

which the British West Indies can ever require, if from our experience we may form any expectation. Even young men may remember since England supplied the coasts of the Mediterranean; as well as the shores of the Baltic, with wheat. During that flourishing period of our agriculture, from 1740 to 1757, England exported annually * about 750,000 quarters of corn, which at the low prices of that time, brought into the nation £ 1,300,000. Such plenty alas! and such profit from Corn we have not for some years known. However unfavourable the seasons may prove there is reason to hope, from the flourishing state of our agriculture, that Great-Britain will be able to spare wheat flour enough to supply the wants of a community of seventy thousand masters. For, there were actually exported to the British West-Indies from England alone :

	Wheat flour.	Oatmeal.	Bread.
	Quarters.	Quarters.	Cwt.
In 1773	— 0 —	18 —	404
1780	— 35,907 —	758 —	32,587
1783	— 4,090 —	125 —	6,657

The quarter of meal must weigh 276lbs: So we may regard every quarter as only a greater barrel. From these Custom-house entries, with all their imperfections, we see clearly enough the effect

* An. Reg. 1772.