

leaves ; the land about the town is very rocky, but the harbour is good, and there were three seventy-four vessels lying in it, besides some frigates which had brought troops from England for Canada. Halifax contains about fifteen thousand inhabitants ; the working classes are very poor. I stayed here for six weeks, trying to get a passage to the United States.

IX. Not succeeding in my efforts to obtain a passage, I started on July the third for Arnapolis, about two hundred miles through the province. On the fifth I reached Windsor, a small town about forty-five miles from Halifax : it being a busy time, and wages good, I stayed there till about the fourteenth, when I left and went to Horton and Kentville, and stayed with Mr. Hancock. It was a fine place, laid out in large farms and orchards ; the land is good, but the winters are severe, lasting nearly seven months. In the summer labourers get from four to five shillings per day ; but there is not much doing in the winter. Good land is let at from twenty to forty shillings per acre, and provisions are moderately cheap, except meat. I think that if people are getting a decent living at home, they will do better to remain than to go out there ; but if they cannot get a living at home there is a chance of getting one there. The inhabitants are civil, and the country is healthy. A ship came in bound for Philadelphia for the purpose of taking in a cargo of three thousand bushels of potatoes. About the middle of September the frost set in and killed the growing crop of potatoes.