

presumptuous colonists, who would impose upon the credulity of strangers by representing that their miserable geological conglomeration is as old as the British Isles, or even France. The most convincing proof of the absurdity of the claim is in the fact that the Strait of Belle Isle, between Newfoundland and Labrador, has not had time to grow into dry land yet, although the people near it feel dry whenever they see a tavern. Besides, it is not at all likely that Mr. Domitian would have sent his yacht to such a distance from his own loch, even to accommodate so accomplished an explorer as the great Evangelist, and with those irrefragable proofs against them, I will now dismiss the claims of the Newfoundlandings to antiquity, and will just mention the fact that the original name of the island was "Codfish," whence the designation applied to a large class of people inhabiting these colonies, to wit, "Codfish Aristocracy."