

th a large and useful School Room, which also sub-
served the purposes of a Vestry, and every requisite conven-

eral donations of his friends at home greatly contri-
buted to his respectability and usefulness. Their kindness
relieved his pecuniary necessities, while the Bi-
shops, Clergy, and other religious publications
usually transmitted him, enabled the good man to
circulate his benevolent labours. His memory de-
served respect in Newfoundland. To him the whole
was indebted. He devoted himself to the diffusion
of truth, at a time when it was overpread with dark-
ness and immorality.

opinion of the wicked to be religious is a sin. The
of a holy man in a dissipated and profane world, is
set with contumely and opposition. Of this Mr.
his share. The licentious and debauched fre-
quent him to extort the sigh of pity, and wound his
heart. Some cast obstacles in his way to impede the
work they had not power to prevent. But he rose
above it all, and lived to triumph in the achievement of
his so ardently desired.

continued to labour with fervid zeal, till his mental and
physical strength terminated his temporal career, and dismiss-
ed him from a world of solicitude and care, to a world

CHAPTER III.

*The state of the Island previous to Mr. Jones' com-
mencing his labours.*

THE population of Newfoundland bears no proportion to
its extent. It does not probably comprehend more than forty
or fifty thousand inhabitants.* These people have fixed
themselves upon those parts of the coast, which they deem
most locally adapted to the fishery in which they are en-
gaged. This country is rocky, abounds in wood, and is inter-
sected by large swamps, pools of water, and estuaries.† At
certain seasons of the year travelling by water is dangerous,
and cannot be performed by land. Hence by far the great-
est number of the people are precluded the means of acquir-
ing a distinct and accurate knowledge of divine things. Nei-
ther are there any local means of facilitating and aiding the
industry of the Ministers of religion. What they do must be
achieved by personal exertion, and the dint of labour. These
are difficulties which it requires great courage and perseve-
rance to surmount.

* The population of the island contemporary with Mr.
Jones, was not probably above two-thirds of this estimate;
if so much.

† Newfoundland is a country but little known, and as these
Remarks may fall into the hands of many who are ignorant
of its character, a few remarks will probably not be deemed
irrelevant.

This Island is of considerable extent, and seems to have
been designed by Providence for a Fishery. It is locally
fit for this end, and can scarcely be appropriated to any o-