

would probably not have required a further assistance from Government after the next spring. — The cultivation of the country would have been forwarded — and such exertions made towards extending the commerce of this country as (when those causes are removed) must take place with astonishing effect.

The amount of the exports of lumber & fish from the port of Halifax this year can furnish no ground even for conjecture of the probable quantities of these commodities which may be exported in future, for it is to be observed that this fish — was caught in 1783 while the evacuation of New-York was going on, and commercial operations were only beginning to revive in consequence of the peace. — It is a fact that one man (Mr. Sargeant) in a port to the eastward of Shelburne, call'd Parrington has this year cured 10000 quintals of fish which is nearly equal to the quantity shipped from the different ports in the province of Nova Scotia during the present year. There are now out on the whole fishery many vessels from this province of New-Brunswick the produce of whose voyages must be determined by the exports of 1785; and there are also many other vessels preparing.

With regard to the lumber it can hardly be expected that there should be any exportation when we consider what immense quantities have been used in the buildings erected, & the inconveniences already hinted at. No stronger argument of the capacity of the country & the exertion of the inhabitants in this respect can be adduced than the increase of the number of sawmills in the course of the present year. A Smith in this town by the name of Edward Foster has within the last twelve months made twenty two ft. 6 in. of Iron complete for saw mills, & the number