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butter, from eight-pence to ten-pence; houserent, for a poor man, from twenty-five shillings to forty shillings per year, to be paid weekly; wood, for fire, very scarce and dear; coal, in some places, two shillings and fixpence per hundred weight; but near the pits, not a quarter so much. O, may the wealthy

confider the poor!

The wages of labouring men in feveral counties toward London, is ten-pence per day in common business, the employer finds finall-beer, and the labourer finds his own food; but in harvest and hay time, wages is about one shilling per day, and the labourer hath all his diet. In some parts of the north of England, poor labouring men have their food where they work; and appear, in common, to do rather better than nearer London: industrious women, who fpin in the factories, get some four-pence, some five-pence, and so on to fix, seven, eight, nine or ten-pence per day, and find their own house-room and diet. Great numbers of poor people live chiefly on bread and water in the fouthern parts of England, and fome in the northern parts; and there are many poor children not taught even to read. May those who have plenty, lay these things to heart!

Stage-coaches frequently go upwards of an hundred miles in twenty-four hours; and I have heard friends fay, in feveral places, that it is common for horses to be killed with

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