

less than the Apprehension of Miscarrying, and the Benefit greater than the Hope of it. There are few People of the highest, and even of the middle Rank, but would upon a strict Scrutiny into their ordinary Disbursements, discover some Articles that would admit of Defalcation.

A prudent Man, constrained to abridge his Outgoings, will consider what Articles of Expence may be retrenched or given up, without Distress or Discomfort, and if, after this saving, he still finds that his Expences exceed his Income, he will then consider of what Articles he can provide a Supply by the Application of domestic Industry, or whether some tolerable Substitute may not be fallen upon to answer the Purpose of what he can neither buy, nor hath Skill or Ability to fabricate. He will reflect that the Expedient which is at first but an indifferent Shift, Use and Experience will improve into Convenience, that Practice will confer Knowledge and Skill, and these Facility and Satisfaction, and tho' the Progress should be slow and gradual, Habit will grow with it, and produce Reconcilement and Content.

What are called in *North-America*, Luxuries, ought for the most Part to be ranked among the Comforts and Decencies of Life, but these will not be relinquished, if a Supply of Necessaries may be provided by domestic Industry—For Food, thank GOD, They do not, and for Raiment They need not, depend upon *Great-Britain*.

* Any thin Covering in the Summer to preserve Decency, and substantial Cloathing in the Winter to repel the Cold, are sufficient for domestic Servants and Labourers, and these may be provided without any Remora to the Business of Tillage, for there are many Intervals in which it is suspended. There are Times too, when the Employment is so slight as to be rather a moderate Exercise, than a laborious Task, when the Work that is done might be performed by half the Number of Labourers without excessive Exertion, or exhausting Fatigue. There are besides in most Families those, whom the Feebleness of immature Years, or their Sex, at particular Periods, or the Decrepitude of old Age, discharge from the Duties of Tillage. Leather, and Wool, and Cotton, and Flax, are at Hand: How easy then is the necessary Cloathing provided for those whose Station does not require any attention or regard to Fashion, or Elegance; so easy, that many have already gone into this Manufacture without any other Impulse, than the Spirit of Industry, which can't bear Inaction, tho' the Savings on this Head have afterwards been neglected. In this very considerable Branch so little Difficulty is there, that a Beginning is Half the Work. The Path is beaten, there is no Danger of losing the Way, there are Directors to guide every Step. But why should they stop at the Point of cloathing Labourers, why not