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[648.] NEWFOUNDLAND. *Naval services*. Admiralty report on the petition of P. Burne. He cannot be promoted to a lieutenancy while there are so many Lieutenants upon the list and so great a part of them unemployed. There is no establishment of commanders of tenders, and he has been paid as master of the *Siren*. No account of his additional expenses has been received by the Admiralty. 18 Ap.

[649.] JAMAICA. *Bayly v. Harvie*. Petition of A. Harvie. 5 May. IV. p.672.

[650.] DETROIT. *Proposed Settlement*. Petition of T. Mant &c. Sixty names are given of persons who propose to transport in all 624 families. A memorandum proposing a species of distinct government gives the following account of Detroit. 8 May. IV. pp. 567-8.

The improvements extend nine miles from the fort along the Eastern bank and seven miles along the Western. "The purity and wholesomeness of its air and richness of soil equal if not surpass any the best part of America ; every European grain flourishes here in its utmost perfection, and hemp and flax might be raised to the greatest advantage ; everywhere the woods are filled with vines of spontaneous growth, and their grape yields a juice of most excellent flavour.

"English inhabitants there are at present but few ; the French are computed to be about 600, women and children included. The men are healthy and robust ; they are well instructed in the use of fire-arms, and all those capable to assist in the defence of the settlement are enrolled and formed into three companies of militia, properly officered. The oaths of allegiance have been administered, and they seem entirely disposed to partake the blessings of your Majesty's happy government.

"The savages hereabout, of whose confidence the French have wholly possessed themselves, are very numerous ; their steps in this particular it is absolutely necessary we should follow by practising all the conciliating methods and showing them every possible act of kindness. In order to this, part