

any acknowledgment to the Crown of England as formerly they had done.

At Placentia the ordinary residence of the Gov^r are two fforts with 13 peices of Ordnance, and about 15 families of which 4 are English.

At St^t Peters about 30 leagues to the Northw^d there is likewise a small Plantation, and a ffort of 8 Guns with about 60 Soldiers.

In y^e Bay of Fortune there are some Inhabit^{ts} and great Store of Cattle of all sorts. And to all of these places are brought yearly by the fishing Ships considerable supplies of Men, Women and Children, who settle there, and Catch fish in the like manner as the English Inhabit^{ts} do in their Harb^{rs} and wth equall priviledges and accomodation wth the fishermen.

Fishery.

The places where the french fishing Ships do most frequent are St^t Maries, Coroneat, Placentia, St^t Peters, Three Islands, Petty North, and severall other Harbors to the Westward of Placentia.

An Account of French Ships, fishing upon the Coast of Newfoundland in 1676, vizt. :—

Fishery in
1676.

Ships - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	102
At 20 Guns - - - - -	-	-	-	-	☞ ship	Guns 2,040
Eighteen Boats - - - - -	-	-	-	-	☞ ship	Boats 1,836
five men - - - - -	-	-	-	-	☞ boat	Men 9,180
Each Boat catch - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	Knt ^{ls} 300
Fish in all - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	Knt ^{ls} 550,800
Each Knt ^l sold at 13s. price in all is - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	@ Ster ^{rs} 358,020
Train Oyl made - - - - -	-	-	-	-	☞ boat	Hogsh ^d 7
Train in all - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	Tuns 3,213
Price of Train Oyl - - - - -	-	-	-	-	☞ tun	@ Ster ^{rs} 8
Price of Train in all - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	@ Ster ^{rs} 25,704
Core fish ☞ Boat - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	Knt ^{ls} 5
Core fish in all - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	Knt ^{ls} 9,180
Core fish - - - - -	-	-	-	-	☞ Knt ^l	Shill. 6
Price of Core fish in all - - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	@ Ster ^{rs} 2,754
Total price of fish & Traine - - - - -	-	-	-	-	is -	@ Ster ^{rs} 386,478

Convoys.

These Ships were Convoysed by two men of Warr, one of 36 Guns and 160 men, the other of 50 and 300 men.

Ports.

Places from whence the french ships chiefly come are St^t Malos, Rochel, Isles of Oleron, Bourdeaux and Bayonne and are bound to all ffraine Ports where the English Trade with their fish.

Banck.

The french have besides a very advantageous fishery upon the great Banck which is a Ridge of Mountains lying 30 or 40 fathom deep in the Sea, at 25 leagues distance. from Cape de Race, in Newfoundland, extending itself from 41 to 52 degr. of N^o Lat.