

From the easy access to the ports of Norway, at almost every season, their inconsiderable distance, and the size of their ships, the Norwegians possess the incalculable advantage of being able to watch the British market, and at a few days' notice to pour in their Deals and Timber, whenever and wherever they conceive any prospect of profit to be held out. The effects of this vicinity have been felt in the ports of Scotland, where the Larch and Firs of that country have been continually undersold by the Timber and Deals from Norway.

As to what has been suggested respecting the Protecting Duty, as contradistinguished from the War Duty, it is to be observed, that the Committee of Merchants who petitioned for the Protecting Duty, though, perhaps, that laid upon short Deals may have been sufficient, yet were not aware that the Baltic would enter so largely as she has done, into the importation of those of the longer description; and thus, in fact, avoid one half the Duty. If, however, the interest of those concerned in the employment of British Shipping in the Baltic were to be laid aside, and a change in the present Rates unavoidably to take place, the existence of the British North American Trade would absolutely require that all Foreign