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Shipping and Navigation.

## INTRODUCTION.

IT is proposed to take an historical view of the law of England with regard to Shipping and Navigation. The increase of shipping, and the improvement of navigation, are objects that have frequently engaged the attention of the Legislature; and various provisions have been made from time to time, by which it was endeavoured to confine, as much as possible, the trade to and from this country, the employment of the sisheries, and the conveyance coastwise, to the shipping and mariners