

they have so severely felt, from the temporary and impolitic expedients resorted to by the government of Great Britain, in the regulation of the trade and intercourse between the King's dominions and the United States of America.

The other productions of Canada are, wheat, peas, beans, barley, oats, and potatoes*. The timber consists of oak, firs, pitch pine, ash, elm, beech, birch, and maple. They likewise trade in furs, feathers, fish oil, salt provisions, and many other articles; but more extensive information on this subject may be obtained by reference to the exports and imports of the provinces, and to the memorials and other documents transmitted by the colonists to government, some of which are printed in the Appendix to this volume, as it is probable, discussions may arise on these subjects before the existing differences with the United States are finally adjusted. The facts disclosed in these papers cannot fail to interest the feelings of the English nation; and it is to be hoped, the present administration will realise the expectations which have been formed of their intention to carry into effect the measures contemplated by Mr. PITT, for the relief of these provinces and of the West India and Shipping interests, namely, by the resumption "of those MARITIME RIGHTS which our forefathers fought and bled to establish, and to maintain which Great Britain, even within our own remembrance, while at war with all the great maritime powers of Europe, *who then disputed with her the SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SEAS*, attacked and crushed the *northern confederacy†.*"

It has long been an object of the government of this country, to promote and encourage the cultivation of hemp and flax in the British colonies in America; and for that purpose bounties have been given, and various means‡ adopted to attain an object of such importance, as that of raising, within the British Empire, these two valuable materials; and

* Appendix, No. 8. It is likewise stated, that iron ore and copper ore have been discovered and found in great abundance, in many parts of these two provinces. "Remarks on the Conduct of Russia and France," p. 101.

† Concessions to America, &c. p. 23.

‡ Transactions of the Society of Arts, &c. vol. 21, &c. By the 24th Hen. 8. c. 6, it was enacted that "Every person having in his occupation threescore acres of land apt for tillage, should sow one rood with flax or hemp seed, on pain to forfeit 3*s.* 4*d.* for every forty acres. An acre to be counted 160 perches, and every perch 16 foot and a half." See also, 21 Hen. 8. c. 12., on the culture of hemp at Bridport