

But, let us return to the proposed measure of supplying the British West Indies with lumber, whence we have wandered wide, in answer to objections of no little weight. For, it had been vain to propose the furnishing of our West Indies with lumber from our own ports, if we have not a sufficiency of shipping. The requisite lumber may be divided into two kinds; that which is demanded by the builder; and that which is required by the cooper; and it is intended to discuss briefly each of them in its order. It is understood that the larger pieces, which are required for the construction of mills and for similar purposes, are found on the plantations, where timber, close of grain and difficult of manufacture, grows in great abundance: It is consequently the lighter scantlings and boards, which planters import from afar. And they may find men enow in London, who will contract to supply them from the Baltic on the following terms:

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