

As fifty healthy young married women, that are honest
 tious: By which means, the state is defrauded of the
 e of upwards of 500 subjects out of 200, every year.—
 e all this, that it has been long observed by men of
 it and speculation, that more young children die in Eng-
 om the birth to two years old, than in any other coun-
 The sea likewise, and our extensive plantations, are a
 ual drain upon us. And the manufacturing poor at home
 ling themselves, and, if I may be allowed the expression,
 pterity likewise, as fast as they can, by those sure instru-
 of death, gin and spirituous liquors. For all these rea-
 herefore, as well as on account of lowering the price of
 or, and preventing the combinations of journeymen, so
 y complain'd of, and severely felt throughout the king-
 it is humbly hoped, that those persons who have hither-
 opposed the naturalization bill, will see cause to change
 ir sentiments; and will look upon it as highly useful and
 edient, and procusive of the greatest national advantages.
 ere are many thousands of manufacturers, both in silk and
 oolen, in the south of France, all zealous protestants, who
 ould gladly come over, if they could learn that they should
 et with a kind reception. And as England and France are
 mpetitors in almost all branches of commerce, every single
 anufacturer so coming over would be our gain, and a double
 is to France.

*This argument is further pursued with regard to our Colo-
 nies,—that the more populous we are at home, the more shall
 we consume of their produce, and be able to supply them so well
 with the manufactures which they want, that they will have
 o need to get them, as they do now, from other countries, to
 be lost to the mother country.*

L O N D O N.

Feb. 3. Orders are given at his majesty's yards for getting
 easy for the sea several twenty and forty gun ships early in
 the spring.

Feb. 8. We hear from Braintree in Essex, that they had a
 violent storm of thunder and lightning there on Monday last, by
 which accident the lightning set fire to the steeple, which intire-
 ly consumed it.

Feb. 12. They write from Bristol, that a sea chest is come
 ashore at Milford, and by the papers in it, they discover the
 captain's name to be Rich, and bound from Leghorn to Lon-
 don; so its tear'd the ship and all the crew are perish'd.—
 here is also come ashore some gilded works of a Virginia
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Letters from Plymouth inform us, that the master of a ship
 which put in there in the late storm, reports, that before he came
 he had seen five or six vessels, two of whom were large,
 very great distress, almost without masts, and in a terrible

people are under great apprehensions for the Norfolk India-
 where being no news heard of her yet.

As said that a large Dutch ship, laden with tobacco, was
 wreck'd near Lyme in Dorsetshire; and that she was immedi-
 ately plundered by the savages of the country.

Feb. 14. Sunday morning a fellow was committed to pri-
 son for attempting to commit a rape on the body of a child
 10 years of age, in Castle street, Wapping.

On Monday last several persons were found concealed in an
 outhouse in Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, be-
 observed by a person who lived opposite to the said house,

whom he suspected they intended to break into the next shop,
 which was rightly conjectur'd, for one of the gang has con-
 fessed, that was their intention; and that their practice was to
 break up the house every night; whereupon they were all
 committed to jail.

Yesterday two lads were committed to the Gatehouse for
 robbing the shop of Mr. Ownhill, a cheesmonger in King-
 street near the Seven Dials.

On Thursday last was committed to Maidstone goal one John
 Brown, for robbing the house of John Hyde, Esq; on Black-
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Also William Owen, for stealing a boat from the stern of a
 ship at Greenwich, belonging to William Reynolds; and al-
 so for stealing an anchor from the bow of his majesty's ship the
 Phoenix.

Also Thomas Finakin, for stealing wearing apparel from Mr.
 Eddes. And Isaac Allen and Samuel Carr, for robbing
 a shop belonging to Sir James Creed, Knt. of Green-

Feb. 25. Yesterday came advice, that admiral Spinola, from
 the Havanna, for Cadiz, with five ships (one of them dismait-
 ed) are put into Martinico; having seven millions of dollars on
 board.

