

supplied from markets created at New Orleans and the island of St. Peter; as from another Isle of Man: it will therefore be the duty of government to keep a watchful eye to the formation and extent of these markets—so at least, if they be permitted, as to have the command of them; and so as to prevent their being, to the French traders, the means of supplying the Spanish markets also, as well as their own.

Since the writing of what the paragraph above contains; very proper regulations have been by the late American revenue-act provided; and if proportionate care be taken in the execution of it, this danger is for the present guarded against.

Some revision also will be necessary in the laws about naval stores; especially that respecting the masts. The present law, under an idea of preserving the White Pine or mast trees, directs, That no White Pines shall be cut or felled within the limits of any township, if not actually private property.—This part of the law arises from a mistaken apprehension of a township; there being no lands within such, but what are private property.—*2dly*, That no pines out of a township, of the dimensions of 24 inches and upwards diameter, at the height of 20 inches from the
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