

THE MARINE POLICE.

We are happy to find that the new MARINE POLICE ESTABLISHMENT meets with such general concurrence among the Merchants. If a conjecture might be hazarded as to the advantages already obtained, grounded on a comparison of the extent of depredations formerly committed, with the security under the present establishment, and strengthening this calculation by the uniform difference in favour of the out ports as to the weight of sugars sold, it may fairly be concluded, that the saving upon the last West India fleet alone in sugar, rum, coffee, and other articles, must amount to from 30 to 60,000l. at the lowest computation; which saving will more fully appear when the sales are returned, and when these sales are compared with those of former years.

The River Thames never in the memory of man was so favourably circumstanced as it has been since the establishment of the Marine Police. All river pirates, and other suspicious persons who used to infest it, are now completely banished, and nothing can be conceived more still and quiet than every part of the River is in the night. The Police Surveyors, who proceed every evening from London Bridge to Deptford on both sides, and continue on duty from ten at night till five in the morning, never have, (except in two instances, the one dealt and the other hemp) met a suspicious character, or detected any offender. Previous to this institution, numbers of criminal characters were accustomed to ply upon the River after dark, and great dangers were often to be apprehended from river pirates and nightly plunderers, and perhaps too from incendiaries, against whose criminal and treasonable designs the River Thames was perhaps never better protected than at the present moment.

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