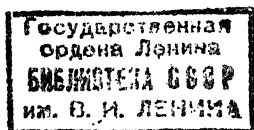

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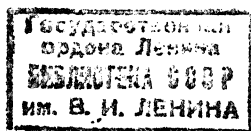
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A BILL, for ascertaining the population of Great Britain, being now under the consideration of the Legislature, I am induced to avail myself of the opportunity, which the discussion of this subject presents, to lay before the public a comparative estimate of our numbers at the close of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Part of this estimate is selected from a work which I published three years ago; the remainder is the result of communications, recently obtained from districts, principally, if not entirely, agricultural.

Of the various subjects to which political arithmetic has been applied, none, perhaps, have furnished so much matter for ingenious
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disputation as our population. Twenty years ago, Dr. Price maintained, upon the authority of the returns of the Tax-Office Surveyors, that the number of houses in England and Wales, in the year 1777, amounted to 952,734; and, averaging the various accounts he had received, that five persons *per* house were more than a fair allowance: he, therefore, inferred, that the number of inhabitants in the southern part of the empire did not exceed 5,000,000.* His opponents contended that, with respect to cottages, (or houses exempted from assessment,) the returns of the Surveyors were extremely inaccurate; that five persons *per* house, including public buildings, were probably less than the average of the kingdom; and that instead of 5,000,000, 8,000,000, or even 10,000,000 might be assumed as the population of England and Wales. There are many who now think, that a still higher number is nearer the truth. The information, however, which individuals can obtain, forms so small a part of the mass of knowledge that is wanted upon so intricate a subject, that general conclusions ought not to be admitted, without many qualifications. He who

* Price's Essay on the Population of England, first published in 1779.

looks for more than probabilities, will be disappointed. Moral certainty cannot, in inquiries of this nature, be expected to result from investigations into the number of baptisms, burials, taxed houses, cottages, and inhabitants, in particular districts. With this impression on my mind, I offer to the consideration of others those documents which have afforded conviction to myself; and I offer them with the less hesitation, as any errors in this estimate (errors which will be readily excused, by all who are accustomed to such disquisitions) must soon be detected. I shall probably close the list of those who, in researches concerning the progress of one of the most important (perhaps the most important) of our national resources, are obliged to collect information from returns of taxed houses; or from excises on consumable commodities; or (still more perplexing task) to

Search it there, where, to be born and die,
Of rich and poor makes all the history.

The proposed enumeration of the people will supersede the use of ingenious guesses and plausible speculations, drawn from such *data*; and (I trust) prove, beyond the possibility of doubt, that, among the distresses of the times, we have not to deplore a declining population.

In the following ten Tables, which were formed from materials contained in "The State of the Poor," (the work above alluded to), the baptisms, burials, and marriages, are the number annually, on the average of the last seven years, that could be procured, ending with 1793, 1794, or 1795; except in the following instances:

Stapleton is for the year 1795.

Overingham is the average of six years, ending with 1794.

Monkwearmouth, of four years, ending with 1794.

North Shields, of two years, ending with 1795.

The larger numbers, in Table VII. are not the result of actual enumeration; yet, as great pains were used to obtain both the assessed houses, and number of inhabitants in the manufacturing towns, I offer them as approximations to the truth.

TABLE I.
AGRICULTURAL PARISHES.

