
A FEW REASONS
AGAINST ANY CHANGE
IN THE SYSTEM
OF OUR
COLONIAL LUMBER TRADE.

AN attempt to alter the policy which Great Britain has so wisely adopted towards her North American Colonies, is an attack upon their very vitals. I cannot see the propriety of a system, tho' adorned with the title of "bona fide free trade," which would shut up a mother country from favoring an infant colony, in the only way in which it can be brought forward, and made most rapidly of value and importance—that would force her to withdraw the fostering hand which has raised it to its present prosperous height, and oblige her to remove those props by which the colony is supported. The Imperial Parliament should have weighed (as I have no doubt it did) the cost and the consequences, before it gave a preference to timber from Canada, which has led so many to embark in the trade, and also to the formation of saw mill establishments in various parts of both provinces, which in extent and perfection are equal, if not superior to any in Europe. Government must have foreseen that if the prefer-