

They had also Rhenish^e, and probably several other sorts. The *vynegreke* is among the sweet wines in a MS of Mr. Asle.

Rice. As this grain was but little, if at all, cultivated in England, it must have been brought from abroad. Whole or ground-rice enters into a large number of our compositions, and *resmolle*, N^o 96, is a direct preparation of it.

Alkenet. *Anchusa* is not only used for colouring, but also fried and yfondred, 62. yfondyt, 162. i. e. dissolved, or ground. 'Tis thought to be a species of the *buglos*.

Saffron. Saffrwm, Brit. whence it appears, that this name ran through most languages. Mr. Weever informs us, that this excellent drug was brought hither in the time of Edward III.^f and it may be true; but still no such quantity could be produced here in the next reign as to supply that very large consumption which we see made of it in our Roll, where it occurs not only as an ingredient in the processes, but also is used for colouring, for flourishing, or garnishing. It makes a yellow, N^o 68, and was imported from Egypt, or Cilicia, or other parts of the Levant, where the Turks call it Safran, from the Arabic Zapheran,

^e N^o 99.

^f Fun. Mon. p. 624.