

plied principally from the province of Maine and Nova Scotia, although there is a considerable quantity of masts and spars up the Hudson's River, the Delaware, Chesapeake, and Susquehanna, but they are of an inferior kind, not large and more difficult to be got: the inhabitants have other employment. Britain has its great and best masts principally from the Baltic\*.

#### *Pipe-Staves and Lumber in general.*

This was a considerable article to Spain and to Portugal, and to some other parts of Europe; as also to Madcira, and the other wine islands and countries; but the best timber for these purposes is to be found in Canada and Nova-Scotia, and the forests in those countries have been hitherto almost untouched: they will be found for a long time to come, inexhaustible, whilst timber has already become scarce in most of the American States, and in the middle and southward provinces, it is not of so good a quality.

#### F L A X S E E D.

This article was exported from the American States to Ireland only; no other country in Europe is in want of it. nor can Ireland be furnished with it to so good advantage from any other part of the world. for though it may be had from Flanders †, and in the Baltic, it is of an inferior quality and dearer, and must be paid for in money, instead of linens, which are exchanged for it in America.

#### I R O N and P O T - A S H.

Every part of north America abounds in Iron mines, but from the high price of labour in the American States iron could not have

\* American masts are much inferior to those which come from Riga, and the Empress has lately allowed masts to be cut down on the estates of the nobles, and exported from Petersburg; but the largest and best come from Turkey and Poland; their grain is much closer. A mast from these countries, of 22 inches, is equal to an American mast of 24 inches. They may be chosen from the woods at ten dollars, or about 50 s. each; the carriage costs 100 dollars. They are carried against the stream of the Dniپر to the head, and over land above 30 miles to the head of the river Dwina; there is a heavy duty at Riga. In time of war the freight is very extravagant; and the largest masts when they arrive in England, will cost from two to three or four hundred pounds.

† The seed is very indifferent there, because the flax is pulled while green, for the sake of having it finer and better.