

The following statement* clearly shows the *increase* under the *old*, and the *decrease* in the employment of *plantation* shipping under the *new* system.

Ships belonging to the British *West India* islands, exclusive of captured colonies, and employed in the trade between those islands and the United States, including their repeated voyages.

	<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Men.</i>
In 1794, when the navigation acts began to be relaxed	706	86,010	5,115
In 1804, in consequence of the suspension of the navigation laws	67	7,629	626
Decrease in ten years	639	78,381	4,489

Ships belonging to the British *North American* provinces, and employed in the trade between those colonies and the British *West India* islands, including their repeated voyages.

	<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Men.</i>
In 1794, when the navigation acts began to be suspended	229	24,900	1,452
In 1804, in consequence of the suspension of the navigation laws	100	11,906	734
Decrease in ten years	129	12,994	718

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Do.—The British <i>North American</i> colonies	129	12,994	718
Total decrease in the employment of plantation ships in ten years, under the suspension of the navigation laws	768	91,375	5,207

British ships employed in the direct trade from the *United States*, which entered *inwards* in Great Britain, in the following years :

	<i>Ships.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Men.</i>
In 1786,	216	36,875	
In 1806,	53	11,347	748
Decrease	163	25,528	

important and valuable information they contain; these Reports were framed by lord Liverpool when president of that board. Vide lord Sheffield on American commerce, and also Chalmer's Estimate, p. 166.

* See Mr. Rose's speech on the American Intercourse Bill, 1806.