

bours, and is surrounded with such fishing banks for cod and other fish, as are to be found in no other part of the world: That the soil is vastly prolific in all sorts of herbage, grain and fruit, and abounds with excellent timber. That its trade, when properly settled, would be the greatest seminary, we can have, for seamen; and add a considerable weight to our commercial interest, and greatly enrich his Majesty's kingdoms; the climate being healthy and agreeable, perfectly adapted to the English constitutions; that it would want but little encouragement more than a proper protection under the form of a civil government, and a humane governour.

Transports were provided, and proper encouragement offer'd to such as would venture upon the settlement and cultivation of this colony; and General Cornwallis was appointed their governour, with a sufficient number of forces, and directions to fortify the country, and to assure the French, that should be found within the limits of the British dominion, in that province, that they should be protected in their settlements, on the sole condition of taking an oath of fidelity to his Britannic Majesty. The number of families, which entered voluntarily for this colony were three thousand seven hundred and fifty, and upwards; which sailed from England in the beginning of May 1748, and arrived at the harbour of Chebuctou, the place of their destination, to erect fortifications and to build a regular town, surrounded with a strong pallisade, on the shore of

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