

## 150 TRADE AND NAVIGATION.

As a quantity of vegetable tar will always be wanted for rigging, cables, sails, &c. and the British colonies are capable of affording a supply to some extent, it will be proper to bestow upon it some encouragement, which must tend greatly to clearing the lands, in the same manner as confining the transportation of lumber to the West Indies to British vessels alone ; for as the new settled countries upon the continent, are one entire forest, the greater the demand is, and the surer vent they find for their produce, the sooner will the lands be cleared, their improvement effected, and the nation thereby freed from the expence of feeding and cloathing the loyalists.

Pearl ashes, and Pot ashes, are made at this time by almost every inhabitant, but not in sufficient quantities for exportation. The reason is obvious. The cultivation of their lands, as the only means of securing a permanent subsistence, must naturally preclude almost every other pursuit, except those