffer Extent than Nicaragua, but not inferiour to that Province in Fruitfulness, affording also several Mines of Gold and Silver. Its Towns are Nicaya, Mines of Gold and Silver. Its Towns are Nicoya, on the Coast of the Pacifick Sea and the Gulph of Salinas: Aranjuez, on the fame Coast, but a great deal farther towards the South-East: Castro d'Austria, in the inland Country: And Cartago, the Capital, almost in the middle of the Pro-

The eighth and last Province of this Audience, XXVIII. or general Government, is Veragua, which lyes Veragua next to Costa Ricca, on the East, between the P. Northern and Southern Seas, and on the Borders of Terra Firma, a Province of Southern America: It was dignify'd with the Title of a Dukedome in favour of the Family of Colon, or Columbus, and contains the following Towns, viz. Parita, with a convenient Harbour on the Coalt of the Pacifick Sea, to which the adjacent Gulph owes its Name: Carlos, on the fame Coast: Santa Fi, in the inland Country: La Trinidad, near the North Sea: And not far from thence, La Concepcion, a little Town, but the Capital of the whole Province.

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The Antilles Islands, viz. Cuba, Jamaica, Hispaniola, Porto Rico, and the Caribbee Islands, as Barbados, Nevis, Antego, St. Christophers, &c.

Confult the Map of Terra Firma.

Antilles Islands.

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A FTER having made a distinct Description of the several Parts of the Continent of Northern America, together with some of the principal Islands that lye over against them; it is requisite in like manner to describe the fixth and last Part of the same America, that is to say, the Islands of the Archipelago of Mexico. They are all in general call d by divers Geographers Antilla, q. d. Ante Insula, i. e. The Fore-Islands, by reason of their Situation before the Gulph of Mexico, and in regard that they first come in fight to those that sail from Europe, or Africa, before the Coasts of New Spain: Others only understand by that Name, the sour greater Islands, viz. Cuba, Jamaica, Hispaniola, and Porto Rico; to which some add the Caribbee-Isles. But we shall here take the Term Antilles in its largest Signification, comprehending all the Islands which appear be-tween Florida, a Part of Northern America, on the North; and Terra Firma, a Province of Southern America, on the South.

The Antilles may be conveniently divided into the Lucayas, the Great Antilles, the Caribbees, and the Sottovento-Isles. The Lucayos-Isles, or Bahama Islands, lye in the middle, between the Eastern Coasts of the Province of Te-

gesta, or Proper Florida, and the Northern Coast of Hispaniola; that is to say, between the 295 and and 305 Degr. of Longitude, and the 21 and 28 Degr. of Northern Latitude. They are said to have the Advantage of a more temperate Air, than the rest of the Antilles, abounding with Mayz, several sorts of Fruit and Fowl, among which there are numerous Flocks of Pigeons and Doves. Bristochius assures us, that the chief of these Islands on the North, are inhabited by the English; but since no mention is made of any Colonies in the newest Relations, several Authors are of Opinion, that they are under the Government of their own Princes, and that there are no Plantations belonging either to the English, or Spaniards, although both these Nations have often made Descents upon them.

The Lucagos-Isles are many in number, so that it is sufficient only to give an Account of the chief of them. The following Islands reach from the Tropick of Cancer Northward, viz. Bahame, to which the adjacent rapid and formidable Straight call'd Il Canal de Bahama by the Spaniards, owes its Name; Lucavonequa, the most Northern and most eminent of those Isles; Bimini, which is surrounded by the Quicksands; as also Abaces;

Ciguaseq;

Cignateo; Guarao; Curateo, from whence a very and the favourable Winds feem to promife a large Sand-bank extends itself on the West and South; Fuma; Cotoniera; Guanabani, with a capacious and fafe Harbour, which was discover d first of all the Parts of the New World, on Thursday Octob. 11. 1492, by Christopher Colon, or Columbus, who gave it the Name of S. Salvador, in Honour of our Saviour, by whose Divine Providence he efcap'd Death, to which the Spaniards design'd to put him, unless some Land, or Coast were descry'd that very day, Guanima, a long Island, reaching 12 Leagues from North to South, which the same Columbus found out, and call'd Santa Maria de la Concepcion; Triangula so nam'd from its Figure; and Samana. Tumera lyes under the Tropick of Cancer, and the rest of these Islands are extended Southward from the same Tropick, viz. Majaguana; Caicas; Asirvana; Linaga; Hinagua; and Tortuga, a little Island call'd La Tortue by the French, who have been Masters of it for some Years: It takes up, 7 Leagues in Length from East to West, and about a in Breadth from North to South; being scarce distant 8 Miles from the Northern Coast of Hispaniola, and only 35 Spanish Leagues from the Eastern Part of Cuba: This Hard is mountainous, but has a convenient Harbour and a little Town, which stands on an Hill and is described by December 16 and 16 Hill, and is defended by Dogeron-Fort, so call'd from Bertrand Dogheron who built it; and first planted the French Colonies in Hispaniola.

IV. From the Lucayos-Isles, we pass to the great The great Antilles, to which A. Costa thinks fit to appro-Antilles priate that Name, excluding all the reft: They perides of the Ancients.

Barbalas CUBA formerly nam'd Ferdinanda, by Co-Cuba Ifle. lumbus, the first Discoverer of it, is the most Northern and Western of the four Islands but now mention'd, the largest of all the Antilles, and one of the chief that belong to the whole Continent of America; the Coalt of its Weltern Part lying out but a little Southward from the Tropick of Cancer. It is diffant is Leagues Welf-ward from Hipaniola, and 22 Northward from Famaica; extending fielf for the Loace of 220 Spanish Leagues from East to Welf; but its Breadth, where it it widelf, caref, takes up 35 Leagues, and only 42 in its narrowest Extent. This Island is best with Mountains, one of which yields a kind of Bitanion, of Patch, that is of fingular use in the calking of Ships. There are also many Woods, and several Rivers with Golden Sands, besides great quantities of Madder for Dyers, and Ox-Indes. The Country breeds Serpents of a prodigions size, but free from Poison, and tertain Stope-Balls, which Nature makes so and one of the chief that belong to the whole and tertain Stone-Balls, which Nature makes fo round, that it cannot be exceeded by Art. The Island of Cuba has continued in the Possession of the Spaniards, ever fines the Year 1510, when it was first subdu d by Diego Velasinez, and its Metropolis is Havana, or S. Christopal de Havana, a most strongly fortify d Mart-Town, with the most renowned and most capacious Harbour of all Northern America, on the North-Coast; where the Royal Pleer is usually fitted out, and continucs in that Station till the Scalon of the Year,

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prosperous passage to Spain. This City is also the Seat of the Governour, and the whole Island is often call'd Havana from its Name. Santa Cruz is seated somewhat more Eastward; as also Porto on the Southern Coast; Mancanilla, on the in-nermost Bay of the Gulph; and S. Jago de Cuba on the Eastern Part of the Southern Coast; for-merly the Capital Town, but now almost re-duc d to a Village; nevertheless it still retains its Episcopal See under the Metropolitan of S. Domingo, and has the advantage of a Fort, with a very large Harbour.

The Island of JAMAICA, being a great deal Jamaica less than the former, was first discovered by Chris-Jamaica fropher Columbus, the Genocie, in his fecond Voy-Ifle. age to America, and by him call'd St. Jago, or S. James's Ile; where he was in great danger of loing his Life, for want of Provisions, and procur'd a timely Relief for himself and Company, by an accurate Prediction of an approaching Eclipse of the Moon. Thus the Spaniards became Masters of it, and retain'd it, in their Possession, till they were expelled by the English. by the English, under the Conduct of Col. Vena, bles and Penn, in the time of O. Gromwell's Unit-pation, A. D. 1654. This Island is fituated be-tween the 17 and 18 Degr. of Northern Latitude, and is distant about 20 Spanish Leagues Southward from Caba; as also 35 Westward from Hispaniola, and 150 to the North-West, from Cartagena, on the Continent of Southern America. are four in number, viz. Cuba, Jandida, Hispath It takes up 170 English Miles in Length from niola and Porto Rico, which with the neighbouring East to West, about 70 in its greatest Breadth, Islands, M. Sanson supposes to have been the Hef- from North to South, and 350 in Compass. Its It takes up 170 English Miles in Length from Shape comes near to an Oval Figure, lying out farthest in the middle and growing narrower by degrees, at both ends. A continual Ridge of lofty Mountains runs quite through the Heart of the inland Country, from East to West: They rife up on all fides with a gentle Afcent, and abound with Springs, that give rife to the great number of Rivers, with which the whole Island is fo plen-

tifully water'd. The Air is very serene and calm, and more temperate than in many of the neighbouring Illes: the Heat being much qualify'd by fresh Breezes, which continually blow Eastwardly, frequent Showers of Rain, and great Dewsthat fall in the night and extremely promote the growth of Plants; Neither do those destructive Hurricanes and Earthquakes happen here, with which the rest of the Caribbees, and other Places are so of-ten insested. Upon which Account, the late terrible Earth-quake in 1693, may well be look'd upon by the Inhabitants, as a special Judgment of God, drawn upon them by their great Sins. It is observable, that the Western and Eastern Parts are most subject to Winds and Rain; the thick Woods making the Air less agreeable, than in the Northern and Southern Territories, which are more Champion and open. The mountainous Tracts are a great dreat deal cooler, and finall Hoar-Frosts are often seen there in the Morning. The most remarkable wet Scasons are in November, or May, and the Winter can scarce be perceiv'd, but by a little more Rain and Thunder than is usual in the Summer. The Winds constantly

blow from the Eaftern Quarter, all the Day, from nine a Clock in the Morning, and become more fresh, as the Sun rifes higher; by which means hard Labour is render'd tolerable, even at Noon: But from eight at Night to the same Hour in the Morning, the Western Winds are often predominant; and by the help of those gentle Gales or Breezes, the Vessels get out of the Harbours. The Days and Nights are almost always of an equal length, without any sensible Increase, or

Diminution.

The Soil in most Parts, especially the Northern, is rich and sat, consisting of a blackish Mould; in many places it is intermix'd with a kind of Clay; and in the Southern and Western Tracks, it partakes of a more teddish and loose Earth. But it is every where wonderfully fruitful, being often refresh'd with moderate Showers of Rain and fattening Dews; so that the Country enjoys a continual Spring, and is extremely delightful, in regard that the Trees and Plants are never distrobed of their Summer-Livery. The Forests afford great variety of nseful Woods, both for Dyers and Artificers, as Brasiletto, Cedar, Futick, Red-wood, Lignum Vita, Mothogency, Ebony, Granadilla, &c. of which great quantities are Exported, and much Advantage sinade of them. The Ground likewise by labour in Tillage, brings forth great flore of Corn, Tobacco, Peas, Beans, Collyslowers, Cabbages, and all forts of Garden-herbs, Pot-herbs and Roots, as Parsley, Lettice, Purslain, Lavender, Rosemary, Sage, Sweet-Marjoram, Savoury, Time, Potatoes, Radishes, Carrets, Turneps, &c. It also produces plenty of choice Fruits, as Avocatas, Cocao-Nuts, Alumee-Supora's, Cucumbers, Bonames, Custar'd-Apples, Cashnes, Grapes, Greavars, Limes, Mahnmee, Oranges, Phaintains, Prickle-Apples, Prickle-Pears, Pines, Pomegranates, Sower-Sops, Sappoillia's, &c.

There are many delightful Savana's, diversify'd with Hills and Woods, which formerly were Fields of Mayz, or Indian Corn, and were converted into Pasture by the Spainards. These Plains, altho' otherwise barren, as being left so long untilled, yield abundance of luxuriant Grass, for the seeding of numerous Herds of Cattel, as Horses, Cows, Asinegroes, Mules, Goats, Sheep, and Hoggs both wild and tame, whose Flesh is far more agreeable to the Palate, more nourishing, and of easier Digestion, than those of England; upon that account it is much eaten in this Island, and even throughout all the American Plantations. Among the noxious Animals, which are very sew; the most remarkable are, the Manchonel, a fort of Crab, commion in all the Caribbee Isles, and the Alligator, a kind of Crocodile: The latter are extremely voracious, and some of them are ten, fifteen, or twenty Foot long, having four Feet, or Fins, with which they go, or swim: Their Backs are sealy and impenetrable, and they are hardly to be kill'd, unless wounded in the Belly, or Eye: They are very swift in running forwards, and as show in turning; so that they may be easily avoided, and may likewise be discover'd by the simell of their Musk-cods, which are stronger seented, than those of the East-Indies: They are observed to make no manner of Noise, but usually tye on the Banks of Rivers, resembling as

dry Log of Wood, or dead Carcas, and suddenly seize on any Beast or Fowl that comes to drink; these Creatures lay their Eggs in the Sand, of the bigness of a Turky's, and carefully cover them; afterwards the Young ones are hatch'd by the heat of the Sun, and naturally creep into the Water. However, an Ointment inade of their Fat, is said to be an esheacious Remedy, for any internal Aches in the Joints, or Bones. There are also Snakes and Guinna's, but they do little huit; besides, Muskettees, and Merry-mings, a fort of strigging Flies that are very troublesom in some Parts of the ssle, but seldom annoy the English Plantations.

The Sea-coads and Inland Tracts, are frequented by innumerable Flocks of Wild Fowl; as Geefe, Ducks, Turkeys, Guinea Hens, Teals, Plovers, Widgeons, Snipes, Flemmings, Parrets; Parroquetto's, &c. To which the tame Fowls; as Hens, Turkeys, Geefe, and Ducks, Pigeons and Turtle-doves, are not much inferiour: The Rivers, Brooks, Bays and Creeks, afford great flore of admirable Fish, and especially such as are peculiar to the West-Indies; the chief of which are Tortoifes, taken in great quantities on the Coast, as also about 20 or 30 Leagues to the Leeward of Port Negril, by the Camavos Isles; where many Vessels refort in the Months of May, June and July, to be loaded with this Fish, which is reckon d among the most wholsom and best Provisions of these Parts; for the Commodities of this Island, the chief and most beneficial are Cocao-Nus and Chocolate, by reason of the aptress of the Soil to bring forth that fort of Fruit, above other Places: Insomuch that solve 100 Cocao Walks are already completed, besides abundance of young Walks that are growing up, and still more a planting. The other considerable Productions, are Sugars, so good that they out-fell those of Barbadoes Five Shillings per Cent. Indico; Cotton of an extraordinary Finencis; Tobacco; Hides; Salt; Tortois-shells; which are us'd in England for several curious Works; Cocheneal, Ginger, Cod-peper; and Jamaica Pepper, that has the Taste of divers Spices, and grows here plentifully, even Wild on the Mountains. To these Commodities may be added an admirable variety of Physical Druggs, Gums, Roots, and Balsams, as Acaia, Achiests, Aloes, Renjamin, Cassa, Contrayerna, Cyperas, China-Root, Fishala, Ginacims, Sarsaparilla, Sumath, Tamarinds, Vinello's, and several others; the Virtues and Names of which are not yet known.

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The Indians or Original Natives of Janaica, were utterly deftroy'd by the Spaniards, to the number of above 60000; and as for the English, who are the present Inhabitants, they are govern'd by Laws, made as consonant to those of England, as the different Circumstances of the Places will admit: They have their several Courts, Magistrates, and Officers, for putting these Laws in Execution; hearing and determining all Causes and Controverses between adverse Parties, &c. Divine Service in their Parish-Churches, which are Fourteen in Number, is perform'd according to the Form and Ceremonies of the present establish'd Church of England, and under the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of London. The whole Island is divided into Fourteen Precincts; or Parishes, viz. &c.

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Elizabeth's, Clarendon, St. Catherine's, St. John's, Port-Royal, St. Andrew's, St. David's, St. Thomas's St. James's, St. Ann's, St. Mary's, St. George's ; and two Precinces, that have not as yet any particular Names, but both border upon St. Elizabeth beth's, one Northwards and the other Eastwards. All these Precincts (according to an Account taken by Sir Thomas Modiford, the third Governour of this Isle, and set down by M. Blome,) contain d 17298 Inhabitants; besides 2000 Justy Mariners and Boat-men belonging to the Island, who have fignaliz'd their Valour in their late Attempt upon the Spaniards at Panama: But this Number has been extremely encreas'd fince that time, and may well be suppos'd at prefent, to be above thrice as great as it was under the Regency of the aforefaid Governour.

English Towns.

The Island of Jamaica, as yet has but few no-The mand of Jamaica, as yet has but the Morted Towns; the chief of which are, the Spanish Town nam'd S. J. AGO de la Vega, i. e. St. James of the Plain, seated in a Champain Territory, on the Copper-River, at the distance of 6 Miles Westward from the Harbour, and 10 on the North-West, from the Town of Port-Royal. When the Spaniards were in possession of it, twas a large and noted City, and is still the Capital of the Island; containing about 4000 fair and convenient Houses, with two Churches. It is very well fill'd with Inhabitants, as being the Governour's Seat, and the place where all the Courts of Judicature are held: It is also more especially remarkable for its Havana, where the better fort of Citizens usually divert themselves every Evening in their Coaches, or on Horseback, as the Gentry do here in High-Park. Port-Royal, formerly nam'd Cagway, a large and populous Town, built on the end of a Point of Land that fyes out near ten Miles from the Shore, towards the South-West, and makes the Harbour exceeding fafe and commodicus; it is affo fecur'd by a ffrong Caftle, on which above 60 Pieces of Or-dinance are well mounted. The Copper River dinance are well mounted. The Copper River that waters Los Angelos and Sr. Jago, empties it felf into this Harbour, which is about three Miles broad in most Places, and so deep, that before the late Earth-quake, a Ship of 1000 Tun might have laid her Side to the Shore, so as to load and unload at pleafure. The Town is a famous Mart, and the Seat of all the Trade in the Isle; being inhabited upon that account, by Merchants, Factors, Vintners and Victuallers, and frequented by Traders of all forts. It contain'd about 800 Houses; which for the most part, are Let at as high Rents, as if they flood in well-traded Streets in London; altho' its Situation is very inconvenient and unpleasant; for there is an absolute want of Wood, fresh Water, and even Earth, the Soil confishing only of a hot loose Sand. The Earth-quake, and following inundation of the Sea, which happen'd here July 7. 1692, was but of a very short continuance, yet so violent, that it not only ruin'd this Place, but also extremely indamag'd the greatest part of the Island. Passage, fo call'd, because it is the common Thorough-fare to St. Jago, and other adjacent Plantations; a Town not very large, but of Note for Storage, and conveniencies for Paffengers into the Country: It stands near the Mouth of the River, fix Miles diffant from S. Jago, and four from Fort-

Royal; and is defended by a confiderable Fort. S. Mary's, a confiderable Town feated in the Northern Part of the Isle, on New-Port Bay; formerly call'd Porto Maria, by the Spaniards. And St. Margaret's Town, farther Eastward, on Rio Grande River.

Besides these Towns, the Spaniards, during their Spanish Berides thete I owns, the Spaniards, during their Spanish abode in the Isle, built several others, which are Towns now almost reduc'd to Ruins: The most remarkable among them, were Los Angelos, or The Angel's-Town, on the Copper River, about 5 Miles Northward from S. Jago: Sevilla, or Sevilla del Oro, situated on the Northern Coast, and once adorn'd with a Collesiate Church, of which Peter Maryr was some time Abbot, who wrote the History of the West-Indies in Decades. Malilla Hiltory of the West-Indies in Decades. Melilla, farther Eastward, near which the Spaniards had their first Settlement, and where Columbia refitted his Veffels that were very much shatter'd by a Storm at Veragna: And Oristan, on the Southern Coast, over against which Iye many Rocks and Shelves, with some Isles; as, Bivoras; Serravilla, or Serranilha; Quitosvena; and Serrana: In the last of these little Islands, Augustin Peter Serrana, having lost his Ship, continued in a solitary and disconsolate condition for the space of three Years; and at the end of that Term, had the Company of a Mariner for four Years more, who was likewise shipwrack'd there, and only found means to save himself. Moreover, there are many other Villages in Jamaica, well-flor'd with plenty of all necessary Provisions, in which the English dwell in great Numbers, and enjoy their rich and large Plantations.

The principal Mountains and Hills of this

Island, are the Long Blue Mountains; those of Negril, Caparito Hills, Bread-nut Hills, La Men-tes de Santa Gruz, the Pearl Hills, May-day Hills, Montes dos Hevevas, Portland Hills, the Sand-hills, O'c. As for the Rivers, none of them are fair, or navigable, far up the Country; yet the Sea-coasts abounds with commodities Bays, Roads and Harbours: Among these the chief are Parks and Harbours: Among these the chief are, Port-Royal, or Cagway Harbour, of which we have already given a particular Description: Old Harbour, a convenient Port for Shipping, on the West of S. Jago; formerly the only Road the Spanish Vessels rid in, and the Landing-place to the Town: Port Morant, now call'd Port Thomas, near the Eastern Point of the Isle; a very capacious and fafe Harbour, about which the English have numerous Plantations: Negril-Harbour, at Port, where Men of War frequently ride, when they look out for the Spanish Ships: And Port Animio, now known by the Name of St. George's Port, on the North-East; a very safe Land-lock'd Harbour, altho' its Entrance is fomewhat diffi-cult, the Channel being made narrow, by a little Island that lyes before the Mouth of this Port The other confiderable Havens, Bays and Roads fituated on the Southern Part of the Isle, as they appear from West to East, are White Bay; Blewfield's Bay; Banister's Bay; Hudson's Harboun; Black-River Bay; Starve-gut Bay; Frenchman's Bay; Devil's Hole; Alligator-Pond: Coquer-Plum Bay; Muccary Bay; Michael's Hole; Taylor's Bay; Bull Bay; Cow Bay; Yallagh Bay; Fishermans Bay; Craml Bay; Sedgy Bay; Mangrove Bay, Gr. On the North, are Orange Bay; Musqueto

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Hole; Lucia Harbour; Cove Harbour; Mantica Bay; Long Bay; Belif Bay; Mannattee Bay; Mane Bay; Platform Bay; Dry Harbour; Whitfan's Bay; S. Ann's Harbour; Drax's Bay; Rio Nuevo, where the Spaniards fortify'd themselves in order to recover the Illand; Charles Bay; Figtree Bay; Buff Bay; Drivers Bay; Plum-tree Bay; Cold Harbour; Huni's Cove and Hobby's Cove. On the East, are Long Bay; Little Bay; Sandy Bay; Baffnet's Cove; Hobby Hole; Manchanel's Harbour; Govavar-Savana Bay, and Plantain-Cully.

HISPANIOLA, call'd Espanola, Spagnuola, and Hispani- S. Domingo by the Spaniards, as also La Isla de San ola I. Domingo, lyes in the middle between Jamaica and Cuba, on the West (being separated from the latter by a narrow Straight, but from the other by a great deal wider Channel,) and the Island of *Porto Ricco*, on the East. It is almost of the same Extent and Figure with *Cuba*, but not altogether fo long; taking up 130 Spanish Lengues in length from East to West, 60 in breadth, and 350 in compass. The inland Country is Mountainous, yet very fertil and pleasant, producing all kinds of Fruit-trees that thrive in the Climate of Spain, with great store of Sugar, Cassia, Mastick, Lignum Aloes, Cinnamon, and the best Ginger: It also abounds with Gold, Silver, and Ginger: It also abottings with Gold, silver, and feveral forts of Minerals, more especially of a blue Colour; and the Herds of Cattel are so numerous, that vast quantities of Skins are transported every Year to Spain. This Island was first discover'd by Christopher Columbus, A. D. 1492, and has for a long time continuid in the sole possession of the Spaniards, who still retain the Eastern and Southern Tracts under their Jurisdisting, but the French have made themselves. rifdiction; but the French have made themselves Masters of its greater Part, on the West and North: So that the following Colonies belong to the latter, viz. La petite Anse, i. e. The little Bay; Le Cap, or the Promontory; Les trois Rivieres, or The three Rivers; Leogane; Le grand Gonave; Le petit Gonave; Nipe; and La grand Anse, or The great Bay; altho' these Colonies are not delivered in the component Manage except. lineated in the common Maps, except Gouave, a little Town on the Western Bay. The chief Towns of the Spanish Territories, are S. Fago, not far from the Northern Coast; La Concepción de la Vega; and S. Domingo, feated on the Southern Shore at the Mouth of the River Ozam, with a commodious Harbour, and a Castle built by Bartholomen, the Brother of Christopher Columbus, A. D. 1494; it is the most eminent of all the Towns that are possess by the Spaniards, and has imposed its Name on the whole Island: It is dignify'd with the Residence of an Arch-bishop and University, and the Court of the principal Governour, whose Authority is not only supreme in this Island, but likewise throughout all the other Antilles, that are subject to the King of Spain: Here also is kept the highest and most ancient Court of Judicature of America, commonly call'd La Audiencia Real, the Jurifdiction of which extends to the Antilles, Florida, and Part of Tirra Firma in Southern America. This City had its Metropolitan See establish'd by Pope Paul III. A.D. 1547, and was taken by the English under the Conduct of Sir Francis Drake, in 1586. Farther on the East, appear the Towns of Sybo, or Zeybo; and Mi-

The fourth and last of the great Antilles is the VII. Island of Porto Ricco, otherwise thyl'd La Isla de Porto Ri-San Juan de Puerto Rico, and Boriquem, or Bori-co I. quen by the Inhabitants, being the most Eastern of all, fittiated in the middle between Hispaniola, on the West, and the Caribbee-Isles on the East. Its length from East to West, takes up 30 Spanith Leagues, and its breadth about 16. The Weather is often rainy; and in the end of Summer, those most temperaturis Winds commonly call'd Harricanes, are predominant, especially at the New Moon. The Country is beset with Monntains, yet remarkable for its Fruitfulnes; affording great plenty of Furrs, Sugar and excellent Ginger, besides Gold and several other forts of Metal. This Island was first discover'd by the Spaniards, A. D. 1493, who fent a Colony thither in 1510, and still retain it in their Possession: Its clief Towns are, S. German, on the Weltern Coast; and Puerto Ricco, or S. fund de Puerto Ricco, on the Northern: The latter being the Metropolis of the Island, to which it has communicated its Name, and a Bithop's See, is fortify'd with two Caltles, and has a very capacions Harbour.

The Caribbee, or Canibal Illands, are fo nam'd VIII. from certain favage People feeding on Man's Caribbee Flesh, by whom they were formerly inhabited. Isless. Some will have all those Isless comprehended under this Name, which are fituated between the Eastern Tract of the Island of Porto Rico, and those of New Andalusia, and Venezuola, two particular Governments of Terra Firma. But many take them in a stricter sense, and only appro-priate the Term of Caribbees, to those Islands which are extended from the Eastern Coast of Porto Rico Isle, in form of a Bow, as far as the Government of New Andalusia; being the most Eastern of all the Antilles, and lying between the 10 and 19 Degr. of Northern Latitude; which are also termed, The Proper Antilles, and by the Spaniards, Las Islas de Barlovento, i.e. The Islands by the Wind. They are more especially fruitful of Sugar and Tobacco; besides Cassa, Cotton, Indico, several forts of Fruits and Roots, and now deared for the wolf part, on the Jurislistica of depend for the molt part, on the Jurisdiction of the English, French and Hollanders.

The chief of these Islands, in which the English have fettled any considerable Plantations, are Anguilla, S. Christophers, Nevis, Montserrat, Dominica, Barbuda, Antego, Barbadoes, S. Vincents, and Tobago.

ANGUILLA, or Snake-Island, the most Anguilla. Northern of the Caribbees, that are possess d by by the English, is so nam'd from its Shape, which resembles that of a Snake; for it is ten Leagues long, and but three wide: It lyes in the 18th Degr. 21 Min. of Northern Latitude, at the difference of about a Miles Northern of them. S. More stance of about 9 Miles Northward from S. Mar-

tin, and 40 from S. On trophers.

