

American Traveller. Since then they have added to their exports a considerable quantity of seal skins and some salmon.

It must be observed very little of the fish, and a part only of the oil come to England, but go mostly to foreign markets, so that the greatest part of our export is a net balance in our favour. The great importance of this, and still greater of creating and giving employ to such vast numbers of sailors and fishermen, are advantages not to be equalled by any other settlement or branch of commerce, and cannot be too much kept in ourselves.

Philadelphia, New York, and some ports of New England, supply the land and fishery with flour, biscuits and grain, viz. pease, barley, &c.

The same Author we quoted in the beginning of the advertisement observes, that “Britain in good policy, ought to have kept the supply of the West Indies with grain entirely to herself*, instead of the uncertain corn-trade she has with Europe, because the demand would be perfectly regular, and no where else is to be found such considerable bodies of people, that depend for their daily bread solely on importation.”

If this observation be just for the West Indies, it will be equally so for our supplying

* The freight to either Newfoundland or the West Indies would not be high, because most vessels go to these places in ballast, and would consequently be content with a small freight out.