
PREFACE.

AFTER my return from Newfoundland, in the year 1791, I was curious to look back into what had been done, in former times, on the subject upon which I had myself been just employed. I accordingly looked over the NEWFOUNDLAND ENTRIES, and the NEWFOUNDLAND BUNDLES, among the books which belonged to the late board of trade; and I then pursued the subject through the REGISTERS of the present committee of council for trade and plantations.

I was very much struck with the matter and reflections furnished by this research; and I wished that the
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