The English are still Masters of this Island, and raise much Tobacco there, which is highly effected by the Judicious in the Art of Smoaking. There is also great plenty of Horses, Kine, Oxen, B b 2

Sheep, Goats, and fome Hoggs; but they were put on the Place by Sailers, fince its Discovery, and have extremely encreas d; for it does not naand have extremely encreased; for it does not naturally breed any fuch Creatures. However, there were fome Animals of a very strange Nature: As, 1. The Opassum, about the bigness of a Cat, having a Bag, or Purse under the Belly, which it can open and shut at pleasure: So that these Creatures are us'd to carry their Young Ones in this Bag, and the Male and Female perform that Office by Turns. 2. The Agouty, a little Beast, much resembling a Rabbet in Shape and Size; having but two Teeth in each Jaw, and seeding itself like a Souirrel: But they are sierce, and when angry, flanip with their Hind-feet, and fet their Hair perfectly upright. 3. Musk-rats, that live in Burroughs, like Rabbets, and have a Scent like Musk; by which means they are eafily discover'd, but their Smell is said to cause Melancholy. 4. The Tatous, a Beast as big as a Fox, and cover'd with Scales, like Armour: It can wrap itself up so artificially in them, as to be fecur'd from all the attempts of the Huntsmen, or Dogs, and can roll itself down a Precipice, like a Bowl, without Harm. 5. The Favaris, a fort of Swine, with the Navel on the Back, good Meat, but hardly taken; because it is almost indefatigable in running, and fo furious, that when tis forc'd, it tears every Thing to pieces with its Tushes. 6. The Alligator, or Crocodile, that keeps both in the Water and on the Land: These monstrous Creatures grow as long as they live, and are sometimes 18 Foot long, and as big as an Hogshead: They only move their upper Jaw, but can open it so wide, as to swallow a Man:
They finell like Musk, so strongly, that the Air
is scented for 100 Paces about them, and the
Water in which they lye: Their Bulk is like that of a huge Tree, or Log of Wood, and they know, how to counterfeit it so well, that both Men and Beafts are often deceiv'd by them, and devour'd, when they suspect no Danger.

X. S. CHRISTOPHERS, which owes its Name to S. Chri-Christopher Columbus, its first Discoverer, is situated stophers in the 17th Degr. 25 Min. of Northern Latitude, and takes up about 75 Miles in compass. The English and French took possession of this Island, at the same time, A. D. 1625, and divided it by Agreement, into two equal Parts, that is to say, into four Cantons, or Quarters; two of which are possessed by the former, and the other two by the latter: So that to prevent difference, both Parties keep continual Guard upon the Avenues of their respective Divisions or Territories.

The Air is sufficiently pleasant and agreeable; and the Soil being light and sandy, is apt to produce all forts of Fruits, Provisions and Commodities natural to these Countries; as Sugar, Tobacco, Cotton, Ginger, Oc. The Land lyes high and mountainous, especially in the middle of the Isle; infomuch that the Rivers, which have their Source in the Mountains and the Torrents, caus'd by impetuous Storms of Rain, often overflow the lower Grounds. There are also seep Rocks, dreadful Precipices, Springs of hot susphureous Water, and thick Woods, that render those Parts almost unpassable; altho the Ascents are divided into several Stages, or Stories, in which are some spacious Ways. However, the whole Island is

extremely delightful, and yields a very fine Profpect of curious Gardens, and numerous Plantations, bounded by rows of Trees, always in their Verdure, and adorn'd with fair Honfes, cover'd with glazed Slate; all gently defcending towards the Sea-shore: So that the lowest Stage does not hinder the Beholder's Eye from taking a clear view of those that are situated at a greater distance, and terminated by the utmost height of the Mountains. Near the Sea-coast, is a Saltpit nam'd Cul de Sac, and not far from thence a narrow Ishmus, or Neck of Land, extending tielf within a Mile and half of the adjacent Isle of Nievis.

As for the Living-creatures bred in this Island, some of them are very remarkable and wonderful, viz. 1. The Rocket, a sour-soude Beath, having its Skin of the Colour of a saded Leaf, marked with yellow or blewilh Spots; they leap up and down perpetually, and take great delight in looking upon Men. 2. The Orinoca-Eagle, a Bird in shape much like the common Eagle, but its Feathers are curiously diversify'd with black Spots, and the ends of the Wings and Tail yellow: This Bird lives upon Prey, but shews so much Generosity, that he never sets upon the weaker fort of Fowl, but such as have crooked Beaks and sharp Talons like himself, and that never but in the Air. 3. The Grane Fowl, about the bigness of a large Duck, cover'd with Feathers, very hideous to the Eye, and having under the Neck a Bag, capable of holding two Gallons of Water: They live by Fishing, and can discern a Fish above a Fathom under Water. 4. The Pintasoet, a kind of Pheasant, adorn'd with that variety of Colours, as if they were most with that variety of Colours, as if they were most at list of the Smell is as Odoriserous, as Musk, or Amber.

The Natives are either utterly destroy'd, or have made their escape out of the Island. The French, besides several Habitations dispersed up and down their Quarters, have a Town of a considerable Extent, nam'd Basse Terre, built of Brick and Free-stone near the Harbour, and well inhabited by Merchants, Trades-men, &c. It is desended by four strong Forts, and adorn'd with a large Church, a fair Hospital, a Town-House, in which the Courts of Judicature are held, and a stately Cassle: This Cassle is more especially remarkable for the Governour's Residence; as also, for its pleasant situation on the foot of a high Mountain, at a little distance from the the Sea-coass; its spacious Courts, fine Gardens, delightful Walks &c.

Walks, &c.

The English are more numerous than the French, and have threegood Towns, five Churches and two Forts, at Sandy Point, Palm-tree and Cayonne, with many elegant Structures. Their Territories are much better water'd than those of the French; but the latter are more fit for Tillage. Ecclesiastical and Civil Affairs are manag'd according to the different Constitutions of the two Nations to which they beiong.

NIEVIS, i. e. The Snow-Ifle, now call'd NE-XI.
VIS, or MEVIS, lyes at a little distance South-Nevis, wards

wards from S. Christopher's, in the 17 Degr. 19 Min. of Northern Latitude. It is but of a finall Extent, and does not take up above 18 Miles in compaís. The English settled themselves there in the Year 1628, and are still possess of it; driving a very good Trade, by exchange of the natural Productions of the Island, for such Commodities

as they have occasion for.

The Air is very temperate, and its Heat is allay'd by the conflant Breezes; neither is any Ice to be feen there at any time. The Soil is indifferent fruitful of Sugar, Cotton, Ginger, Tobacco, &c. There are feveral Hills and Monntains, especially one in the middle of the Isle of a great Height, but easie Access, beset with Trees from top to bottom; besides, Woods replenish'd with store of Deer and other forts of Wild Bealts. There are also divers Springs of steel Water, and one of bot Mineral Waters, of which the Islahitants have made General Baths. which the Inhabitants have made feveral Baths, by Experience found useful in curing of many

Distempers.

This Island as the rest of the Caribbees, is infested by Muschetoes, Chigo's, Murigoins, and other stinging Flies and Lizards; but it breeds some strange and wonderful Creatures, viz. The Annolis, about the bigness of a Lizard and of a yellowish Skin: In the Day-time it is continually prouling about the Cottages for Food, and in the Night lyes under Ground, making a great Noise.

2. A Land-Pike, which is like the Fish of the fame Name, but has Leggs instead of Fins, with which it crawls very odly upon the Ground: These Creatures lurk about the Rocks, and are seldom seen but towards Night, when they make a noise more sharp and grating than Toads.

3. The Snail, call'd A Soldier, which having no Shell of its own, harbours in that of the Periviculate, they have a Food like a Crab's Clause. winkle; they have a Foot like a Crab's Claw. 4. A monstrous Spider with ten Feet, which have every one four Joints, and are horny at the ends; these Feet when they crawl, are spread as wide as a Man's Hand: She has also two solid sharp black Tushes, big enough for a Tooth-picker, and often apply'd to that use: These Creatures prey upon Flyes and other Vermin of the like nature; and their Webs are so strong, that a little Bird can scarce break thro them. 5. The Inttle Bird can icarce break thro' them. 5. The Palm-Worm, remarkable for its infinite number of Feet, and two Claws at Head and Tail, with which it wounds and poifons Men; putting them to very great pain for 24 hours. This Infect is half a Foot long, and extremely fwift in its Motion. 6. The Fly-catcher, a litle Animal with four Leggs, and naturally of a great variety of Colours; but feems to convert itself (like the Chameleon) into the colour of any thing it approaches: for about a Palm-tree 'its green. it approaches; for about a Palm-tree 'tis green, and about Orange-trees yellow: It does no mischief, but clears all places of Flies, and such kind of Vermin: These Creatures are very tame and familiar, and come upon the Tables to purfue their Game. 7. The Horn-fly, which has two Snouts like an Elephant, painted all over by Nature, with an admirable diverfity of Co-lours. 8. The Flying-Tiger, fpotted like the Land-Tiger, having fix Wings and as many Leggs: It feeds on Flies and other finall Infects, and spends the Night in singing upon a Tree.

Of all the Caribbee-Islands; none is so well goyern'd as this; Juffice being adminifer'd with great impartiality, and all Debaucheries and Immoralities feverely punish'd, by a Council of the most eminent and ancient lubabitants. It contains three Churches for the celebration of Divine Service, and is defended by a Fort, on which are mounted several Pieces of Ordinance, that command at a great distance, for the security of Ships in the Road, or Harbour, commonly call'd Bath-Bay; where all forts of Commodities imported for the use of the Inhabitants, are laid up in the Publick Store-house, to be distributed to them as occasion may require.

MONTSERRAT, is an Island of a finall Ex- XII. tent, being not above 10 Miles long, and 9 Montferwide, distant about 8 Leagues Northward from rat. Guadalupe, and lying in the 17th Degree of Northern Latitude: It was fo call'd by the Spa-niards, the first Discoverers from one of its Mountains, which they imagin'd to refemble that of Montserrat, near Barcelona in Spain. And indeed, the whole Island is very Mountainous; but these Hills produce abundance of Cedar, and many other useful forts of Trees. The Valleys and Plains are likewise exceeding pleasant and fertil: It is chiefly inhabited by the Irish, intermix'd with fome English, and has the advantage of a very fair Church, adorn'd with curious Seats, fram'd by great Art out of the most precious Sweet-scented Woods.

About this Island several strange Creatures are found in the Sea, viz. 1. The Flying-Fish, which have Wings like Bats, and sometimes to avoid being made a Prey by the greater Fish, fly 20 Foot above Water, 100 Paces in length, and then fall again into the Sea: They are like Herrings, and thought good Meat by hungry Seamen. 2. The Lamantine, Manafy, or Sea-Cow, a Fish that is 18 Foot long and delicate Food; its Head refembling that of a Cow: It has no Fins, but two short Feet with which it creeps upon the Rocks and Shallows for Meat:
3. The Sea-Devil, so call'd by reason of his terrible Aspect, and black Horns like a Ram: It is a strange kind of Monster, having a Bunch on the Head like a Hedge-bog, Tushes like a Boar, and a forked Tail; and the Flesh is of a poi-sonous Quality. 4. The Sea-Unicorn, a Fish 18 Foot long, with Scales as big as a Crown-piece, fix large Fins, like the end of a Galley-Oar, a Head like a Horfe, and an Horn iffuing out of the Forehead o Foot long, so sharp as to pierce the Forehead o Foot long, so sharp as to pierce the hardest Bodies; its Flesh is wholsom and very grateful to the Palate. 5. The Sword-fish, which has at the end of the upper Jaw, a Weapon like a Sword, with Teeth on each fide of it, five Foot long and fix Inches broad, near the Jaw: It also has Vents near the Eyes, to spout out Water, and seven Fins; and is at perpetual entiry with the Whale, which it offen wounds enmity with the Whale, which it often wounds to Death.

The Island of DOMINICA, fo call'd, because XIII. it was first discover'd by the Spaniards on the Domini-Lord's Day, is situated in the 15 Degr. 30 Min.ca. of Northern Latitude, between Guadalupe on the North, and Martinics on the South, at the di-flance of S Leagues from the latter. It takes up

about 12 Leagues in Length, eight in Breadth, and 20 in Compas. It is very mountainous in the midst, harbouring Dragons, Vipers, and other most venomous and dreadful Creatures; nevertheless there are many fruitful Valleys, yielding feveral Productions, but chiefly Tobacco, and a convenient Harbour, on the Western Coast.

The English have some Plantations in this Island, but are hindred from making an absolute Settlement by the Natives, who are Canibals, and very numerous. For though they are very friendly to the French; yet they have an aversion to the English, upon account of a former Grudge, and will not by any means be reconciled to them. These Savage People, are for the most Part of a tractable Disposition, and such Enemies to Severity, that they dye of Grief, whenever they meet with any hard Ufige from other Nations. They despise Riches, and often reproach the Europeans for their Covetousness, saying The Earth affords sufficiency for all Men. They are very neat, living free from Ambition and Thoughtfulness for future Events: they are extremely averse from Thieving and Pilfering, and live without Distrust, frequenting leaving their Houses and Plantations, without any to guard them; nay, they love one another entirely, and are very feldom or never at Variance: Laltly, they shew a great deal of respect to aged Persons, and were very chaste, both Men and Women, till the Europeans corrupted them by their ill Example, and made them more dissolute. them more dissolute:

XIV. BARBADA, or BARBUDA, is a finall Earbaba. Island lying in 17 Degr. 30 Min. of Northern Latitude, on the East of St. Christophers, extending itself 15 Miles in Length, and not so much in Breadth. The Air as in the rest of the Caribbees, is temperate and pleasant, and the Soil being generally fruitful, as also sufficiently stored with Sheep and other Cattel, might produce several good Commodities, were it well cultivated by the Inhabitants; who are only the English, befides the Natives: But they are fuch Enemies one to another, that as the latter have no Inclination to it; fo the former dare not make chargeable Improvements, by reason of the frequent Inrodes of these Savages, who once or twice a Year, break in upon them with great Fury; destroying and laying all waste with Fire and Sword.

This Island naturally brings forth variety of excellent Fruit, viz. Citrons, Oranges, Pomegra-nates, Raifins, Indian Figgs, and Coco-nuts, the Shells of which supply the Natives with Barrels, Tubs and Dithes, and the Kernels with de-licions Meat, (in taffe like an Almond) and with Drink better than Florence Wine: Befides divers rare kinds of Wood, Herbs, Roots, and Druggs, as Brafil, Ebony, Caffia, Cinnamon, Pine-apples, Sugar-canes, Cotton, Tobacco, Pepper, Ginger, Indico, Potatoes, &c. But the most admirable Plant here, is the Sensible, or as some call it The chaste Plant; because when touch'd, the Leaves hang down and run together, as if they were wither'd and dead; but as foon as the Hand were writted and dead, out as not as the list remov'd, it spreads itself open, and flourishes again. There are also several sorts of Scrpents, very large, and some of them not venomous, but serviceable to the Inhabitants, by destroying Rats, Toads and Frogs; and others to poisonous,

that a Wound made by their Teeth, if no Reme-

ddy is apply'd in two Hours, becomes incurable.

The Natives are handfome, and well-proportion'd; black-ey'd and hair'd; never lame, or crooked; but as for the Scars got in War, they look upon them as fo many Badges of Honour. The Men usually pluck off their Beards and count them Deformities to the Europeans: Both Men and Women go stark naked, but suffer none to touch their privy Parts. Lastly, these Savages dye their Skins with a red Ointment, and when they would appear Gallant, they draw black Circles about their Eyes, with the Juice of Juni-per-apples; wear a Crown of Feathers, adorn their Lips, Nofes and Ears with Rings, Fish-bones and other Toys, made of Gold, Silver, or Tin, and put on Neck-laces of Coral, Chrystal, or Amber.

ANTEGO, or ANTIGOA, another little Island is situated in the 16 Degr. 11 Min. of XV. Northern Latitude; taking up fix or feven Antego. Leagues in Length, and about as much in Breadth. The English after having fettled themfelves in it, found out fome fresh Springs, for want of which twas before thought inhabitable; this Defect is likewise supply'd in a great Mea-sure, by the means of Ponds and Cisterns, for preferving Rain-water. It is of a difficult and dangerous Access for Ships, by reason of the Rocks that lye round about on all fides. The Soil is fufficiently fruitful of Sugar, Ginger, Indico, Tobacco, &c. There are fractious Woods and Fens, which furnish the Inhabitants, with most forts of Wild Fowl and Venison, and feed great flore of tame Cattel.

Among the Birds and Fowl, some are of an unufinal and admirable Species, as r. The Canades, which some esteem as the most beautiful Bird in the World, upon account of the curious variety of its Feathers: Its Eyes are red like a Ruby, and the Head adorn'd with a Cap of Vermilioncolour'd Feathers, fparkling like a live Coal: It is about the bigness of a Pheasant, very kind to Friends, but severe to its Enemies. 2. The Flamet, a large and fine Fowl, as big as a wild Goofe, having the Legs and Neck very long, with fo exquifite a Scent and quick Sight, that it is hard to be fhot. Infomuch that the Fowler is oblig'd to get the Wind of them, and to creep along in an Ox-hide, till he is within Gunthot.

The Sea-coasts afford plenty of all forts of Fish, and some of them are very remarkable, viz. 1. The Sea-Parret, which has very sparkling and beautiful Eyes, the Balls of which are as clear as Chrystal; no Teeth, but Jaws so folid, that it can crush Oisters, Muscles, Cockles, and other Shell-fish to pieces, to get out their Flesh: These Sea-Parrets are excellent Meat, and fome weigh 20 Pounds. 2. The Dorado, Sea-bream, or Amber-fith, which is very fwift in fwimming, and not taken without great difficulty. The Head in the Water, is green, and the Body as yellow as Gold: It is as good Meat as a Trout or Salmon, and is ufually catch'd with a piece of white Linnen, faften'd to an Hook.

3. The Shark, a kind of Sca-Wolf, or Sea-Dog, the most ravenous of all Fish, and of a vast Length and Bignefs: Swimmers are in great danger from them;

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for they'll chop a Man in two at a bite, their devouring Jaws being fet with three or four rows of sharp broad Teeth: Their Flesh is not good to eat; but their Brains are faid to be an ethcacious Medicine against the Stone and Gravel. 4. The Beam, a Sea-monster, in shape resembling a Pike, a most dreadful Enemy to Mankind, whom he feizes like a Blood-hound, and will never let him go, it he can get fast hold: His Teeth are fo venomous, that the least touch of them is mortal, unless an Antidote be immediately apply'd. There is a fort of these Fishes that have a Beak four Foot long, like a Woodcock's Bill, a large Plume under the Belly like a Cock's Comb, and two Horns under the Throat, wheihmay be theath'd in an hollow place under the Belly. 5. The Sea-Urchin, or Sea-Hedge-hog, because it is round, and full of Prickles, like a Land Hedge-hog roll'd up. These Fish are often sent as Prefents to the Curious, to hang in their Repositories, Closets, &c.

BARBADOES is the most considerable of all the leffer Charibbee-Islands, that are in the Postession of the English, and ought to be distinguish'd from Barbala, or Barbada alrendy describ'd. It is also situated farthest towards the East in the 13 Degr. 20 Min. of Northern Latitude, at the distance of 25 Leagues Eastward from the Ille of St. Lucia, and a little more from Martinica, on the South-Ealt: It extends itself about eight Leagues in Length, five in its greatest Breadth, and 25 in Compass; being of great Strength and very populous. This Island was first discover'd by Sir William Curteen, under King James I. but had no Inhabitants; for it was all over-run with Wood, in which were no Bealts, but Swine, left there by the Portugueses. The English took much pains in the clearing of it, and suffer'd great Hardships, before they could make any Advantage to themselves, by planting To-bacco, Indico, Cotton, and Fustick-Wood; but at last they maker'd all Difficulties, and became a flourishing Colony, as they still continue to this day.

The Air is very hot for eight Months, but made tolerable by the conflant Breezes of the North-Eaft Wind, which rifes with the Sun, and blows brisker as the great Luminary afcends higher. Tis also observable, That although the Inhabitants sweat very much, nevertheless they are not subject to that Faintness as we are in England, in the Months of July and Angul; nor to Thirst, unless occasion d by excess of Labour, or of drinking strong Liquors. Notwithstanding the Heat of the Air, it is very moist; infonuch that all Iron-tools, as Swords, Knives, Locks, Keys, &c. if not constantly us'd, will be eaten up with Rust: But this Conjunction of Heat and Moisture causes the Trees and Plants to shoot out to an extraordinary Largeness and Height. The days and nights are almost of an equal Length throughout the Year; the Sun rising and setting at fix a Clock, except in October, when there is some small Variation.

The Soil is extremely fruitful, and bears Crops all the Year round, the Trees being in a perpetual Verdure; but the two principal Seasons for planting are in May and November: It brings forth abundance of all forts of Fruit, as Acajous, Bonanoes, Cherries, Citrons, Cocos, Custard-ap-

ples, Dates, Grapes, Gravers, Icacoes, Indian Figgs, Juniper apples, Lemmons, Limes, Land and Water-Melons, Macoin, Momins, Monbains, Oranges both fivect and fower, Papagers, Pincapples, Plantains, Pomegranates, Prickle-apples, Prickle-pears, Raifins, &c. As alfo molf forts of English Plants, Pot-herbs and Roots, as Cabbages, Colworts, Collidowers, Lavender, Lavender-Cotton, Lettice, Marigodls, Mayerom, Onions, Parsley, Purllaim, Rofemary, Sage, Tansey, Time, Winter-Savoury, Garlick, Potatoes, Radishes, Turneps, Carrets, &c. As for Trees, there is great variety of them, both for Building and other Uses, viza The Calabash Tree, the Shell of whose Fruit, being of the Nature of a Gourd, serves to make Dishes, Bowls, Cups, &c. Cassia, Cassay, of which a kind of Bread is made; Cedar, Cologuinida, Filtula, the Iron-wood Tree, Lignum Vita, Locust, Mangrass, that grows to a vast Bulk; Mastick, Palmeto, very large and beautiful Tree, Physick-nut, Poyson-tree, Redwood, Raecom, the Bark of which is of great Use for the making of Flax and Ropes, Tamarind, &c.

The Inhabitants have no Beafts and Cattel; but what are tame, and brought them from other Countries, as Bulls, Cows, Oxen, Camels, Horses, Asuegroes, Sheep, Goats and Hoges, which are very plentiful in every Plantation, and yield them wholfom Food: But they have great ftore of Fowl and small Birds, as Hens, Muscovy-Ducks, Pigeons, Turtles, Turkeys, Black-birds, Sparrows, Thrulhes, &c. The Sea affords abundance of Fish, as Cavallos, Coney-fish, Crabs, Lobsters, Mackarel, Mullets, Parret-fish, Snappers, Turtles, Care, Turtles, Care, Additional Control of the Control of t pers, Terbums, Green Turtles of a most delicious Taste, and several other forts peculiar to this Isle and the rest of the Caribbees, although there are few or none in the inland Ponds and Brooks. The Snakes, some of which are a Yard and half long, and the Scorpions as big as Rats, do no manner of hurt: The Lizzards are likewise exceeding harmless, much frequenting the Houses, and delighting in the company of Men. But the Musketoes, Cock-roches, and Merry-wings are very troublesome in the night. Moreover, there are fome things in this Island very remarkable, viz. 1. Several spacious and deep Caves, big enough to contain 500 Men, suppos'd to have been heretofore the Habitation of the Natives, and now only the Harbour of fugitive Slaves, who run from their Malters, and lurk here a great while before they are discover'd. 2. Land-crabs that are good to eat, and very numerous. 3. The Rock-filh, taken in the adjacent Sea, which is red mix'd with divers other Colours; very delightful to the Eye: 4. The Cacayos, a kind of Fly, which gives such a lustre in the night, that Men may not only travel, but also write and read by the Light of it: The Indians go a hunting at mignight by the Help of these Insects, fastening them to their Hands and Feet. 5 The River Tuigh, the Waters of which yield an Oil, on their

Surface, which ferves to burn in Lamps.

The Inhabitants of Barbadoes are very numerous, and may be diffinguished into three feveral Ranks, viz. Mafters, Chriftian Servants and Negroe-Slaves. The Matters are English, Scotch and Irish, with some few Hollanders, French and Jews, who dwell upon and manure their own Plantations, which yield them so large a Profits

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that they are generally Wealthy, have plenty of all things, and enjoy all manner of Pleasure: Their Apparel, especially that of the better sort, is exceeding profuse and costly, and their Fare is no less delicious: For the Tables of the Master-Planters, Merchants, and Factors, are generally well furnish'd with dainty Dishes, as Botardo, Neats-Tongues, Anchovies, Sturgeon and Caviary; besides variety of other forts of Fish, Fowl, Beef, Mutton, Kid, Pork, Peas, Beans, divers Roots, Custards, Cheefe-cakes, Tamses, &c. For Drink, they have Wine, Brandy, Strong-waters, and English Beer, to which are added several other Liquors peculiar to the Country, as Beveridge of Spring-water, Sugar and Orange-juice; a delicious kind of Wine made of the Juice of Pines, Crippo, Punch, &c. The profitable Commodities, in which their Merchandize chiefly consists, are Sugar, Cotton, Indico, Ginger, Logwood, Fussick, and Lignum Via: Of these Commodities they have fo great store, that above 220 Ships are yearly freighted for England and Ireland.

The Christian Servants, as well as the Negroes, are bought at a certain Rate, that is to fay, about Ten Pounds a Head; but those that have learn'd a good Trade, as that of a Carpenter, Joiner, Bricklayer, Smith, &c. yield a much greater Price; a higher value is likewise set upon such of the Female Sex, as are young and beautiful. These Servants are usually bound for five Years, and at the expiration of that Term, are made free of the Island: So that then they are at liberty to make their Fortunes, according to their several Abilities, either in procuring a Plantation of their own, or in working in those of others, or else in following any Trade or Occupation. During their Servitude, the Men are allow'd yearly six Shirts, as many pair of Drawers, three Mommonth Caps, and 12 pair of Shoes. The Women have four Coifs, three Petticoats, and 12 pair of Shoes, besides a Rug-Gown, to keep them warm in the Night, and to put on when they come sweating from their Labour.

The Negroe-Slaves are likewise bought on Ship-board, as it were Horses in a Fair, and are more or less valu'd according to their Age, Strength, Shape, and Beauty. The common Rate for the better fort of Men, is 20, or 25 Pounds Sterling, and abour Fisteen Pounds for Women; an equal number of both Sexes being generally taken for the encrease of Stock: In regard they are never free from Bondage, and the Children they get are also perpetual Slaves. Their allowance of Cloaths is very little, that to fay, only three pair of Canvas Drawers a Year for the Men, and three Petticoats for the Women: Neither is their Lodging more commodious; for after having labour'd all the Day in so hot a Country, they content themselves only to take their Rest in Huts, or rather Hog-sties, on the bare Boards, without any Rugs or Ceverlets; but the Christian Servants have a peculiar privilege to lye in Hammoeks. As for the maintainance of these Servants and Slaves, their ordinary Food is Loblolly, made of beaten Mayz, mingled with Water, Potatoes, Cassander-bread, Bonavist, Ge. Their Stomachs are seldom over-charg'd

with Meat; yet on the Feltivals of Christmass, Easter, and Whitsontide, they usually receive a Dole of Hoggs-flesh; and of late, the Servants are allow'd every Week a small quantity of Pork, or Salt-fish. When any of the Cattel die accidentally, or of a Distemper, they are given to the Negroes, who feed on them like Epicures, and count it a sumptuous Banquet. Their Drinks are Mobby, or an insusion of Potatoes in Water; Prino, made of Cassay-Root, which is possonous of itself, but render'd wholsom by Art; Plantain-drink, of the Juice of that Fruit, &c. These poor Wretches are under the severe Discipline of their Oversees, whose business it is to call them to Work, by the Ring of a Bell, at six a Clock in the Morning, to set out their several Tasks, and to give them due Correction for Misdemeanours: The same Officer likewise orders them to go to Dinner at Eleven a Clock; calls them again by the Bell, at One, and discharges them at Six in the Evening.

