

## CHAPTER VII.

## COLOURED POPULATION.

In the year 1755; the number of negroes in this state, was 46,356—The white population at that time being 107,208 The proportion being 2.31 white to one negro.

By the year 1790, the proportion of colored population had increased very considerably, there being 111,079 negroes to 208,450 whites; which is about 1.88 whites to 1 negro.

In the year 1800 the comparative numbers were 127,649 negroes, to 221,993 whites:—Proportion 1.75 whites to 1 negro.

In 1810, there were 145,429 negroes to 235,117 whites:—Proportion 1.62 whites to 1 negro.

In 1820 there were 147,128 negroes, to 200,222 whites:—Proportion 1.77 whites to 1 negro.

The condition of the colored population of this state, has undergone a very material change within the last half century. Fifty years ago, nearly all the descendents of Africa within the state were slaves. In 1790 there were 8,043 free colored persons in the state. In thirty years (1820) the number had increased to 39,730, nearly five hundred per cent. The increase of the number of slaves in the state during the same thirty years, was 4,362, or only at the rate of four per cent. In 1790 not one fourteenth of the colored