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No. I.

AN ACCOUNT of the Number of CRIMINALS executed in the City of London and County of MIDDLESEX, from the Year 1749 to the Year 1806, inclusive; shewing the Proportion in each Seven Years, and distinguishing Years of War from Years of Peace.

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It appears by this Account, that, during the seven years of peace which preceded the war of 1756, the number of criminals executed within the City of London and County of Middlesex, was very considerable, being on an average forty-three a year.

In the seven years of war which succeeded, they were reduced to about fifteen a year.

In the seven years which followed the peace of 1763, the numbers again increased, but not to more than twenty-six a year upon an average.

In the seven years which followed, from the year 1770 to 1776 inclusive, which was likewise a period of peace, the number further increased to thirty-eight a year.

From the year 1776 to the year 1783, a period during which the country was at war, first with America, and afterwards successively with France, Spain, and Holland, the number instead of decreasing as had been the case in the former war, still further increased, the average being, during these seven years, about thirty-nine a year.

From the year 1783 to the year 1790, a period of peace, the average continued increasing to fifty-four a year, and the years 1785 and 1787 were great beyond all former example.

From 1793, the year in which the existing Police Establishment was first instituted, to the present period, the numbers appear to have progressively diminished; till within the last seven years the average has not been twelve a year. This period has, with the exception of one intervening year of peace, been a period of war, but, during that year, though the militia was disbanded, some part of the army, and a considerable part of the navy reduced, the number of capital convicts do not appear to have increased. The example of the American war, and of the year 1802, are sufficient to prove that the increase of capital offences cannot be traced exclusively, or even principally, to the different operation of war or peace, though it is natural to suppose that the first may have some effect in diminishing, and the latter in increasing the number of them.

January, 1749, and the Thirty-first of December, 1806,

YEARS.		CRIMES.								
FROM										
1749										
TO										
1771,										
BOTH YEARS										
INCLUSIVE.										
	Murder.	Burglary and Housebreaking.	Highway Robbery.	Horsestealing.	Forgery.	Coining.	Returning from Transportation	Defrauding Creditors.	VARIOUS—Shoplifting, &c.	Piracy.
TOTAL - - -	72	118	251	22	71	10	22	3	109	..
1772	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	32	..
3	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	..
4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	..
5	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	41	..
6	6	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	24	..
7	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	..
8	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	31	..
9	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	20	..
1780	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	25	..
1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	38	..
2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	..
3	1	15	13	..	4	5	6	..	4	..
4	1	28	16	1	3	..	2	..	1	..
5	1	43	31	4	4	..	4	..	3	..
6	7	21	11	2	3	2	1	..	1	..
7	1	43	36	3	4	1	..	..	2	..
8	..	5	5	..	1	3	2	..	3	3
9	2	11	4	1	1	7	..	..	..	..
1790	5	6	8	..	3	4	..	..	2	5
1	3	7	16	3	2	..	..	..	2	..
2	2	8	3	1	2	..	1	..	5	..
3	..	8	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
4	..	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
5	1	5	5	..	6	..	1	..	..	..
6	5	6	..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..
7	4	1	5	..	5	2	..	..	..	..
8	2	4	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	1
9	3	4	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..
1800	2	7	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
1	3	1	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
2	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
3	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
4	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..
5	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
6	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..
TOTAL - - -	139	345	429	41	151	59	41	3	26	10

TOTAL EXECUTED IN EACH YEAR.

1749	44	Brought over ..	268
50	56	7	32
1	63	8	33
2	47	9	23
3	41	1780	50
4	34	1	40
5	21	2	45
	-306	3	53
6	13		-276
7	26	4	56
8	20	5	97
9	6	6	50
1760	10	7	92
1	17	8	25
2	15	9	26
	-107	1790	33
3	32		-379
4	31	1	34
5	26	2	24
6	20	3	16
7	22	4	7
8	27	5	22
9	24	6	22
	-182	7	19
1770	49		-144
1	34	8	19
	678	9	24
1772	37	1800	19
3	32	1	14
4	32	2	10
5	46	3	9
6	38	4	8
	-268		-103
Carried over ..	268	5	10
		6	13
			-23
		Total ..	1788

As in the year 1780 the books at Newgate were destroyed, it has not been possible to make up this Account for the early period, in as much detail as could have been wished. It is material to observe likewise, that from the year 1772 to the year 1783, the crimes of burglary, highway robbery, horse-stealing, and forgery, will be found confounded together under the column of VARIOUS, &c.

