

Britain cannot take her shipping without ruining her own: She must consider them as foreign-built ships; and if she encourages ship-buildings in Canada and Nova-Scotia, it is to be expected that ship-building for sale in the American States will be lessened, if not entirely stopped for a time.\* Such encouragement will draw the sailors from New England, raise many in Canada; and that province will become a very considerable nursery for seamen.

*The above Articles comprehend nearly the whole of the exports from the American States, of the growth of the country.*

*The Articles imported by the American States from the West India Islands and settlements in general, were the following viz.*

SUGARS.

The difference of price between French and British West India sugar was so great, that above two-thirds of the sugar imported into America come from the foreign islands, and cheaper notwithstanding the duty on the foreign of 5s. per hundred; the greatest part was regularly entered.

That which was smuggled into America is computed to have incurred an expence equal to half the duty, besides the expence of getting it in a clandestine manner from the French islands and Surinam †. France will not suffer the American States to carry sugar from her ports in the islands, notwithstanding the connection now between them.

MOLASSES,

\* It is difficult to see what advantage the New-England States will derive from the independence and separation from this country. Such lights as we have, point out that it must be ruinous to them, and that nothing could be more to their advantage, than to become again part of the empire. It is not obvious where they will find a market for their shipping, lumber, and the produce of the whale fisheries: (and they had no other trade of any consequence except salt fish) in the place of the markets of the West Indies, Great Britain, and Ireland.

† It is clear from this, that our sugars will not be taken for consumption in the American States, and that they only mean to be carriers elsewhere. if permitted to go to our islands.