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hogheads are often carried from England. Ships going to the West Indies have only a light freight, and carry out this article; and it will answer to carry from hence slaves, boards, and shingles; and they are of a superior quality.

Live Oxen, and Sheep, Poultry of every Kind for Fresh Provisions, &c. in the Islands.

A considerable number of oxen have been sent from New-England to the Windward Islands, and some sheep, but none to Jamaica; mutton is not much eaten in the islands; some sheep are raised there. Nova Scotia may raise oxen sufficient for the islands, having fine pastures. Poultry will probably be purchased cheaper in Canada than in the American States. Bermuda vessels bring poultry and onions.

RICE, INDIAN CORN, and TOBACCO.

Of Rice no great quantity goes to the West Indies; what is sent comes chiefly from South Carolina. Indian corn is much preferred to it, which is chiefly exported from Virginia and North Carolina; but the planters raised provisions for their negroes in a great measure during the war; but it can hardly answer at other times, except a few yams, and potatoes for present use. They also raise nearly tobacco enough for the negroes. Bermuda vessels will bring as much of these articles as are wanted; and also lumber cheaper than the vessels of the American States.

Pease which may be made a Substitute for Rice and Indian Corn,

Are cheaper in Canada than in any part of the American States, where they are only raised in the province of New York and the Jerseys. Though perhaps there may not be a sufficient quantity raised in Canada at present to supply any great demand there may soon. There is no bug in that country; but pease planted on other parts of the continent, except about Albany, are devoured by bugs or flies. [Dip the grain in pickle before planting, it will in some measure stop the bug, it never will blight or blast.]

As to the African trade, Congress and the General Assemblies have decided against it. Probably the Carolinas and Georgia must continue it for some time: but the importation by no means kept pace with the increase. The price of slaves was lowered before the war; slaves born in the country were preferred, as seasoned