

R E P O R T.

[THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to take into consideration the DUTIES ON TIMBER, and to report their Observations thereupon to The House;] and to whom several Petitions upon the Timber Duties presented to The House in the present Session, and a Bill to provide for the better Collection of the Duties on Wood, the produce of places in Europe, were severally referred; and who were empowered to report their Opinion thereupon, together with the MINUTES of the EVIDENCE taken before them, to The House:—[HAVE, pursuant to the Order of The House, examined the Matters to them referred, and have agreed to the following RESOLUTIONS :

RESOLVED, THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that the present mode of taking the Duties on Deals is susceptible of improvement; and that this Committee would recommend that a mode be adopted, which shall approach more nearly to a payment according to the contents of the Deals.

Resolved, THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that the difference of Duty of 45s. now imposed by Law upon Timber the produce of Europe, as compared with Timber the produce of our North American Colonies, is too great, and may be reduced.

Resolved, THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that, having a due regard to the interests which have been created in the British North American Colonies by the system hitherto pursued, and to the representations of the Shipping Interest, a reduction of the Protective Duty, not exceeding 15s. per load, appears to them to be a fair arrangement.

Resolved, THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that such reduction be made, so far as may be consistent with the interests of the Revenue, without any augmentation of the Duty on Colonial Timber.

Resolved, THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that, in any alteration made, such alterations should not effect the Shipments made in the year 1836.

Resolved, THAT it is the opinion of this Committee, that there should be an uniform mode of taking the Duty on Deals throughout the United Kingdom.

14 August 1835.]
