

grind-stone, and coal which is to be found in abundance in the eastern and northern parts of the province\*. The export of *gypsum* has been already stated to be an object of great importance, and the carriage of it, if *confined* to *British* ships, cannot fail to encourage ship-building in the provinces; to which there is reason to believe the United States must resort for coal in a very few years, as other kinds of fuel have become scarce and dear in the sea-port towns of the eastern provinces of the United States.

The country along the shores of the river St. John, extending across the province of New Brunswick more than 200 miles, and other lesser rivers in the same province, abounds with pine trees of various dimensions, suitable for masts, &c. for the navy, more in number and value than are to be found in the King's other provinces in America, that is, in the vicinity of large rivers, for from no other situation can they be conveniently brought to market. From within a few miles of these rivers, the largest masts are drawn on the snow, when from 2 to 3 feet deep, with teams of 20 or more pairs of large oxen, to the banks of the rivers, from whence after the ice is gone, and the rivers are full, and in some places overflowed, they are floated to their mouths and exported to Great Britain.

In this point of view the province of New Brunswick is more valuable and important to the mother country, than the other provinces.

The other products of New Brunswick are similar to those of Nova-Scotia. Its staple commodities are, however, fish, lumber and † salted provisions; of fish there was exported from New Brunswick, in 1806, to Jamaica, 35,000 barrels, besides about 13,000 barrels to the United States, for *contraband* articles, in addition to which, there was also exported to the West-Indies upwards of 2,000 barrels of beef, besides pork. It also appears in the same year, there was shipped in American vessels, from the islands in the Bay of Passama-

\* Post, Appendix, No. VI. page 102; the memorial from Halifax.

† Extract from a letter from Trinidad, dated the 23d of February, 1808, to a merchant in London.—“ My last advised the receipt of your favour covering Invoice and Bills of lading of — barrels, &c. of beef and pork shipped by the —. Our market has been lately supplied very abundantly with salt provisions from *Nova Scotia*, &c.; there is consequently very little prospect of a speedy sale, and as they sell their provisions, *so much lower*, than provisions from Ireland can be afforded at, I cannot encourage you to repeat your shipment.”