

came, or what ever became of her crew. Purchasing a quantity of fish, for which Newport is famous, we stood out for sea. On Goat Island, which aids in forming the harbour, are fortifications and a garrison. Other islands and promontories, have batteries upon them for the protection of the entrance: but by reason of the difficulty and expense of making the defence complete, the project of fixing the naval depot here, was abandoned.

The State of Rhode Island, stands among the larger commonwealth of America, like Megaris among the states of Greece—small in dimensions, though ranked high in power and population. Yet this flourishing country has suffered extremely from the devastations of war, which appear to have given its prosperity a fundamental shock, and prevented that great increase of commerce and riches formerly expected. Roger Williams was properly, its founder. He came in 1635, with a few followers, whose religious opinions had caused them to be banished from Plymouth and Massachusetts, to Fox-point, and establishing a friendly intercourse with the Indian sachems, began the town, which in gratitude for his escape from persecution, he called Providence. Four years afterwards Coddington settled the large Island in the bay, and his successors brought it to so flourishing a condition, that it obtained the name of the Eden of America: at present this island is chiefly devoted to pasturage. Mines and valuable quarries have been