COUNTY.	PARISH.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Assessed Houses.
Bedford	Houghton-Regis . . .	14 $\frac{3}{7}$	13 $\frac{1}{7}$	47
Bucks	Maids-Morton	8 $\frac{1}{7}$	8	19
	Winflow	38 $\frac{1}{7}$	24 $\frac{5}{7}$	101
Cumberland . .	Castle-Carrook	8 $\frac{1}{7}$	3	31
	Gilcruix	5 $\frac{2}{7}$	3 $\frac{3}{7}$	24
	Cumrew	5 $\frac{5}{7}$	3 $\frac{1}{7}$	27
	Cumwhitton	11 $\frac{6}{7}$	6 $\frac{6}{7}$	50
	Harrington	34 $\frac{1}{7}$	24 $\frac{6}{7}$	101
	Sebergham	23 $\frac{4}{7}$	14 $\frac{3}{7}$	80
	Kirkoswald	17 $\frac{5}{7}$	14 $\frac{6}{7}$	97
Devon	Clyst, St. George . .	8 $\frac{4}{7}$	5 $\frac{1}{7}$	18
Gloucester . . .	Stapleton	53	38	84
	Rodmarton	11 $\frac{5}{7}$	6 $\frac{3}{7}$	9
Herts	Chipping-Barnet . . .	53	32 $\frac{6}{7}$	120
Kent	Chalk	7 $\frac{2}{7}$	8 $\frac{5}{7}$	15
	Cobham	15 $\frac{4}{7}$	15 $\frac{1}{7}$	40
	Hothfield	11 $\frac{2}{7}$	5 $\frac{6}{7}$	40
	Meopham	22 $\frac{2}{7}$	13 $\frac{5}{7}$	48
Leicefter . . .	Kibworth-Beauchamp .	28 $\frac{7}{7}$	25 $\frac{1}{7}$	124
	Alford	36 $\frac{1}{7}$	18 $\frac{3}{7}$	48
	Spillsby	26 $\frac{1}{7}$	16 $\frac{2}{7}$	121
	Swineshead	63 $\frac{1}{7}$	46 $\frac{5}{7}$	166
	Willoughby	9 $\frac{2}{7}$	8	41
Northampton .	Brixworth	21 $\frac{5}{7}$	20	36
Nottingham . .	Overingham	9 $\frac{4}{7}$	5 $\frac{5}{7}$	24
Oxford	Deddington	48	31	102
Rutland	North-Luffenham . .	10	7 $\frac{6}{7}$	23
Surry	Esher	24 $\frac{3}{7}$	23 $\frac{2}{7}$	90
	Reigate	50	46 $\frac{4}{7}$	206
	Walton-on-Thames . .	45 $\frac{1}{7}$	37 $\frac{4}{7}$	150

AGRICULTURAL PARISHES, CONTINUED.

COUNTY.	PARISH.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Affected Houses.
Suffex	Chailey	20 ⁵ / ₇	17 ¹ / ₇	57
Warwick	Southam	28	19 ⁵ / ₇	86
Westmorland	Orton	34 ² / ₇	22 ⁵ / ₇	205
Worcester	Inkborough	43 ¹ / ₇	25 ³ / ₇	72
York	Great Driffield	37 ⁶ / ₇	26 ³ / ₇	160
	Pocklington	41 ² / ₇	38 ² / ₇	150
	Stokesley	53 ¹ / ₇	42 ⁴ / ₇	158
Denbigh	Llanferras	17 ⁴ / ₇	9 ⁵ / ₇	46
		1007 ⁶ / ₇	731 ³ / ₇	3030

TABLE II.

TOWNS and MANUFACTURING PARISHES.

