

## APPENDIX

### No. 5.

The State of that part of Yorkshire, adjacent to the Levels of Hatfield Chase, truly represented, by a Lover of his Country.

I. WHEN the royal martyr, of blessed memory, was graciously pleased to grant Mr. Cornelius Vermuyden, and his participants, leave to drain the Level of Hatfield Chase, and to lay dry all the surrounded and waste grounds; it was suggested to him, and his most honourable council, That it would certainly prove to the great advantage of the adjacent country. Which consideration, more than the increase of his revenue, was the motive that his majesty, the Twenty-Fourth of May, in the second year of his reign Anno Dom. 1625, articulated with Mr. Cornelius Vermuyden, and his partners, to undertake the same.

But the king and his council did no more foresee those frequent INUNDATIONS that has since happened, upon that occasion, on so great a part of the ancient lands, nor the hardships the distressed inhabitants labour under: then they could prevent that deluge of blood which soon after overspread the nation, because they could not know the heart of man.

II. But that just and pious prince wisely considered, in the first place, to oblige Mr. Cornelius Vermuyden, and his partners, to use their best endeavours to drain all the surrounded waste grounds, as well those that did belong unto his majesty as those that did belong unto other persons, and were adjoining unto his majesty's lands, in such a manner as to make the same fit for tillage or pasture, and the same being so drained should for ever maintain fit for tillage or pasture: which being done, then, and not before, his majesty was to have one third part of the said wastes and surrounded grounds, the said Mr. Cornelius Vermuyden and his partners, another part for their labour, and the freeholders, copyholders, and tenants of the said manor of Hatfield, another third part. And his lords and commissioners did promise and declare, unto the tenants and inhabitants, that the same should not, by any banks made or hereafter to be made, put the water upon the tenants and inhabitants dwelling in safe and inland countries. And now Mr. Cornelius, and his participants, set forth to work, having brought with them a navy of Tharshish so this promised land, where gold was more plentiful than the very stones in their streets.