

YORK, UPPER-CANADA, OCTOBER 1st. 1821.

STATE OF THE COLONY.

IN the present distressed state of this country, it is the duty of every Person connected with the Government, or the interests of the Colony, to point out whatever may suggest itself, which may, in the smallest degree, tend to alleviate the sufferings of the People; either by an exposition of the causes which have brought on the evils under which we labour, or the means by which they may be remedied.

The great and vital cause of our distress may, in our opinion, be traced to that impolitic and predatory system pursued by the Lower Province, in the encouragement given to the Lumber Merchants and Farmers of the United States, who were in the habit of glutting Montreal and Quebec with articles, which, if excluded from their markets, as was intended by the British Government, would have been equally as well, and as abundantly supplied by this Colony. How this traffick, so disgraceful to the Lower Province, could have been so long continued, is astonishing.

For the last six years the whole of the benign intensions of the Mother country, have been lost to this, but they have, contrary to the intentions of the British Parliament, been possessed in a most superlative degree, by our friends in the United State, who in consequence of their proximity to those markets, their enterprising spirit, and the encouragement given to them, had the advantage of eu-