

articles under the denomination of live stock, are there raised in the greatest abundance, and sold at the lowest prices: in proof of which, it is only necessary to mention, that formerly the inhabitants of Halifax and St. John's were accustomed to import these articles from Boston, and other places; but now, in addition to the large quantities required for home-consumption, his Majesty's navy on the *American* station, and occasionally that on the *West India* station, with the King's troops in both provinces, are amply supplied with live stock and fresh provisions, and several thousand barrels of salted beef and pork are annually exported.

Numerous saw-mills have been lately erected in various parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and there is every reason to believe, that, with the assistance of Canada for oak staves, they are fully adequate to supply the lumber required in the British West India islands; but of this fact no just estimate can be formed, whilst the relaxations of the navigation and colonial system are persisted in and continued, and whilst so great a proportion of that article, though prepared by *British* labour, is carried to market in *American* vessels: yet, if it should appear on investigation that the quantity of lumber prepared in these colonies is not, at present, quite equal to the consumption in the British West India islands, the remainder of the supply may easily be obtained from the United States in *British* ships, if the trade was revived and again regularly established; and of which no doubt can be entertained, from the offers of the merchants at New York, in 1805, when they apprehended the old system was to be resumed*. It is, however, necessary to state, there is no occasion whatever for sugar to be exported in *casks*; it may as well be packed in *boxes*, made of any kind of wood, similar to those used for the same purpose in the foreign Colonies, or be put into bags like the sugar imported from the East Indies and other places.

Iron ore † abounds in many places, as well as lime-stone,

* Reports of the Board of Trade in 1784 and 1791, and also debates on the American Intercourse Bill in 1806.—See the letters from New York, Jan. 1805, in Lord Sheffield's *Strictures*, p. 162. Copies of similar letters, it is understood, were delivered to one of the late ministers, at the interview of the merchants and ship-owners on the American Intercourse Bill.

† Copper ore, the produce of the *British* plantations in America, is subjected by the 8th Geo. I. c. xviii. s. 22. to the same regulations as other enumerated commodities of the like nature, and the same has been *continued* by subsequent statutes to the 29th Sept. 1809, and from thence until the end of the then next session of Parliament.