

290,000 loads, of fifty cubit feet each, or in all 600,000 loads. Of this quantity,

The importation from our colonies in North America has been

	Fir Timber.	Deals and Ends.	Battens & Battcn Ends.
	Loads.	Long Hundreds.	Long Hundreds.
In 1817 ...	140,2803471.....	201
In 1818 ...	214,1026481.....	250
In 1819 ...	267,0659871.....	359
Average..	207,151	43,610 lds. 30 f.	933 loads 16 feet;

or in all above 250,000 loads, five-twelfths of the total quantity imported*.

Now, I conceive it will hardly be denied, that should an individual dwelling in Yorkshire, where good meat is to be purchased at five pence a pound, choose to pay as much for some of inferior quality in Caithness, the expense of carriage being three pence per pound besides, his friends would be justified in saying he had lost, or uselessly expended three pence per pound by the operation. Even the author of *Observations on the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Lords* will not perhaps refuse his assent to this almost self-evident truth: I will only require him to advance one step farther, and either agree, that Great Britain, during the existence of the present system of duties on wood, is placed in the same circumstances as the ingenious person above described, or dispute the truth of the statement I shall now

* See Appendix to the Report of the Lords' Committee, page 90, and following.