

The law that obliged American ships to have the first set of sails of British canvas being at an end, the Russia duck only will be used. It is said the British sail-cloth is more apt to mildew, but that may be prevented in great measure by pickling when new. It is also said, that the Russia sail-cloth is more pliable. France makes sail-cloth, but it is much dearer and inferior. Some has been made at Philadelphia, but the quantity must be trifling for some time.

PAPER and STATIONARY.

Writing-paper is cheaper in France and in Flanders than in Great Britain or Holland; but there is very little to be met with in either of the former countries of a good quality. Good paper may be got from Holland. She can undersell England; but a considerable quantity of paper and stationary will continue to be sent from the latter. Coarse paper for newspapers, &c. is made in America.

L A C E S.

The importation of the better quality of Flanders or Brussels lace, at it is called, cannot, for a long time to come, amount to any thing considerable. The most ordinary and low priced thread lace, and the black silk lace for trimmings, are more immediately in demand in the American States. The thread laces are best in Flanders and Britain. Although black silk laces may be had on the best terms at Barcelona and Marseilles, considerable quantities of the British manufacture has been imported into America.

*Calicoes and printed Goods.*

Next to woollens, linens and cutlery, this is one of the most considerable articles imported into the American States, and as there are now large manufactories established in the Netherlands, in France, in Switzerland, and in many other parts of Europe: The price at which those goods can be afforded in the several countries, and the credit that may be obtained, will determine the Americans in their purchases: England, it is thought, will have the advantage greatly in this branch, especially in the finest and most beautiful patterns. Switzerland manufactures these articles as cheap, if not cheaper than any country, but her situation is not advantageous for export to America. France, during the war, had

*This has occasioned a great demand for British sail-cloth, which has a bounty of 2d per yard on exportation. The duty on Russia duck when shipped, is about 2s per piece of 36 yards. It is considerably wider than English.*