The whole Island is divided into Eleven Precheeks, or Parithes, viz. Christ-church, St. Mi-chaeks, S. George's, S. Philip's, S. James's, S. Tho-mas's, S. John's, S. Joseph's, All-Saints, S. An-drew's, and S. Lucy's; containing Fourteen Churches and Chapels: However, its observable, That altho the English fet apart Sunday themselves for Divine Worship, nevertheless they take little or no care to convince the Negroes of the necessity they lye under, of ferving their Creator: For being left to their own li-Bark of Trees and making Ropes, to be exchang'd for Shirts, Drawers, &c. or elfe they fpend the Day in Sports, more especially Dancing and Wresling, which they take much deliable in the programmer of the progra light in, yet are not very expert in either of those Exercises: For in their Dancing they tise antick Actions, their Hands moving faster than the r Feet, and their Head than either: Their Mulick is a fort of Kettle-drums of different Sizes, which make a strange and confused Noise. The Government of Barbadoes is establish'd by Laws agreeable to those in England, with some few Constitutions peculiar to the State of the Isle, which is divided into four Circuits. For the due Administration of Justice, five Sessions are held yearly, with several superiour and inferiour Courts of Judicature. There are also Justices of the Peace, Constables, Church-wardens, Tithing-men, and other Officers, for putting the Laws in execu-

The most considerable Towns are, St. Michael's, or Bridge-Town, seated on the Southern Part of the Island, and on Carlisle-Bay, which is very deep, and capable of containing 500 Vesses. Tis a convenient, well-built and populous Town, the Governour's Residence, the chief Place of Judicature, and the Staple of Trade; where most of the Merchants and Factors have their Store-houses. But it is not very healthy, by reason that the Ground lying lower than the Seabanks, the Spring-tides overslow, and make a kind of moorish Bog: This Town, for its security and the desence of the Ships, has two strong Ports, with a Platform in the middle, which also commands the Road, all being well furnish with Pieces of Ordinance, & James-Town on the East-side the Island, is a place of consideration.

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rable Trade and a good Road for shipping: It has the Advantage of several fortified Breast-works; and in it are kept the monthly Courts for the Precinct. Little-Briftol, formerly nam'd Sprites-Bay on the fame Coast but more Northward, and reckon'd about four Leagues distant from Bridge-Town; enjoys the Benefit of a great Trade; having a commodious Road for Ships; and likewise defended by two Forts. And Charles-Town, fituated on Oyster-Bay, at the distance only of two Leagues Eastward from S. Michaels, and fene'd by two strong Forts, with a Platform in the middle: In this Town good weekly Mar-kets are kept, and monthly Courts for the Pre-cinct. The noted Bays and Creeks beginning to count them from the Eastern Quarter, are Mi-chael's Bay, Skull-Bay, Foul-Bay, Penney-Hole, Mills-Bay, Austin's Bay, Long-Bay, Maxwell's Bay, Black-rock, Pellicans-Bay, the Hole, Read's Bay, Sprights-Bay, Six-men Bay, Humphry's Bay, Mecock's Bay, Balifes Bay, Clark's Bay, Confets Bay, Knots-Bay, Baker-Bay, &c.

Laftly the Illand of Barbadoes is remarkable

for its great Strength both Natural and Artificial: For in some Places chiefly on the South-East, it is fenc'd by a continued Course of Rocks and Shelves, befides the Woods that grow quite round along the Sea-coafts. In the other Places that are not thus defended by Nature, it is well fortify'd with Ramparts, Trenches, Curtains, Counterscarps, Pallisadoes, and several considerable Forts. Moreover for its farther Security, a standing Militia is establish'd, consisting of valiant and well disciplin'd Men, who are to be always ready to appear upon the first Alarm, or beat of Drum: So that it is in a Condition to bid defyance to the most resolute Enemies, and has at several times actually baffled the Attempts of the Spaniards.

This Isle is not over-plentifully water'd with Rivers, Brooks or Fresh-Springs; there being but one River, or rather Lake, which may deserved-ly lay claim to that Denomination: However, the Land lying low, and for the most part level, gives rise to several Ponds or Pools; and the Inhabitants in most Houses have Cisterns, or Wells, which are continually fupply'd with Rain-water.

xvII. S. VINCENTS lyes in 13 Degr. of North, ent. crn Latitude, between S. Lucia, on the North, and the little Isle of Bequia, on the South, about 24 Miles in Length, and 18 in Breadth: It has many Mountains, with fruitful Plains, yielding flore of Sugar-Canes, even without the Labour S. VINCENTS lyes in 13 Degr. of Northof planting: It is also well water'd with Rivers, and has very convenient Harbours for shipping. The English have some Settlement here; but the Caribbee-Indians are most powerful, and inhabit many pleasant Villages.

These Wretches have no Notion of the Deity, nor Form of Worship; their Religion consisting only in invoking their false Gods, to revenge them of their Enemies, to heal their Diseases; to know the event of their Wars, and to protect them from their Grand Devil Mobaya: For it is certain, This evil Spirit cruelly beats and torments them, when they are not fo forward npon War, as he would have them, and that in a visible Form. They devourt the Flesh of their Enemies, not fo much court of Deliabt in Gate Factor of the Poliabt in the Poliabt out of Delight in fuch Food, as for the Pleasure

they take in Revenge. They cannot be perfuaded to eat Swine-flesh, left they should have small Eyes, which they judge a great Deformity; nor Turtles, lest they should partake of their Laziness. However, they are very peaceable Neighbours, and give the English no Disturbance at all; but blame them often, for coming so far to gratify their covetous Minds, and that through fo many Dangers.

TOBAGO, or TABAGO, is fituated in XVIIL the 11 Degr. of Northern Latitude, not far from Tobago. the Mand La Trinidad and the Continent of Southern America: Its Extent is not above 32 Miles in Length, and 11 in Breadth. Some part of this Island was formerly possess by the Hollanders,

who built the Town of New Flushing, and were rudely attack'd by the French in the Year 1677. The Country is very happy in a temperate and wholfome Air, notwithstanding it is so near a Neighbour to the Equinoctial Line; for the gentle Breezes fo moderate the Heat, that the Inhabitants have no inconvenience by it, but enjoy: a perpetual Spring. The Soil naturally produces Indian Corn, but no English Grain will grow here, except Peas and Beans; yet there is good store of Guinea-Corn, Bonevis, the French Pea and Bean, the Kidney and Pigeon-Pea. There are also several forts of Roots and Plants, as Potatoes, Eddies, Yanis, Carrets, and other Englifh-Roots, Tobacco, which is faid to take its Name from this Isle, Tea, Cinnamon, Long Cod-bell, Round and Jamaica Pepper, &c. Neither is there any less variety of delicious Fruits, as the Cushion-apples, Prickle-apples, divers other kinds of Apples, Bonano's, Cherries, Plums, Spanish Figgs, Oranges, Lemmons, Melons, Cu-cumbers, Pumkins and Penguins: But above all, the Coco-nut Tree, and the Fruit of it is that which the Indians chiefly admire, because it serves for Meat, Drink, and Cloath, and therefore they commonly call it God's Tree; befides the Maccaw-nut, Physick-nut, Lignum Vita, Brasil, Ebony, Yellow Saunders, Cedar, Box, and many others. Numerous Herds of wild and tame Beasts are likewife bred in this Isle, as Wild Boars, Pickeries a Beast like a Hog, Aposta's, a Creature so much in love with Mankind, that it follows them, and delights to gaze on them; Armadilloes, Guanos, Coneys, Deer, Horfes, Cows, Afnegroes, Sheep, Swine, Goats and Land Tortoifes. The Sea affords different kinds of excellent Fish, as the Gropers, Porgo's of two forts; Cavallo's, Mullets, the Manass, or Sea-cow, Turtles, &c. There is also great plenty of Fowl, and among them the Billbird is admirable, because the Bill-bird is admirable, because the Bill-bird is admirable. bird is admirable, because the Bill of it is as big as its whole Body.

The English are rul'd by a Governour, Deputy-Governour and Affembly, chosen by the Free-holders, to make wholsome Laws for the Benefit of the Island; and all Controverses are decided by the majority of Votes. Liberty of Conscience is allow'd to Persons of all Persuasions, except Roman Catholicks: Their vendible Commodities are Sugar, Tobacco, Indigo, Ginger, Balm, Balfam, Sarfaparilla, Silk-graß, Tar, &c.

The French have establish'd Colonies in the fol- XIX. lowing Islands, viz. 1. L' Isle de Sainte Croix, i. e. Holy-Cross Ifle, of which they took Possession, A.D. 1650. It lyes between S. Christophers, on the East

and Porto Ricco, on the West, and takes up 30 Leagues in Compass. 2. St. Bartholomen. 3. St. Eustache. 4. Guadalupe, or Guardelupe, a fruitful and well water'd Island, containing several confiderable Colonies and Forts, with a near Town and three Castles on the Sea-coast; and extending itself for the space of 60 Miles in Compass. It was first possess'd by the French in 1627, and is divided into two Parts commonly call'd La Grande Terre and La. Baffe Terre, i. e. The Great and Lower Territories ; being distant 12 Leagues Northward from Dominica, fix from Marigalante, and vard from Dominica, lik from Patarigatanie, and 15 Southwards from Antego. 5. La Desiderade, or Desiderade, according to the Spanish Dialect, so nam'd by Christopher Columbus, who first discovered it, in his second Voyage to America: It is a little Island, but settle and well cultivated, and lyes at the distance of 10 Leagues Eastward from Guadules. dalupe. 6. La Marigalante, a very fruitful Island of 18 Leagues Compass, which became subject to the French, A. D. 1648. It lyes 7 Leagues Southward from Guadalupe, and 10 Northward from Dominica. 7. La Martinique, or Martinica, one of the chief Islands of the French, who made themselves Masters of it in the Year 1635. It is remarkable for its fruitfulnes, numerous Colonies, and Forts, by the Force whereof the Hollanders were repulsed in 1674: It takes up about 45 Leagues in Compals, and its chief Town (according to M. Baudrand) bears the Name of Baswille. It is also observable, that the present French King caus'd a great number of his Protestant Subjects, who refus'd to embrace the Popish Religion to be transported to this Island, there to ligion to be transported to this filane, there to undergo a most dreadful Slavery. 8. S. Lucia. 9. Granda. 10. S. Martin partly possess'd by French, who first subdu'd it in 1645, and partly by the Hollanders, it lyes between Anguilla, on the North, and S. Bartholomen, on the South, at the distance of 9 Leagues Northward from S. Christophers; and takes up 25 in Compass.

The Hollanders have the fole Possession of Saba a little Island scarce 20 Miles distant from the Western Part of S. Christophers, which was formerly subject to the Danes. La Trinidad, or Trinity Isle, the largest and most Southern of the Ca-

ribbees, is under the Dominion of the Spaniards, and lyes over against the Mouth of the River Paria, or Oronogue, in a Bay of the same Name; where the Pearl-fishing manag'd by Negroe Slaves is very considerable. It reaches from East to West for the space of 110 Miles, and is distant but 30 from the Coast of New Andalusa, being separated from it by Drake-Straight, in Spanish La Bocca del Drago. This stland has a Town nam'd S. Joseph, the Governour of which Antonio Berio, was taken by Sir Walter Raleigh, and is reckon'd by M. La Robbe, among the Sottovento-Isles; of which we shall now give an Account in their Order.

Las Islas de Soitavenio, as they are call'd by the Spaniards, who are the Proprietors of the most spart of them; and in English are stilled the Leevard Islands, extend themselves from East to West over against New Andalusa and Vinezuola, two Provinces of Terra Firma, a Part of Southern America. The chief of these on the East, is Margarita, a very fruitful but mountainous Island, taking up 40 French Leagues in Compass, which was discover'd by Christopher Columbus, A. D. 1498, and is still samous for the Pearl-sishing, from which its Name is deriv'd: It is water'd with two Rivers, and has a little Town nam'd S. Fago de la Vega, with several Villages; being only distant eight Leagues from the Continent of Southern America, and 40 Westward from La Trinidad: Blanco, a Desart Isle; Tornga, about 14 Leagues Westward from Margarita, and 26 Northward from the Continent; Urchila; Rocca; and La Isla de Aves, i. e. The Isle of Birds, encompass with seven other very small Islands: Farther on the West appear Bon Ayre, or the Isle of good Air, taking up 16 Leagues in Compass, which is scarce distant 10 Spanish Leagues Northward from the Coast of Venezuola, and depends on the Jurisdiction of the Hollanders: Curagao, or Curasson, according to the Dutch Dialect, a well cultivated Island, which the Hollanders took from the Spaniards in the Year 1634, and still retain it in their Possession.

CHAP. IX.

Southern America in general, and Terra Firma in particular.

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founctimes call'd Pernana and Pernana, from its principal Kingdom, is bounded on the North, by the Gulph, or Archipelago of Mexico, and the Atlantick Ocean; on the East, by the Ethiopick Ocean, or the Seas of Brafil, Paraguay, and Magellan; and on the West, by the Straight of Magellan; and on the West, by the Pacifick, or South Sea, with the Gulph and Ithmus of Panama. So that it is a most spacious Peninsula almost in Form of an equilateral Triangle, surrounded on all sides with the Seas, except a narrow Tract of Land, where it is joyn'd to Northern America, by the Islimus of Panama: Although a very large Part of it in the inland

Countries, lying between Peru and Brafil; as alfo between the River of the Amazons and that of Plata, is as yet unknown to the Europeans. This vast Continent is situated between the 295 and 345 Degr. of Longitude, and between the 13 Degr. of Northern Latitude, and the 54 Degr. of Southern Lat. Thus its greatest and most obtuse Part is included within the Torrid Zone; and the other, which grows extremely sharp-pointed towards the South, takes up the largest Tract of the Southern Temperate Zone.

M. Sanson divides Southern America into Perwian and Brasilian, making the former to confilt of Terra Firma and Peru, and the latter to comprehend Brasil and Paraguay: But we shall take

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notice of seven principal Parts, viz. Terra Firma, Brasil, Paraguay, the Country about the River of the Amazons, Peru, Cile or Chili, and Magellanica. The first of these Divisions or large Provinces lyes on the North; the second, on the East; the third and fourth in the middle of the Continent; the two next, on the West; and the last, on the South. The more particular Division and chief Towns of every Part are seen in this Table.

A General Table of Southern America.

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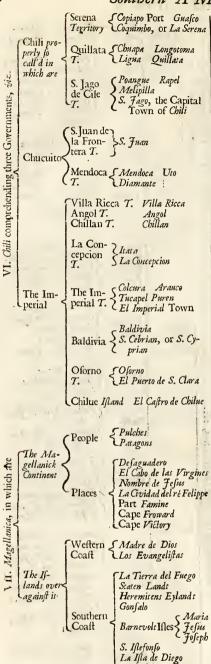
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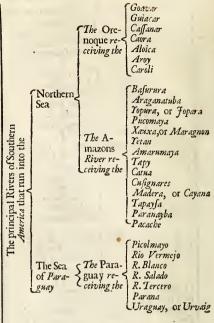
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TERRA FIRMA, or Firm Land, derives its Denomination from Christopher Columbus, who having first discover'd the Islands of the Mexican Archipelago, afterwards defery'd this spacious Coast, and call'd it by that Name, because he took it for a Continent. It is also nam'd La Castilla del Oro, i. e. Golden Castille, according to M. La Robbe, but others appropriate this Term to its Western Part. Its bounds on the North, are the Gulph of Mexico and the North-Sea, which also washes it on the East; on the South, the Country about the Amazons River and Pern; and on the West, the Pacifick Sea, with the Gulph and narrow Ishmus of Panama, by which it is separated from Northern America: This Country is situated between the 293 and the 329 Degr. of Longitude; that is to fay, between the Ishhnus of Panama, on the West, and the Mouth of the Amazons River, on the East; as also between the 2d. Degr. of of Southern Latitude, and the 13th of Northern. The Air is except on the Coast of the Ishmus of Panama, where there are many Marshes: The Country is beset with Mountains and Woods; but hath good Land producing plenty of Mayz and several forts of Fruit, besides Pasture for Cattel, and Mines of Gold, Silver, and Copper, with Azure, Emeralds, and fome other kinds of precious Stones. There is also great number of odoriferous Trees, and others that yield Gums: Tigers and other wild Beafts are bred in the Forests, and the Rivers are infested with Cro-The Natives are of codiles, and noxious Infects. a tawny Complexion, usually going naked to the Waste, and some of them are notorious Rob-

TERRA FIRMA.



The Spaniards have made themselves Masters of Part of Terra Firma; the Natives inhabit another Part, and Part of it is possess of by the English, French and Hollanders. It is divided into eleven Governments, viz. Proper Terra Firma, Cartagena, S. Martha, Rio de la Hacha, Venezuola, New Andalusia, Caribana, the Northern and inland Part of Popayan, the New Kingdom of Granada, Paria, and Guiana. The seven first are remarkable for their Situation on the Sea-coasts, and the four last extend themselves in the Heart of the Country: All the Maritim Provinces, except Caribana, are subject to the Spaniards, besides Part of Popayan, and the new Kingdom of Granada, in the V. inland Territories.

Terra Firma properly so call'd, or Tierra Firme (according to the Spanish Dialect) adjoins on the

West, to the Audience of Veragua, a Province of North America, the last mentions ain our Account of that Continent; on the East, the Gulph of Uraba and the great River of Darien, part it from New Granada and Pepayan; on the North, the Gulph of Mexico; and on the South, the Pacifics Sea wash its Shores. The Western part of it is sometimes call'd the Isthmus of Panama; and of late Years has been known to us by the Name of the Isthmus of Darien: Over which Dampeir passed by Land, and he and Mr. Waser have given us a very particular Account of that part of the Country. In his sirst Journey Mr. Dampeir travell'd but 60 Miles from a Bay near Golden-Island to St. Maria, a Spanish Fort seated on a River which gave him Passage to the South-Sea. And though in returning he spent 23 days and

V. Proper Terra Firma.

travell'd 110 Miles through bad Grounds and over Rivers which made the Journey very trouble-fome; yet as that was occasion'd by a fear of the Spaniards, he declares that a Journey over the Isthmus is to be made in three days time. This we may suppose was the motive that tempted the Scots Company of Merchants to fend Shipping, Plant a Colony, and build a Fort on Darien. The Success of that Expedition is known to every body, so that 'tis unnecessary to say when and how the Spaniards beat them off. The Weather is generally very hot, and the Country abounds with Mountains and Marshes, infomuch that the Vapours which rife from them, extremely infect the Air, and cause great Rains, which are often accompany'd, with terrible Thunder and Lightning: However, it affords Plantain-Walks, Potatoes, verdant Pastures, Woods, divers kinds of Bealts, particularly wild Cats, tame Cattel Fowl and Fish. Its most remarkable Towns,

Panama, a little City, the Houses of which are built of Timber: Nevertheless it is the Capital of the Province, and a Bishop's See, under the Metropolitan of Lima, seated on the South-Sea Coast, in the narrowest Part of the Isthmus, on a Gulph to which it gives Name, and having the advan-tage of a strong Fort and safe Harbour: It is a most famous Mart, and the Store-house of the Spanish Bullion, which being brought thither from Lima by Sea, is convey'd by Land over the Isthmus which is about 18 Leagues wide, to Porto Belo, on the Gulph of Mexico, on the Coast of the North-Sea, where it is shipt off again for Spain. Merchandizes are likewise transported from Spain by the Ports of Porto Belo and Panama to Pern: Moreover the high Court of Judicature, commonly call'd La Audiencia Real, is kept in this City, which was taken and burnt by the Buchaneers, under the Command of Sir Henry Morgan in the Year 1680; but the Spaniards have rebuilt it a little more Westward. It stands in the 8 Degr. 30 Min. of North Latitude, and in the 296 Degr. Longit.

Over against the Town of Panama, at the distance of 12 Leagues, at the entrance of the Gulph of the same Name, appear the Pearl-Islands, in Spanish Las Islas de Perlas, formerly of good Note: Among these there are two somewhat large, nam'd Del Rio, and Tararequi, with about 20 of a leffer Extent, which may be more proper-

ly termed Rocks. Porto Belo, i.e. The fair Port, is situated opposite to Panama, on the Coast of the North-Sea, with a fafe and capacious Harbour, and two well fortify'd Caltles built on an Hill, which bear the Names of S. *James* and S. *Philip*: It is a confiderable Mart-Town, and famous for its Fairs and Markets, but it was taken and pillag'd by the English and French in 1668. The other Towns are Nombre de Dios, i.e. The Name of God, which stood farther Eastward on the same Coall; but it has fallen quite to Ruin, within these sew Years, the Inhabitants having abandon'd it by reafon of the unwholesomeness of the Air, and remov'd their Effects to Porto Belo: Comagre, near the fame Sea; and Darien, on the Western side of the Gulph of Urraba, noted for the late Expedition of the Scots.

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From the Province of Cartagena, we pass to VII. that of S. Martha, or La Governacion de Santa S. Mar-Martha, which affords great store of Brasil Wood, tha Gov. Gold, precious Stones, and divers kinds of Fruit, and contains the following Towns, viz. Baranca, otherwise call'd Baranca de Mambo, and de Malemba, built on the Eastern side of the great River, not far from the Sea-coast, and dignify'd with a Bishop's See: Tenerifa, higher at the Confluence of the Rivers Martha and Magdalen; Tamalamequa, on the Magdalen; Al Puerto, higher on the fame River; Ocanna; Croidad de los Reyes; S. Martha, the Capital Town of the Province, and an Epifcopal See, with a Harbour and a ftrong Cattle, which nevertheless was taken by the English and Hollanders; and Ramada far-ther Eastward, on the Coast of the fame Sea.

The Government of Rio de la Hacha, the most Northern of all the Provinces of Terra Firma, as Riode la also of the whole Continent of Southern America, Hacha is but of a finall Extent; lying in the middle, Gov. between the Government of S. Mariha, on the West, and the Gulph of Venezuola and the Lake of Maracaybo, on the East. The Soil is fruitful, and the Country affords plenty of Salt, with variety of Gens: Its Capital Town is Nueftra Senora de las Nieves, otherwise call'd N. S. de Remedios, and frequently Rio de la Hacha, i. e. The Torch-River, from a River of the same Name, at the Mouth of which it is feated. The other Places of Note, are La Rancheria, a neighbouring Sea-port Town, and Coquibacoa, at the entrance of the Gulph of Venezuola, from which the adjacent Promontory El Cabo de Coquibacoa, or Coquibacoa coa, the most Northern of this Continent of America, derives its Name.

Beyond the Gulph of Venezuola, and the Lake Maracaybo, to the East, appears La Governacion Venezu-de Venezuola, a large, pleasant and sertile Coun-ola. try, reputed the Granary of the other Provinces: The Metropolis of it is Coro, or Venezuola, fituated between the Lake Maracaybo and the North-Sea, as it is commonly fet down in the Maps: But M. Bandrand places Venezuola in the inland Country at the diffance of 50 Leagues from the Sea-

coast, and dignifies it with an Episcopal See translated thither from Coro. The other Towns, are Tragillo, or Nuestra Senora de la Paz; Portilla de Carora; Tucuyo; Nueva Segovia; Nueva Xerez; Nueva Valencia, on the West of the Lake Tocarigua; S. Jago de Leon; N. S. de Carvelleda, or Carveledes; and Comanagotta, on the farthest

Eastern Boundary.

X. New Andalusia, lyes between Venezuola, on the New An-West; and the River Orenoque, on the East; and dalufia. its principal Part is call'd Paria, which Name is also often attributed to the whole Country: Its East and South Boundaries are washed by the vast River Oronoque, or Paria, and its Sea-coasts afford good store of Pearls. Its chief Towns are Comana, or New Corduba, near the Gulph of Cariaco, or Curiaco, where there are several Salt-Pits. S. Jago, over against the Gulph; S. Joseph, on the Gulph of Paria; and Acamacan, on the Westfele of the River Paria; beyond which lyes the Territory of Aromaia. XI.

Laftly, Caribana, or the Coast of the Caribbees, Caribana, a very large Province, is wash'd by the Northern Sea, from the Mouth of the River Oronogue, to that of the Amazons River, and (according to feveral Authors) constitutes a Part of Guiana ta-ken at large. It extends itself a great deal farther, between the Mouths of the faid Rivers, than between the Sea and Proper Gniana, which is its Boundary on the South. The heat of the Air is here much moderated by the East-winds, the plentiful Dew, thick Woods and Mountains: This Country, the Natives of which are long-liv'd, abounds with wild Beafts, tame Cattel, Fish, Sugar, Cotton, Honey, Wax, and several forts of Fruit, and is water'd by many Rivers that fall into the North-Sea: Its Coasts are often discover'd by the Europeans, who have fettled divers Colo-nies between the River Oronogue, and the Pro-montory of Conde, otherwise term'd Orange-Cape, and Cecil-Cape. The Hollanders are Masters of fome Places near the Mouth of the Rivers Effekebe and Berbice; as also of Surinam a noted Fort, built five Leagues above a River of the fame Name, on its Western side, and on a Rock near the spacious Marshes: The French about the Year 1640 first erected this Fort; which was afterwards poffefs'd with the adjacent Territory, by the English, and at last granted to the Hollanders, by the Treaty at Breda. But several other Forts (according to M. Bandrand) are still in the Possession of the French, who commonly call the Territories under their Jurisdiction, by the Name of Equinoctial *France*, with respect to the Situation of the Country: They have also a Colony in Cayena, an Island that lyes near the Mouth of the River Cayena, to which it owes its Name, and that of Wia: This Island takes up 18 Leagues in Compass, and is distant about 100 Northward from the Amazons River; having St. Lewis's Fort for its Defence, which was taken by the Hollanders, and recover'd by the French in the Year 1676. The English have likewise settled several considerable Colonies along the Coasts of this Province, which generally live low, and are extended the province of the coasts. tended above 250 Leagues in Length. There are some other Places of Note, in Caribana, viz. Waetali, near the Mouth of the Anazons River, with a Promontory of the fame Name: Moreshego, on the East-side of the River Marryn, and Tanpa-Part 2

ramunen, fornewhat lower, on the opposite Bank: Moreover, these Parts are inhabited by many different forts of People, among whom the most cminent are the Arrawari, Arricari, Armacoa, Arracoss, Kiari, Wacoenai and Caribbees: These last seiz'd on the Eastern Antilles Islands (as it has been already hinted) and turn'd out the ancient Inhabitants; but they themselves being afterwards expell'd by the Europeans, were fore'd to return to their former Seats.

We must now travel into the inland Countries XII. of Terra Firma, viz. the Northern Part of the The Government of Popayan, the new Kingdom of Northern Granada, Paria, and Guinna. The Government of Part of Popayan, the new Figure Popayan Popayan. Popayan in Spanish, La Governacion de Popayan, is fituated in the middle, between Terra Firma, on the West; Cartagena, on the North; and Proper Quito, with the Territory of Quixos, on the South; the two last being Parts of the Province of Quito, which is the most Northern of all the Governments of Peru. The Country is beset with very high Mountains, wherein a great number of Springs and Rivers take their Rife, and the Soil affords admirable Veins of Gold. The greater Part of Popayan, which lyes out farther on the South and West, is comprehended with the Government of Quito, and shall be hereafter describ'd under the Article of Peru: So that the Northern and Ioland Part of Popayan is only reckon'd among the Provinces of Terra Firma; and its chief Towns, are Cartagena; Santa Anna de Anzerma, or simply Anzerma; Arma; Caramanta; and Santa Fé de An-

tiochia, or de Antequera.

The New Kingdom of Granada, call'd El Nue-XIII.

vo Reyno de Granada by the Spaniards, as also La The New

Kingdom Naeva Granada, or New Granada, and Bogota by Kingdom the Natives, lyes in the middle, between Popay-da, on the Weft; and Paria, on the East. It is furnish'd with Mines of divers forts of Metal, more especially Silver and Copper, besides Emeralds and other pretious Stones: The River Magdalen has its Source in this Kingdom, and runs through it. The most considerable Towns, are Nuestra Senora de los Remedios, on the Frontiers National Metal Marijair; Thagua; S. Juan de los Llanos; next to the Spring-head of Magdalen River; Santa Fé de Bogota, the most eminent City of New Granada, and (according to M. La Robbe) of the whole Country of Terra Firma; dignify d with the Title of a Metropolitan See; and built at the Foot of Mount Bogota, from which its Name is deriv'd; as also near the River Pai, and the Lake Guaravita: Tocayma, lower on the same River, at its Confluence with the Magdalen; Palma; S. Miguel; Tunia; Tudela; La Trinidad; Plasencia; Pamplona; Velez; Caceres; S. Christoval on the Borders of the Government of S. Martha; and Merida.

The spacious Province of Paria borders on the XIV! West, upon New Granada, and on the East, up-paria on Gnisma; and the River Paria, or Oronegus (as Proviit is express'd in some Maps) runs through its Southern and Eastern Parts. In this Country, which is little known to the Europeans, the Provinces of Gotoguancya, and Garaperson titually are placed towards New Granala, the former on the North, and the other more Southward; as also Urraba along the Western fide of the River Paria: Beyond the same River is situated the Province D d

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Brafil:

of Orenognepons, with the Territories of the People nam'd Awarawaqueri, Cassipagore, Emaipanome, Arawagoti, and Eparagoti, whote chief Town is Macurewaray, on the Eastern side of the Lake Coffipa: All these People inhabit the Country that lyes round about the faid Lake, which empties it-

felf through several Rivers, into that of Paris.