COUNTY.	PARISH.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Assessed Houses.
Bedford	Dunstable	29 ⁶ / ₇	23 ⁴ / ₇	115
Bucks	Buckingham	73 ³ / ₇	40 ² / ₇	230
Berks	St. Mary, Reading . .	78	89 ⁴ / ₇	240
Derby	Chesterfield	153 ³ / ₇	112 ⁶ / ₇	370
	All-Saints, Derby . .	91 ³ / ₇	79 ⁵ / ₇	300
	St. Michael, Derby . .	20 ² / ₇	23 ² / ₇	65
	St. Werburgh, Derby .	71 ¹ / ₇	64 ³ / ₇	228
Devon	South Tawton	53 ³ / ₇	28 ³ / ₇	73
Durham	Monkwearmouth . . .	127 ³ / ₇	163	274
	Tanfield	75 ⁴ / ₇	64 ⁴ / ₇	130
Essex	All-Saints, Colchester	47 ² / ₇	9 ⁴ / ₇	58
Hereford	All-Saints, Hereford .	55 ⁴ / ₇	45	160
	St. Nicholas, Hereford	16	11 ⁵ / ₇	102
Herts	Abbey-Ch. St. Albans	49 ¹ / ₇	32 ⁶ / ₇	97
Lancaster	Bury	478 ³ / ₇	288 ³ / ₇	325
Leicester	Ashby-de-la-Zouch . .	65 ⁴ / ₇	60 ² / ₇	195
	St. Martin, Leicester .	76	73 ² / ₇	520
Lincoln	Louth	119 ¹ / ₇	92 ³ / ₇	392
Middlesex	Ealing	168 ⁵ / ₇	167 ⁶ / ₇	355
Monmouth	Monmouth	68 ² / ₇	66 ⁵ / ₇	351
Norfolk	Norwich	1082 ³ / ₇	1122 ⁵ / ₇	2200
Northampton . .	All-Saints, Northampton	99 ⁵ / ₇	91 ⁵ / ₇	408
Northumberland .	North Shields	366	362	740
Nottingham . . .	Newark	219 ⁶ / ₇	151 ⁶ / ₇	605
	St. Mary, Nottingham	764	482	1200
Somerset	Minehead	30	19 ⁶ / ₇	110
Warwick	Sutton-Colefield . . .	91 ¹ / ₇	57 ⁶ / ₇	203
Wilts	Seend	39 ³ / ₇	23 ³ / ₇	63

York,

TOWNS AND MANUFACTURING PARISHES, CONTINUED.

COUNTY.	PARISH.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Assessed Houses.
York	Burton	34 $\frac{1}{7}$	22 $\frac{3}{7}$	51
	Ecclesfield	168 $\frac{5}{7}$	110 $\frac{1}{7}$	328
	Leeds	935 $\frac{2}{7}$	838 $\frac{3}{7}$	1836
	Sheffield	1608 $\frac{5}{7}$	1213 $\frac{5}{7}$	2365
	Skipton	60 $\frac{2}{7}$	55 $\frac{2}{7}$	121
		7318 $\frac{4}{7}$	6089 $\frac{4}{7}$	14810
Brought over from Table I.		1007 $\frac{6}{7}$	731 $\frac{3}{7}$	3030
Total		8326 $\frac{3}{7}$	6821	17840

Baptisms to Burials as 10 to 8 $\frac{1}{5}$.Assessed Houses to Baptisms as 10 to 4 $\frac{2}{3}$.

TABLE III.
AGRICULTURAL PARISHES.

COUNTY.	PARISH.	Baptisms.	Marriages.
Bucks	Maids-Morton . . .	8 $\frac{1}{7}$	4
	Winflow	38 $\frac{1}{7}$	7 $\frac{4}{7}$
Cumberland . .	Cumrew	5 $\frac{5}{7}$	2
	Sebergham	23 $\frac{4}{7}$	4 $\frac{5}{7}$
	Kirkoswald	17 $\frac{5}{7}$	4 $\frac{5}{7}$
Devon	Clyft, St. George .	8 $\frac{4}{7}$	2 $\frac{1}{7}$
Gloucester . . .	Stapleton	53	17
	Rodmarton	11 $\frac{5}{7}$	2
Kent	Chalk	7 $\frac{2}{7}$	5 $\frac{6}{7}$
	Cobham	15 $\frac{4}{7}$	6
	Hothfield	11 $\frac{2}{7}$	2 $\frac{3}{7}$
	Meopham	22 $\frac{2}{7}$	5 $\frac{5}{7}$
Leicefter	Kilworth-Beauchamp	28 $\frac{7}{7}$	9 $\frac{6}{7}$
Northampton .	Brixworth	21 $\frac{1}{7}$	5 $\frac{1}{7}$
Oxford	Deddington	48	8 $\frac{2}{7}$
Rutland	North Luffenham .	10	2 $\frac{2}{7}$
Surry	Esher	24 $\frac{3}{7}$	4 $\frac{6}{7}$
	Reigate	59	15 $\frac{2}{7}$
Warwick	Southam	28	7 $\frac{5}{7}$
Westmorland .	Orton	34 $\frac{2}{7}$	7 $\frac{5}{7}$
York	Great Driffield . .	37 $\frac{6}{7}$	10
	Pocklington	41 $\frac{2}{7}$	13 $\frac{5}{7}$
	Stokefley	53 $\frac{1}{7}$	12 $\frac{2}{7}$
Denbigh	Llanferras	17 $\frac{4}{7}$	2 $\frac{3}{7}$
		627	163 $\frac{3}{7}$

