

ments, as the right of the English to the whole island has never been disputed.

Its shores are bold and steep, but every where covered with wood, and containing a great number of excellent bays and harbours, that are extremely useful to the persons employed in the fishery. The English have two hundred sail employed in it, and the French about one third of that number, whose greatest demand is in the southern states of Europe, from whence the Americans have been almost entirely excluded, by the attacks of the Barbary States.

From the north end of Newfoundland, which is separated from the continent by the Straights of Belleisle, the main land of America runs away to the north-east, and is called Labrador * ; a cold inhospitable region,

* Corrupted from the French name *La bras d'or*, or, *The golden arm*.