

couragement thus anxiously asked by them is the distribution of bounties from the taxes of Britain, which are collected from our industrious classes. They ought to be told, that we wish not so much for their indigo and coffee, their cocoa and tobacco, as that they would, instead thereof, raise food for their slaves. Let their Assemblies encourage by bounties, or enforce by penalties, the raising of the most needful kind of provisions on their own islands. Let them adopt every possible mode of supply rather than be dependent on rivals, or by sacrificing the acts of navigation, enervate the best defence of Britain, who lately protected them from conquest.

2. Having thus shewn, that it is possible to supply the British West-Indies with provisions exclusive of the United States; that it is the interest of Britain to supply them exclusive of the United States; it is now proper to advert secondly to the commerce of lumber, which the necessaries of the builder and cooper require. The present demand is great; as we may learn from the following detail of the former supply:

There were exported from the United States to the British West-Indies in 1771;

Pine and oak boards, planks,	}	21,271,955 feet
lathing, &c. —		
Hoops — —		1,958,411 numb.
Staves and heading —		7,200,000 numb.
Pine timber — —		200 tons
Oak timber — —		95 tons
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