

THE object of the following Remarks is briefly to point out the policy of maintaining in its present state the discriminating scale of Duties on Foreign and Colonial Timber, and the injurious effects which any alteration in those duties in favour of foreign wood must inevitably produce on our North American possessions, and on the important interests connected with them.

These effects are shortly considered in reference to—

1. The **TIMBER TRADE** itself, which would thus be thrown altogether into the hands of Foreigners.

2. The **CONSUMER**, who, from the competition induced by the present duties in regard to Foreign and North American wood, is now supplied at the lowest possible price; but who, were competition removed, would be placed in the power of the Foreigner, both in regard to price and supply.

3. The **CAPITAL INVESTED** in this trade, in mills, warehouses, wharfs, and other establishments, the certain destruction of which would follow any alteration of duty.

4. The **GROWING PROSPERITY** of the Colonies, which would receive a fatal check from the same cause.

5. **EMIGRATION**, by means of which Government has encouraged and stimulated a rapidly-increasing population to apply itself to the very labour which any unfavourable change would effectually stop, and reduce to a state of destitution the great body of emigrants, who, under the present system, are enabled not only to maintain themselves, but to become purchasers of British manufactures to a large amount.

6. The **MANUFACTURER**, to whom a ready and improving market is now afforded for almost every article of home production, but for which the demand would soon come to an end, if the stimulus were withdrawn.