

an examination of particulars\*, that the American farmer could not only supply the West-India market with flour, much cheaper than the English farmer could do; but, could even exclude the English farmer from supplying the domestic markets of Britain with wheat. It is curious to remark how near to each other the events of the late war have brought the prices of provisions in America and in Britain. The current rates at the two great marts of Philadelphia and London, in December 1783, may be compared, by the following detail:

	Philadelphia prices.	London prices.
Of fine flour per cwt.	£. 0 15 9	£. 0 16 0
Of common ditto	0 13 0	0 14 0
Of mefs beef per barrel	2 2 6	2 2 6
Of mefs pork	3 0 0	2 8 0
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	£. 6 11 3	£. 6 0 6
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It is a remarkable fact, that the prices of all things have been uncommonly high in the United States, since the peace. Yet it is apparent that the London and Philadelphia prices cannot thus run parallel together long†; though the freights may continue cheaper from London than from Philadelphia. The advantages of the American farmer, notwithstanding the additional burdens of independence,

\* Political Arithmetic.

† The subjoined detail will evince the truth of the position in the text, that the American prices of grain are already fallen