

manufactures.—It cannot be denied that the fishery of the United States, by the wisdom of its government, increases to an astonishing degree, under great disadvantages arising from the local situation of their country. While the British fishery, with every natural advantage in its favour, has declined every year, not only, from the interference of the Citizens of the United States, but also from the want of adequate encouragement by the Mother Country, which would soon revive it, and be the means of inducing great numbers of the fishermen who have emigrated, and are now employed in foreign service, to return to their allegiance.

Oh is there not some patriot, in whose power
That best, that godlike luxury is placed,
Of blessing thousands, thousands yet unborn,
Thro' late posterity? some, large of soul,
To cheer dejected industry? —————
And teach the labouring hand the sweets of toil?
————— with venturous oar
How to dash the wide billow; nor look on,
Shamefully passive, while *Batavian** fleets
Defraud us of the *glittering finny swarms*,
That heave our firths, and croud upon our shores;
How all-enlivening trade to rouse, and wing
The prosperous sail, from every growing port,
Uninjured, round the sea-incircled globe;
And thus, in soul united as in name,
Bid BRITAIN reign the MISTRESS of the DEEP.
THOMSON.

The admission of neutral ships into the trade of the British West India Islands, has likewise proved seriously detrimental, not only, to the inhabitants of the British North American provinces, but also to many persons in the West India settlements†, whose capitals were embarked in plantation shipping. On the termination of the war in 1784, very few ships or vessels belonged to these settlements, but the good effects of adhering to the navigation system after that period, were as striking as they are incontrovertible, as will be seen by the rapid increase of colonial shipping, contrary to the assertion of the West India planters, before the Board of Trade, who then stated, that any shipping being fitted from the islands was hopeless‡.

* For Batavian read *American*.

† In Bermuda and the Bahamas.

‡ Reports of the Board of Trade, in 1784 and 1791, edit. 1807, which are highly deserving at this time of grave attention from the