

ON COMMERCE. 25

Indigo, Cocoa, and a few other Articles of no great Value,

Were in much the same degree of importance with coffee and cotton, and were purchased and imported in nearly the same manner. Cocoa was more considerable than the other articles.

S A L T.

A great part of the salt consumed in the American States especially for butter and pork, was imported from the salt islands in the West Indies; but the planters had no concern with it; it was no production of their labour, but of the heat of the sun, and was collected by the Bermudians, and sold at a low price to the ships from the continent: and not unfrequently the crews of the ships collected it themselves, and were at no other expence than their labour.

The Articles exported to the West Indies were the following, viz.

H O R S E S for the Saddle,

Came from New England on the best terms, and may be supplied through Nova Scotia.

Horses for Draught and for the Sugar-Works.

Are essentially necessary in the Windward islands, and can be had from Canada on better terms than from any other country. •
[They are not fit for sugar works, are too heavy and require much feed, mules answer better.]

W H E A T.

• It might answer to send horses, 14 or 14 and a half hands high, from Britain, but especially from Ireland to the West Indies, if carried on the deck in the same manner as done by the Americans. They will sell from 10l. to 15l. advantage each horse. It might cost less than one third more to carry a horse from Ireland than it does from America. A single-decked vessel of 100 tons carries 40 horses on deck from Canada to the West Indies. The carriage of each horse from Canada came to about 5l. sterling, and provisions 30s.