

measure, which ought alone to evince to the United States what the wealth of Britain can do, when employed on her own improvement, that Scotland exported to the West Indies of HERRINGS ;

In 1767	—	8,273 Barrels
In 1768	—	10,830
In 1769	—	8,435 ;

besides tusk, ling and salmon, in much smaller quantities. The amount had perhaps been greater had the competition of the revolted Colonies been less. When that competition was removed, by the war, England alone sent supplies of pickled fish to the British West Indies nearly equal to the consumption, as we have already evinced. The British fish fetch a higher price than the American, because they are of higher relish and more capable of preservation. The extension of circumjacent fisheries and the improvement of internal wastes are the only objects, which greatly merit the bounties of the British nation ; owing to the nature of its defence and frequency of attack. But, the best bounty, because the cheapest and most successful, is the opening and extending of markets, wherein there shall be no competitors. Whether the British fisheries, European and American, can supply the British West-Indies with 161,000 quintals of dried and 16,200 barrels of pickled fish ; whether that cargo ought to be supplied by British subjects, exclusive of American citizens ; are ques-

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