

The grand and powerful objection which has lately been made to the encouragement and extension of the British Fisheries is, the ill success of the fishery, and wretched state of the inhabitants of Newfoundland; which impression, they say, must be done away, before any effectual attempt can be made to extend the British Fisheries. It is therefore necessary, that something should be said of the affairs of Newfoundland and of the Newfoundland Fishery.

The system and management of the affairs of Newfoundland and of the Newfoundland fishery are, perhaps, the most inconsistent of the kind to be found in the history of the world; although, it is true, the same inconsistency prevails, in more or less degree, in the whole of the colonial system of this country.

Newfoundland is an island of greater extent than Ireland, and is situated in a more southern latitude, being 350 miles in length from north to south, and 200 miles in breadth from east to west at the broadest base, and between 47 and 52 degrees of North latitude. Ireland is situated between 51 and 56 degrees of north latitude, and is only 250 miles long, and 150 broad, from the extreme points.

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