

53. With coal of such varied and of such excellent quality, so abounding in quantity and so easily worked, aided by the native ingenuity of the inhabitants in the north-eastern division; the United States would soon, so rival Great Britain in her manufactures, especially possessing as they do in the southern country, so many of the raw materials, as to become a very serious, if not fatal opponent to the united kingdom. With the gypsum of Entry Island, one of the Magdalens, they would supply the upper countries on each side of the Canada lakes and the St. Lawrence River: and from the gypsum of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Cape Breton, the whole of the countries east of the Allegany mountains. With salt upon the spot, (for there are several salt springs) and every appearance of mineral salt in Nova Scotia, particularly at the river Phillipe in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; aided by the coal to refine it, almost at the door, there is not a state in Europe which could vie with the Americans in fisheries, even for their domestic supply, except with the support of large bounties and countervailing duties. The copper would always aid the manufactures of the States, for they would not keep the earth closed upon that metal as we do in the colonies. The freestone of Ramshag, in Nova Scotia, is inexhaustible, and equal to the best Portland quality*.

54. I have thus, in the first place, exhibited some of the consequences which will ensue to the Northern Colonies themselves if, in their present distressed situation, they are further borne down by any additional burthen upon their commerce:—2d. I have shown some of the injuries already sustained by them at various times since the American independence:—3d. I have made it appear that those evils probably arose from that want of intelligence in England, which it now becomes necessary to collect:—4th. That this defect has apparently induced our rulers to yield the interests of the colonies to the importunity of foreign powers, not yet

and one of better quality at Cumberland, near the Allegany mountains, in Maryland; and copper, I believe, in one unproductive mine in the Jerseys: but these are not worthy to be otherwise adverted to. All the above articles of coal, gypsum, and freestone, abound in Nova Scotia. The country abounds in other minerals, but many of them are prohibited from being worked, and, therefore, the extent is unknown.—Paragraphs 28, 29, 30.

* A very favorable specimen of this stone may be seen by every visitant of Halifax, in that elegant new building, the provincial state house.

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