

I shall next examine such parts of the French commerce as are known with any tolerable certainty; and, first, their plantation trade, which will be soon dispatched, as the amount of their West Indian products are already inserted in another place.

68,000 hogsheds of British sugar, exported to Europe, formed 51,000 tons; 120,000 hogsheds, therefore, the French product, make 90,000 tons, and the proportion of men taken, as before minuted, for the British islands, the total employed by the article, sugar, in France is	9,000
Coffee, indigo, &c. is not quite a fourth of the value; but as they are by no means so bulky, we will call the shipping employed by them a sixth, or	1,500
Total,	10,500

N. B. Most of the French melasses and rum are bought by English ships.

A modern writer * makes the number of seamen employed by this trade	9,050
Medium,	9,770

I may here be permitted to remark, that coincidence within less than a thousand men is something of a proof that the preceding calculations are not far from the truth. The same writer says, the number of their ships employed in this trade is 336.

The Newfoundland fishery of France is said by a late writer † to be four times greater than that of Britain; if so, its state is as follows:

Value and freight of the fish,	£. 1,272,000
Ships,	684
Seamen,	30,000
Another author ‡ makes the French fishery to produce	£. 1,350,000
A third § makes it	981,692

* *An Account of the Southern Maritime Provinces of France*, 4to. 1764, p. 133.

† *Present State*, p. 175.

‡ *Heathcote's Letter*, p. 26.

§ *Sir William Pepperel's Journal*.