

chant to avail himself of the privilege of giving Bond, for the Duties on Articles imported or taken from the Warehouse;—thus securing a credit which in a country where Capital is limited, is of great importance: The Duties will be paid to our *own* Officers, who have given Bonds for their conduct and payments: The amount will be received in Provincial Currency;—thus securing the stability of the Treasury Notes at their nominal value, and remedying the great loss and inconvenience, arising from the present mode of paying Duties only in Doubloons;—and further, the Customs Officers will be relieved from the heavy charge and responsibility, under which they now labour; and will partly avoid the necessity of accounting to the Province.

Again, by the first of the Imperial Statutes, many articles—necessary for or which could be used in our Manufactories—are burthened with Duties that, in a great measure, preclude their Importation; yet, by the Act of the last year, many of these articles may be imported hither, Duty free, if brought from a Warehouse in England. It is evident, from this Statute, that the benefit of British Shipping was its decided intention; and the course of Trade hence to South-America and to Europe, is such, that many Vessels would immediately be employed on these voyages, were it not that they are prohibited by the expense and detention in England for the purpose of Warehousing and Re-shipment. This is manifest from the Statement E herewith of the expenses on a Vessel which performed such a voyage. It therefore *seems* expedient, that this House should apply for the adoption of some measure by which the needless charge of landing and relading a Cargo in England may be avoided, and the advantages of so important a carrying Trade be realised: and it appears more necessary when it is remembered, that some Articles, particularly Hemp now beginning to be extensively manufactured, cannot be put on shore without the greatest risk of damage.

Further—to give employment to Capital, and to add to the productive Labor of the Province—it has been repre-