
THE COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the State of the Trade to *NEWFOUNDLAND*, and to report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House; and who were impowered to report their Proceedings, from Time to Time, to the House;

HAVE, in pursuance of the Order of the House, proceeded to examine several Witnesses, the Substance of whose Evidence is as follows;

Your Committee called Mr. WILLIAM NEWMAN; who, being examined, said, That he lives at Dartmouth, and was a Merchant, trading to Newfoundland.—And being asked, What was the present State of the Trade from Newfoundland to England? he said, The Trade had decreased considerably, both in Ships and Men from Great Britain; from the Port of Dartmouth Thirty-one Ships; from Plymouth Fourteen; from Weymouth Three; from Wick in Cornwall Three; and from Exeter Thirteen; also several Ships less from Penzance, Falmouth, and Bristol: That it has been decreasing these Four or Five Years; that the great Decrease was from 1788 to 1791; the last Year he has taken is 1791: That the general Decrease of the Number of Men from Great Britain is, about 3,130; as to Ireland he cannot speak with Certainty, but supposes about 1,500; from Dartmouth 1,400; from Exeter 800; and from Tinnmouth 700.—And being asked, How he formed his Calculation, as to the Decrease of Men? he said, It was governed in a great Degree by the Information he had received from the Custom Houses, and confirmed by his own Observations and Knowledge of Ships, which he knows are deficient, and from the Number of Men that have not of late Years gone to Newfoundland as Passengers on the Fishery: That there was a Boat
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