Guiana, the most Eastern of all the inland Provinces of Terra Firma, is separated from Paria Guiana by a continu'd ridge of Mountains; bordering on the North and East, upon Caribana, and on the South, upon the Country about the Amazons River. But it ought to be understood in a strict Sense; for this Province taken at large, comprehends Proper Guiana and Caribana, as it has been already observ'd. Its Southern Tract lyes under the Equinoctial Line, and the Country is very mountainous; neither have the Europeans any diffinct Knowledge of its feveral Parts. It is faid to contain a Lake of a vast Extent, like a Sea,

which the Caribbees call the Lake, or Sea of Parime; but the Jaoji, or Jaoi, another fort of People term it Roponowini: However, this Lake is only known to the Europeans by Hear-fay and Name; fince none of them ever as yet travell'd fo far as to discover it. On the Western side of the same Lake, the Town of Manoa, in Spanish El Dorado, is commonly plac'd in the Maps; which the Inhabitants aftern to be an exceeding large and magnificent City, the Metropolis of a Kingdom of the fame Name, which is very potent, and may well be compar'd with Pern; abounding with Gold and precious Stones. But others look upon all the specious Reports that are fpread abroad concerning this Country, as meer Fictions. Lastly the Territories of the Muckikeri, a particular People, are set out in the Maps, on the Frontiers of Paria, and on the Northern Coalt of the Lake of Parimé.

CHAP. X.

BRASIL.

FTER having taken a View of Terra Firma, we proceed to the second Part of Southern America, which lyes out farthest Eastward, and is commonly call'd Brafil. It is reported, That Peter Alvarez Caprale, a Portuguese, as he was prosecuting a Voyage to East-India, was accidentally driven by a furious Tempest, whereby his Life was much endanger'd, from the Coast of Africa, to this Country; which was at first nam'd Holy-Gross Province, because he discover'd it on Holy-Crossday, or Easter-Eve, A. D. 1501. A little while after, American Vefpucius the Florentine, by Commission from Emanuel King of Portugal, made a more accurate Discovery of the same Country, and afterwards several Colonies were settled there by the Portugal gueses; who still possess the Sea Coasts, and as far up the Country as they have thought fit to cultivate. The Country was at first named America, from Americas the first Discoverer of it; which Denomination in process of time, being translated to the whole Continent of the New World, the Mame of this Province was chang'd and de-riv'd from a kind of red Wood call'd Brail, which is there produc'd in great abundance, and is of fingular Use in the dying of

Brasil is bounded on the North and East, by the Sea on which it has impos'd its Name; on the South by the fame Sea and Paraguay; and on the West, by Paragnay, and the Country about the Amazons River. It is situated between the 321 and the 345 Degr. of Longitude, and reaches almost from the first to the 24th Degree of Southern Latitude, or to the Tropick of Capricorn; beyoud which its Bounds are extended by feveral Geographers after different manners. The Air of this Country, notwithstanding its Situation under the Southern Tract of the Torrid Zone is not excessive hot, but admirably well temper'd, not

only by the continual Length and Coolness of the Nights, the abundance of Dew, and plentiful Showers of Rain, but more especially by the gentle Gales of Wind coming from the Sea, which daily disperse the Miss and Vapours: By which means the Air becomes serene and very healthful; infomuch that the Inhabitants are faid fometimes

to attain to the Age of 150 Years.

The Country is partly Champain, and partly rises up by degrees to fine pleasant Hills, abounding with arable Lands, rich Pastures, and well water'd Meadows, that are always verdant: The Soil is very fruitful of Sugar growing in long Canes, out of which the most delicious Liquor being prefs'd by Mill, is boyl'd in Cauldrons and clarifyd: It also brings forth great store of To-bacco, Cotton, Apple-Trees, Brasil-wood, Millet and Mayz, with an admirable variety of Roots, as Anana's, Acajous, Araticous, Appi's, Potatoes, and Marrioe, or Mandioe, which last the Natives grind to Flower, and eat instead of Bread. Moreover all forts of Grain and Fruit, brought over from Europe by the Portugueses, thrive there mightily, more especially Oranges, Lemmons, Pomegranates, Grapes, Figgs, Cucumbers, Melons, &c. It is commonly faid that the Mountains of Brasil, are noted for Wood, the Valleys for Tobacco, the Fields for Sugar, and the Coasts for flying Fifh, which rife in great Flocks above the Sea, as Starlings or other Birds upon the Land. They are of the bigness of a large Herring, and their Wings resemble those of a Bat. There are also feveral other sorts of excellent Fish, the various Colours of which are extremely delightful to behold, particularly Albacores, Cod-Filh, Bonitoes, and Tortoifes of a prodigious Bulk and Strength; that are very full of Eggs. The Country likewise affords variety of Fowl, and Beatls both wild and tame; besides numerous Herds of Horses and other forts of Cattel trans-



ported from *Portugal*, which bring forth Young in great abundance. There are feveral kinds of Creatures unknown to the Europeans, among which the most remarkable, are the *Tatusis*, that is cover'd with Scales, and the *Pigritia* or *Sloth*, of the bigness of a Fox, which, although it has Feet and is always in motion, creeps so flowly upon the Belly, that it scarce goes 100 Paces in twelve or fifteen days. The Lizards, Serpents and Toads are not venomous, but are usually eaten by the Inhabitants.

The Natives of Brast of both Sexes generally go naked, only with their Hair hanging down from the Crown of the Head; for they fometimes shave the other Parts of the Body: They anoint their Skin with the black Juice of a kind of Apple, and paint it with divers Colours, aderning their Part 2

Face and Lips with little Stones, that are of no value: These People are capable of enduring the hardest Labour and the greatest Hunger, being able to live three days together without eating: They are very expert in the Arts of shooting with Arrows, swimming and diving, and when occasion requires it, continue under Water for a long time, with their Eyes open: They are addicted to Lasciviousness, Anger, Cruelty and Revenge; their Courage engaging them in many rash Attempts, so that they are always at War with their Neighbours: After having taken their Enemies in Battel, they cause them to be fatted many days for Slaughter; then they kill them in a solemn manner, with great Acclamations and Dancing, roast their Limbs on Spits, and feed upon the Flesh; esteeming it as a most delicious D d 2.

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Banquet. They dwell in Cottages fcatter'd here and there, several Families often lodging in the same Hut; and they sleep in Hammocks made of Cotton-sheets, hang'd up above the Ground, to iccure themselves from noxious Animals. They live from Hand to Mouth, only laying hold of the present Opportunities, without being folicitous for the future, and take great delight in the Art of Divination, but extremely dread evil Spitits. They have little regard to Matters of Religion, yet they believe the Immortality of the Soul, and have fome notions of a God, who makes the Thunder, and of certain Demons that come to torment them. This is the Character of the Brafilians, who retain the Cultoms of their Country, and inhabit the inland Territories; but those that live on the Sea-coasts, are more civiliz'd, and reclaim'd from their Savage Disposition; by the means of their Commerce with the Portugueses and other European Nations. As to the Government of these Savages, some of them are fullyect to a Supreme Governour, whom they choose out of their principal Tribes, as the Topinambous, Margajas, Ourtacates, Paraiba's, Taponges, &c. Others live without any Law, or Ruler, as the Miramonins, Cariges, &c.
The memorable Decision of Pope Alexander VI.

who inverted King Ferdinand of Arragon, and Queen Ifabel of Cafille his Confort, with all the F and that they should discover on the West-side of an imaginary Line drawn from Pole to Pole, granting at the fame time the Countrys that could be discover'd Eastward of that Line to the King of Portugal; occasion'd great Coutes between these two Crowns, about the Place where the Line and the state of the this Line ought to be fixed, and about the Limits of Brasil: The Portugueses made it reach from the River Maranhaon, or Maragnan, to that of Plata, whereas the Spaniards would not allow it to lye beyond the Capitainry of St. Vincent in

Brafil.

However, the Portugueses still possess the Scacoasts and 60 or 70 Leagues up the Land. The Coasts are divided into fourteen distinct Governments, commonly call'd Capitania's, or Captain-ries, viz. those of Para, Maragnan, Siara, Rio Grande, Paraiba, Tamaraca, Pernambuco, Seregip-pe, All-Saints Bay, Ilheos, Porto Seguro, Spiritu Santo, Rio Janeiro, and St. Vincent. The three first are situated on the Northern Coast; the nine next, on the Eastern; and the two last on the Southern. Every one of these Divisions, has its peculiar Governour; but they are all accountable to the King of Portugal's Vice-Roy, who keeps his Court at S. Salvador.

VI. Para Capt.

Marag-

Among the Governments of the Northern Coast, (beginning to count them from the West) that of Para, or La Capitania de Para, first presents itself to our View, and contains the following Towns, viz. Commota, on the Mouth of the Amazons River; Para, the Capital to which this Province owes its Name, being distant 130 Leagues Well-

ward from Maragnan, and 40 above the Mouths of the Amazons River; and 5. Jago.

The Captainry of Maragnan tyes on the Eaft of the former, and its clief Towns are Junipara and Marignan, or San Luis de et Maranhaon. (as it expressed by the Portugueses) the Metropolis of the Province on which it has imposed its

Name, feated in the Island of Maragnan over against the River Miary. It was erected into an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of S. S.alvador, by Pope Innocent XI. Ang. 30. 1677. This little City was first built by the French in 1612. and was taken by the Hollanders, but it is now fubject to the King of Portugal. Peter Teveira affirms, That the Province of Maragnan depends on that of Para; fo that some only reckon up thirteen Captainries on the Coast of Brasil.

The Captainry of Siara is of a larger Extent, Siara C.

and lyes farther Eastward than those above-mention'd. Its most remarkable Places, are S. Jago; Siara the chief Town, with a Castle built on an Hill, and a capacious Harbour, although its compass is but finall, and the Inhabitants few in number: And El Cabo Corfo, or Cape Cors.

The Eastern Coast of Brasil appears next, comprehending nine Captainries. The fix first extend Rio themselves farthest on the East, and the first of Grande them bears the Name of La Capitania de Rio Grande, i. c. The Captainry of the Great River; the Coasts of which on the North and East, are wash'd by the Northern Ocean. The faid River divides this Province into two Parts, and Natal, or Los Reyes, i. e. The King's-City, stands on the Mouth

The Captainry of Paraiba, the next in Order, Paraiba takes up but a finall space in Compass, and is Capt. water'd by a River of the fame Name, on which the chief Town likewife nam'd Paraiba is feated, scarce 8 Miles from the Ocean. It is well forti-fy'd with the two Cattles of St. Catherine and St. Anthony, and has a large Harbour. However, the Hollanders made themselves Masters of it in the Year 1634, and impos'd on it the Name of Frederick-stadt: But it was afterwards retaken by the Portugueses, who are still in the Possession of it, and often call it Noffa Senora das

The Captainry of Tamaraca is likewise of Tamaraca a small Extent, and over against its Coast ca Capt. Iyes an Island of the same Name, taking up 22 Miles in Compass, in which is a little Town commonly call'd Santa Maria de la Con-

The Province or Captainry of Pernambuco is Pernamlarger and more confiderable than the former, buco C. extending itself for the space of 60 German Miles along the Coaft, and containing eleven Towns and Villages: The chief of thefe, are Pernambuco, or Olinda de Pernambuco, built on an Hill, near the Mouth of the River Bibirida, with S. George's Fort and a large Harbour. The Hollanders took this Town, A. D. 1629, but abandon'd it fome time after, and it was made a Bishop's See in 1676. And Reciffa, or Recif, so termed as it were a Rock, a well frequented Village on the Seacoast, which continu'd for some time in the Posfession of the Hollanders, and was taken by the

Portugueses, A.D. 1654.

The Captainry of Seregippe, otherwise call'd of Seregip-Ciriji, from a River of the faine Name, is of less pe C. Extent than the Province of Pernambuco, and is feparated from it by the River of St. Francis. The capital Town of this Government Seregippe del Rey, is but a fmall Place, and stands on an Hill, at the Mouth of the said River.

The Captainry of All-Saints Bay, in Portu-Allguese A Capitania de Bahia de Todos los Sanctos, is Saints the Bay C.

the most eminent of all the Provinces of this Country, lying between Seregippe, on the North; and Illieo, on the South. The Metropolis of this Government, as also of the whole Country of Brafil vermient, as also of the whole Country of Brajus San Salvador, i.e. S. Saviour, often call'd A Bahia, The Bay, by reason of its advantageous Situation at the entrance of All-Saints Bay, in which are many Islands: It stands on an Hill, and is sortify'd with three Castles, and has a very fine Harbour. It affords a Place of Residence to the King of Portugal's Vice-Roy and to an Archellishop, and the Royal Tribunal, or Court of Indicature is kent therein. This City was taken Judicature is kept therein. This City was taken by the Hollanders, A. D. 1624, but the Portugueses recover'd it the next Year, and its Episcopal See was creeted into a Metropolitan by Pope Innocent XI. in 1676.

Ilheos C. The n'ext Government or Captainry nam'd Dos Ilheis, i. e. Of the Illands, is water'd by the River Paripa, and its chief Town is Ilheos, a Sea-port of a small Compass, on the Mouth of a River of the fame Name, which it has communicated to the

whole Province. It is distant 40 Leagues Southward from All-Saints Bay.

PortoSe- In the Captainry of Porto Seguro, on the guro C. Sea-coast, are the Towns of Santa-Cruz, or Hily-Cross, and Porto Seguro, i. e. A safe Harbour, where Peter Alvarez Cabral first arrived, when he accidentally discovered the Country of when he accidentally discover'd the Country of

Brasil.

Espiritu The Captainry of Espiritu Santo, i. c. Of Santo Cothe Holy Ghost, is water'd by the Rivers Paranto Cothe Holy Ghost, is water'd by the Rivers Paranto Cothe Holy Ghost, and the chief Town of this Province likewise nam'd Espiritu Santo, is scated not far from the Mouth of the

latter; being of a finall Compass, but well fortify'd.

The two remaining Governments of Rin 7a- VIII. neiro and S. Vineent, are extended furthest of all Rio Ja-Westward, and on the Southern Coast of Brass, neiro C. The former takes its Name from the great River Fancies, call'd Ganabara by the Natives, and La Riviere de Genevre by the French, which discharges tielf through a very wide Mouth, into the Sea of Brast. On the Western lide of the fame River, appears S. Sebastian the clust City of this Captainty, dignify'd with the Title of an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of S. Salvador, and having a capacious Harbour with two Forts: Angrados Reyes, another confiderable Seaport Town, is situated farther Westward, on the fame Coast.

The last Government or Division of Brasil, is S. Vinthe Captainry of Sr. Vincent, which lyes under cent C. the Tropick of Capricorn. Its most remarkable Towns, are St. Vincent, the Capital, scated on the Southern Coast, with a large and convenient Harbour; Santos; Hitauchi; S. Paulo and Philippovilla.

Having thus describ'd the Maritim Coasts of Brafil, we should now proceed to give an Account of its inland Part; but it is inhabited only by favage and fierce People, who are not subject to any Government, and whose Names, for the most part, are scarce known to the Europeans: So that no certain Description can be made of the Situation and Bounds of those Countries, the farther Discovery of which must be left to future

CHAP. XI.

PARAGUAY, or RIO DE LA PLATA.

TE are now come to the middle Part of Southern America, that is to fay, Paraguay, and the Country which lyes about the River of the Amazons: The former call'd Paragnay by the Natives, and Rio de la Plata by the Spaniards, derives its Denomination from the River of the fame Name: Its Boundaries on the East, are the Seas of Paraguay and Bra-fil; on the North, the Country about the Ama-zons River; on the West, Peru and Chili; and on the South, Magellanica, with the Sea of Pa-

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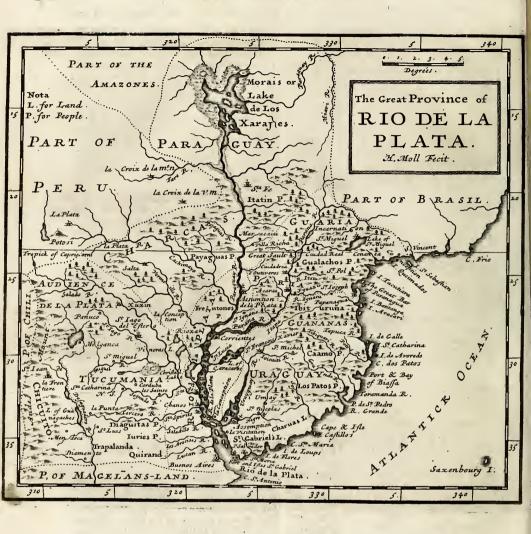
This spacious Country extends itself from the 11th. or 12th. Degree to the 37th Degr. of Southern Latitude, and confequently is divided into two Parts by the Tropick of Capricorn, the lefter of which is included within the Southern Tract of the Torrid Zone, and the greater within the Northern Part of the Southern Temperate Zone. It is also situated between the 310 and the 334 Degr. of Longitude. The Air is faid to be temperate and wholesome, and the Soil very fruitful; yielding abundance of Corn, Fruits, Cotton, and feveral forts of Herbs, among which the Plant Coparubas is more especially remarkable, the Juice

whereof is a Balfam of admirable Virtue; infomuch that the brute Beafts bitten by Serpents, or wounded by Hunting, by inflinct of Nature re-fort to it for Curc: There are fine Meadows and Pastures along the sides of the Rivers, which are very numerous, and the Marshes are full of Sugarcanes. There is also great flore of Cattel, more especially Horses, Cows, and Sheep,, with variety of wild Bearls, as Bears, Tigers; Cerigons, Ge. Lastly, the River Paraguay. otherwise termed by the Spaniards Rio de la Plata. i. e. The Silver-River, affords plenty of that rich Metal; neither is the Land delititute of Mines of Gold, Silver, Iron and Copper.

The Natives are of a tall Stature, almost as big as the *Patagons*, have the same disposition of Mind and Body, and speak the same Language: They are very swift in running, and their chief Arms, are a Bow, Arrows and Sling. Several Companies of these People live together in Huts, so that eighteen or twenty Families sometimes lodge under the area of the same and the same seed which is supported by Trees. der one Roof, which is supported by Trees. Many of them who are not as yet brought into Subjection, are addicted to Idolatry, and do not acknowledge any God; but they stand in

III.

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awe of the Devil, and paint him with great

The greatest part of the Country is subject to the King of Spain, and is divided into feven Provinces, viz. Guyr, Paraguay, Parana, Uraguay, Rio de la Plata, Tucuman and Chaco. Some Geographers refer Tucuman to Peru, or make it a diffinit Province. The four full of these Provinces Hinch Province. The four first of these Provinces are fituated on the hither fide of the River Paragnay; the fifth is divided by it; and the two Tall lye beyond it.

Among the Provinces of this Country that are extended Eaftward on the hither fide of the River Paraguay, the most remote is Guayr, which borders upon Brasil, on the North and East, and is wash'd on the South-East by the Sea of Paraguay: It lyes under the Tropick of Capricorn, and

is water'd by several Rivers, the chief of which bears the Name of Parana. The most remarkable Places of this Province, are or were La Con-cepcion, a Sea-port Town, which nevertheless is plac'd in some Maps, in the neighbouring Captainry of S. Vincent, a Part of Brafil; La Incarradiny of Some Archangles, i. e. The Jegen Archangels; Villa Rica, or Villeriche now ruin'd; Sant Ignacio; Nuestra Senora de Loreto; and Ciudad Real, i. e. The Royal City, otherwise call'd Guayr and Oliveros; feated on the River Parana, near the Frontiers of the Province Parana: It was formerly the Capital Town of Gusyr, built by the Spannards, but it was afterwards raz'd by the Natives of the Country, and still lyes bury'd under its own Ruins.

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Proper guay.

The Province of Paraguay, call'd also Proper Paraguay for diffunction take, extends itself in the middle, between the upper Course of the River Paraguay, the Lake Xarayes, and the Province of Chaco, on the West; and Brass, on the East; Its greatest Extent reaches from North to South, and its most Southern Part lyes under the Tropick of Capricorn. The Inhabitants are faid to be more civiliz'd, docible, and apt to learn the Principles of Religion, as well as Arts and Sciences: So that fome of them have Skill in Husbandry, and the Women know how to make Cotton-cloth. The People of this Country are very numerous, among whom (in beginning to reckon them according to their feveral Territories that lye from South to North) are the Payembos, Bascherepos, Surscuses, Guebecuses, Italias, or Itakins, Guaxarapos, or Guaxarapos, Xacoues, Xagueses, Chanasses, Tapapecoues, Payzanoes and Xarayes, who have imposed their Name on the neighbouring Lake. The most confiderable Places and Towns, are or were Xirez, now demolith'd; Nuestra Senora de la Fé; Maracaju, just under the Tropick; Guaybiano, a little lower, on the River Paraguay; and Villa Rica.

The Province of Parana being of a leffer Extent ParamaP. than the former, borders upon them on the South, and is water'd by the lower Part of the River of the fame Name. The Country is woody and fertile, and there are some Cataracts or Water-falls above 20 Cubits high, in the River, which the Natives are us'd to pass in Boats call'd Zains, made of one entire piece of Timber. The chief Towns of this Province, are La Natividad de Nuestra Senora, i. c. Our Lady's Nativity; otherwife call'd Acaras; Santa Maria de Yguazu, La Incarnacion, or Itapoa, lower on the Parana, and

Sant Ignacio.

VII. On the South of Parana, beyond the River ap-Uraguay pears the fourth and last Province that lyes on the hither side of Paraguay River, and is known by the Name of Uraguay, or Urvaig: It is of a great deal larger Compais than Parana, and is walh'd by the Sea from the Mouth of the River Paraguay, to the Coast of Guayr. This Country is fruitful, and water'd by many Rivers, the chief of which is Uraguay, or Urvaig, so termed as it were the Snail River, from the abundance of Snails that are bred in those Parts. It contains feveral Provinces, or particular Territories, as Tape, Jarez, Charmas, Ibicair, Caapi, Ibituma, Caribes, Tierra dos Patos, &c. with the following noted Towns, viz. rates, e.c. with the following noted 1 owns, viz. Saita Anna; S. Joseph; S. Nicholas, on the River Pirain; S. Xavier, on the Uraguay; La Concepción, lower on the fame River; S. Salvador, on the Mouth of the Paraguay; La Vistación, or Yapaya, fomewhat higher; and La Parisseación, or Vision.

The next Province is that of Rio de la Plata, Rio de lathrough which the lower Course of Paraguay Ri-Plata P. ver, otherwise call'd Rio de la Plata, is convey'd and divides it into two Parts. It extends itself and Magellanica, on the South. So that it is one of the Principal Provinces of this spacious Country, and its most eminent People are the Moroco-tes, Penbues, Mequareta's, Mepenes, Frentones, Ai-gaises, Amaguais, &cc. The capital City of these

Parts is La Assumcion, scated on the Fastern side of Paragnay River, near the Confines of Proper Paragnay. It is the Seat of the chief Governour of the whole Country, under the Vice-Roy of Pern, as also of a Prelate, who is Sustragan to the Arch-Bilhop of La Plaza, and of the Royal Court of Judicature. It is distant 80 Leagues Westward from the Town of Gapr, and 200 Eastward from S. Graz de la Sierra: The other Places of Repute are Las Seite Corientes, i. c. The feven Currents, a considerable Town, on the Confluence of the Rivers Paranaea and Parana: Sund fluence of the Rivers Paraguay and Parana; Sunta Fi, lower on the opposite side of the Paraguay; as also S. Espiritu, or Torre de Gabolo, and Buenos Ayres, otherwise call'd Ciulad de la Trinidad, or La Santa Trini ad de Buenos Ayres, and Bunaire by the French, a noted Mart Town which M. Bandrand takes for the Metropolis of the whole Country, built at the Mouth of the great River Paraguay. It is dignify'd with a Bishop's Sec and a Sovereign Court of Judicature, and has the advantage of a very convenient Harbour.

It only remains to account for the two last Provinces, which are fittuated beyond the River Tucu Paraguay, on the West. The most Southern of man P.

these, and more remote from the River (although some will have it extended even to its side) is Tucuman, which lyes in the middle, between the Province of Rio de la Plata, on the East, and the Mountainous Tracts of Chili and Peru; on the West. It is a very Champain Country, abounding with Cotton, and verdant Pastures for Sheep. The Natives are faid to be docible and averse to War, and their Riches confist in Cattel. Southern Part is inhabited by certain People named Quirandies, who live in Tents and wander up and down like the Scythians, being always well arm'd against the Spaniards; besides the Territories of the Juries and Diagnitus and the Countries. try of Trapalanda: Fatther on the West and North are the Carcarges and Tonocurers. The noted Places of this Province, are Cordoba; S. Jago del Estro, formerly call'd Varco, on the River Estro, i. e. The Mas-River; which some take for the capital Town; S. Miguel de Tucumen, otherwise termed S. Miguel del Estero by the Inhabitants, the Metropolis (according to M. Baudrand) of the whole Province, remarkable for its Situation on the foot of the Mountains, and its Episcopal See; Las Juntas, of Madrid; Xueni, or S. Salvador; and Villa Lerma, or Salta.

The other Province beyond the Paragnay is Chaco, fituated between that River, on the East; the Chaco F. Lake Dos Xarayes and Proper Paragnay, on the North; and the Kingdom of Pers, on the West. Its farthest Extent lyes between Amazonhi, on the North; and the Confines of Tucknim and Rio de la Plata, on the South. It does not contain any confiderable Places within its Jurisdiction; nevertheless the Town of La Concepcion Antiqua, which is now fallen to Ruin, is placed in fome Maps in its Southern Tract, next to the Province of Rio de la Placa. This Country is inhabited by a great number of different People; viz. the Chimenei, Chanes, Orechons, Guaicuroes, Taperues, Chumurates, Chiquitos, Tebares, Moconios, Payaguas, Zipatalaguars, Gorgotocques, Varais, and others, whose Names are scarce known.

CHAP. XII.

The Country about the River of the AMAZONS, or AMA-ZONIA.

I. The Country Lying about the River of the Amazons mazons mazons; which is bounded on the South, by Paraguay; on the East, by Brasil, and the Mouths of the said River; on the North, by Terra Firma; and on the West, by Peru. It extends itself from the 308 to the 328 Degree of Longitude, and from the first Degree of Northern Latitude to the 15 or 16 Degree of Southern

Latitude.

The Heat of the Air (notwithstanding the Situation of the whole Country under the Torrid Zone) is extremely moderated, not only by the length of the Nights, but also by the frequent blowing of the East Wind, the yearly overflowing of the Amazons River, the great number of Woods, and other Accidents of the like nature. The Country is said to abound with Meadows, along the fides of the Rivers, which are very numerous, Apple-trees, Brafil-Wood, and Ebony; befides much variety of Grain, Herbs, Flowers, Honey, Cotton, Tobacco, and Sugar-canes: There are also several Mines of Gold and Silver, and good store of Fish, some think the Soil to be of the same Nature with that of Brasil; because it produces the same kinds of Fruits and Animals, besides these slave transfronted thither out of besides those that are transported thither out of

The natural Disposition and Manners of the Natives are much like those of the Brafilians; for they are faid to be cruel Maneaters, altogether favage, fierce, robust, and of a strong Constitution. As they shew no Pity or Compassion, so neither have they any Shame, but go all naked both Men and Women, painting their Bodies with divers Co-lours. Their Faces are likewise chequer'd with feveral forts of Stones, which were fet in their Skin, in their Childhood: They usually sleep in Cotton-sheets or Blankets hang'd up in the Air, between two Trees, to avoid the Hurt they might otherwise receive by Wild Beafs and noxious Animals; which Custom is generally observed in most Parts of America, where the Air is either hot, or temperate.

It is reported that these People have no Kings, Laws, or political Governments; but every one is at liberty to follow the Dictates of his own Will and Capricious Humour: Neither have they any Notion of a God, or Religion; fo that many of them have only the Shape of a Man, without any other marks of Humanity.