At the same time came an account, that the Francisco, alias
 la Lydia, from Buenos Ayres, is arrived at Cadiz, having two
 millions of dollars on board.

Feb. 27. On Sunday morning about two o'clock a Valen-
 tine Blake, Esq; was going home in his chair to his house in
 Wigmore-Row, near Oxford chapel, while his footman was
 knocking at the Door five footpads came up to him and called
 him by his name, and demanded his watch and money, or else
 they would blow his brains out, which he deliver'd to them;
 and then they made off with their booty undiscover'd.

On Wednesday last a porter belonging to a nobleman was
 committed to the Gatehouse, for committing a rape on the bo-
 dy of a child of 9 years of age.

Bristol, Feb. 3. Last Tuesday night, and for several days
 past at intervals, we have had very stormy weather: But on
 Wednesday morning, a little after four o'clock, the general
 part of the inhabitants of this city, was struck into a consterna-
 tion, by the most terrible claps of thunder, lightning, hail,
 and rain that the oldest man living can remember at this season
 of the year; which at present is uncommonly mild, the sharp-
 ness of the winter quarter seeming to have hid itself, bidding
 fair, hitherto, rather for a continuance of it, than otherwise.—
 The most shocking time of the thunder held about a quarter of
 an hour; but the continuance of this dreadful tempest, it is
 computed, lasted about half an hour, or more.—The light-
 ning continued the whole time to a surprizing degree, flashing
 from the element at very short distances.—The lightning
 set fire to a hay rick, at Long Ashton; the greatest part of
 which was consumed.—A man from the neighbourhood of
 St. George's, who usually brings pork and bacon to our mar-
 ket, being at that time in the storm, was beat off his horse,
 which taking fright, ran into a drain of water, with his load-
 ing of pork, &c. and was drowned.—A fisherman who
 was at the same time coming to market, reports, that the hail-
 stones were as big as the tops of his fingers; and that it was
 with the greatest difficulty he got to town with his fish.

A N N A P O L I S.

Yesterday the General Assembly of this Province met here;
 when his Excellency the Governor opened the Session with the
 following speech; viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,
 'T is with great Pleasure that I meet you at any Time, as
 ' nothing is more agreeable to me, than an Opportunity of
 ' concurring with you in any Measure for the Public Good:
 ' At present it gives me a particular Satisfaction, that I can
 ' congratulate you with so much Reason, on the Success of our
 ' Endeavours for the Advancement of our Staple.

' At our Meeting last Year, I took Notice of the general
 ' Approbation our Inspection Law met with at home; and ex-
 ' pressed my Hopes, that a few Years Experience would make
 ' it agreeable to every Body here: Hitherto my Expectations
 ' have been fully answered, and I flatter myself, that Time
 ' will soon wear away the few Prejudices that may still remain
 ' against so very useful, and indeed necessary a Law.

' But however justly the several Regulations in this Law may
 ' be calculated for the Interest of the Planter, a great deal, as I
 ' formerly observed to you, must always depend upon the due
 ' Execution of it; therefore I cannot but earnestly recommend
 ' this again to your Consideration, that the reasonable Hopes
 ' we have of the future Prosperity of our Trade, may not be
 ' in any Degree frustrated by any Want of Care and Attention
 ' in ourselves.

' As to my own Part, you may be assured of my sincere De-
 ' sire to promote your Happiness in every Respect: It is not
 ' only my Inclination, but I look upon it as my Duty, and
 ' shall ever think myself happy in Proportion to the Benefit the
 ' Public may reap from my Administration.

' These are my real Sentiments, and I can truly say, that I
 ' have never recommended any Thing to you, but what I sincere-
 ' ly thought for your Interest; even the Three Pence per Hog-
 ' head for Arms and Ammunition, which the Duty of my Sta-
 ' tion must always oblige me to press in a particular Manner,
 ' concerns the Government no further, than as it is necessary
 ' for the Safety and Defence of the Province, which every
 ' Man of Property in the Country is essentially interested in,
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