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Mr. GREEN, SIR,

S I am myfelf a Merchant, I have taken Notice of a Vice which is endemical among the Planters, and therefore the less noticed. It is the

Difrespect they have for Merchants. nd especially those they so unnaturally distinguish y the ill fitting Epithet of Porrioners; for fuch e call the Natives of Great-Britain, to whom we we the greatest Obligations, and who avowedly reat them with more Candour and Good-Nature han they receive from their own Countrymen.

Whence this Acrimony proceeds, is not very ifficult to discover; there is something so preoften hate those to whom we owe the greatest

Obligations,
Should a Merchant propose any Thing that
night be of general Advantage to the Country,
his Spirit of Aversion to the Merchant, and Opofition to every Scheme we apprehend to be Beeficial to Trade, make us conclude it of Confegence ruinous to the Planter.

Nay, to such a Pass are we come, that if an Action brought by a Merchant will bear the least colour of a Dispute, it infallibly must be a Trial, nd on the Trial we are generally fo prudent as to onfider how foon it may be our own Cafe; and hat is no small Disgrace to us, we are never at a os for a Sort of *** who will undertake the irtiest Cause. He is true to his Client, but an nemy to Truth,

As the Merchants among us are in many Reects more enlighten'd, as well as justly distinuished for their Integrity, than some who are ven preser'd in our Councils, it would not be mis, that those who have the Honour and Proserity of their Country at Heart, would endeavour o wipe off this Diffrace, and put the honest Mer-hant in a fair, Light. With this View I send you, som an ingenious Author, a Specimen of the street the Merchant should be held in, if we yould be a flourishing Country; to which you rill probably think worth while to afford a small pace in your GAZETTE, a Favour you often rant to Matters of infinitely less Importance.

In Exitaet from Mr. Postibthwayt's Treatife, "ENTITUEED,

GREAT BRITAIN TRUE SYSTEM. As Commerce is what renders every Country Rich and confequently Powerful; so the Merchant, in this View, may be faid to be the noff useful Member of the Society in which he ives. It is he, who renders the Product and Manufactures of our own Country valuable, and prings, besides a Ballance in Money, those of the non distant Countries, for our Use. He runs the lazard of Seas and Storms, and fails to every Quarter of the World for his Country's Good, deending on nothing but his own Skill and Industry or the Advancement of his Family and Estate. oder whatever Government he lives, the Merhant may be truly faid to be an independent Man. He must always be an Enemy to Arbitrary Power, and his Industry will set him above the Temptaon of Corruption. It is Liberty which makes frade lashingly flourish, and a flourishing Trade makes such a Fluctuation of Property, especially mongs the Commonalty, that it is the great Means of preferving Liberty; and thus they mu-

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on Trade already; and whose Grief must be in those little Cells they had formed of hollow'd creased, when he considers, that an Increase of pub. Grains of Corn, clotted together by Means of creased, when he considers, that an Increase of pub-lic Debts must increase our commercial Grievan-

There is nothing left to be done, but for all honest Men to join Heads, Hearts and Hands, to find Means, Uc. Sc. X.

Mr. GREEN,:

WE have hitherto had to do with a very mischievous Animal, well known by the Name of Wevil or Corn-Beetle: The Damage they do to out Crops of Wheat and Indian Corn, the very great, we have endured with Patience, as being inconfiderable when compared to the Wolf or Moth, which has established it's Refi-dence among us within these 3 or 4 Years, and is now got to such a Pitch, that we find the Bread and Flour, manufactured from the two last Crops of Wheat, unfit for any Foreign Market, and hardly eatable at Home. We have fome Complaints from the Weft-Indies of the Mustiness of our Flour, of which they accuse the Miller, and the Bread was not half baked, &c. being ignorant where the Defect lies, for indeed we knew no Remedy, tho we in Maryland knew very well where the Disease lay. As the Continuance of this Calamity must not only ruin a very considerable Branch of our Commerce, but deprive us of the most valuable Staff of Life; for this Prince of Vegetables is thereby rendered less salutary and pleasant, than perhaps any other Grain that is cultivated in Maryland: I doubt not some Account of this destructive Insect, with a Method to prevent the Devastation he occasions, must be acceptable to the Public. It is in vain for the Few, who may be acquainted with a Remedy, to hug them-felves with the exclusive Possession of the Secret; every Man who has any Corn in his Possession, that is to fay, every House-Keeper in the Community, ought to be made acquainted with it; for the Fecundity of these Insects will baffle the Industry of Thousands.