TABLE IV.

TOWNS and MANUFACTURING PARISHES.

COUNTY.	PARISH.	Baptisms.	Marriages.
Bedford.	Dunstable	29 ⁶ / ₇	8 ² / ₇
Bucks	Buckingham	73 ³ / ₇	20 ⁶ / ₇
Berks	St. Mary, Reading	78	26 ² / ₇
Devon	South Tawton	53 ³ / ₇	13 ¹ / ₇
Durham	Monkwearmouth	127 ³ / ₇	52
	Tanfield	75 ⁴ / ₇	16 ⁶ / ₇
Essex	All-Saints, Colchester	47 ² / ₇	21 ⁶ / ₇
Herts	Abbey-Church, St Albans	49 ¹ / ₇	12 ⁵ / ₇
Hereford	All-Saints, Hereford	55 ⁴ / ₇	14 ¹ / ₇
	St. Nicholas, Hereford	16	7 ³ / ₇
Lancaster	Bury	478 ⁴ / ₇	167 ⁶ / ₇
Leicester	Ashby-de-la-Zouch	65 ⁴ / ₇	21 ³ / ₇
Middlesex	Ealing	168 ⁵ / ₇	60 ⁵ / ₇
Monmouth	Monmouth	68 ² / ₇	19
Northampton	All-Saints, Northamptn	99 ⁵ / ₇	40
Northumberland	North Shields	366	127
Somerset	Minehead	30	6
Warwick	Sutton-Colefield	91 ¹ / ₇	15 ¹ / ₇
Wilts	Seend	39 ³ / ₇	7 ² / ₇
York	Ecclesfield	168 ⁵ / ₇	43 ⁷ / ₇
	Sheffield	1608 ⁵ / ₇	429
Brought over from Table III.		3790 ⁴ / ₇	1130 ⁶ / ₇
		627	163 ³ / ₇
Total		4417 ⁴ / ₇	1294 ² / ₇

Baptisms to Marriages, as 1 to 3 nearly.

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TABLE V.
AGRICULTURAL PARISHES.

COUNTY.	PARISH.	Baptisms.	Population.
Bucks	Winflow	38 $\frac{1}{7}$	1,100
Cumberland . .	Castle-Carrook . . .	8 $\frac{2}{7}$	232
	Cumrew	5 $\frac{5}{7}$	146
	Gilcrux	5 $\frac{2}{7}$	207
	Harrington	34 $\frac{2}{7}$	1,412
	Kirkotwald	17 $\frac{5}{7}$	937
Gloucester . . .	Stapleton	53	1,377
Kent	Meopham	22 $\frac{2}{7}$	612
Northampton . .	Brixworth	21 $\frac{5}{7}$	800
Nottingham . . .	Overingham	9 $\frac{4}{7}$	240
Rutland	North Luffenham . . .	10	310
Worcester	Inkborough	43 $\frac{1}{7}$	889
		239 $\frac{1}{7}$	8262