

Labrador 1200 men from the middle Colonies, which ought only to be from the British Isles. The Americans may say if we were excluded, you yourselves would not fish there.

This assertion would remain to be proved. If we did not fish there immediately, it would be because our shipping were otherwise advantageously employed; but the knowledge of this resource would soon increase the number of vessels and adventurers, and occasion it quickly to be entered into.

The number of residents in Newfoundland, that remain there throughout the year, I cannot determine; but suppose it must be very considerable from the amount of our exports thither, greatly exceeding all that can be wanted for the people sent out from Britain and Ireland. The ships employed by these countries in the trade and fishery are 380, carrying, one with another, 12 men; in all 4560. The fishery likewise employs 2000 boats with 8 men each, manned by the people sent out, and by the residents; together 16000 boatmen.

The amount of exports thither from Britain and Ireland, in coarse cloathing, fishing-tackle, beef, pork, British-spirits, gun-powder, shot, &c. is £. 200,000. And the exports from Newfoundland to the different parts of Europe, in cod-fish and oil, value on the spot, are £. 345,000.*—Thus they were as stated by the

* Fish £. 300,000, oil £. 45,000.