

tain's chart, and which agreed exactly with the bearings of the coast. We stood a considerable way into the bay, the shores of which are bold and rugged. As it was the first portion of the New World that regaled my eyes after a tedious passage, it was on that account doubly acceptable; and, barren as it appeared, I gazed on it with pleasure, while my imagination wandered from the trifling privations and difficulties of my own voyage, to those which the great Columbus encountered in search of a new hemisphere.

Newfoundland is an immense island, abounding with numerous harbours, some of which are very capacious, and extend a great distance into the country; but the interior having never been perfectly explored, the greatest part of the island remains an unknown wilderness. A small part only is cultivated, and even that scarcely repays the labour of the husbandman. Potatoes, and a few other vegetables, are all that the soil is capable of producing in any perfection; for the season is too short for wheat, and oats seldom ripen. In May the winter breaks up, and till September the air is temperate. During this period vegetation is rapid; but the poverty of the soil is such, that it requires a supply of manure to produce what, in other countries, would be regarded as very inadequate to the trouble and expense bestowed upon it. Small quantities of hay are