THE result of this Account appears to be, that the number of murders from the year 1771 to the present period, have remained nearly the same, but that they were considerably more, upon an average, in the twenty years preceding. A most important change, however, has taken place respecting the crimes of burglary and highway robbery. Those offences in their aggravated character, in which it is found necessary to apply capital punishment to them, have nearly disappeared within the County of Middlesex.

No. III.—Continued.

NUMBER COMMITTED in each County.

	In the Years 1805.		1806.		In the Years 1805.		1806.		
	Mal.	Fem.	Mal.	Fem.	Mal.	Fem.	Mal.	Fem.	
					Brought over..	1022	263	1017	260
Anglesea.....	1	0	3	0	Lancaster.....	206	163	227	12
Bedford.....	17	3	15	5	Leicester.....	33	14	24	1
Berks.....	50	12	29	13	Lincoln.....	44	14	49	1
Brecon.....	3	4	10	2	Merioneth.....	0	0	1	1
Bucks.....	29	4	36	4	Middlesex.....	732	485	700	43
Cambridge.....	36	4	19	7	Monmouth.....	14	6	12	1
Cardigan.....	2	0	5	2	Montgomery.....	10	5	10	1
Carmarthen.....	5	3	10	6	Norfolk.....	114	49	68	3
Carnarvon.....	4	2	4	0	Northampton.....	35	7	42	10
Chester.....	56	24	87	14	Northumberland.....	18	20	21	1
Cornwall.....	35	10	35	8	Nottingham.....	60	14	51	10
Cumberland.....	9	0	9	3	Oxford.....	34	4	26	1
Denbeigh.....	2	0	4	0	Pembroke.....	7	5	2	1
Derby.....	34	5	33	5	Radnor.....	3	3	0	1
Devon.....	69	27	105	27	Rutland.....	4	0	3	1
Dorset.....	28	10	34	10	Salop.....	59	20	44	2
Durham.....	22	5	19	10	Somerset.....	79	27	81	2
Essex.....	127	17	101	17	Stafford.....	67	24	72	2
Flint.....	3	1	1	2	Suffolk.....	96	13	99	10
Glamorgan.....	10	5	16	2	Surrey.....	147	52	134	5
Gloucester.....	81	23	66	18	Sussex.....	93	12	50	1
Bristol.....	27	10	38	14	Warwick.....	120	40	89	4
Hants.....	105	42	106	41	Westmoreland.....	4	2	5	1
Hereford.....	29	2	32	9	Wilts.....	61	14	63	1
Herts.....	36	7	46	6	Worcester.....	44	7	51	10
Huntingdon.....	13	2	9	2	York.....	181	64	159	5
Kent.....	169	41	151	33					
					Total..	3267	1338	3120	1220
Carried over..	1022	263	1017	260					

The Result of this Account appears to be, that the number of offenders in the County of Middlesex, are more than one-fourth of the whole; and that the number in proportion to the population in the counties contiguous to London, are nearly double the number in the same population in the more remote counties.

No. IV.—AN ACCOUNT of the Population of each County, according to the Population Returns ; the Number of Offenders committed within the same respectively, in the Year 1805 ; together with the Amount of Paupers in each County, and the Number of them in each Hundred of the Population, arranged according to the Circuits of the Judges.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT..

COUNTIES.	Population.	Offenders.	Paupers.	Number of Paupers in each Hundred of Population.
Yorkshire.....	858,892	245	77,661	9
Durham.....	160,361	27	15,307	10
Northumberland.	157,101	38	14,304	9
Cumberland....	117,230	18	8,443	7
Westmoreland...	41,617	6	4,615	11
Lancaster.....	672,731	371	46,200	7
	2,007,932	705	166,530	being an Average of 8 Paupers in each Hundred in the Northern Circuit.

MIDLAND CIRCUIT.

