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It is of peculiar importance to have the queftions 48 and 49 diftinctly anfwered: for it is generally underfood, at leaft on the Continent, that the population of any diftrict or country, may be known with fiffecient accuracy, by multiplying the number of births by 26 , or the number of deaths by 36. In Scotland, on the other hand, Mr Wilkic, minifter of Cults, fuppofes, that the number either of births and hurials, if they are cqual, Should be multiplied by 40 ; or, if there is any difference, the haif of the whole, (both the births and the burials), fhould be multiplied by the expectation of an infant's life, adapted to the particular diftriat, in order to afcertain its population. See Statiftical Account, vol. II. p. 4r5. It apperrs, from Mr Wilkie's calcalations, that the expectation of a life in Scolhud, is much greater than in England; or on the Continent.