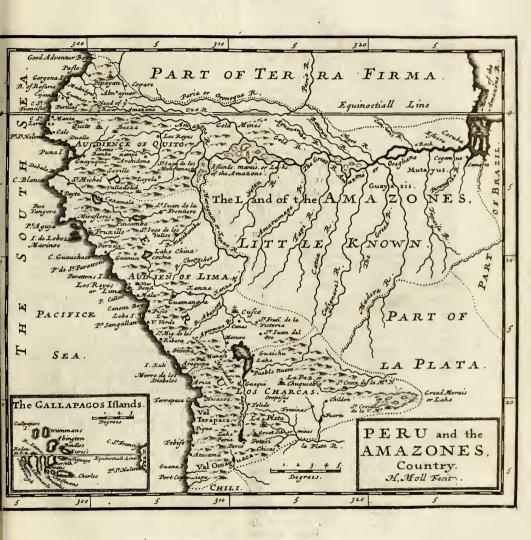
The Country is divided by the Amazons River into its Southern and Northern Parts, the former of which is of a great deal larger Extent than the other, and lyes out much farther beyond the faid River. The Southern Part, on the hither fide of the Amazons River, contains many different forts of People and feveral Provinces, of which the Europeans have but little Knowledge. The principal Provinces are Cayana, Mataya, Tapay-Ja, and Paranayba, fituated in the Eaftern Tract of this Part and towards Braft. The most eminent People are the Pacaches, Uru-bingues, Sabucares, Cayanes, Surines, Oraguna-gues, Curianes, Cusignares, Torimanes, Pacua-nes, Corostrares, Tacuries, Cacygares, and several others.

The Northern Part of the Country about IV. the Amazons River or beyond it, affords the like variety of People and Provinces, of which there are no Accounts as yet extant, that the former. The chief Provinces best known to us, are Aparia bordering upon the Kingdom of Pern; Caribana, a great deal farther Eastward; Apanta and Coropa, lying in the middle, between the Lake of Parimé and the Amazant River. Among the People we meet Amazons River. Among the People, we meet with the Homagnas, Agayapes, Aguares, Comanares, Guayaribes, Torunes, Tecunes, Cunes, &cc. Besides the Toupinamboun, a famous People, who inhabit a great Island made by the Amazons River, on the South of the Lake of Pariné. To conclude, Time will no doubt, make a more accurate Discovery of the several Parts of this Country, as well as of many others that belong to the vast Continent of America, of which we have as yet little more than the bare Names. Amazons River. Among the People, we meet

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CHAP. XIII.

The Kingdom of PERU.



E proceed now to the Western Part of Southern America, where the Countries of Peru and Chili, present themselves to our View. The Kingdom of Peru, in Latin Peruvia, or Perua, in French Le Peron, and in Spanish El Peru, is said to have been erroneously so nam'd by the Spaniards, who, when they ask'd one of the Natives by what Name his Countrey-men were call'd, and he made answer; that his own Part 2

was Bern; the Spaniards miftook it for the Name of the Country. Others fay the Native reply'd, that the Country was call'd Pelu, and was water'd by the River Velu, from whence the Spanish Term Peru was deriv'd, only by variation of one Letter; but that its ancient Name was Tavantinsing. Let the Case be how it will, 'tis evident, that no Argument can be insert'd from the likeness of the Terms Peru and Ophir, by

the transposition of Letters, to prove, that Perus the same with King Solomon's Ophir, as some

vainly imagine. This molt famous Kingdom, from which the whole Continent of Southern America is fornetimes call'd Peruviana, is bounded on the North, by Proper Tera Firma, with the Southern and Eastern maritim Parts of Popayan, which are included within the Bounds of Terra Firma taken at large; on the East, by the Country about the Amazons River and Paraguay; on the South likewife, by Paraguay and Chili; and on the West, by the Peruvian Sea, part of the Pacifick Ocean. It is stuated between the 298 and 316 Degr. of Longitude; as also between the 4 Degree of Northern Latitude, and the 26 Degr. of Southern Latitude: It extends itself further from North to South, and is narrowest in its Northern and Southern Tract; the former lying under the Equinoctial Line, and the other under the Tropick of Capricorn. Its utmost Length (according to M. Bandrand and others) from North to South, on the Coast of the Pacifick Ocean takes up 600 Leagues, and its Breadth about 90 from East to West, or from the Mountains to the Sea-shore; although in some Places it is formewhat wider, and in others nar-rower. The Country was first discover'd and subdu'd in the Year 1525 by Francis Pizarro, who being affilted by Diego Almagro, made himfelf absolute Maller of it, taking advantage of the Discord be-tween two Brothers that contended for the Crown. The infatiable Defire these Spanish Generals had for Gold, hurry'd them on to commit most horrible Outrages and Massacrs upon the poor Indians, under pretence of Religion, and to put their King nam'd Athabaliba to a cruel Death; till at last the Divine Vengeance overtaking them, they were brought to condign Punishment: For when they could no longer agree about the dividing of the Spoil, Ferdinand the Brother of Pizarro took an opportunity to affassinate Almagro; whereupon one of Almagro's Sons treated Francis Pizarro after the same manner: Then Gonzale the third Brother of the latter reveng'd his Death, and behav'd himfelf so insolently in the Country, that the Emperour Charles V. was oblig'd to fend Peter Gasca a Lawyer to regulate Matters, A.D. 1546. III.

The Air of Pern is very different, according to the diversity of the Climates; for in some Places it is excessive hot, in others cold, in others extremely kind and temperate, and elsewhere foggy and unwholsome: In some Places the Weather is continually rainy, in others the Rain falls now and then, and in others it never Rains. The inland Country is best with Mountains, among which the Ander are the highest, and their Tops are always cover'd with Snow. There are also very low Valleys, and spacious Plains, where the Rain seldom or never falls. The Sea-coasts are level, sandy, still of Desarts, barren, hot and dry, by reason that the parched Ground is not refresh d with Showers of Rain, neither is it water'd by any Springs, Rivers or Lakes. However the Valleys are well inhabited and made wonderfully fertile by means of the moderate temperature of the Air, and the great number of Rivulets that run down from the Mountains: So that they abcund every where with green Fields, Meadows full of Grass, and rich Pastures, plentifully bringing forth many forts of Trees, Fruit, Grain,

Herbs and Pulse, particularly Corn, Mayz, Sugar-canes, Cotton, and excellent Grapes. Moreover, the Soil is not only fruitful of fuch things as are peculiar to the Climate, but also yields great increase of those that are sown, or planted by the Spaniards. Among the Herbs some have admirable Virtues, more especially a certain Plant commonly call'd Coca by the Natives, the Leaf of which being put into the Mouth, nourishes and allays Hunger and Thirst; and the Coparubas Plant, a Sovereign Medicine for all Wounds, and a fingular Antidote against Poison. The Pastures afford Fodder for numerous Herds of Cattel, more especially Sheep as big a Horses, which are frequently us d for drawing and Carriage; being able to carry a Man, with a confiderable Load on their Back for feveral Miles: The Wool of their Fleeces surpasses that of our Sheep in thickness, fineness and in length, and their Flesh is very grateful to the Palate. There are also divers forts of wild Beasts, as Hairs, Foxes, and Cerigons that have under their Belly a Skin like a Sack wherein they carry their young ones till they are able to travel, with fome few Lions, Tigers, and Bears in the mountainous Tracts; befides great variety of Birds both wild and tame, as Oftridges, Parrots, Pigeons, Turtles, &c. Some of the Rivers and Lakes have Salt at the bottom, though the Water of them be fresh, and there are several Springs of hot Water. Earthquakes are very frequent and dangerous in those Parts, and there happen'd so violent an one in the Year 1633, that the Town of Truxillo was quite fival-

But the Excellency of this Country is not in any respect so transcendent, as in the number and quality of its Gold and Silver-Mines, which are the finest of all that ever were found throughout the whole Universe: So that it may be justly efteem'd the richest Treasury upon Earth, and the best Jewel in the Crown of Spain. And even so wealthy is this Country, that when Pizarro first arrived, the Kitchin-vessels us'd by the Natives were all of pure Gold, and their Houses cotives were all of pure Gold, and their Houses cover'd with Plates of that Metal: The Spaniards for want of Iron, were oblig'd to shoe their Hor-fes with Gold and Silver. Neither will this account feem incredible if it be confider'd, That one fingle Mine at Potof has yielded to the King of Spain, in less than fifty Years, for his fifth Part above three Millions Weight, at three Royals and a Quarter, each Weight; as it is related by Linghoten, Herrera, Acofta, Gareilasso, Bartholomew de las Casas, and other Authors. It is also reported, That the ancient Peruvians made a Rope of mallive Gold, and call'd it The Rope of Pleasure, of so prodigious a thickness and length, that fix hundred lufty Men were not able to lift it up from the Ground, which they afterwards cast into a Lake, lest the Spaniards should get the Possession of it. Their Temple in Honour of the Sun was not only adorn'd with a vall deal of Gold, but had also in it a huge Statue and a Table made entirely of the same Metal; feveral other Temples dedicated to the Moon, Stars, Thunder, Lightning, Rain-bow, Oc. were beautify'd in like manner and fill'd with Golden Statues: Nay they are faid to have had all forts of Animals and Plants form'd in Gold, according to the full fize, proportion and shape of

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every one of them, with infinite quantities of pre-cious Stones. Attabaliba the last King of Peru (fo he is commonly call'd, and Atahualpa by others) was carryed in a Golden Chair upon the Shoulders of his Guards; but when this unfortu-nate Prince was taken by the Spaniards and loaded with Chains, he offer'd Pizarro their chief Commander for his Ranform, an heap of Gold fusficient to fill the outer Court or Hall of the Royal Palace, at Cajamalca (which was 22 Foot long and 17 broad) to fuch an height, that Pizarro standing on the Pavement might only reach to the top of it with the tip of his Finger: Otherwise if the General thought fit to have the Ransom paid in Silver, he promised such a quantity of that Metal as might serve twice to fill up the whole space of the said Hall. To conclude, both the Peruvians and Spaniards formerly were tis'd to boaff, not without good Grounds, That the Foundation of this Kingdom confifted of Gold and Silver. Neither is there any want of these rich Metals even at this day, as it appears from the Fleet fo richly laden with Bullion that fails every Year from thence to Spain. The Mines likewise afford great store of Quick-Silver, red Lead, Sandarack, and such kinds of Earth of different Colours, that are much us'd in the dying of Clothes; befides Genis, Bezoar-Stones, Salfapa-rilla, and other forts of Minerals. The Natives of Pern, who are of a fairer Com-

plexion than the Spaniards, wear long Hair; with woollen Shirts and Wastcoats: The Women have a long seeveles Garment, which is girt about with several Folds below the Navel. These People are generally simple and inconstant, having little regard to their Words; but the Mountaineers are more subtil, and well vers'd in the Art of Diffimulation, and implacable Enemies to the Spaniards; nay, the Clinftians there are look'd upon by those that are not yet converted, as Monsfers for Malice and Barbarity, by reason of the outragious Cruelties that were exercis'd by them: Infomuch, that the Manatians and other People who live on the Mountains, make no feruple to kill as many of them as they can meet. The Peruvians before the Government of the Treas, or Ingas had a great number of Gods, both natural and artificial, whose Worship was often perform'd with Humane Sacrifices: when that Family reign'd, they ador'd the Supreme and Invisible God, Creatour of the Universe; and the Sun, by reason of the innumerable Benefits which that great Luminary confers on Mankind; to whom likewise they offer'd Sacrifices, but only brute Beafts and Herbs: They also render'd Divine Honours to the Moon, in Quality of the Sun's Sister, and to Thunder and Lightning, as the Managers of his Juffice. It is faid that their political Government had some refemblance to that of the ancient Greeks and Rotemblance to that of the ancient Greeks and Romans, that it was very eafy and advantagious to all the Members of the Commonwealth: And indeed, many excellent Laws were then enacted, and amongly others, That no Person should do that to another which they would not have done to themselves. Strict Prohibitions were fet forth against Adultery, the Marriage of Children without their Parents Consent, Robbery and Rapine, and an extraordinary Provision was made for the Poor.

Neither was the Industry and Magnificence of these People less remarkable; for they made two great Roads, viz. one through the Plains, and another through the Mountains, each five hundred Leagues in Length, and built Houses upon them at convenient Distances, for the Lodging and Entertainment of Strangers, that they might travel quite through them without Charge. And fo Polite, Virtuous and Inscrious were these People, that Sir William Temple thinks fit to rank Peru among the Nations that might vie with Greece and Rome for Heroick Virtue. Thus the Kingdom of *Peru* was govern'd above three hundred Years before the Arrival of the Spaniards, by the Royal Progeny of the *Puca*'s, which Francis Pizarro and Diego Almagro, the abovemention'd Generals for the Emperor Charles V, almost extinguish'd in Favour of the Crown of Spain. The thirteenth and last of those Princes was Attabaliba, who being taken in Battel, in which 5000 of his Subjects were kildied (notwithstanding his Profter of so wast a quantity of Gold and Silver for his Ransom, and the Promise Pizarro had actually made to spare his Life) was cruelly strangled by the Order of the fame General, May 3. 1531. Neither did the Spaniards flew more Compassion to his distressed Subjects: For it is affirm'd by Some Authors, That they destroy'd above 15 Millions of these poor innocent People in less than fifty Years, and that the Blood of those who perish'd in the Mines, where they continually labour'd, outweighed all the Gold and Silver taken out of them: By fuch means they made themselves Masters of this ancient Kingdom, and still retain it in their Poffession.

The whole Country of Pers is usually divided into three Governments, viz. those of Qui-to, Los Reyes and Charcas, the first of which lyes on the North, the second in the middle of the Kingdom, and the third on the South.

The Government of Quito, in Spanish La VI. Governacion, or La Audiencia de Quito, is situated Quito between Terra Firma, on the North; the Govern-Gov. ment of Los Reyes, or Audience of Lima, on the South; and the Peruvian Sea on the West; extending both Northward and Southward of the Equinoctial Line: It contains four principal Parts, viz. the Southern and middle Tract of the Government of Popayan, the other Tract having been already accounted for in the Description of Terra Firma; Proper Quito; the Pro-

wince Los Quixos and that of Pacamores.

The Southern and middle Tract of the Go-Southern vernment of Popayan is the most Northern Pro-Part of vince of the Government of Quito; lying in the Popayan. middle, between Terra Firma strictly taken, on the North; Proper Quivo, with Los Quivos, on the South; and the Sea, on the Welt. The chief Places and Towns of this Province are Cdi built on the foot of the Mountains, in a Plain, near the Western side of the River Cauca, or S. Martha; Popayan, the Metropolis of a Government of the fame Name, dignify'd with a Bishop's See, and fituated higher on S. Martha's River, at the distance of 140 Miles Eastward from the Coast of the Pacifick Sea, and 22 Leagues South, ward from Cali; Guadalajara, or Guadelajara de E e 2

Quito.

Buga; Travillo; Timana; Almaguer, near the Spring-head of S. Martha's River; Madrigal;

Pasto and Agreda. Proper

On the South of Popayan, appears the Province of Quito strictly taken, which is bounded on the East, by Los Quixos and Pacamores; and on the Welt, by the Pacifick Ocean. Its most remarkable Towns on or near the Sea-coasts, are Puerto Viejo, i. e. The Old Port, Guayaquil; and S. Miguel. In the inland Country are Taen; Zamora; Loxa; Cuenca; Rio Bamba; and Quito, or S. Francisco del Quito, seated in a Valley between the Mountains, at a little distance Southward from the Equinocala Line; as also 50 Spanish Leagues from Pasto; 250 Northward from Li-Leagues from Palo; 250 Northward from Lima; 60 Eaftward from the Sea-shore, and only eight (as Peter Texiera assures us) from the Source of the great River of the Amazon: It was heretofore one of the most eminent Cities of the Kingdom of the Treas, and is still the Capital of the Province and of the whole Government of Quito. It is also the Seat of a Prelate, who is Suffragan to the Arch-Bishop of Lima; of an high Court of Judicature, commonly call'd La Audiencia Real, and of an University founded A. D. 1586. Near this City (as we are inform'd by Girava a Spanish Author) were certain Mines which a Spanish Author) were certain Mines which yielded a greater quantity of Gold than of Earth,

Los The Province of Los Quixos, otherwise call'd Quixos Canela, is of a great deal less Extent than Quito, and borders upon it, on the East: It is watered on the North and East, by the upper Part of the Amazons River, and comprehends the following considerable Places, viz. Ancte, noted for its Situation upon the same River, very near the Equator; Baeza the capital .Town of the Province, Avila; Archidona;

and Sevilla del Oro.

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The last Part of the Government of Quimore P. to, is the Province of Pacamores, having that of Los Quixos for its Boundary, on the North; and the Amazons River, partly on the East; which receives the Curary and Margnon, two other Rivers of this Province: Its principal Towns are Valladolid, or S. Juan de Salinas the Metropolis with an Engleonal See Landa. the Metropolis, with an Episcopal See; Loyola; and S. Jago de las Montanas.

VII. From the Territories of Quito, we pass to those Los Rey- of La Governacion à Audiencia de los Reyes, i. e. es Gov. The Government of the Kings (otherwise nam'd the Audience of Lima) the most eminent of all; being bounded on the North, by the Government of Quito; on the South by that of Charcas; and on the West, by the Peruvian Sea. It comprehends within its Bounds Proper Peru, a very spacious Country, through which the Mountains Andes of a great Height, extend themselves from North to South. The most noted Places of this Government, on the East, are S. Juan de la Frontera, or Chacapoyas; S. Jago de los Valles; and Cusco formerly the Metropolis of the whole Kingdom of Peru, and the most opulent Seat of the Monarchs call'd Ticas, or Ingas, where the Spaniards found many Houses cover'd with Golden Plates (as it has been already hinted) both on the inside and outside, and Francis Pizarro their General took away a prodigious quantity of Gold and Sil-

ver. The ancient Kings kept their Court in a ftrong Castle, which was built on Mount SachJahuama, but is now quite demolish'd. However, this City chioss the Title of an Epif-copal See, under the Metropolitan of Lima, and stands near the Hills between the Rivers Ancay and Aparina, about 120 Spanish Leagues Eastward from Lima. It is divided into the upper Town, commonly call'd Hanan-Cusco and the lower nam'd Huran Cufeo; but it it now much fallen to decay," and suffer'd a great deal of Damage some sew Years ago by an Earthquake: The next Towns are S. Francisco de la Vittoria: S. Juan del Oro; and Horuro, on the Northern fide of the Lake Titicara.

In passing farther Westward we meet with Guamanga a Bishop's See; Oropesa; Guanuco seated near the Lake Chincacocha, and otherwise named Leon de Guanuco, or Guanuco de los Cavalleros; Guamachuco; Caxamalca; Miraflores; Truxillo, a large and neat City built in a fertile and well water'd Country, and dignify'd with an Episcopal See; about two Leagnes di-ftant from the Sea-coast, where it has a ca-pacious Harbour; Santo; Guaura; Arnedo; and Lima, or Los Reyes, i. e. The City of the Kings, so nam'd by its Founder Francis Pizarro, because the Inhabitants began to fettle themselves there on the Festival of Epiphany, or Twelsth-day, It is the Metropolis not only of the Government of Los Reyes but also of the whole Continent of Southern America, and was built A. D. 1535, in the sruitful Valley of Lima, call'd Rimae by the Natives, on a River of the same Name; where the Air is very temperate, and the adjacent Country, no less for perate, and the adjacent Country no less fer-tile. The City is very magnificent, although it has no Walls and the Houses built of Timber. It is adorn'd with a great number of fine Buildings and Churches, among which the Cathedral dedicated to St. John is more especially remarkable. It is also the Seat of the Vice-Roy, of an Arch-Bishop, and of an University founded A. D. 1614; besides the Royal Court of Judicature, and that of the Inquisition. It is a potable Matt. being the Inquisition: It is a notable Mart, being the Port whence the Silver that comes from the Mines of Potosi is shipped off, to be carried to Panama thence over Land to Portobelo, from which it is again shipped off for Spain; but no other Nations than Spaniards are permitted to traffick there, or indeed in any Town all along this Coast; nay, they will not per-mit any other Nation to set foot there; and make it their utmost Care to destroy any other Shipping that come into the South-Sea. For the Wealth of the Plate-Mines is Temptation enough to the Spaniards to take Care of them, and to the Buccaneirs fornetimes to pillage them. This City is only distant one League Eastward from the Coast of the Pacifick Sea; two Eastward from its Harbour commonly calld El Callao de Lima; 120 from Cusco formerly the capital Town of Peru, on the North-West; and as many Northward from Areguipa. The other Places of Note are Val Verde; S. Auguel de la Ribera; and Areguipa, a little Town on the River Quicker arected into un Enisconal Sea, under the lea, erected into an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Lima. The

La Sier-

Chili.

The third and last Government of Peru is

case Gov. Audiencia de los Charcas, in Spanish La Governación; à cas Gov. Audiencia de los Charcas, à de la Plata; which borders on the North, upon the Government of Lima; on the East, upon Paraguay; on the South, upon the fame Country, and the Kingdom of Chili; and on the West, upon the Southern or Pacifick Sea. This Government extends further of all Eaftward, and Part of it lyes under the Tropick of Capricorn: It may conveniently be divided into the Province of Los. (hareas and the Mountainous Tract; to which some add Tucuman; but an Account of this Country has been already given in the Description of Paraguay.

The Mountainous Tract, or La Sierra, being of a less Extent, is fituated on the East, in the inland Country, and its Eastern Part contains Lagunia Grande, or the Great Lake. The Towns of this Tract are Santa Cruz la Nueva, and S. Cruz de la Sierra, on the foot of a Hill, near the Confines of Paraguay, having the Advantage of an Episcopal See, under the Metropolitan of La Plata; although fome fay, it is quite ruin'd, and its Bishop usually resides in the Town of

Miljue.
The Province of Los Charcas lyes between the Los Charcus Prov. mountainous Tract and the Peruvian Sea, and comprehends the following remarkable Places, viz. La Paz, Laxa; Oropeja La Plata, a large, rich and populous City, more especially famous for the neighbouring Silver-Mines, from which it Caltle; Pica; and Tobifo.

derives its Denomination. It was lately built by the Spaniards, in the Valley or Territory of Chaquifaca, near the River Ficologie, and dignify'd with an Episcopal See; which was arterwards erected into a Metropolitan by Pope Paul V. So that it is now the capital City of the whole Government of Los Charcas, to which it sometimes communicates its Name, and affords a Place of Residence to a Prelate, who has four Suffragan Bilhops under his Jurisdiction, and is often styl'd The Arch-Bishop of Lar Charcas. This City is distant 165 Spanish Leagues on the South-East from Cosco, 13 Eastward from Potofi; and about 110 from the Sea-coast: Potofi, a spacious, neat City, famous for the rich Silver-Mines, well frequented, and flourithing daily more and more, although it is built in a dry Territory, at the foot of a Mountain, call'd by the Spaniards El Cerro, de Potofi; the Silver-Mines of which excell all the others of Pern, and were discover'd A. D. 1544. It it reported that twenty thousand Men are employ'd there in digging the Ground, and that they are oblig'd to descend into the Pit at least 400 Steps; but these Mines are not now so considerable as at first, when they afforded that vaft Revenue to the King of Spain, which has been already mention'd in the third Section of this Chapter. The other Towns near the Sea are Arica, the Inhabitants of which are few in number, although it has a capacious and fafe Harbour, with a strong

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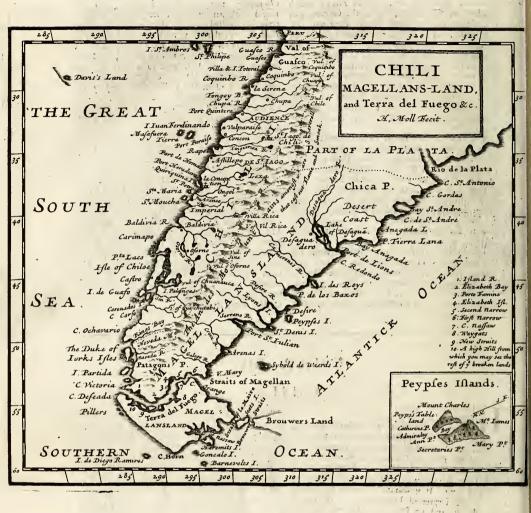
CHILI.

HE Western Part of Southern America, besides Peru, contains also the Country of Chili, or El Cile, as it is termed by the Spaniards, who first discover'd, it A. D. 1535. It is bounded on the North, by the Kingdom of Peru; on the East, by Tucuman, a Province of Paraguay and Terra Magellanica; on the South, and the Arma Magellanica; on the South, and the Arma Magellanica; and the West hy by the fame Magellanica; and on the West, by the Sea of Chili. It is situated between the 296 and the 308 Degree of Longitude; as also between the 26 and 50 Degree of Southern Latitude. The Extent of this Country is narrowest in its Northern and Southern Parts; and the Andes, a very high continued Ridge of Mountains, which the Spaniards call La Corditlera de los Andes, and La Sierra Nevada, run through its whole Eastern Tract from North to

The Air of Chili is healthful, and hotteft in the maritim Paris; the Temperature of the Climate in the Summer-Season being almost the same with that of Spain, but colder in Winter; when most part of the Rivers freeze in the Night, but thaw in the Day, and continue their usual Course: In the mountainous Tracts, the Winter is faid to be so severe, That Men and Beafts are often flarv'd to Death, and Hor-

fes with their Riders are quite froze up as hard as a Stone: Infomuch that us no wonder the Natives call their Country Chili, i. e. Cold, in their Mother-Tongue; However it abounds with Pastures, and numerous Herds of Cattel, more especially Weather-Sheep, which are almost as big as Camels, and are used to carry Burthens. It likewise brings forth variety of Fruit, with plentiful Crops of Corn and Maz, which bears an Ear 15 or 18 Inches long, upon a Stalk feven or eight Foot high; besides those Fruits that are transplanted out of Spain, and thrive as well as in their natural Soil. There is also abundance of Ostriches, and the Mines assorber of the purest Gold and Silver, with Copper, Lead, Quick-Silver, and divers kinds of Minerals; but Earth-quakes sometimes happen in several Places of this Kingdom, and there is a great purpose. there is a great number of Volcanos or burning Mountains.

The Natives are of a huge Bulk and firing Constitution, their Limbs being compact and well fet. They are hardy, bold, cruel, ambitious, impatient, inur'd to Labour, Fatigues and War, and are reckon'd valiant, especially the Ares-cans, whom the Spaniards have not been yet able to subdue: They are also very swirt in



running, admirable Hunters, and most skilful Archers: They are usually cloth'd with the Skins of wild Bealts, and Sea Wolves, and many of them are addicted to Idolatry; worthipping the Devil, whom they invoke by the Name of Eponamon, i. e. The Powerful, that he may do them no Michief. The greatest Part of Chili is subject to the Vice-Roy of Peru, but under the immediate Jurisdiction of a particular Spanish Governour. Another Part is still possess by the Natives, who have couragiously defended them-Ratives, who have contagonally actuated than felives against the Attacks of the Spaniards, above an Age and a half, and have often defeated them, with a great Slaughter.

The whole Country is divided into three Go-

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vernments, viz. Proper Chili, Chucuito and The Imperial; every one of which is subdivided into several Territories, that take their Names from the chief Towns.

The Government of Chili, or Cile properly to v. call'd, is maritim and the most Northern of all; proper lying between the Kingdom of Perw, on the Chili. North; and the Imperial Government on the South: Its particular Territories are three in number, viz. Serena, Quillata and S. Fago de Cile: Serena The first and most Northern of these Provinces con-Territory: tains the following noted Places, viz. Port Copiapo, Guafeo and Coquimbo, otherwise nam'd La Serena, the capital Town; all seated not far from the Mouth of the River Coquimbo.

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The Territory of Quillata is fituated in the middle, and its principal Places are Chuapa; Longotoma; Ligua; near the Rivers that bear the fame Denominations; and Quillata the chief Town of the Province.

Town of the Province.

S. Jago de Cile is the most decileT. Southern, and its most remarkable Places are Poangue; Rapel, on a River of the same Name; Melipilla, or Melitilla; and S. Jago de Chili, the Metropolis not only of this Territory, but also of the Government, and even of the whole Country of Chili; where the Supreme Court of Judicature is idually kept; It is a large and populous City built by the Spaniards, on the River Maipo, at the foot of the Ander, and dignify'd with an Epifcopal See, under the Metropolitan of Lima: It is diffant 25 Leagues Eastward from the Coast of the Pacifick Sea.