In the curious Mr. ADAMS's Micrographia Ilbestrata, I find that this Insect is not unknown in Europe; from him I shall give a Description of him; if any Man should imagine he perceives a Difference from what he has observed in this Maryland Moth, he may boldly presume it is no more than what is found between Animals of the same Class and Genus in Europe compared with those of America, as the Turtle-Dove of Europe and that of America, whose Character and Qualities are the same, and the like may be said of other Animals, Vegetables, &c.

Of the WOLF on SMALL MOTH.

THIS Infect is a little white Worm, which infects Granaries and Corn Chambers. In it's perfect State it is really a Moth, nearly of the Size and Form of the Cloaths Moth; it has four whitish Wings spotted with black Spots.

When in the reptile State, it is a very small Carerpillar, the Forepart of it's Body having fix Feet, which are not discernable till the Worm is turned on it's Back. As it creeps along, an exceeding fine Thread or Web issues from it's Mouth, by which it hangs to every Thing it touches; it's Mouth is armed with a Pair of reddish Forceps, wherewith it gnaws it's Way, not only into Wheat and other Grain, but even perforates into Wood, and almost every Thing it meets with.

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the Web coming from their Months; and wander about till they find some wooden Beam, or other Body to their Mind; into which they gnaw Holes with their sharp Pangs, capable of concealing them; and there envelope themselves in a Covering of their own Spinning; where they foon be-come metamorphofed into dark colour'd Aurelias, and continue so all the Winter unactive and harmless: But about April or May, as the Weather grows warm, they are transformed into Moths of the Kind before described. Then are they to be feen in great Numbers taking little Flights, or creeping along the Walls; in the Fly State they eat nothing, therefore are not mischievous, but foon copulate and lay Eggs, not larger than a Grain of Sand, in Shape like those of a Hen, each Female fixty or feventy, which, by Means of a Tube at the End of her Tail, the thrusts or infinuates into the little Wrinkles, Hollows or Crevices of the Corn; where, in about fixteen Days, they hatch, and then the Plague begins: For the minute Worms or Maggots immediately perforate the Grain where they are hatched upon, eat out the very Heart of it, and with their Webs cement other Grains thereto, which they likewise scoop out and devour, leaving nothing but Hufks and Duff, and fuch a Quantity of their Dung, as flews them to be more voracious Insects than the Wevil.

The Methods of destroying this Vermin are, when they for ake their Food, and ascend the Walls, or when they appear in the Moth State; at both these Times they may be crush'd to Death by clapping Sacks upon them: But they may still be more effectually destroyed by closing up all the Doors and Windows, and filling the Corn Chambers with the Fumes of Brimftone, by leaving it burning on a Pan of Charcoal, without giving it any Vent for 24 Hours: However, after that great Care must be taken to open them all again for some Hours, that the Fumes may be entirely gone

before any Body enters.

N: B. The Fumes of the Sulphur are not hurt-

We are indebted to the Curiofity of, the ingeni-We are indebted to the Curiofity of, the ingenious Mr. Leewenback for the foregoing microfcopical
Observations, and many others. But it is supposed by many among us, that these Insects lay their
Eggs on the green Wheat in the Field, in the Manner of the Pea Bug; if this be so, the Remedy
will seem somewhat more difficult. Yet the the
foregoing Method may be followed with Success,
we will endeavour to give another, which probably
may extirpate the whole Species in one Season in may extirpate the whole Species in one Seafon in our Region, at least for a considerable Time. By whatever Means they have been introduced among us, whether by the Aurelia, or the Egg being lodged in the Body or in the Crevices of the Grain, which may have been imported within these few Years, perhaps from Germany, Sicily, &c. in order to make Trial of a new Sort of Wheat in this Country (for there are other Kinds of Wheat, which possibly might turn to a better Account in fome foils, than that which is commonly cultivafome Soils, than that which is commonly cultivated among us), or in any other Matter wherein the fame may have lay hid; the whole Tribe of Infects being well known to live many Months, and some of them Years, in the inactive State of an Egg or of an Aurelia; it is observable that these Flies have not got Footing to the Northward of Maryland, the Climate, as I presume, being top cold for their Constitutions. And as most Infects of whatever Class, but especially Moths of all Kinds, perish in the Winter, if already arrived at the perfect State of a Moth; this Observation What a Pleasure is it to fig. the building mercanile Scene, and the perpetual Hurry of Buiness to before the Corn Chambers that are insested with sobserved in our Trading Cities? The Channel of the Summer, crawling out for Places where they may be seen near, the Decline of the Summer, crawling out for Places where they may be feen seen they may be feen seen the Malls in great Mumbers of People, like so many busy Bees about the Hives? Who can help withing them Prospetity! Who does not grieve to consider the many been they forske their Pood, and branch in one Season only.

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