

simously appear'd (whilst I was there) to aim hea-
 rely at the same Thing, which Endeavours of theirs
 I am all hopes may be attended with good Success,
 if we on our Parts concur to the good a Work, which
 I see no reason to doubt, both as it is for our Benefit,
 and as I've had the Pleasure to see how readily every
 Body sign'd the Letter lately found to the Mer-
 chants, which was by the main Desire, and conform-
 able to their Directions, as will manifestly appear
 to the Reader upon his perusal of this Narrative:
 Such a Letter as this, they were of Opinion was the
 first Thing necessary for us to do; what further
 will be requir'd of us, we shall see when we receive
 their Answer. In the mean Time, I cannot Omit
 communicating to the Publick, the Paragraphs of
 severall of Mr. *Edwards's* Letters, in which many
 Things are contain'd with Notice, which I shall
 deliver in his own Words. In his first Letter, of the
 10th of *April*, to me in *London*, are the following Pa-
 ragraphs, &c.

• Herewith thou hast Copies of the Three Papers
 • dear'd, &c. My Representation to the Committee;
 • the Committee's Report to the General Meeti^g. &
 • the General Meeting's Resolutions after Consideration
 • of that Report. My Representation contains, the ve-
 • ry Root Cause of all the Evil, which is no other than
 • the Ascendant the *French* Agent has got over us; if
 • that Gentleman be suffer'd to go on as he has done,
 • the Trade can never thrive, he will for ever keep
 • it under the Hitches; his Buying whole Ship Loads,
 • and sending Part thereof to *Holland*, is the most
 • mischiefous Method could have been thought of;
 • for it is plain to a Demonstration, that by throwing
 • away Two Thousand Pounds in *Holland* Yearly,
 • he may for ever keep down that Market, and con-
 • sequently keep down the Market in *London*, and
 • at all the Cut-Ports in *Great-Britain*, as in fact has
 • been the Case for some Years past; For, by what
 • Tobacco