

6th—Whether any, and if any, what temporary measures can be devised to augment the value of our staples, and to increase as well as facilitate the exportation of them ?

7th—Whether any permanent system can be adopted to secure the safe, easy, expeditious and economical exportation of them to the ports and markets to which we have access ?

8th—Whether any, and if any, what nature of encouragement it is expedient to give to the manufacture of Salt and Iron for Home Consumption ?

I. The Internal Resources of the Province from Agriculture and Exports may be classed as follows :

1. Lumber,
2. Pot and Pearl Ashes,
3. Agricultural Produce,
4. Furs and Peltries.

Under the general name of Lumber, may be comprehended Masts, Spars, Oars, Hand-Spikes, Pine and Oak Timber, Boards, Plank, Shingles, Staves and Heading.

Under the term of Agricultural Produce may be reckoned Wheat, Indian Corn, Rye, Pease, Flour, Indian Meal, and Beef and Pork. to which might (by a proper direction of agricultural labour) be added, Hemp, Flax Seed, Hops, and Tobacco.

The Western and London Districts of this Province are, from soil and climate, peculiarly adapted for the growing of these commodities, some of which, particularly Flax Seed, are articles of ready sale in the British Islands, and large quantities are annually imported into Great Britain and Ireland from the United States, Holland and the Baltic. It is to be presumed that the Flax Seed of the Colonies, if of equal quality, would have a preference in the British market.

Your Committee suggest the propriety of holding out some Legislative encouragement to induce the