

of salmon, and many other kinds of fish. There is also great plenty of wild fowl, and the forests are stored with deer, moose, bears, and wolves, in great plenty. But the great and staple commodity of this island is cod-fish, which are here larger and in greater abundance than in any part of the world yet discovered, and great part of the world is at present supplied with this article chiefly from hence.

There are annually employed from Great-Britain and North America, at the lowest computation, upwards of three hundred sail of vessels in the fishing business; on board of which, and on shore, to manufacture the fish, are not less than 10,000 hands; so that it is at the same time a very profitable branch of trade to the merchant, a source of livelihood to so many thousands of poor people, and a most excellent nursery to the royal navy, which is hence supplied with great numbers of able seamen. There are also taken, in great abundance on these coasts, mackrel, whales, seals, porpoises, &c. so that above 5000 barrels of oil, besides a great quantity of whalebone, seal skins, &c, are annually exported from hence to different parts of the world, all which may sufficiently point out the importance of this island,