

The pilot of the Bulwark declared, in the presence of Captain Milne, myself, and others, that he had landed on the shoal part of George's Bank, and that he believed it dried for at least six miles, and was composed of fine sand. Many of the Cape Cod fishermen assert, they have seen the gulls sitting on it; while others positively insist, that the only danger exists in the heavy and cross sea, caused by the current running forcibly over the uneven ground. These contradictory accounts, as to the position, the danger, and extent of these places, tend more to perplex than inform. Many others might be pointed out, but these are thought sufficient to raise a doubt, and ought to prevent a reliance upon error, until experience guides the selection, and such charts only are used as are accurate.

No expence has been spared, even to the sacrifice of the common comforts of life, in order to be in possession of the best instruments. These were made by Mr. E. Troughton, and in their accuracy may be placed implicit faith.

The original names of the places are restored, by which only they are known to the inhabitants and fishermen. Des Barres, in attaching to them the names of noblemen, or men in power, has made his charts of less value; and in one or two instances, has created serious blunders. Inquire of the people of Jedore for Port Egmont, or those of Sheet Harbor for Port North, they know them not, nor would they ever be induced to adopt them. Jestico, a harsh, unpleasant, and unmeaning name, is preferred to Port Hood, although the latter is more pleasing to the ear, and pronounced and recollected with ease: all attempts