

S E C T I O N IV.

The subject of the foregoing Section continued.

Newfoundland and Northern Fisheries—Regulations of the Corn-trade of the Colonies, &c.

THE fishery of Newfoundland, we have premised the Colonies should have no share in. It is a source of wealth that ought to be as strictly guarded as the Dutch do their spice trade, as it is of many times the consequence: it is therefore to be lamented, that any European power should share with us any part of it, much more so considerably as our natural rivals do.

What adds greatly to the importance of Newfoundland is, that its fishery not only gives employment to our artificers at home, and a great number of our shipping to convey its produce to market, but likewise occupation to vast numbers of the poor, both in Britain and Ireland, who go out every year to carry on the fishery, and return when it is over to spend the produce of their labour with their families in their own country: thus adding to the imperial-state's population and strength, and affording in time of war, a resource of men able to serve her at sea.

The consumption of fish and all other articles are undoubtedly limited, and when the
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