

and from thence to that Lake North-West, Twenty-four Miles. The Lake *Gamaſcowata*, is ſaid to be Thirty Miles in length, and from three to one in width. The Source of the River *St. John's*, from the Mouth of the River that empties out of the Lake *Gamaſcowata*, is Weſt Southerly, diſtant about One Hundred Miles; ſo that from its Source to its Diſcharge into the *Bay of Fundy*, is Three Hundred and Fifty Miles. *Muſquash Cove*, is diſtant from the Mouth of *St. John's* Harbour, or *Partridge Iſland*, three Leagues to the Weſtward; it forms a Bay, the Entrance about three Quarters of a Mile wide, widening within about one Mile and a Half, and is two Mile deep; at the Entrance you have fourteen Fathom Water, and you have gradual Soundings and good anchoring till you come into four Fathom. This Bay is a good Harbour for any Shipping, ſhifting Sides as the Wind may be, except when the Winds are from South South-Eaſt to South South-Weſt, which blows directly in. If you would proceed farther up into the River you muſt wait the Tide, the upper Part of the Bay being almoſt dry at Low-Water. About one Mile up the River the Salt Maſh begins, in ſome Places about One Hundred and Fifty Yards wide, and in others from that to Half a Mile wide. The Tide flows among theſe Maſhes about four Miles from the River's Mouth; here it is freſh and very ſmall, with Falls of about twenty Feet perpendicular, to which you may go with a Veſſel of One Hundred Tons at High-Water. The Uplands are high rocky Hills, and broken Ground, wholly unfit for Cultivation, producing no Timber of any Kind fit for Uſe; you ſee nothing but little Spruce growing out between the Rocks. In Summer this is a noted Place for hunting Wild Geefe, Ducks, and other Sea-Fowl, which breed here in great Plenty, and feed on theſe Maſhes.

The Front Lots of the Township of *Gage*, are laid out only ſixty-five Rods in width, and about ſix Miles and an Half in depth, ſo that you ſee a good Settlement cannot well be made without taking eight or ten of them together. There ought never to have been above eight Proprietors to each Township. The Iſlands in the Front of this Township, and *Grimroſs* Head, contain about Five Thouſand Acres of Intervale and good Meadow Land; this will be above Seventy Acres to each Proprietor. *Long-Iſland* was granted to Sir *Robert Wilmot*, the other Iſlands, and *Grimroſs* Head, are not yet divided, becauſe we judged it beſt they ſhould lay in common, as they afford great Quantities of very good Graſs, which will be a great Eaſe and Advantage to the firſt Settlers, by turning their Cattle on them till they can make Fences and Improvements on the Main. The Method I propoſe to ſettle mine, is to get good induſtrious Families that one can depend upon, and give them ſome of the Land out-right; they will ſoon make the reſt valuable. However, whatever the general Scheme is, I ſhall follow. If all thoſe Tracts of Land the Society have obtained on the River *St. John's*, were in the Poſſeſſion of ſix or ſeven Perſons that had a little *Mercury*, and a Plenty of *Money*, it might ſoon be made one of the beſt Settlements in the Province, or perhaps upon all the Continent of *America*: It is really a fine Country of Land in general, a good Navigation to every Man's Door; the River full of Fiſh, ſuch as *Sturgeon*, *Salmon*, *Baſs*, and *Trout*, the fineſt I ever ſaw, and every neceſſary Convenience of Life can be had at an eaſy Rate, by very little Induſtry.