The second Government of Chili is Chucuito, Chucui- otherwise call'd Coyo, being the most Eastern, to Gov. and of the least Extent: It is also remarkable for its Situation in the inland Country, and is separated from Proper Chili and the Imperial Government by the continued Ridge of the Andes Mountains: It contains feveral Lakes in the Northern-Part, on the Confines of Tucuman, a Province of Paraguay, and its diffinct Territories s. Juan are only two, viz. S. Juan de la Frontera and dela Mendoca. The former lyes on the North, and its Fronterachief Town likewise named S. Juan, Sec. stands
T. at the foot of the Andes, on the West of the
Mendo-Lake Guanagache. The Territory of Mendoca Mendoborders upon the other, on the South; in which are Mendoca the capital Town; Uto; and Dia-

The third and last Government of Chili being The Im- the most Southern, is The Imperial, in Spanish perial G. La Governacion del Imperial; which has for its Boundaries on the North, Proper Chili; on the East, the Andes Mountains; and on the West, the Sea of Chili. It comprehends eight particular Territories or Provinces, the Names of which are Villa Ricca, Angol, Chillan, La Concepcion, La Imperial, Baldivia, Oforno, and Chilue: The three first of these Tracts lye in the inland Country, near the Andes, and the rest on the Sca-

The Territory of Villa Ricca is the most South-VillaRicern of the inland ones; and its chief Town call'd Villa Ricca stands on the foot of the Anca T. des; although it is of a finall Compass and not

well inhabited.

The little Province or Territory of Angol is Angol T. Chillan situated between the Imperial and that of Chillan, and its chief Town is likewise nam'd Angol. The Territory of Chillan, borders upon the former on the North, and its capital Town bears the same Name.

The most Northern of the maritim Tracts is La Concepcion that of La Concepcion; the principal Towns of the that are Itata, on a River of the fame Name; and La Concepcion, one of the most eminent Ci-

ties of the whole Country, with a capacious Harbour, on the innermost Part of the Bay. It is noted for the See of a Prelate, Suffragan to the Arch-Bishop of La Plata, and is well fortify'd; although it has been feveral times florin'd by the Arancans and other Savage People of

The Imperial Province or Territory is of a Imperilarger Compass than that of La Concepcion, ex-al T. tending itself from the Ocean to the Anter Mountains and the Frontiers of Magellanica: Its most considerable Places are Coleura; Aranco, a strong Fort belonging to the Spaniards, not far from the Mouth of the River Lebo, with a well cultivated Valley of the fame Name, inhabited by the Araneans, who often maintain their Li-berty against the former with a great deal of Valour and prosperous Success; as well as the People who five in the Mountains and Valleys of Tucapel and Puren, which are likewise Parts of the Imperial Territory: And El Imperial a little Town, yet reckon'd the Metropolis of this Pro-vince, and of the whole Government: It is feated on a River of the same Name, and was lately repair'd by the Spaniards, after the great Damage it received from the Araucans.

The Territory of Baldivia borders upon the Im-Ealdivia perial on the South, and its capital Town bears T. the fame Name; which is feated on the Mouth of the River Chabin, and has the advantage of a very capacious Harbour; at the distance of 200 Miles Southward from the City of La Concepcion, and 75 from that of El Imperial. This Town has been often ruin'd by the Arancans, but is now rebuilt and stands near a Lake to which it has communicated its Name. Near the Southern Coast of this Province is the Town and Harbour of S. Cebrian, or Sr. Cyprian.

The Province of Oforno lyes in the middle, OfornoT. between Baldivia and the Archipelago of Chilue, on the West; and the Andes Mountains, on the East. The principal Towns of this Tract are Oforno, on the Borders of Baldivia, and El Puerto de S.

Over against the Territory of Oforno, in the Ar-Chilue chipelago of Ancud, or Chilue, above fifty Islands Isle. are situated which are of a small Compass, and are partly fubject to the Spanish Jurisdiction. The Island of Chiloe, or Chilue, being the most Western, furpasses all the relt in largeness, and serves for the Boundary of the Archipelago, on the West, extending itself farthest from North to South: It is the eighth and last Province of the Imperial Government, and contains feveral Gold-Mines; but the Natives durst not dig them, left they should be for ever condemn'd to that Drudgery. It has a Town of the fame Name, commonly call'd El Castro de Chilne, and built on the Eastern Coast of the Southern Part; which it taken for the Capital of the Island and of the whole Province.

CHAP. XV.

MAGELLANICA.

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Tremains only to give an Account of the feventh and last Part of Southern America, which is situated on the South, and commonly call'd Magellanica, or Terra Magellanica: It was sirth discovered A.D. 1520, by Ferdinand Magellanus, or Magalhaens the Portuguese, whom we have often mention'd, in the Name of the King of Spain; when he fought for a Passage out of the Ethiopick Ocean, into the Pacifick, and sound out the samous Straight, which as well as the adjacent Country derives its Name from its first Discoverer: Afterwards the Sea-coasts of this Country were more particularly discover'd not only by the Spaniards, but also by the Engish and Hollanders; but its inland Parts are very little known.

Some Authors think fit to comprehend under the Term Magellanica not only the remaining Part of the Continent of Southern America, but also the Islands that lye over against in the Magellanick Sea. However, Magellanica strictly taken, being the most Southern Part of America, is bounded on the North, by Paragnay; on the West, by Chili, and the Magellanick Sea; on the South, by the Straight of Magellan; and on the East, by the same Sea.

III. The whole Country is included between the 296 and the 323 Degree of Longitude, and between the 37 and the 54 Degree of Southern Latitude. Its Extent is narrowest towards the Magellanick Straight, and the continu'd Ridge of the Andes Mountains runs through its Western Part, to the same Straight: It is water'd by several Rivers, the chief of which are the two most Northern, viz. Desagnadero, and Rio de los

The Northern Part of Magellanica which borders upon the two Governments of Chili, nam'd Chucnito and the Imperial, are inhabited (according to M. Smfon) by certain People (according to M. Smfon) by certain People Pulches call'd Pulches, and the Southern Part by the and Pata-Patagens. The latter (according to the Spanish gons P. Relation) are of a prodigious Bulk and Gigantick Stature, above ten or twelve Foot high: They generally shave their Heads like Monks, and paint their Faces with divers Colours made of the Juice of several Herbs: They live in Caves, cloath themselves with the Skins of wild Beafts, and the a kind of Root call'd Capar for Bread: These Savages are of a very strong Constitution, sierce, audacions, swift at running, and arm'd with Clubs, Bows and Arrows, taking great Delight in Hunting and Dancing. They are notorious Gluttons, and devour Mans-stesh saw, they are also suit to drink a Bucket of Wine, and to eat a Calf at a Meal: Nay, it is reported that they can put Arrows a Cubit and has fong down their Throat to the bottom of the Stomach, without any harm. They are Idosaters and worship the Devil under the

Name of Setebos. Moreover it is faid, that one of these Demi-Giants has Strength enough to carry a Tun of Wine, that three or sour of them make no difficulty to row a huge Ship at Sea; that they run as swift as a Stag; and that fifty Spaniards are scarce able to bind one of them: However, the English, who have sometimes made Descents upon those Coasts, are of a quite contrary Opinion, and say, the Natives of this Country are of no bigger size than our Europeans

The most remarkable Places of Magellanica, are or were Defaguadero, a Town seated in the inland Country, on the Western side of a River of the same Name; El Cabo de las Virgines, i.e. The Virgins-Cape, a Promontory at the entrance of the Magellanick Straight, so nam'd by Magellania, because it was discover'd on the Festival of St. Ursula, and the 11000 Virgins her Compations; as also, The Virgin Mary's Cape by the English: Nombre de Jesus, i.e. The Name of Jesus, a Town built by the Spaniards near that Promontory, for the Desence of the Straight, but it soon sell to Ruin: La Cindad del Ré Felippe, or King Philip's City, which the Spaniards likewise sounded, A. D. 1585, in the middle of the Straight, on purpose to obstruct the Passage of the English and Hollanders, but their Design was frustrated; for all the Inhabitants perish'd a little while after, being either destroy'd by the Savages, or stary'd with Hunger; insomuch that the English arriving at that Place two Years after, deservedly imposid on it the Name of Port Famine: Cape Fromard, or Cape Fruerd, not far from thence; and El Cabo de Vitoria, or Cape Victory, at the Mouth of the same Straight, where it tulis into the Pacifick Sea.

where it fulls into the Pacifick Sea.

From the Continent we pass over to the Magellanick Islands, situated over against it, in the Sea that bears the same Name. Among these Madre de Dios, i. e. The Mother of God, a Madre large Island, and Los Evangelistas, or the Evangelistas, call'd Sorlingues by the French, of a sorlingue Coast: Over against the Southern Shore, ap-stolos, pear the little Islands nam'd Los Apostolos; and Tierra La Tierra del Fuego, i. c. The Land of Fire, so del Fuego, mumber of Fires there in the Night: Others term it The Magellanick Island, by way of Excellency; and indeed it is the largest of all, being separated from Magellanica, by the above-mention'd noted Straight, and extending itself farthest from West to East, between the 285 and the 300 Degree of Longitude: Its Figure resembles that of a Triangle, and its most Southern Promontory is call'd Cape-Horn, by reason that Facob Le Maire, a Native of Horn in Holland first discover'd it, A. D. 1616, with the adjacent Straight; but the Spaniards impose on it the Name of El Cabo de S. Salvador, i. e. S. Saviour's Cape: At the same time the most Eastern Part

of this Island lying next to Le Maire's Straight, was nam'd Maurice-Land, in Honour of Maurice Prince of Orange: However, there is no Town or Colony belonging to the Europeans, who only had an opportunity to descry the Sea-

Staten-Landt, an Island likewise discover'd by Staten-Landt. the Hollanders in 1616, is remarkable for its Situation, in the middle, between Browers's Straight on the East; and that of Le Maire on the West; being separated by the latter from Tierra del Euggo, or Maurice-Land. Several other Itlands of lesser Note lye between Staten-Lands. Heremi- and Cape Horn, viz. Heremitens Eylands, i. c. tens I. The Hermits Island, the largest of all; those of Gonsalo, Barnevelt, Maria, Jesus, Joseph, S. Islefonso, Sc. Lastly, the Island of Diego Ramirez appears on the West of Cape Horn.

It may not be improper perhaps to take fome notice of the principal Navigators that Navigaround the made Discoveries toward the Southern parts of

the Globe, both South-East and South-West. The first of these was Ferdinand Magalianes, or Magellanus, a Portuguese Gentleman, who not being (as he thought) sufficiently encouraged by being (as the thought) infinitely encourage by his Master King Emanuel, apply'd himself to the Court of Caftle, and obtain'd of the Emperor Charles V. five Ships well furnish'd with necessary Provisions, and 250 Men. These set sail from Sevil, Aug. 10. 1519. And at first endeavouring to find a Passage through the court River Place were obliged to Winter in great River Plata, were obliged to Winter in Port S. Julian, but afterward they happily fail'd through that famous Straight call'd the Magellanick, from the Inventer's Name, and fo pass'd from the Atlantick into the Pacifick Ocean, as far as the Islands de los Ladro-nes, or of Thieves, where Magellanus himself was poyson'd; although others affirm that he perish'd in an Engagement at Maran, one of the Philippine Islands, after he had subdu'd that of Cebu, in 1520. However, one of his Ships having sail'd round the Globe, came by the Molucco's and Cape of good Hope, and at length arriv'd safe at Sevil, Sept. 8. 1522.

In the Year 1525, Garcias de Loyafa, a Spaniard, entred into the fame Straight, giving Names to feveral Places; and was follow'd by Simon de Alcazova, in 1534. Afterward three Ships were equipped by the order of the Bishop of Placentia, in 1539, and one of them got through the Straight to Arica,

a Port of Peru.

On the thirteenth of November 1577, Sir Francis Drake with five Ships, and 164 Seamen, fet out from Plimouth, and having fent men, fet out from Plimonth, and having fent back two of them as Impediments, passed the Magellan Straights only with three, and enter'd into the Pacifick Sea, where these Ships were dispers'd by a violent Storm, and one of them was never heard of after; nevertheless Drake continu'd sailing along the Coasts of Peru, New Spain, Mexico, California, and other Parts of America, and took several Spanish Vessels richly laden during this samous Voyage round the World, which he sinished within the space of three Years, returning by the East Indies and Cape of good returning by the East Indies and Cape of good Hope to the Coasts of England, where he Part 2

arriv'd on November 2d. 1580. In the mean while Captain John Winter having been feparated from Sir Francis, upon their Entrance into the South-Sea, was driven back again into the Straight of Magdlan, which he repassed, and was the first that fail'd through this Passage from the Pacifick into the Atlantick Ocean.

The third Compasser of the World was Thomas Candilb Esq; who set out in 1586, and very fortunately finish'd that Course in two Years and two Months; in the curry-ing on of which, both Magellanus and Sir Francis Drake had spent three whole Years. The same renowned Navigator passed the Ma-gellanus Struights a Google singuistic service. gellanick Straights a fecond time in 1591, but died in this last Voyage. In 1593, Sir Richard Hawkins fail'd for a long while in fight Of Terra Auftralis, in the Latitude of fity Degrees, run through the Straights of Magel-lan the next Year, and was at last taken by the Spaniards, after a sharp fight, on the Coasts of Peru.

The fourth Circum-navigation of the Globe, was perform'd by Oliver Noort, or Nordt, a Hollander, his chief Pilot being Captain Melis an English-man, who had accompanied M. Candish in his Voyage. This Noort steer'd much the same Course with Magellan, Drake, and Candish, and spent three Years in encompassing the Earth. About the same time alfo, the Dutch Fleet under Sir James Mahe, Simon de Cordes, Sebalt de Wart, &c. where-in William Adams was chief Pilot, suffer'd great inconveniencies in these Straights. They discover'd Sebaldi Isles, and a Gulph call'd by them Green Bay, in 54 Degree Latitude. In 1614, George Spilberg, Commander in chief of another Dutch Fleet of fix Ships, fail'd through the Straights of Magellan, and the South-Sea, to the East-Indies, and came back from thence by the Cape of good Hope, to the Texel, after having been out near three Years, and finish'd the fifth Circum-navigation of the World.

In 1609 and 1610, Pedro Fernandez Giros, a Portuguese, and Ferdinand de Quir, a Spa-niard, (as they both affirm) sail d at seve-ral times about 800 Leagues together on the Coasts of a Southern Continent, to the height of 15 Degree of South Latitude; where they met with a very fruitful, pleasant and populous Country. This vast Tract of Land may be perhaps some part of Jansen Tasmen's Land, Van Dienen's Land, New Zealand, New Holland, New Carpentaria, and New Guinea, which were difcovered and coafted by the Dutch, who gave Names to many Bays, Rivers, and Capes hereabouts, in the Years 1619, 1622, 1627, 1628, 1642, and 1644, from the Equinoctial Line, as far as the 44th. Degree of South Latitude. And indeed the Hollanders have made the greatest Discoveries to-ward the South Terra incognita, but have publith'd very little concerning their Expeditions in those Parts.

In 1615, William Cornelius Schouten of Horn, and Facob le Maire of Amberdam, encompassed the Globe a fixth time, discovering a new Entrance Southward from the Straights

of Magellan into the South-Sea, by Cape Horn, in the 57 Degree of South Latitude; which Passage has been ever since known by the Name of Le Maire's Straight. Here they imposed Names on several Islands and Countries; and having spent two Years and eighteen Days in this Voyage return'd by the East-Indies to Holland. Afterwards in 1618, a Spanish Fleet under the Conduct of Bartolomeo Garcias de Nodal, sail'd through Le Maire's Straight. And in 1623, part of Prince Maurice's Fleet steer'd the same Course, discovering some small Islands in their Passage.

vering some sinall Islands in their Passage. In 1642, Abel Jansen Tasman, a Hollander, made a very remarkable Voyage toward the South Terra Incognita. And in 1643, Captain Brewer, or Brower, sound out a new way into the South-Sea, by a Passage call'd after his own Name, lying East of Le Maire's Straight. But in 1669, that samous Navigator and valiant Commander Sir John Nurborough, having receiv'd a Commission from King Charles II. to make a better Discovery of these Parts, more especially of the Country of Chili, set out with two Ships, viz. the Sweep-stakes and Bauchelour Pink; the somer of 200 Tuns burthen, and the other of 70, and return'd in 1671, after having spent above two Years in passing and re-passing the Straight of Magellan, and failing along the Coasts of Pasagonia and Chili, whose Observations and Draughts since published are most judicious and accurate.

In 1680 and 1681, Captain Sharp rambl'd over the South-Sca, fleering one while near 800 Leagues to the Eastward, and at another time as many to the Westward; and beating

about many Islands and Coasts: But in his return not being able to recover the Straights of Magellan, or those of Le Maire, or Brewer, he was constraind to seek for a new Passage farther South than by Cape Horn, and sailed to the 60 Degree of South Latitude, where in departing from a small place call'd by him the Dake of Tork's Island, he met with abundance of Ice, Snow, Frost, and Whales, and saw no Land for three Months together, till his arrival at the Island of Barbadoes. Since these Attempts, divers English Ships have pass'd on several Occassons into the South-Sea, both by the Magellanick Straights, and by the South of Cape Horn. Among which that wherein Mr. William Dampeir travell'd, in the Years 1684, 1685, and 1686, sailed round the Terra del Fuego by Cape Horn, and pass'd all along the Coasts of Patagonia, Chili, Pern, Terra-Firma, Mexico, and even to the height of California, whence they stood over to the Ladrones and Philippine Islands, and so came home to England by the Cape of Good Hope. None that ever sailed this Course have done such Service to situture Navigators as that ingenious Person; for in the Relation of this Voyage which he printed, all those Coasts are so plainly describ'd, the Latitudes and Longitudes so exactly set down, the Tides, Currents, Trade-Winds, &c. so judiciously and (in all probability) faithfully given an Account of, that his Work would be of inestimable Value, if the State of Affairs ever happen to be such that our Nation may have Occasson to navigate those Seas.

CHAP. XV.

The principal Mountains and Rivers of Southern America.

Andes Mount. FTER having made a Description on of the whole Continent of Southern America, it is requisite to give a short Account of its principal Mountains and Rivers. The highest Mountains, before mention'd, are the Andes commonly call'd Los Andes by the Spaniards, as also, La Cordillera de los Andes, and La Sierra Nevada, which take their rise in the Province Dos Quiaos, in the Northern Part of Peru; from whence they extend themselves in Length with a continu'd Ridge, above 1000 Leagues, through the Countries of Peru, Chili, and Magellanica, as far as the Straight of the same Name. They are distant from the Coast of the Pacifick Sea in some Places twenty Spanish Leagues, in other thirty, and elsewhere forty, and among them are many burning Mountains that calt forth Flames, call'd in Spanish Los Volcanos; more especially in the Country of Chili and its Confines.

II. Among many Rivers that water Southern America, the most eminent are the Orenoque, the
Amazons River, and the Paraguay. The River
Oreno-Orenoque, or Orinoque, is otherwise call'd Paria,

their thence it passes a great way Eastward through the Southern Part of the vast Province of Paria, and is thus far termed by others Caheta or Caheta: Afterwards it divides itself into two great Arms, one of which assuming the Name of Negro, flows Southward, waters the most Negro southern Part of Paria with a small Tract of Flact the Country about the Amazons River, and at last falls into the same River. The other Arm of the Orenoque retaining its Proper Name, directs its Course Northward, and receives several Rivers during its Passage through Paria; particularly on the West, the Goavar, the Guiacar, and the Cassage, and the Cassage through Paria; particularly on the West, the Goavar, the Guiacar, and the Cassage through Paria; particularly on the West, the Goavar, the Guiacar, and the Cassage through Paria; particularly on the West, the Goavar, the Guiacar, and the Cassage through Paria; particularly on the West, the Goavar, the Guiacar, and the Cassage through Paria; particularly on the west, the Aloica, the Aroy, and the Caroli, by the means of which the species itself into its Chan-

and Tuyapari, or Tayapari by the Natives of the

adjacent Country: Its Spring-head is plac'd in some Maps in the Southern Tract of that Part of *Popayan* which is comprehended under

Terra Firma, and near the Borders of the Country, which lyes about the Amazons River: From

This vast River has its Source at the foot of the Ande: Mountains, in the Province of Proper Quito, in the Kingdom of Peru, about eight Leagues from the City of the fame Name, near the Equinoctial Line and the Frontiers of the Province Dos. Quixos: taking its Rife out of two Pools, the greater of which lies on the Hill Guamana; and the leffer, on that of Pulcan; at the diltance only of two Leagues one from the other. Thence it flows towards the East and South, thro' the Borders of the Provinces. Dos Quissol and Pacamores; and afterwards from West to East, thro' the Northern part of that spacious Country that lies along its Banks; making many Islands, especially towards Peru; which are the Seat of a certain People nam'd Ho-magues: It likewise encompasses a large Island; on the South of the Lake Parine, where the Toupinambous have their Habitation, as it has been elsewhere observed. Many Rivers run into Southern fides; but we shall only take notice of some of the principal. The River Negro, the largest of all, falls in on the North, with those of Basurura, Araganatuba, Topura, or Jopara, and Pucomaja: On the South, are received, the Xauxa, or Maragnon, the Yetan, the Amarumaya; the Tapy, the Catua, the Casgnares, the Madera or Cayana, the Tapaysa, the Paranayla, and the Pacache. Lastly, the Amazons River continues its course for the space of 1200 Leagues, and towards the end becomes extremely wide; and discharges it. self thro two remarkable. Mouths, into the Mar del Nort, or Northern Sea; between Caribana, a Province of Terra Firma, and the Country of Brasil. These Mouths are said to extend themselves 84 Spanish Leagues, in breadth, and are beset with a great number

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nel. Then this mighty River leaving Paria, traveries New Andalusia, where it is also angmented with several Rivers, and at last discovered it A.D. 1541; and M. Sanson observes, that it overshows the adjacent Countries Contains a great number of Islands, into the Contains a great number of Islands, into the Northern Ocean.

HI. We come next to take a view of the Amazons River, commonly call'd El Rio de last in travelling along its whole Course, A.D. Amazonas, and Amazone Rio by the Spaniards; and River of Southern Race of that Warlike Nation of Women anciently known by the Name of Amazoni. This yast River has its Source at the foot of the de la Plata, by the Spaniards, from the pieces of the River of Feabers; and River of the River has its Source at the foot of the de la Plata, by the Spaniards, from the pieces of the River of Feabers; and River of the River has its Source at the foot of the de la Plata, by the Spaniards, from the pieces of

The third and last noted River of Southern Paraguay

America is the Paraguay, 10 call d by the Na-Flav.

tives, as it were, The River of Fractors; and Rio

tives, as it were, The Snantards, from the pieces of de la Plata, by the Spaniards, from the pieces of Silver that are found therein. It is a great deal Silver that are found therein. It is a great deal wider than the former, and may untilly be recken'd among the largest Rivers of the ovole. World, it was first discovered to be 15,13 by John Diaz in Fortuguese, and takes its Rive (according to the opinion of several Authors) in the most Northern Tract in the Country of Paragray; above the Lake de los Xarayes; at least it shows our of that Lake Southward, and at first separate the Province of Charcas from Proper Paragray. of that Lake Southward, and at first separates the Province of Charcas from Proper Paraguay! It divides the Province of Rio de la Plata into two Parts, and is there augmented by several other Rivers. On the West, it receives the Picolmayo, almost over against the Criviot L'Assumption, with the Rio Vermejo, R. Blandy, R. Salub and R. Tercero: On the East, the River Parama falls into it, at the Town of Correcte; as also, the Uraguay, or Urvaig, on the Coulines of the Provinces of Rio de la Plata and Urvaig. At last, below the City of Buenos Aprei, between the same Provinces it rolls into the Sea of Paraguay, thro Provinces it rolls into the Sea of Paraguay, thro' a very wide Mouth, which lies out for the space of 40 Leagues, between the Promontories of Sant Antonio and Santa Maria. Il The Course of this River is so swift, that the Waters are said to continue fresh at the distance of 20 Miles from its Mouth; and Maffeus assures us, that it overflows the neighbouring Terittories every Year: Its first Increase, which happens in the Month of fune, is inconsiderable; but afterwards it rises up to a great Height, and which it returns to its proper Channel, the Mud that is left behind, renders the Ground extremely fruitful: So that it is in fome respects very like the River Nile, of which we have before given a particular Account, in Chap. VIII. of the preceding Part, among the principal Rivers of Ethiopia.

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COUNTRIES about the POLES,

North and South.

Y the Countries about the Poles I understand not only the Countries that lie near the Poles, but also those Islands and Pen-infula lying over against the old and new Con-tinent; that have been lately discovered; which I shall divide into the Arctick or Northern, and Antarctick or Southern, as they are fet down in this Table, viz.

Estotiland. Groenland. Nova-Zembla. 1. Arctick, or Spitsberg. Northern. Terra de Jesso. New-Denmark. New North-Wales. Isles of Cumberland.

Isles of Solomon, S. Ifable, S. Forge. Horn, Cocos, Monches, Sans-Illes, fond, Prince-William, Good-hope, Traitors, Middleberg. Eleven thousand Virgins. 2. Antarctick, or Southern. Terre del Fua, or Fuoga. Stoteland.

Nova-Guinea.

Hermit's Isle. Diego Ramires Isle. Kings-Ifle.

Carpentery. The Country of Diemens. New-Zeland, { Port S. Philip, Port S. James.

Terra Australis The Country of Browers.
The Country of Parrokets.
The Country of Parrokets.
The Country of Parrokets. The Kingdom of Beach. The Kingdom of Lucat.
The Kingdom of Maletur.

1. Country of Levennen.
2. Country of Edels. New-Holland, 3. Country of Nuiss. in Six Parts. 4. Country of Concord. 5. De Wit's Land. (6. Country of Arnent.

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SECT. I.

The Arctick, or Northern Countries.

I call by the name of the Artlick Countries all those Regions, which lye toward the Northern or Artick Pole, which are newly discovered. Their situation is almost all in the Frigid or Cold Zone. The Extent of them is fo irregular, that I know not how to write any thing of that. Tis enough, That they are discovered, and to set down the Names by which the Natives call them, as we have them from divers Travellers thither. Nevertheless we may describe their Bounds which part them in our Upper Hemisphere, from Mus-covy and Tartary by the Frozen-sea; and in the other Hemisphere by the South-sea, Christian-Sea, and Hudson's-Streights, which separate them from the Northern America.

According to our last Relations, the Air is extreamly cold; the Sun appears but little in several places for above the greatest parts in the the Year; but in some places more, in some less, according to their distance from the Equator. In according to their distance from the Equator. In general it may be said of them, They have much Pasture, large Meadows, many Forests, where the Inhabitants maintain a great number of Beasts; That they live in some of the Countries upon Hunting and Fishing; That they have no Corn nor Wine. All the Country is Islands and Peninsale. They have divers sorts of Beasts, especially Bears, Foxes and Deer. Hudson, Davis and Frobisher's Streights are in this Lower Hemischer; so called because Gavot. Willowship, Froand Frobifher's Streights are in this Lower Hemi-fipher; to called, because Gavot, Willoughby, Fro-bisher, Davis, Hudson, and some other English-men, discover'd em, endeavouring to find a Passage that way to the East-Indies; as the Dutch did, by the Streights of Weigats or Nassau, which are on the North of our Continent; but both to no purpose, because of the continual Ice which hindred their Sailing and prevents all Navigation no purpose, because of the continual see which hindred their Sailing, and prevents all Navigation, beyond the 80 Degr. of Latitude. Tho' it be faid, That fome Dutch Pilots went to the 88 Degree, and found a Passage towards China; that Passage is unknown to the other Nations of Europe, who make ordinarily but three Voyages towards the North at To Archangel in Passage towards the North at To Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage towards the North at Tour Archangel in Passage to the North at North a towards the North: 1. To Archangel in Russia, for Furrs. 2. To Spitsberg in Greenland, for Whale-fishing. 3. To Normay, for Wood and Her-

rings.

However, it may not be improper here to Difeovegive a brief Account of the feveral Navigations ries,
and Difcoveries made toward the North-east Northand North-west; viz. Nova Zembla, North-east East and
Greenland or Spiriterg, and North-west Green-Northland, West.

