

went further to show, that between the 3d of April, 1783, and the 26th of October, 1784, they had received, in that populous and extensive island, from Canada, St. John's*, and Nova Scotia, no flour—no Indian corn, beans, or oats—no ship bread or other biscuit—no Indian or other meal—no horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, or poultry—10 barrels of rice—180 bushels of potatoes—751 hogheads, 37 tierces, 39 half tierces, and 457 barrels of fish, 45 barrels of oil, 100 oars, 710 shaken casks (or puncheon packs) 21 masts and spars, with the small parcels of lumber mentioned under that head, and no other goods. They also show, that all the imports of Jamaica from Canada, Nova Scotia and, and St. John's, were, on an average of the five years, from 1768 to 1772, but 33 barrels of flour, 7 hogheads of fish, 8 barrels of oil, 3 barrels of tar, pitch and turpentine, 36 thousand of shingles and staves, and 27,235 feet of lumber.

How far it has been in the power of the northern British colonies, or of the British European dominions, to furnish their West-India islands with flour, bread, and Indian corn, will further appear from the following facts. It is stated by lord Sheffield, that there were imported from hence into those islands, in a year of great plenty and trade, before the revolution, 132,426 barrels of flour and biscuit; but our returns for 13½ months, already mentioned, show that their late demand from us in that term was 139,286 barrels of flour alone, and 77,982 barrels of Indian meal, middlings, ship-stuff, rye meal, and biscuit. Their former annual supply of Indian corn, received from hence, was 401,471 bushels; and their recent importations prove to have been 516,794 bushels, in the space of time stated in our late return.

It is unnecessary to dwell longer upon the supplies which the remaining British American colonies were expected to afford to their West-India plantations. An experiment of years has been fairly made—The returns from their custom houses, and from those of the islands, will inform the government of Great-Britain what they really furnish at this time, and the proportion it bears to the whole de-

* Meaning New-Brunswic,