

American States. The quantity of port and claret has been inconsiderable. The Americans will now import wines directly from the countries which produce them, and will perhaps use more French wines than they did. They could not heretofore get them cheap through Britain. Wines will be run cheaper through the American States, both to the West-Indies and Canada, &c. unless all the duties are drawn back on re-exportation from hence. Wine from Madeira, Fayal, &c. is subject to a duty of 7l. per ton, which on Madeira wine, amounts to 10 per cent; but owing to the cheapness of Fayal wine, the same duty amounts to 50 per cent, which should now be altered or taken off, otherwise our remaining colonies, will be on a worse footing than the American States, and would be supplied through them, who of course would be the carriers of that article*.

* Attempts to make wine in America have failed. The great heat and the rains are supposed to cause such a luxurious vegetation, that the grapes burst before they are ripe; but others say the trials have not been fair; that there has been no attempts to plant vineyards and to make wines, except by private gentlemen for their own consumption; and that it is not owing either to the rains or heats, that wines are not made for sale in America, because neither rain or heat are more prevalent in many