West.

land, commonly call'd Groenland and Engrone-Diferee land. The first Discovery of these Countries is vies, owing to an Accident; for in 1380, Nicholas and North Antony Zani, two Brothers and rich Citizens of east and Venice, having set Sail from the Streight of Gibralter for Flanders and England, were accidenas far as Friezland, Iceland and Greenland. But in 1497, John Cabot and Sebastian his Son of the fame Nation received a Commission from our King Henry VII. to undertake the like Voyage, who made a Draught and Description of some North-west parts of America, and brought along with them four of the Natives.

These Discoveries gave rise to a Project of finding out a nearer Passage that way to the East-Indies; which was attempted many times, but without fuccess. A short Account of those Voy-

ages is as follows.

Sir Hugh Willoughby was the first that attempted to discover a North-east Passage into the Indies; and to that purpose set out with three sail of Ships in the year 1553. It is very probable that he landed on Nova Zembla and Greenland; but we have no Memoirs of this Voyage, except certain short and imperfect Notes which were taken off from his Table after his death; wherein it is expresed, That the Fleet under his Command parted from Seynam, which lies in 70 Deg. of North Lat. on the fecond day of Angust? That on the fourteenth they were above 160 Leagues from the fame place to the North-east, and continu'd failing until Septemb. 14. when they came ashoar on a high, rocky and desart Country; from whence the Cold and Ice forc'd them to return more Southerly, which they did till they reach'd a River in Lupland call'd Arzina, where, by the continuance of foul Weather they were shut up in the Harbour, and the next Spring were all found frozen to death in their Ship.

A few years after this misfortune, viz. about A tew years after this instortine, viz. about 1556, one Captain Stephen Burroughs, fometime Comptroller of the Navy to Queen Elizabeth, profecuting the fame Delign, pass'd the North Cape, and failing farther Eastward, discover'd the Waygass, or Streight that runs between the South part of Nova Zembla and the Country of the Sanated thus continuing his Country of the Samoieds; thus, continuing his Courfe, he arriv'd in 112 Deg. 25 Min. of Longitude, and 76 of Northern Latitude. Afterward he fail'd 70 of Northern Lauttude. Afterward he failed to 80 Deg. 11 Min. Latitude, and return'd their to Nova Zembla; having cruis'd (as it most probable) on the Coasts of Greenland; since he makes mention of the desolate Country; the blew Ice, and great numbers of various Fowl

thereabouts.

The first Person whose Name we find celebrated North-well Paffage into China, was Sir Martin Frobifber, who, in three feveral Voyages, made divers new Difcoveries of large Bays, Streights, Mands, Capes, &c. and imposed on them different Names. For in the year 1576, arriving with two Barks at the height of 62 Deg. North Latitude, he descry'd a great Inlet, since call'd Frobisher's Streights, and fail'd into it 60 Leagues, with main Land on each side. He met with Inhabitants along the Coasts, whose Canoes of little Boats were made of Seal-skins, but had wooden Keels. The Ships Company exchanged

Toys with these Natives for Salmon and other Fish; and brought home certain Marcasites; which were taken for Gold-oar; but after they had made a more exact fearch the next Year; with a Defign to carry away a quantity thereof, it provid to be nothing but black Lead. At the faine time they found a Silver-mine, which nevertheless lay so deep within the Rocks, that nevertheres say so deep within the Rocks, that it could not be dug; as also a dead Fish about 12 Foot long, somewhat resembling a Porpois in in shape: It had a Horn growing out of its Snout (of the same nature as those commonly call'd Unicorns Horns) which is still preferred. in a Repository at Windsor, and is six Foot in length. In 1578 the same Sir Martin undertook his third Voyage, wherein; having pass'd as far as feem'd convenient to him, he took possession of the Land in the Name of Queen Elizabeth, and call'd it Meta Incognita.

In the Year 1580; Arthur Pett and Charles Fackman having receiv'd a Commission from Queen Elizabeth to follow the Track of Siephen Burroughs, rambled over the Northern Seas, and in all likelihood landed in Greenland; but there is nothing particularly known concerning their Voyage, except that they pass'd the Streights of Waygats and launch'd into the Ocean to the Eastward, where, meeting with vast heaps of Ice, they were constrained to return with great peril and labour; infomuch; that they lost one another by reason of the soul Weather, and Pen

was never heard of after.

In 1583, Sit Humpbrey Gilbert, by the direction of Sir Francis Walfingham, Principal Secretary of State, fail'd, upon the same Design; to Nemfound-land and the great River of St. Lawrence in Canada, took possession of the Country in the Name of Queen Elizabeth, and settled a Fishing-trade there. This Voyage was made upon fuggettion of a certain *Greek* Mariner, who politively affirm'd to some English Gentlemen, That himfelf had pass'd through a great Streight to the North of Virginia from the North-west Ocean; and offer'd to be Pilot for the Discovery, but died before he came into England

In 1585, Mr. John Davis having undertaken with two Barks to fearch out the North-west Coasts, made farther Discoveries in those Parts, and nam'd the Land he came to Cape Defolation, being a part of Groenland; where he found many pieces of Furr and Wool like Beaver, and exchang'd fome Commodities with the Natives, who often repair'd to him in their Canoes bringing Stag-skins, white Hairs, small Cod, Muscles, Gc. Afterward he artived in the Latitude of 64 Deg. 15 Min. where was found a great quantity of fuch Oar as Frobifher had before brought into England; and steer'd had before brought into England; and steer'd thence to 66 deg. 40 min: as far as Mount Raleigh, Tornes-sound, &c. In 1586 he made a second Voyage to the same Coasts, searching out many places toward the West; and the next Year, in a third Voyage, scame to 72 Deg. Yest vard. He gave the Name of London-Coast to the Land, and the Streight (being 40 Leagues wide) was from him call'd Freum Davis.

Thus the English Nation alone, for a long time.

Thus the English Nation alone, for a long time. frequented those Northern Seas till 1578, that a Pequence Ship eame to Kola in Lapland, and a Year or two after another to St. Nicholas, by the instiga-

infligation of an English Man who fet himfelf against the Company of Russian Merchants; whereupon the Hollanders crept in more and more, and in 1594, fent William Barents, a skilral Navigator, and some others, to find out a Passage from thence to the Indies. In 1596 the fame William Barents; accompanied with two other Dutch Pilots, viz. Jacob Heemskirk and John Cornelis Ryp, first discover'd Bear or Cherry Island, and pass'd from thence to Greenland; but Barents being separated from them, fail'd Cherry Illana. along the Coasts of Nova Zembla to the 76 Degree of Latitude, until at length his Ship Degree of Lattude, until at length his simp was driven ashore, and broke in pieces by the Ice, so that all the Mariners were compell'd to Winter there, and endur'd the utmost extremity of Cold. Afterward with much difficulty of Cold. culty, in two Boats they got to Kola in Lapland; but William Barents dyed before their Arrival, to the great grief of the whole Company.

In 1603 Stephen Bennet was employ'd, but went no further than Cherry Island, and brought from thence a certain quantity of Lead Oar. In 1608, that famous Navigator Mr. Henry Hudson, was sent forch to discover the North Pole, and fail'd even to the 82 Degree of North Latitude; but being fatisfied that there was no North-Ealt-Paffage, he was appointed to make the like trial in the North-West Seas. Therefore in 1610 he set fail again, and proceeded 100 Leagues farther than any had done before, and gave feveral Denominations to certain Hudfon's Places, as Defire provokes, Isle of God's Mer-Bay. cies, Prince Henry's Cape, King James's Cape, Oueen Ann's Cape, &cc. besides the Straight and Bay that still bear his Name. But the Ice

hinder'd him from continuing his Course far-ther, and the Sedition of his Men from returning home.

In 1611 Sir Thomas Button, Servant to Henry Prince of Wales, eldest Son of King James I. being enjoyind by that renowned young Prince to pursite the North-West Discoveries, pass'd through Hudson's Straight; and failing above 20 Leagues to the Scuth-Westward over a Sea above 80 Fathom deep, discover'd a large Continent, call'd by him New Wales. Afterward, having endur'd great Fatigues in his wintering at Port Nelson, notwithstanding the loss of many of his Men, he scarch'd out the whole Bay, which is now known by his Name, even back again almost to Digge's Island, and found out the large Tract of Land which he nam'd Cary's Swans Ness. Moreover in the Years 1612, 1016, James Hall, and William Bussin, proceeded much farther in the North-West parts, and himpos'd Names on divers Places discover'd by them, besides that the English Merchants perceiving these Northern Voyages to be so very prositable, encreas'd the number of their Shipping to thirteen of fourtier, yearly, under the ping to thirteen or fourieen yearly, under the Conduct of Poole, Folherby, Edge, Hely, and other skilful Pilots, from whom leveral Sounds, Bays, Promontories, & c. have received their respective

Names. In the mean while the King of Denmark obferving the Progress of the neighbouring Nations in these Northern Seas, began to consider that the Traffick of his own might be much advanc'd by the like discoveries, being also desi-

rous to renew his ancient Pretentions to these Countries, in case any thing should be found out worth the claiming. Therefore he caus'd two Ships and a Pinnace to be fitted out in the Year 1605. Of these, Captain John Cunningham, a Scot was Admiral; Godske Lindenam, a Danish Nobleman was Vice-Admiral, and the chief Pilots were James Hall and John Knight, Englishmen. Godske arriving on some part of the Country, barter'd same small Wares with the Natives, took two of them, and return'd to Denmark. The other two Vessels came to Cape Farewell, fail'd from thence to Frobifher's Straights, gave Danish Names to certain Places, seiz'd onthree of the Inhabitants, and at Cunningham's Ford met with a kind of Silver Mine, which was afterward try'd by the English, and found to be of no value. In 1606, four Ships and a Pinnace were sent thither under the same Godske Lindena» Admiral, and James Hall Pilot-Ge-In 1607 James Hall received a new Commission; but the Sca-men mutining as soon as they made the Coast, brought the Ship back again into Denmark, without effecting any thing. However, his Danish Majetly set out two other Ships mann'd with Norwegian and Islam'ish Mariners, and commanded by Obristian Richardson, a Holsteiner; but these returned before they came in view of the Shore. The rest of their Expeditions are unknown until An. 1619, when John Munck was fent out with two Ships, which arriv'd fafe at Cape Farenell, from thence this Pilot fleer'd to 63 Degree 20 Min. (as it is probable near Diggs's Island) and winter'd there, calling the Place Munck's Winter Harbour, and the Continent New Denmark. The South-part of Hudfon's Bay New he likewife nam'd Mare novum, and that part Denmark toward Groenland, Mare Christianum. But of all his Christianum. Company, which confilled of forty fix in a Ship, an-Sea, and fixteen in a Pinnace, scarce so many were left alive, as were able to bring the Pinnace through extream Danger to their own Country. However, in the Year 1653, Frederick III. King of Denmark, resolving to advance the Northern Difcoveries, caus'd three Ships to be fitted out with skilful Mariners, enjoining them to take a most exact Account of all the Coasts and Places where they arriv'd. These having pass'd the Straight of Waygais, met with some Inhabitants of Nova Zembla in their Canoes or little Fishing boats, and steer'd from there to little Fishing-boats, and steer'd from thence to Greenland. These particular Adventures are contain'd in the French Relations of the Danish Voyages publish'd at Paris by M. Peyrere and Martiniere.

We do not read of any more Voyages from England to find out the North-Well Paffage fince the Iast Expedition of William Baffin in 1616, until the Reign of King Charles I. when Captain Luke Fox was fent upon the fame de-Fox's fign in 1630, in his Majetty's Pinnace nam'd voyage. the Charles, victuall'd for eighteen Months. He traced Frobifher, Hudson, Davis, Button and Baffin, meeting with Whales, much lee and Fowls, and built a Pinnace in Port Nelfon, where he found feveral Remains left by Sir Thomas Button, but no Natives or Inhabitants, though in other parts of those Seas he saw some Savages. About the same time, viz. in 1631, Captain

Thomas James being employ'd by the Merchants Farewell by the like purpose, sail'd from Cape Farewell by the Islands of Resolution to Milli and Nottingham Isles, as also those of Manssield, from whence he steer'd over a large Bay to the Westward near Port Nelfon, and nam'd the Land New South Wales, Hereabouts meeting with Captain Fox, they congratulated one another, but were foon feparated by foul Weather; fo that Captain Fames Hill continu'd roving up and down, and giving Name to divers Places; as Cape Henrietta Maria, Lurd Weston's Island, The Earl of Bristol's Island, The Earl of Danby's Island, Sir Thomas Roe's Island, Earl of Danby's Island, Charlton Island, &c. in this last he Winter'd in the Latitude of 52 Deg. 3 Min. and having built a little Pinnace out of his Ship, pass'd over to Cary's Swan's Nest, whence he return'd by Cape Charles and Salubury Ille, and arriv'd on the Coasts of England in 1632. The Voyage of this most skilled Navigator was pubhind in 1633, by the special Command of King Charles L. containing a very accurate and judicious Account of the Hardships he endur'd; as also of the Straights, Capes, Bays, Tides, Soundings, Variations of the Compass, Natural Rarities, 3%.

The last Voyage, in order to make a more periect Discovery (if it were possible) of the North-east Seas; for a Passage to the East Indies, was undertaken in the Year 1676, by the Ingenious Captain John Wood. Having received a Commission from King Charles II. he arrived in the 76 Degree of North Latitude, but unfortunately lost his Ship nam'd the Speedwell on the Coast of Nova Zembla, and return'd home in the Prosperous Pink that accompanied him under the Command of Captain Flanes. His Opinion is, that it is impossible to Sail this Way to China and Fapan, as Captain Fames before had declared, being both induc'd thereto by the lituation of the Land, the reversion and uncertainty of half Tides, the motion of the Ice, &c. Besides, that the Fogs, Snow, Frosts, the vast Islands of Ice, and the tempestuousness of the Weather, are altogether insuperable.

ESTOTILAND is on the North of America, and is divided from it by Hudson's Straight. Antonius Zomi the Venetian, is find to have discover'd it in 1390, or thereabouts; and John Scolve, a Polonian, found it out again in 1477. He was loft in the Sea, as well as Michael Corterealis. This Country is very fruitful, especially in Gold. The Inhabitants are very industrious. The English possess on the Coast, Terra Labrador, or New Britain , or Terra Cortereales; but they know nothing but the Coast.

GROENLAND, Groenlandia, call'd also GROENLAND, Groenlandiz, call'd allo Groinland, and more anciently Engroenland, lies (according to the report of the Islanders) like half Moon about the North of the Country, at the distance of four Days sailing. Cape Farewell, its most Southern Promontory, is situated in the Latitude of 60 Degr. 30 Min. but how far the Continent may extend the felt Northward is subgrown. The Fastern Groenit felf Northward, is unknown. The Eastern and Western sides are encompassed with two vast Oceans, but at what Degrees of Longitude, is

not yet discover'd. This Land is suppos'd to have been first discovered by a Normanian Gentleman nam'd Eric Roscop, or Red-kend, who having committed a Murder in Island, to five his Life attempted to make an escape into another Comtry, whereof he had only heard fome obscure flying Reports. This Gentleman was to fortunate as to get fafe to the Harbour of Sandsbasin, lying between two mountainous Promoutories, one on an Isle over against Groenland, which he call'd Huidferken or White Shirt, by reafon of its being covered with Snow; the other on the Continent, bearing the Name of Hunt Eric. He Winter'd in the Hand, and afterward passing into the Continent, imposed on it the Name of Greendard or Greenland, from its flourithing Verdeur. His Son being fent to Olaus Trugger King of Norray, to procure a Pardon, easily obtain'd it upon Information of the new Discovery. Thus, in process of time, a Plantation was settled there, and two Cities were built, viz. Garde and Albe; the latter was honoured with a Bishop's See and the Residence of the N.rasgian Vice-Roy, the Cathedral Church being de-dicated to St. Antony. However, these new In-habitunts having been long since destroy'd, either by the Natives, the Rage of an Epidemical Difeate call'd the Black Plague, or otherwife, very little Intelligence concerning Groenland has come to us fince the Year 1349. Nevertheless in 1389 (as they fay) the King of Denmark determining to re-establish his Dominion in those Parts Gut a Flore which a which leading 6. Parts, feut a Fleet thither; which having fuffer'd Shipwreck, he was discourag'd from any farther Enterprize, until of late that Navigation was fomewhat renew'd by Christian IV. who was wont to call this Country his Philosopher's Scone; in regard that it was sometimes not to be found when his Ships undertook a Voyage thither; and because a certain Dane in 1626 brought some Sand from thence which was of the fame colour and weight with Gold.

The Air in Groenland is so excessive cold that the Danes cannot dwell there; neither does the Soil produce any thing but Mos, with some sew Bushes and Plants; the Country confishing for the most part in High-lands and Mountains continually cover'd with Snow; but the Southern parts more than the Northern, which by reason of the terrible Ice and Cold, are very little known. Among the Beasts, the chief are Bears, Foxes, Rain-deer and Dogs; there is also great plenty and variety of Fish, as Whales, Scals, Dog-fish, e.e. But on these Coasts are caught the greatest quantities of Sea-Unicorns, whose Horns are so much esteem'd, and kept as Rapities even in the Cabinets of Princes. All the Navigators that arrive here often observe a wonderful Meteor call'd a North-light, which usually ap-pears about the time of the New Moon, and tho' only in the North, yet enlightens the whole Country; perhaps it may be the fame which is fometimes feen in England, especially in the Northern Parts, and commonly termed Streeming. It is faid to resemble a great Pillar or Beam of Fire, darting out Rays and Streams every where. It also moves from one place to another, leaving behind it a kind of Mist and Cloud, and continues till hid by the Sun-beams.

The Groenlanders are generally of a low Inhabi-Stature, of a ripe Olive Colour, and fome extents.

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them quite Black; having black Hair, flat Nofes, broad Faces, and Lips turned up. The Women frequently flain their Faces in blew, and fometimes black Streaks, letting the Colour into their very Skin by pricking it with a flarp Bone, fo that it can never be worn out. Bone, so that it can never be worn out. These Natives are not unlike the Somoyeids and Laplanders, being very healthy, active and strong. They are also couragious, and sometimes desperate, often choosing rather to throw themselves down the Rocks, than stand to be taken. But they are true Barbarians, extremely thievish, treacherous and revengeful, not to be won by any kindness or fair dealing. They live altogether by Hunting and Fishing, make Bread of Fish-bones ground to Meal, and drink the Seawater without receiving any prejudice by it. They ordinarily go a Fithing with Darts, which are firongly burbed, and have Bladders faften'd to them at the other end; that the Fish, when struck, may spend its strength in struggling to get under Water, yet can't do it, and so is easily taken. Their Cloaths are either made of Bird-skins with the Feathers and Down upon them, or of those of Seals, Dog-fith, or Wild Beats: They wear the hairy sides of them outward in Summer, and inward in Winter, and in vehement cold Weather carry two or more Suits one upon another. They also dreis their Skins very well, and few them exceeding frong with Sinews of Beafts and Needles made of Fith-bones. But their Ingenuity appears in nothing fo much as in their Canoes or Boats, which are made of Whale-bone about an Inch thick and very broad, stitch'd close Seal-skins. These Boats are wrought sharp at both ends in form of a Weaver's Shuttle, fo as they may be row'd either way, being from ten to twenty Foot long, and two broad; they have a Deck of the same Materials fasten'd to the fides, in the midst whereof is a round hole as big as the waith of a Man; fo that when he goes to Sea he fets himfelf in that Hole, stretching out his Feet forward into the hollow of the Vessel, which is row'd only with one Oar about fix Foot long, having a Paddle fix Inches broad at each end, ferving both to balance and move the Boat, which is done with incredible fwiftness, infomuch that one of our Skiffs with ten Oars is not able to accompany them. And we are inform'd by the Danish Relations, That the *Groenlanders* row'd fo swift, that they even dazzl'd the Eyes of the Spectators; and the they often crossed, yet never interfer'd or fell foul one upon another. As for their Religion they are Idolaters, and feem to have a great veneration for the Sun. They have also been seen lying flat on the Earth, and muttering certain Prayers or Charms to the Devil; whose proper Habitation they believe to be under Ground. *John Manck*, and divers others that have travell'd farther into the Country, found many Images, fuch as we commonly make of Damons and hellish Fiends with Horns, Beaks, Claws and cloven Feet; near which lay quantities of Bones of Beafts, as of Deer, Foxes, Dogs, &c. fuppos'd to have been offer'd to them in Sacrifice.

NOVA ZEMBLA, was so call'd by the Zemlla. Russians, the word in their Language signifying

New Land; but was known to the Ancients (as it is probable) under the Name of Cerambria. It lies on the North of Mulcovy, separated from thence by the Straights of Waygats or Nassaw; but whether it be an Island, or joyn'd to the Continent of Tartary, is not certainly known. It was discovered by Stephen Burroughs, in the Year 1556; and since visited by several Persons both of the English and Dutch Nation; who have in vain attempted to find out a Passage that way into the Tartarian Sea, and so farther to Cathay, China,

fapan, &c.
This Country (according to the Information of Captain Folm Wood, who lost his Ship there) is for the most part perpetually cover'd with Snow, for the most part perpetually cover d with Snow, neither can one walk on the few bare Plats of Ground, by reason that they are boggy; upon the Surface whereof grows a kind of Moss, bearing a small blew and yellow Flower; under which Green-sod, in digging about two Foot deep, appears a firm Body of Ice. The same Ingenious Pilot assures up, That the Snow lies here, contrary to what it does in any other Country; funce in all other Climates it melts found away. fince in all other Climates it melts foonest away near the Shoar, but here the Sea beats against the inowy Cliffs, that in fome places are as high as either of the Forelands in Kent; the Sea having wash'd underneath the Snow a prodigious way, and the Snow hanging over, most fearful to behold: But there are many Rivulets of very good Water, melted from the Snow, which run down every quarter of a Mile from Hills into the Sea. On the Hills are found abundance of Slate-Stone, and on the Shoar very good black Marble with white Veins. The Dutch, who wintered in Nova, Zembla, mention no other Beaft than Bears, Foxes, and fuch others as live upon Prey; for that (fay they) there is neither Leaves nor Grafs to afford any Fodder for tame Cattel; nevertheless Captain Wood found the track of many large Deer, and faw a finall Creature much like a Coney, but not fo big as a Rat, together with fome few little Birds like Larks. Moreover foine English Merchants that resided in Russia, have affirm'd that there is a fpacious Lake upon Nova Zembla, wherein are bred a great number of Swans and Geefe, which molt their Feathers about St. Peter's Day; and that at that Time the Ruffians pass over thither to gather these Feathers and kill the Fowls, which they dry and bring into their own Country for Winter-Provision.

SPITSBERG, otherwise call'd North-east Green-GREEN LAND, took its Dutch Name from the land. sharp-pointed Rock and Mountains with which it is environ'd; Spitz in that Language signifying pointed, and Berg a Hill or Monn. It reaches from the 76 Deg. of North-Latitude, to Deg. 82, but how much farther, as also whether sland or Continent, is not as yet discovered. Indeed our Mariners generally take it for an Island, and the Dutch only conjecture that the Land is extended more North, because the Ice stands firm, and does not float as in the open Sea. The South Parts look toward the Promontories of Finland, Lapland, the North-Cape, &c. The next Land on the East is Nova Zembla, and the large Territories of Greenland or Engraenland on the West, but those at so vast a distance, that they cannot

the reckoned as its Confines. The principal Harbours are, 1. Somb-haven, which is capable of containing above 40 Ships at one time, and where in faulty Veflels are often repair'd. 2. Mauritius-Bay, so call'd by the Hollanders, where some have winter'd; and near it stand a few Cottages, which they built for the trying up their Oil, with a Piece of Ordnance for their Defence. These Houses they termed Schmearemberg, from Schmer, signifying Grease, and the Herlem-Cookery, but all other Nations usually burn theirs before their Departure.

3. The Northern-Bay, where is an Island the Dutch name Vogel-Sang, from the great Noise the Fowl nake there in taking their Flight. 4. Monyer's-Bay, the farthest North of the Western-part of Greenland. 5. Mussch-Haven, lying at the Mouth of the Straits of Waygats. 6. Walter Thymen's Ford, which the English commonly call Alderman Freeman's Inset, and is a large Mouth of a River, as yet undiscover'd.

The whole Country is fo encompassed with Ice that it is very difficult to come near the Shores, and the Air is so extreme cold that the Europeans cannot dwell there with fafety of their Lives; as neither in Greenland nor Nova Zembla. The Soil, as much as hath been hitherto discovered, is nothing but Rocks or Heaps of vaft Stones, fo fleep that they feem ready to tumble down; and indeed many great Pieces often break off from the Tops with a terrible Noise. The greatest part of the Mountains are of Red Earth, and communicate that Colour to the Snow upon them, which often appears marbled, and refembles as it were the Boughs and Branches of Trees, giving a bright Lustre to the Air or Skies, as if the Sun shone. There are also 7 bright blue Mountains in a Line, which tinge the Snow and Ice with the fame colour, and be twixt them many sharp-pointed Rocks, the Holes whereof afford Nests to an infinite multitude of Fowls, whose Dung being mixt with the Moss, washed down by the melted Snow, makes Mould in the Clefts and Valleys, which lying open to the Sun-Beams, when the Ice is diffolv'd produceth fome few Plants, as a kind of Cabbage-Lettice, Scurvy-Grass, Sorrel, Snakeweed, Mouse-ear, a kind of wild Strawberry, divers forts of Ranuncu-

lus's femper vives, &cc.

The Beafts of this Country are only these, viz.
Foxes white, grey, tawny and black; Rain-Deer, which grow extreme fat by seeding upon yellow Moss; white Bears of a prodigious Size, some of them being 6 Foot high, and their Skins 14 foot long; Water Bears, that live by what they catch in the Sea, where they have been seen seen similar 12 Miles from any Shore, Seals or Sea-Dogs and Morfes. Very sew Land-sowl breed here, of which the most remarkable is the Snite or Strand-Runner, of the bigness of a Lark, with a four-square Bill resembling a Rasp, that seeds on Worms and does not taste fishy; But of Water-Fowl there is great variety, as Snow-Birds and Ice-Birds, so call'd from their running upon the Ice; Mountain-Ducks, Willocks, Red-Geese, Stints, Gulls, Noddies, Sea-Pigeons, Sea-Parrots Kirmews, Mallemucks, Pigeon-divers, Lumbs, Rathshers or Aldermen, Burgermeisters or Mayors, Rotger-Divers, Strunt-Jagers or Dung-Hunters, &c. Most of these Birds, except the Strunt-Jager, Kirmew and Mountain-Ducks, make their Nelts upon the high Rocks, to be secured from the

Bears and Foxes. They fit in so numerous Flocks, especially at the time when their young ones are hatch'd, about the latter End of June and beginning of July, that at their taking Flight they shade the Ground from the Sun-Beams, as it were a Cloud, and make such a Noise that one can hardly hear another speak. There are also great quantities of Fish in these Seas, as Seas or Sea-Dogs, Morfes or Sea-Horses, Hays, Dragon-Fish, Buts-Head, Unicorns, Sword-Fish, Mackarel, Lobsters, Garnels, Shrimps, Star-Fish, &c. But the chiefest Profit that draws Men to those defart and disconsidate Places, ariseth from the Whale-Fishing, of which perhaps it may not be impertinent here to give a Description.

