

Whale Fins imported in such Ship or Vessel, were, to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, really and *bona fide* the Fins of Whales caught and taken in the Gulph or River of St. Laurence, or in the Seas on the Coasts of some of his Majesty's Colonies in America, by the Crew of such Ships and Vessels only, whereof the Owner or Owners, the Captain or Master, and Three Fourth Parts of the Mariners, were his Majesty's Subjects.

Usage of HUSBANDS at Kerspach.

BETWEEN Bomberg and Erlang, not far from Bayusdorf, lies a village, or country town, called Kerspach, which belongs to the Margrave of Bareith, in Germany, and is remarkable for a strange custom practised by the inhabitants, which is as follows:

If a man has been married a year, or 15 months at most, and his wife does not prove with child, he is carried out of the village on a wooden horse, or pole, and plunged into a pond. As soon as the person who has undergone this discipline and gets out of the water, he is at liberty to lay hold of any one of the by standers if he can, who is plunged into the water in the same manner; and this concludes the farce.

It happened once that the late Margrave of Bareith passed through this town when one of these processions was exhibited, and was desirous of seeing this extraordinary ceremony, little imagining that the person who had been thrown into the water might possibly take his revenge on the Lord of the country, as in fact it happened. The Margrave only laughed at first at the odd fancy of the man, who made towards him; but the whole village gathering round his post-chaise, and insisting on their rights, as founded on a very ancient custom, he was obliged not only to give them a sum of money to make them drink, but likewise to deliver up to them his running footman, whom, for the greater confirmation of their favourite privilege, they obliged to undergo the discipline of the pond.

If these people are severe against such as do not propogate their species in a lawful way, though probably it may not be owing to any fault of theirs, what punishment might old bachelors expect to suffer, if the Kerspach law should prevail in the world?

DEATH strangely prevented.

IN the History of Muscovy, published by the Ambassador Demetrius, we read the memorable Fortune of a Country Peasant. This Man seeking for Honey, got into a hollow Tree, where was such a Plenty of it, that it sucked him up to the Breast; and being unable to get out, he had lived two Days upon Honey only, and finding his Voice could not be heard in that solitary Wood, despaired of freeing himself from this sweet Captivity. A huge Bear came to the same Tree to eat the Honey, of which these Beasts are very greedy, and descending with his hinder Parts foremost, the poor Fellow caught hold of his Loins: The Bear, terribly frightened, laboured with all his Might to get out, and so drew the Peasant from his sweet Prison, which otherwise had proved his Grave.

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NEW-HAMPSHIRE can encourage the Woolen and Linen Manufactories; has many industrious Inhabitants settled in Bodies, that would readily employ their whole Time in those useful Arts, if any Encouragement was given to the Produce of their Labour.— But, while the luxurious Taste for Superfines prevail, while nothing but Silk and Chintzes of India, and the Cambricks, Gauzes, Lawns, Mullins, Velvets, Lace; and many other Superfluities of foreign Produce, (imported with additional Duties from England) suits our Desires, we cannot expect to see a happy Reformation begun until the severe Scourges of the threatening Rod now held in the Hand of our Mother Country, and will soon be felt, brings us to a proper Sense of our own Interest.

If we take a cursory View of the several Northern Provinces of America, we see the Inhabitants alarmed by Decay of their Trades. Their Paper Medium (though supported by the Credit of a Bank Note) forbidden; the pinching Want of Money, render their Importations unsaleable, their Exportations fetching less than the first Cost; the extravagant Impositions on the Necessaries they are in want of, and the almost total Prohibition of foreign Produce, makes a deep Impression on the Minds of the Considerate, and all this from the overbearing Interest of a few Planters.

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