

them, and they have ever since remained in the hands of the English.

The inhabitants had formerly a small traffic in vegetables, with the West Indian Islands, likewise in a particular description of hat, made of the Palmetto tree, then generally worn in warm climates. Cedar is at present their principal staple commodity, and these trees they cultivate with the greatest care and attention; their property and consequence being generally estimated by the number of slaves and cedars they possess.

These *two commodities* likewise constitute their children's fortunes.

With the latter, the Bermudians build their far-famed, fast sailing schooners, with which they drive a considerable trade between North America, and the West Indies.

During the late war, Bermuda was