

land,) because the grave of Thorwold had a cross erected at both ends.

In 1007, three ships sailed from Greenland for Vinland, one under the command of Thorfinn Karlsefne, a Norwegian of royal descent, and Snorre Thorbrandson, of distinguished lineage; one other commanded by Biarne Grimulfson and Thorhall Gamlason; and the third by Thorward and Thorhall. The three ships had 160 men, and carried all sorts of domestic animals necessary for the comfort and convenience of a colony. An account of this voyage, and a history of the country, by Thorfinn Karlsefne, is still extant, and forms one of the documents in the *Antiquitates Americanæ*. They sailed from Greenland to *Helluland*, and passing *Markland*, arrived at *Kjalarnes*, whence sailing south by the shore of the promontory, which they found to consist of trackless beaches and long wastes of sand, they called it *Furthurstrandir*, (Wonder-Strand, or Beach;) whether on account of the extensive sandy shore, or from the mirage and optical illusion so common at Cape Cod, it is impossible to determine. Passing south, they sailed by the island discovered by Leif, which they called *Straumey*, (Stream-Isle,) probably Martha's Vineyard, and the straits between *Straumfjotr*, (Stream-Firth,) and arrived at Vinland, where they spent the winter. The Bay into which they sailed, they called *Hópsvahn*, and their residence received the name of *Hóp*, (*English Hope*, *Indian Haup*,) the identical *Mount Hope*, so much celebrated as the residence of King Philip. After various successes, Thorfinn returned to Greenland, and finally went to Iceland and settled.

From a comparison of all the remaining accounts of these voyages, the *geographical, nautical and astronomical facts* contained in them, with the natural history and geography of this country when first settled by the whites, there can be little doubt that *Vinland* has been correctly located by the learned Society. By similar evidence it also appears, that *Markland* was what is now called Nova Scotia; that *Lilla Helluland* (Little Helluland) was Newfoundland; and that *Helluland it Mikla*, (Greater Helluland,) was the coast of Labrador. We ought also to have observed above, that *Straumfjotr* (Stream-Firth) probably included the whole of Buzzard's Bay.

Of the *climate* of Vinland, the Northmen say, it was, when they were there, so mild, that cattle would live out-doors during the year; that the snow fell but lightly, and that the grass continued to be green in some places nearly all winter. Among the *productions* of Vinland, were abundance of vines, a kind of wild wheat, (*maize*,) a beautiful wood which they called *mazer* (Birdseye-maple, *Acer Sac-*