

rooms, then the natural strength of the *British* would be equal to that of the *Irish*; but their Political and Artificial strength three times as great; and so visible, that the *Irish* would never stir upon a National or Religious Account.

3. There are among the 600 M. above-mentioned of the poor *Irish*, not above 20 M. of unmarried marriageable Women; nor would above two thousand *per Ann.* grow and become such. Wherefore if  $\frac{1}{2}$  the said Women were in one year, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the next transported into *England*, and disposed of one to each Parish, and as many *English* brought back and married to the *Irish*, as would improve their Dwelling but to an House and Garden of 3 l. value, the whole Work of natural Transmutation and Union would in 4 or 5 years be accomplished<sup>1</sup>.

The charge of making the exchange would not be 20,000 l. *per Ann.* which is about 6 Weeks Pay of the present or late Armies in *Ireland*.

If the *Irish* must have Priests, let the number of them which is now between 2 and 3 thousand Secular and Regulars, be reduced to the competent number of 1000, which is 800 Souls to the pastorage of each Priest; which let 31 be known persons, and || *English-men*, if it may be. So as that when the Priests, who govern the Conscience, and the Women, who influence other powerful Appetites, shall be *English*, both of whom being in the Bosom of the Men, it must be, that no massacring of *English*, as heretofore, can happen again. Moreover, when the Language of the Children shall be *English*, and the whole Oeconomy of the Family

<sup>1</sup> Cox, 'The expedient of Transmutaçon is mistaken in y<sup>e</sup> sex, for if a million of women were married to as many poor Ir, it is certain they would degenerate into meer Irish & y<sup>e</sup> in a few years, experience proves my Assertion; besides in reason it must be soe, for women unless elevated by education and a principle of hon<sup>r</sup> are less virtuous than men, y<sup>e</sup> is they are more easy & sooner allured by temptation or frightened by anything y<sup>e</sup> is like terrible, they are naturally more slothfull and love their ease, besides y<sup>e</sup> Irish naturally lord it over their wives & are not soe uxorious as we Eng but if a number of young boys were exchangd yearly it would do w<sup>t</sup> our Author designs for boys bred after y<sup>e</sup> English manner would not marry but with women soe bred, wherefore y<sup>e</sup> Ir women would betake themselves to Eng service to qualify themselves for such husbands.'