

other commodities that the places afford, as well for their own use, as to sell again. They also drive a considerable trade with the *English* for wearing apparel, *stuffs*, *silks*, *cloth*, several utensils for *houses*, *iron*, *brass*, and such like things that are useful to man, and not found amongst them.

As to the *Coins*, *Weights*, and *Measures* of *New-England*, and the rest of the *American Plantations* belonging to his Majesty, they are the same with those of *London*; but as to *Coins*, they are not much made use of in Trade, their general way being bartering of one commodity for another.

The *English* now here inhabiting, are very numerous and powerful; They are governed by *Laws* of their own making; have their several *Courts* of *Judicature*, and assemble together at their set times and places, as well for the making of new *Laws*, abolishment of old, hearing and determining of Causes, as for the electing of a *Governour*, *Deputy-Governour*, *Assistants*, *Burgeses*, and other *Magistrates*; every *Town* having two *Burgeses*, and each County annually electing such like *Officers*, for the looking after the affairs in the said *Colony*. And in matters that concern *Religion* and *Church Government*, they are very strict, and make a great shew, being much of the stamp of the rigid *Presbyterians*.

Here are several *Towns* of good account, the chief amongst which are The *Towns*.

*Boston* the Metropolis, seated very commodious for traffick on the *Sea*, at present a very large and spacious *Town*, or rather *City*, composed of several well-ordered *Streets*, and graced with fair and beautiful *Houses*, which are well inhabited by *Merchants* and *Trades-men*, who drive a considerable trade for such commodities as the Country affordeth, to *Jamaica*, *Barbados*, and other the *Caribbe Isles*, as also to *England* and *Ireland*. It is a place of good strength, having two of three hills adjoining, on which are raised *Fortifications*, with great *Guns* mounted thereon, which are well guarded.

*Charles-Town*, seated on and between the Rivers *Charles* and *Mistick*; It is beautified with a large and well-built *Church*; and near the Rivers side is the *Market-place*, from which run two *Streets*, in which are divers good *Houses*.

*Dorchester*, scituate near the *Sea*, an indifferent good *Town*.

*Cambridge*, formerly *New-Town*, seated on the River *Merrimeck*, doth consist of several *Streets*, and is beautified with two *Colledges*, and divers fair and well-built *Houses*.

*St. Georges-Fort*, seated on the mouth of the River *Sagadebock*.

*New-Plymouth*, scituate on that large Bay of *Potuxed*.

*Reading*, commodiously seated about a great pond, and well watered and inhabited, where are two *Mills*, the one employed for corn, and the other for timber: with divers other *Towns*, which I have taken notice of in a small Volumn of the Description of *Jamaica*, with other the Territories in *America*, to which the *English* are related, lately published by me with *Maps*.

*NEW-YORK*, adjoining to *New-England* Southwards, so called from his Royal Highness *James D. of York*, the Proprietor thereof, by grant from his Majesty, and is that part of *New-England* which the *Dutch* called the *New-Netherlands*.

It is a Country of a richer, and more fertile soil than *New-England*, being found to produce the same beasts, birds, fish, fruits, and commodities, but in greater plenty; and is well watered with Rivers.

It is also possessed by divers sorts of people, not much unlike the *Indians* in *Virginia*, *Mary-land*, and the other parts, & are well proportionate, stout, swarthy, black hair'd, which they wear exceeding long, they are expert at their