Northampton....	131,757	42	20,534	16
Rutland.....	16,356	4	1,338	8
Lincoln.....	208,557	58	18,845	9
Nottinghamshire.	140,350	74	9,806	7
Derbyshire.....	161,142	39	13,167	8
Leicestershire....	130,081	47	19,154	15
Warwickshire....	208,190	160	30,200	15
	996,433	424	113,044	Average 11.

NORFOLK CIRCUIT.

Bucks.....	107,444	33	19,650	18
Bedfordshire....	63,393	20	7,276	11
Huntingdonshire.	37,568	15	4,746	13
Cambridgeshire..	89,346	40	11,294	13
Suffolk.....	210,431	109	36,110	17
Norfolk.....	273,371	163	42,707	16
	781,553	360	121,783	Average 15.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.

Berks.....	109,215	62	22,088	21
Oxfordshire....	109,620	38	21,025	20
Worcestershire..	139,330	51	18,896	13
Staffordshire....	239,153	91	22,510	9
Shropshire.....	167,639	79	17,306	10
Herefordshire....	89,190	31	11,779	13
Gloucestershire..	250,809	141	36,904	15
Monmouth.....	45,582	20	4,479	10
	1,150,538	513	154,987	Average 13.

No. IV.—continued.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

COUNTIES.	Population.	Offenders.	Paupers.	Number of Paupers in each Hundred of Population.
Hampshire.....	219,656	147	32,581	15
Wiltshire.....	185,107	75	42,128	23
Dorsetshire.....	115,319	38	15,783	14
Devonshire.....	343,001	96	43,674	13
Cornwall.....	188,269	45	12,853	7
Somersetshire...	273,750	106	33,979	12
	1,325,102	507	180,998	Average 14.
HOME CIRCUIT.				
Essex.....	226,437	144	38,337	17
Hertfordsh. e....	97,577	43	13,340	14
Sussex.....	159,311	105	37,076	23
Kent.....	307,624	210	41,632	13
Surrey.....	269,043	199	36,138	13
	1,059,992	701	166,532	Average 15 $\frac{3}{4}$.
Chester.....	191,751	80	22,152	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
North Wales....	252,785	28	28,131	} 9
South Wales....	288,761	50	23,384	
Middlesex.....	818,129	1,217	63,173	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL..	8,877,976	4,605	879,182	

THE Observation which naturally occurs on an Examination of this Account, is, the very great Advantage which the Northern Counties appear to possess, both with respect to the small Number of Offenders and Paupers, when compared with the rest of England. This Observation applies, not only to the Counties within the Northern Circuit, but likewise as far as relates to Paupers generally, to all the more Northern Counties. The Counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, and Rutland, and the most Northern Counties in the Midland Circuit, and those of Staffordshire and Shropshire, the most Northern in the Oxford Circuit, appear to be in this respect, in the same comparatively favorable Situation as the Counties within the Northern Circuit, when compared with the other more Southern Counties of England, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Cornwall, alone excepted.

APPENDIX B.

Proclamation for the preventing of tumultuous meetings and seditious writings, May 21.

By the KING. A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

Whereas divers wicked and seditious writings have been printed, published, and industriously dispersed, tending to excite tumult and disorder, by endeavouring to raise groundless jealousies and discontents in the minds of our faithful and loving subjects, respecting the laws and happy constitution of government, civil and religious, established in this kingdom : and endeavouring to vilify, and bring into contempt, the wise and wholesome provisions made at the time of the glorious revolution, and since strengthened and confirmed by subsequent laws, for the preservation and security of the rights and liberties of our faithful and loving subjects ; and whereas divers writings have also been printed, published, and industriously dispersed, recommending the said wicked and seditious publications to the attention of all our faithful and loving subjects : and whereas we have also reason to believe, that correspondences have been entered into with sundry persons in foreign parts, with a view to forward the criminal and wicked purposes above-mentioned : and whereas the wealth, happiness, and prosperity of this kingdom do, under Divine Provi-