As to the natural Hillory of Whales, the Wri-Whiles tings of Authors are confused, some reckoning Fishing 10 feveral Species, and others, as Wormius and Bar-deforil 1. tholinus, making them up 22; giving them various Names from their Difference in Colours, Fins, Teeth, Whalebone, Oyl. Sperma Cati, &c. But the Fish properly call'd the Whale, for the catching of which our Ships chiefly undertake the Voyage to Spitsberg and Greenland, differs from other Whales in his Fins and Mouth, that is altogether diffitute of Teeth, instead whereof there are long, black, fomewhat broad and horny Flakes, all jagg'd like Hairs. The Head is commonly the third part of the whole Fish, yet some have bigger than others. Their Lips are plain smooth and black, somewhat bended, like the Letter S, and end underneath the Eyes, before the two Fins, being lock'd one into another when drawn together. on the uppermost Lip, lies that which we call Whale-bone, of a brown, black and yellow Colour, with Streaks of feveral Colours, others being of a blue and light blue Tincture, are reputed to come from young Whales; the smallest Whale-bone is before, in the Mouth, and behind toward the Throat, but the middlemost is the largest and longest, reaching sometimes about the length of 2 or 3 Men; these are covered all over with long Hairs, like Horse-Hair, hanging down on both Sides round about the Tongue; on one Side, all in a Row, are 250 pieces of Whale-bone, and as many on the other, besides some others so small that they cannot be conveniently cut out, which is a peculiar Trade, abundance of Iron-Tools belonging thereto. The lower part of the Whale's Mouth is generally white, and the Tongue, Jying amidft the Whale-bones, is very close ty'd to the undermost Chap or Lip; it is large and white, with black Spots at the Edges, consisting of a fost fpongy Fat, to hard to be cut that it is often flung away, tho' otherwise it would yield 6 or 7 Barrels of Train-Oil. On the Head stands a Hovel or Bump, and at the Top of it, on each side is a Spout hole, bended like an S, or the Hole of a Violin, out of which the Whale blows the Water, escaled when the proposal of the start is recognitive when regulated for forces that it recognitive when regulated for forces that it recognitive when regulated for forces that it recognitive when regulated for forces that it recognitive when regulated for forces that it recognitive when the start is recognitive to the start is recognitive to the start in the start is recognitive to the start in the start is recognitive to the start in the start in the start is the start in the pecially when wounded, fo fiercely that it roars like a hollow Wind, or the Waves of the Sea in a Storm; which Noise may be heard at a League's Distance. The Eyes lye very low almost at the End of the Upper-Lip, and are not much bigger than those of a Bullock, with Eye-Lids and Hair like those of a Man; the Chrystal of the Eye is not much:bigger than a Pea, clear white, and transparent, the Colour of some is yellowith, and of others pure white. The Shape of the whole Fish is not unlike that of a Shoe-Maker's-Last, if you look upon it from beneath; their Belly and Back are generally reddish, but underneath the Belly they are white; yet some of them are Coal-black, some of them are also curiously marbled on their Fins, Back and Tail. The young ones are bigger than a Hogshead, when first brought forth. At the Sides. of the Pudendum, of the Female, stand out two Breafts, with Teats on them like those of Cows, which nevertheless are, as it were, sheath'd within till the young one comes to fuck; fome of thefe Beafts are all over white, others speckled with black and blue Spots, like a Lapwing's Egg, the Milk that iffues from them being white and fweet, but of a fomewhat fifthy Tafte. The Bones of the Whale are hard, as those of large four-footed Beafts, but porous as a Sponge, and filled with Marrow. His Fleth, which appears conrse and hard, like that of a Bull, is alone by it felf, and the Fat lying at the Top, between the Flesh and Skin, is about 6 Inches thick on the Back and Belly, as also a Foot thick upon the Fins, proportionable to the Size of the Fish, but the Fat of the under Lip is often thicker than two Foot. The Tail does not fland up as those of most other Fishes, but lies horizontal, as that of the Fin-Fish, But's-Head, Dolphin, &c. being three, three and a half, and fometimes four Fathom broad; with this the Whale winds himfelf as a Veffel is turned by the Rudder, and his Fins ferve instead of Oars, fo that he rows along as fwiftly as a Bird flies, and makes a long Track in the Sea, which remains divided for a while as that of a huge Ship under

Sail. As for the Food of the Whale, the Ancients thought that he liv'd upon the Froth of the Sea, churn'd with his violent beating on the Water; others fay, he is nourish'd with fuch Weeds and Plants as the Sea affords, fince good flore of them have been fometimes found in his Stomach: But it is most probable that his chiefest Meat are a certain fort of finall Crabs, otherwise call'd Sea-Beetles or Sea-Spiders, with which the Bays of Greenland are so cover'd that they seem all over black; these frequently hang thick on his Fins and Hairs, and are afterward fuck'd into his Mouth. Indeed not only the Crabs themselves, but also great quantities of little Stones, call'd Oculi Cancrorum, have been taken out of his Stomach. The Whales, as well as other Beafts, have their peculiar Diftempers and divers Enemies; of these last the chiefare, 1. A kind of Lowse or In-fect, having many Feet and a Head like an Acorn, with 4 Horns, which eats through the Skin to devour the Fat. 2. The Saw-Fish or Sword-Fish, which has a long Bone on the End of his Snout, set on each side with Teeth like a Saw; he seldom gives over encountering the Whale till he has kill'd him, yet eats up nothing but his Tongue. 3. The Hay, a long round and thin Fish, yet very voracious, whose Mouth, shap'd as that of the Sword-Fish, is full of sharp Teeth, three upper and three under Rows one by another; with these he bites great Pieces from the Whale, as if dug out with a Spade, and often devours all his These Fishes are also very eager after the Flesh of Men, and affault many that go to fwim or wash in the Sea; they are usually taken with a Bait of Fleth fasten'd to a Hook with a strong Fron Chain, for they would foon sheer a Rope a-funder with their Teeth.

The manner of Catching Whales is thus; When any are feed or discover'd by their Blowing or Spouting up of Water, which may be differred at a great distance, upon notice given, all the Marriners get into the Long-Boats, which hold about 6 or 7 Men apiece. These row till they come very near the Whale, and then the Harpoonier, who always his before in the Boat, takes an opportunity to throw out his Harpoon; which is an Iron shap'd at the Point like an Arrow, and fix'd at the End of a Stick or Pole, having two Beards; sharp at the Edge and blunt on the Backs, otherwife it would tear out and all the Labour would be loft. The best Harping-Irons are made of clean and fine Steel, not too much harden'd, fo that they may be bended without fnapping, for 200 Pound (a middling Whale being valued at fo much) is often loft for want of fuch a well-temper'd Instrument, which is light behind and heavy toward the Point, fo that fling it which way you will, it always falls upon the Point: To the End or Handle of the Harpoon is fastend a Rope 5 or 7 fathom long, and about an Inch thick, being more plyable than the other Cords that are afterward tyed to it (for it is made of the finest and foftest Hemp, not daub'd with Tar, so that it swells and grows hard in the Water.) In every one of the Sloops a whole Heap of Lines lye between the Scats, divided into 3, 4, or 5 parts, and each of them is of 80, 90 or 100 Fathom long. The first of them is tyed to the Fore-runer or finall Line, and as the Whale dives they tye more and more Line to it. These Ropes are thicker than the Fore-tunner, wrought with strong and tough Hemp, and tarr'd over; but the Line-Furnisher or person whose business it is to look after the Ropes, as also the other Men in the Long-boat, must take great Care that they be not entangled, or that they may not run toward the Side of the Boat, left it should be thereby overfet, but they must ran out just before in the middle, commonly call'd the Slave by the Sea men. The Harpoonier darts the Harpoon with his Right-Hand just behind the Spout-Hole of the Whale (if he can conveniently) or in the thick Fat of his Back, for he dies fooner if wounded thereabout than if he were launch'd into the Belly or through the Guts; but about the Head the Harpoon can do him little Hurt, because the Fat is very thin there upon the Bones, so that it breaks out more easily, and the Whale finds means to escape. However, for the most part the Seamen do not much mind where they launce or push them, doing it as well as they can, fince there is no Time to take great Deliberation. The Beaft, as foon as wounded, runs away with the Long-Boat as fwift as Wind, and diving underneath draws the Rope very hard, fo that great Care must be taken to give him Rope énough lest the Boat be overset. In the mean while all the other Sloops row out before, and take notice which way the Line stands, for if it is stiff and heavy, the Whale still draws it with main Strength; but if it hangs loofe, fo that the Boat both before and behind is equally high out of the Water, then the Men hale in the Rope, laying it in good order, that if the Whale thould draw on again, it may be given him without being entangled. It is also to be observ'd, Thrt if the Whale runs upon the Level, too much Rope must not be allowed, less in turning much and often about he thould wind it about

a Rock or heavy Stone, fo that the Harping-Iron would be loosen'd and tear out, which has often happen'd. Whensoever the Whale rolls upon the Ground, the Long-boat lying still, the Lines are drawn in again by degrees, and the Rope-Master lays them down in their proper Places. If he rims underneath a great Ice-field, and the Rope is not long enough to follow him, they draw it in as much as is possible, and cut it off, losing the piece of Rope and the Whale; and indeed they frequently run away with the Lines belonging to 5 or more Sloops. Where great quantities of finall Ice are crouded together it is very dangerous and difficult to pursue the Whale, for he is so cunling as to retire thither immediately, and the Long-Boats are very often dash'd to pieces against the Rocks of Ice. But when he rifes they fling one or two more Harping-Irons into him, accordingly as they perceive him more or less tir'd, and then he dives under Water again, some swim even all-a-long, playing with their Tail and Fins, fo that great Care mult be taken not to come too near them, for they can beat a Long-Boat to pieces at a Blow. Thus the Seamen wait till the Whale is pretty well tir'd, and then kill him outright with Launces, nevertheless not without great Danger, for they strike as well upon his Body as at his Sides, and receive many fevere Blows, all the other Men in the Sloops rowing diligently, fometimes forward and fometimes backward, whilst the Whale lifts himself up and often beats fo violently with his Tail and Fins that the Water dashes up into the Air like Dust. The Launces are fixt to a wooden Pole above two Fathom long, or somewhat shorter than a Pike-staff; the other part of the Launce being commonly a Fathom long, and pointed before, as that of a Pike; is made of Steel or tough Iron, so as to bend without breaking: For the Harpooniers, having made a deep Hole in the Whale's Back or Sides with their Launces, continue thrusting them first one way then another; but if one or more are got out of their Hands they foon take another, every Sloop being furnished with at least 5, 6 or 7; yet fornetimes the Whale has them all out of 3, 4 or more Boats sticking in his Body. After he is ftruck he spouts Water or Blood with all his force, so that the Noise thereof may be heard as far as the Report of a Cannon; but when when he is quite wearied it comes out only by Drops, for he has not Strength enough to force it upward; fome Whales blow Blood to the very last, dashing the Men most filthily, and dying their Sloops as deep as if they were painted with Vermillion, nay the very Sea is tinged red along wherefoever they fwim. Those Whales that are mortally wounded, heat themselves so excessively that they reek, and the Birds sit on them and eat their Flesh whilst yet alive. They are sured struck with a Harpoon, as they spout Water, and so do not mind the striking of the Oars, for when they lie still they liften, and are sometimes above and sometimes under water. fometimes under Water; but it is very dangerous to affault the Females, especially when big with young, for they defend themselves very long and are harder to be dispatch'd than the Males.

The Long-Boats often waste 6 or 7 hours, nay even a whole Day before one is feen; but when he is thus kill'd they convey him to the Ship's Side, fastning that part where the Tail is cut off to the

Fore-Castle, and the Head toward the Stern: Then 2 Sloops hold at each End of the Fish, whilst the Harpooniers stand in them before or upon the Whale, clad with a leathern Suit. These 2 Men, who have their peculiar Wages, viz. about 4 or 5 Crowns apiece, flice his Sides with long Knives, raifing the Blubber or Fat from the Flesh, which the more it is loosen'd, as the Hide is flea'd from an Ox, the higher it must be hal'd up with the Pulleys, that it may be more eafily cut. Afterward the Fat is cut into fmall pieces in the Ship, and kept in Veffels or Cardels (as they call them) until they try it up into Train-Oil. The Blubber of some Whales is White, others Yellow; and some of Red: The White, being full of snall Sinews, does not yield so much Oil, as the Yellow; the Red and watery Fat comes from dead Whales, taking its Colour from the Settling of the Blood, and affords the worst and least Oil, but the Yellow Fat, which looks like Butter, is the best. The Fat being thus chopt into small Pieces, and slic'd thin, is boyl'd in Cauldrons or Coppers: Afterward the Liquor is laded out into a Vessel, halffull of Water, that it may be cool'd, and that the Dirt, Blood and other Dregs may fall to the bottom; then it is put into Troughs, to be more cool'd, and conveyed thence into the Cardels or Hogsheads, which ge-Hence that the Catales of Flogineaus, which generally hold 64 Gallons. It is reported that one Housson, a Diep-man, in the Year 1634. got 26 Hogsheads (Cados) out of the Tongue of one Whale, and 120 out of its Body. The Train-Oil is used by divers Tradesinen, as Frize-makers, Curriers, Cloth-Workers and Soap-Boilers. The Greenland Ships, of the largest size, carry 30 or 40 Men, and sometimes more, having 6 Sloops to tend them, and hold from 800 to a 1000 Cardels of Fat: The lefler Ships contain fewer Cardels. viz. from 400 to 700, and have commonly 5 Sloops or Boats belonging to them. There also go fome Galliots to Spitsburg to catch Whales, which have only 3 or 4 Sloops.

The Hollanders attribute the first Discovery of Green-

Greenland or Spitsberg to three of their own Pilots, land viz. Jacob Heemskirk, William Barents and John discove-Cornelius Ryp, imposing Names on several Creeks red. and Promontories, according to their Fancy. But it is certain that they only followed our Steps, and that had our Men been as diligent in that particular from time to time, as also no less careful in making of Sea-Charts on fuch occasions, divers Discoveries would have been unquestionably afferted to this Nation, which are now almost disputed from us. Indeed it is not to be doubted but that Sir Hugh Willingshy, in the Year 1553, and Stephen Burroughs in 1556, landed in this Country long before the arrival of the Dutch Fleet; therefore the latter had no other way to derogate from Sir High's Honour, but by conferring on him an imaginary Title of an Island, which they call Willoughby's Land, a Place near Nova Zembla: However, in 1610. the Ruffia Company of English Merchants, sent a Ship, nam'd the Amiry, under the command of Jonas Pool, for Whale-Fithing, who fell upon this Country formerly discover'd, tho' not much regarded, and call'd it Greenland; either by reaor perhaps missaking it for Groenland, a large Northern Continent before discover'd. He also G g 2

on the Western Side; as Horn-sound, (because a Unicorn's Horn was there found) Ice-Point, Bell-Point, Black-Point, Knotty-Point, Lowneß Island, Cape-Cold, Ice-Sound, Fowl-Sound, Deer-Sound, &c. This was the first Time that any Benefit was made by the Fishing in these Seas. In 1611 the Company hir'd fix Basques, expert Fishermen, and furnish'd them with two Ships to fish for Whales; the first that was taken by them yield 12 Tuns of Oil, and they likewise kill'd 500 Morsles. In 1622 two other Ships were fent, which caught feven-teen Whales, together with some Morsses, and made 180 Tuns of Oil. The Hollanders came thither the same Year with one Ship, conducted by Andrew Swallow an Englishman, whilst another English Pilot likewise brought a Spanish Vessel. Afterward many other Voyages were undertaken on the Company's account, and thefe Coasts were frequented by the English, Dutch, Dance, and other Nations; nevertheless we find little worth relating of Greenland till the Year English 1630, when some English, commanded by Cap-Winter tain William Goodler, were forc'd to wander up and down the Country, and to winter there; a large Relation whereof has been published by Dr. W. Watts, to which we shall refer the Reader. Some English in like manner, winter'd in Greenland, A.D. 1633, and another Company in 1634, but the latter all perished there. The last that has brought us any considerable News from this Country is Frederick Martens a Hamburger, who set sail from the River Elbe April 15. A.D. 1671, and return'd thither on Aug. 21. He set forth a large and very accurate Description of the Land, and all things therein, as Mountains, Plants, Beasts, Fowls, &c. chiefly upon a desire to satisfie the Curiosity of some Gentlemen of the Royal Society. This Work was first written in High-Dutch, and after printed in English.

gave Names to many of the principal Places

In these Countries there is a continu'd Day for four or five Months in a Year, and a perpetual Night for three Months; io that for the most part there is either all Light, or all Darkness. The English that winter'd in Greenland in the Year 1630, entirely lost the Light of the Sun Octob. 14, and saw it not again till Feb. 3. It is reported by those that staid there in 1633, that Octob. 5. was the last Day that they beheld the Sun; tho' they could fee to read in the Twi-light, which continu'd till Octob. 17. That on the twentyfection the Stars plainly appear'd all the twenty-four Hours, and were vifible during the whole Winter. That on Jan. 15 they perceiv'd for fix or feven Hours about Noon, so much Light as they could make a fhift to read by it: And that on Febr. 12 they difference the Sun-Beams upon the tops of the Mountains, and the next day his whole Body. Our Men that remain'd in Greenland in 1634, and all perish'd there, left in Writing before their Deaths, that the Sun disappear'd Octob. 10. and was seen again Feb. 14. The Hollanders that winter'd in Nova Zembla A. D. 1596, on Novemb. 2. New Stile, or Ottob. 23, Old Stile, (according to Purchas) faw the Sun not fully above the Earth; when it role South-fouth-east, and set South-south-west. After Novem. 4. New Stile, or Octob. 2. Old Stile, the Sun was no longer seen, but the Moon ap-

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pear'd Day and Night, as long as she continu'd in the highest Degrees. On Jan. 24. they perceived the edge of the Sun above the Horizon, and on Jan. 27. he came totally in view; being in 5. Deg. 25. Min. of Aquarius. It is difficult to assign a Reason of these various Appearances, unless they proceed from the differences, of Latitude, wherein the English and Dutch took up their Winter-Quarters: But the Cold in Nova Zembla, was more intense than that in Greenland.

The English that Winter'd in this Country lived upon Venison, as Rain-Deer, Bears, Foxes, Morsses, &c. The Bear's-slesh was tolerably pleasant and wholesom, but the Liver caus'd their Skins to peel off; which was also observed by the Hollanders, that abode in Nova Zembla. As the Sun and Day began to appear, the Fowls and Foxes crept abroad, for which they fet many Traps and Ginns; infomuch that a vaff number of Birds were taken, and at feveral times, above 50 Foxes: These last prov'd very good Meat, and the Dutch in Nova Zembla were likewise much reliev'd by them in their Scurvies. Afterward, in going abroad to feek Provisions, they found great quantities of Willock's Eggs, that afforded no small Refreshment: But the effects of the Cold upon their Bodies were wonderful, raising Blisters on their Flesh, as if they they had been burnt: Iron stuck to their Fingers when touch'd, and their Stockings were all over fing'd as they fat by a great Fire, yet their Feet felt no warmth, and their Backs were frozen. However, our Men either had not altogether endur'd so much hardship, or at least were not so ready to complain as William Barents's Company in Nova Zembla; for the Cold was so excellive sharp in those Parts, that (as it was related by them at their return)their Shoes froze as related by them at their return) their Shoes froze as hard as Horn to their Feet, their Sack and other flrong Liquors were likewife frozen, and a Barrel of Water became perfect Ice in one Night. They also add, that their Carpenter taking a Nail out of his Mouth, the Skin and Flesh follow'd, glu'd to it with Ice; that in their Hutts they were wont to apply Stones' heated at the Fire to their Feet, and other Parts of their Body, to keen them from from freezing, and that they suffer t to keep them from freezing; and that they fuffer'd many other Calamities, the particular Circum-stances whereof it would be too tedious to recite.

The Land of IESSO, Terra ESONIS (of Land of which we have already spoken in our Account of Jesso. China) is altogether unknown, except forne Coasts of it which lie in 42 Deg. of Latitude. It is scated between Asia and America, and is a long continued Tract of Land; by some thought to be contiguous to both Continents, and that thereby America was Peopl'd. But the Straight of Joss or Tessay which parts it from Tartary, and the Straight of Anian that separates it from that part of Amar inal repartates it from that repart of America which has been yet discover'd, seem to contradict that Opinion. The Nature of the Soil and Air is not known; 'tis thought that they are like Canada, and that the Country is fruitful in all things. The Inhabitants, so far as we know of them, live upon Fishing and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer are the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer and the transfer are all the transfer and the transfer are the transfer and th Hunting, and they are cloath'd with the Skins of Beafts. Their Canoos, or little Galleys, are

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Winter there.

fastned together with Cords made of the Bark of Coco's, which never rots in t e Water. They Trade with the People of Japan, and are subject to that Emperor, paying him Tribure: Upon which account it is, that this Prince forbids all Strangers which Trade to his Kingdom, to have any Commerce in the Land of Jesso. The Natives are Idolaters.

As for NEW DENMARK, NEW NORTH-WALES, the Isles of CUM-BERLAND and RAWLEY, we know nothing of them but the Names, and some Coasts; so that all we have to fay of them is, That these Countries lie on the North of America, toward Hudfon's-Sea, that they are very Cold, and that we have little Acount of them.

SECT. II.

The Antarctick, or Southern Countries.

These Countries are call'd ANTARCTICK from the Pole of that Name, near which they lie; they are also nam'd Southern, because of their Situation. The Dusch Relations pretend, that they are not less than America, and as Fruitful and well Peopled as Europe. They reach not farther than the Sixtyeth Degree of Southern Latitude: Magellan, who discover'd them first, gave them them the Name of Ma-

The Air is very different, according to the feveral Regions of it; but it is faid, the Soil is generally fertil in all forts of Fruit, wild and tame Beafts, fome of which are unknown to us. Fernando Quiros the Spaniard, Mayre, Browers and Schouten, Dutchmen, observ'd several Mouths of Rivers, but durft not venture upon the Land; they only entred fome Gulphs and commodious Havens. The Straight of Magellan, discover'd in 1520, is two hundred Leagues in length; and in some places two or three, in other fix or ten Leagues wide. Mayre's Straights, on the East of Terra del Faogo, discover'd in 1615, is ten Leagues long, and as many wide. Brower's Straight, found out in 1643, 1s much like Mayre's. The English and Dutch go that way sometimes to the East-Indies; and Dampeir choic rather to go this Way, and Coast the Terra del Eugo, than venture thro' the Magellanick Straight; because of the difficulty of that Passage.

New NEW GUINEE, NOVA GUINEA,
Guinea is near the Equinoctial Line; it is one of the
biggest Isles in the World. It is so call'd, because in Africa, and because 'tis part of the West's Indies: It is separated from the Continent by a Straight or Current of the Sea of the Land of Papos, which is a very considerable Island on the East of Gilolo; it is a good Country, but little frequented by the Europeans.

TERRA del FUOGO, already mention'd, is on the South of America; it consists of leveral Islands, call'd the Magellanick, the Straights of Fuogo. Mabellan, and the Fires which they observ'd

there gave Name to the Land. The Air and Soil are very good.

The STATES ISLAND lies South-earl States of it, and hath almost the same Nature and Island.

The SOUTHERN UNKNOWN Terra REGION, or TERRA AUSTRALISAU Tradis INCOGNITA, is a valt Tract of Land, as lacogniwe judge by the Coafts. I have diffinguish'd the ta-Parts of it by the feveral Names given it by Pilots and Captains, who have faild by them, which are to be feen in the foregoing Table. The Inhabitants are white, of a large Stature, strong, industrious and courageous; it is very sad to still into their Hands, as some Europeans have sound by unhappy Experience. Some modern Relations tell us, That in all that vast Country they have neither King nor Prince, all the People are only combin'd together in feveral Factions, in the Form of a Commonwealth. They chuse Governours only to make the Lazy work, punish Offenders, and render Justice to every Man. They are Idolaters, and have Oratories to pray to their Idols in: They observe certain Fasts, and Wath their Bodies on certain Days every Year.

The Country of NEW ZEALAND is New Antipoles to France; the Dutch, in the Year 1642, Zealand. were used cruelly by the Men they found there of an extraordinary Stature. Fernando de Quirros, who, ipent 14 Years in these Voyages, different the Country of the Post of Part o cover'd it before those Republicans. He was fourcover'd it before those Republicans. He was four-teen Months at the Court of the King of Spain, to persuade his Catholick Majesty by eight seve-ral Petitions, to send Colonies thither; and re-presented a thousand Advantages that would arise to them by the Extent of it, Fruitfulness, People, and Conveniency of the Ports, but was not regarded. It is placed in the Dutch Maps between the 34 and 44 Degr. of South Latitude, and between the 189 and 194 Degr. of Longi-tude.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND is fituated Van Die-VAN DIEMEN'S LAND is intuited van between the 163 and 169 men. Degr. of Longitude; and between the 41 and Land. 44 Degr. of Southern Latitude. This Country was first discover'd Novemb. 24. A. D. 1642, by Abel Tasman a Hollander, who impos'd on it that Name in Honour of Anthony van Diemen. Governour of the Dutch East-India Company; whence it is also termed, The Country of Anthony van Diemens: But 'tis not known, whether it be an Island, or a Continent; in regard that its Northern Coalt only was descry'd, with Frederick-Henry's Bay, Oc.

The other Parts of Terra Australis lie farther Northward, and follow in their Order.

NEW HOLLAND is wash'd on the New North, by the Seas of the Molucca's and Anchidol, Holland and on the West and South by the Indian Ocean. and on the Vertaind South by the Hallanders, above Fifty Years ago; and its Bounds are usually set out in the Maps, between the 12 and 35 Degrees of Southern Latitude, and between the 134 and the 169 Degr. of Longitude.

Terra del

This Country is divided into feveral Parts, viz. Peter Noitz's Land, which derives its Name from its first Discoverer, who arriv'd on those Coasts A.D. 1625; Het Land van Lewinnen, or, The Liones Island; The Land of Concord, in Dutch, 't Landt van Eendracht; accidentally found out, and so nam'd by the Hollanders, as they were making a Voyage to the Molucca's, A.D. 1618; the Countries' of Edels, Du-Wit, and Arnent.

Carpentaria.

LAND, owns its Denomination to one Carpenter, a Dutch Commander, who first made a discovery of its Coast; and is remarkable for its situation between New Holland and New Guinea, in the innermost part of the Indian Ocean.

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ESPIRITU SANTO, i. e. THE
del Espi-SOUTHERN COUNTRY OF THE
ritu
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HOLY GHOST, a large Tract of Terra
Australis, in the Southern part of the Pacifick
Sca, was first found out and so call'd, by Peter
Ferdinand de Quiros, in the Name of Philip III.
King of Spain, A.D. 1606. It is extended very
far from the North-west, to the South-east; and
to 15, or 16 Deg. of Southern Latitude: It contains the Harbours of S. Felippe, S. Jago, and
Vera Cruz, near the Rivers Jordan and S. Salvador; and many Islands lie over against its
Northern Coast, according to the Relation of
John de Turrecremata, in the Voyage of the said
Ferdinand Quiros. M. Sanson places this Country
on the South-east of New Guinea, and on the
North of it the Islands of Solomon; but both are
omitted in the Dutch Maps. Jacob le Mayre
took the Island of Good Fortune, and the Horn-Isles,
which he discover'd in his Voyage to New Guinea, for those of Solomon; because he found them
to agree with Ferdinand Quiros's Description.
Others make the Number of Solomon's Islands to
amount to 20, but their Names are scarce
known; neither are they inhabited by ary Euro-

pean Colony. The chief of them are, S. Ifabella, which is of a larer extent than the relt; Guadalcanale, and S. Nicholo. Anthony of Leon informs us, That the Spaniards made three feveral Discoveries of these Islands: viz. The first by Alvarez de Mendana, A. D. 1567; the second by the same Alvarez, in 1599, who was then accompanied by Peter Ferdinand de Ouiros, and died there; and the third by the same Ferdinand de Quiros, in 1605.

We have but lightly touch'd upon the Parts of Terra Australia, in regard that its Sca-coass only were discovered by the Hollanders about 50 Years ago; but the nature of the inland Country, is altogether unknown to them, as well as to the rest of

the European Nations.

Neither indeed can much more be deliver'd, concerning a great number of Islands of the Pacifick Sea, which are but of sinall compass, and were only discover'd accidentally upon several Occasions. Those that lye on the North of the Equinoctial Line, were discover'd and nam'd by the Spaniards, as they were failing from America, to the Ladrones and the Philippines: But those that appear on the South of the same Line, were found out, for the most part, by Jacob Le Maire, and William Cornelius Schouten, and call'd by their Names, when after having pass'd the New Straight, they sail'd from South America to New Guinea.

Time may possibly bring to Light as particular Accounts of all these Countries, as we now have of America, which was as much unknown to former Ages. But for the Present these Descriptions are as succinct as are to be had, or at least as good as needs of Countries which are never travell'd to, nor from which any thing is brought for our use. And with them we shall close our Description, which we hope has answer'd the Reader's Expectation, and given him an Idea of all the Known Parts of the Earth. We heartly wish him as much Pleasure and Prosit in reading it, as we have had Care and Pains in composing it, and then I am sure we shall both be pleased.

FINIS.

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