

yoke of oxen to the water-side ; if, instead of aiming to make these trees, thus growing, *royal exclusive property* ; the crown was not only to permit a free masting in lands not granted ; and to make the mast-trees, of all dimensions, *private property* on lands actually granted ; but also (as it is done in other cases of naval stores) to give a bounty besides the price, to the person who should bring down any such masts to the water-side ; it would have an immediate effect in supplying the crown with masts at a cheaper rate ; and in the preservation of these trees, thus become a branch of trade.

I would wish here also to recommend the giving some advantages and encouragement to the importation of American timber into Great Britain *.

I have not gone into the thorough examination of these subjects above-mentioned ; nor have I pointed out, in all their consequences, the effects that this or that state of them would have. I have only pointed them out as worthy the attention of government : and, I am sure, whenever government takes them under consideration, they will be better

* This has been done, by an act of 1766, since this was first written and published.

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