dence, chiefly depend upon a due submission to the laws, a just confidence in the integrity and wisdom of Parliament, and a continuance of that zealous attachment to the government and constitution of the kingdom, which has ever prevailed in the minds of the people thereof: and whereas there is nothing which we so earnestly desire, as to secure the public peace and prosperity, and to preserve to all our loving subjects the full enjoyment of their rights and liberties, both religious and civil. We, therefore, being resolved, as far as in us lies, to repress the wicked and seditious practices aforesaid, and to deter all persons from following so pernicious an example, have thought fit, by the advice of our privy council, to issue this our royal proclamation, solemnly warning all our loving subjects, as they tender their own happiness, and that of their posterity, to guard against all such attempts, which aim at the subversion of all regular government within this kingdom, and which are inconsistent with the peace and order of society; and earnestly exhorting them at all times, and to the utmost of their power, to avoid and discourage all proceedings tending to produce riots and tumults. And we do strictly charge and command all our magistrates, in and throughout our kingdom of Great Britain, that they do make diligent enquiry, in order to discover the authors and printers of such wicked and seditious writings as aforesaid, and all others who shall disperse the same: and we do further charge and command all our sheriffs, justices of the peace, chief magistrates in our cities, boroughs, and corporations, and all other our officers and magistrates throughout our kingdom of Great Britain, that they do, in their several and respective stations, take the most immediate and effectual care to suppress and prevent all riots, tumults, and other disorders, which may be attempted to be raised or made by any person or persons, which, on whatever pretext they may be grounded, are not only contrary to the law, but dangerous to the most important interests of this kingdom: and we do further require and command all and every our

magistrates aforesaid, that they do, from time to time, transmit to one of our principal secretaries of state, due and full information of such persons as shall be found offending as aforesaid, or, in any degree, aiding or abetting therein; it being our determination, for the preservation of the peace and happiness of our faithful and loving subjects, to carry the laws vigorously into execution against such offenders as aforesaid.

Given at our court at the Queen's House, the 21st day of May, 1792, in the thirty-second year of our reign.

GOD save the KING.

APPENDIX C.

*Translation of a Letter from General Dumouriez
to Lord Auckland, the British Ambassador
at the Hague.*

Paris, January 23d, 1793.

MY LORD,

The French Minister at the Hague, and my sincere friend, M. de Maulde, has informed me, that, in several conferences with M. Van de Spiegel, and himself, you testified your esteem and particular consideration for me, which I shall ever take care to deserve by my moral conduct. The Grand Pensionary expressed the same sentiments.

As I am about to visit the quarters of my army, I shall be in the neighbourhood of Holland for some days. Would it not be possible, from a conference on the frontiers, either between you and me, or in the presence of M. Van Spiegel, to produce results useful to England, to the United Provinces, to France, to Humanity, and, perhaps, to all Europe.

I submit this proposal to your prudence, and to your love of peace, which every man of integrity ought to find at the bottom of his heart. On the 30th of this month, I shall be at Antwerp, where I will wait two days for your answer.

I beg you to be persuaded that I am, with the same sentiments for you with which you honour me,

My Lord,

Your Servant,

And the friend of the

English nation,

DUMOURIEZ.

*To his Excellence, My Lord Auckland,
The English Ambassador
at the Hague.*

END OF VOL. III.

ERRATA TO VOL. III.

- Page 7, line 12, for "publication," read publication.
— 30, — 25, for "parts," read points.
— 53, — 7, from the bottom, for "Pilswitz," read Pilsitz.
— 67, — 4, dele comma after "legal."
— 78, — 4, for "were," read was.
— 103, — 17, for "object," read objects.
— 120, — 10, insert *and* before "for."
— 144, — 5, after "credit," insert *for*.
— 147, — 11, for "pulic," read public.
— 161, note, line 2, from the bottom, for "six," read eight.
— 162, note, line 5, for "confuted," read confined.
— 180, line 13, for "captivating," read courting.
— — 19, for "serious, and," read series of.
— 181, — 3, from the bottom, for "prosecution," read
proclamation.
— 189, — 7, dele "afterwards."
— 202, — 10, for "Dictines," read Dietines.
— 248, — 4, for "*sources*," read fidelity.
— 249, note, last line, for "Citizen," read Citoyen.
— 257, last line, for "*us*," read their.
— 273, line 8, for "sprung," read sprang.
— 361, — 4, after "but," insert *they*.
— 490, — 10, for "Mideterranean," read Mediterranean.