confiderable amount, being one of the moft profitable trades our merchants deal in. But the garrifons and forts here feem not to be of a ftrength fufficient for holding out long againft an attack from the French and their Indian allies in that neighbourhood. This bay is about 300 leagues wide from S. to N. but above 530, by reckoning from the bottom of James bay, in lat. 51 N. to that of Repulfe bay in lat. 67. 10. N. Its breadth is unequal, being about 130 leagues where broadeft; but it grows narrower both to the fouthward and northward, being not much above thirty-five leagues broad in fome places. At the mouth of Hudfon's bay is Refolution ifland, alfo Mansfield ifland. And in the ftreight are Charles ifland, Salisbury ifland, and Nottingham ifland. From Refolution ifland to Cape Diggs, at the entrance of the bay, is about 140 leagues in length. The land on both fides, namely, Labrador and North Main, are inhabited by favages, of which we have little or no knowledge. That part of the bay on the W. fide, in about lat. 57. is called Button's bay, and the eaftern part, from lat. 55. 15. to lat. 51. and the moft fouthern part is called James's bay. The coaft from Cape Henrietta Maria, in lat. 55. 15. where James's bay begins, to the bottom of the bay is about 100 leagues, and of much the fame breadth all the way, being between fifty and fixty leagues over.

On the eaftern fhore, or Labrador coaft, lie feveral iflands, called the North fleepers, the Weft fleepers, Baker's dozen, Belchier's ifles; and in James's bay are Bear ifland, Viner's ifland, Charlton ifland, Cape Hope ifland, &c. All the country from Button's bay S. and E. as far as Labrador, is called New South Wales.

The French pretend to have had poffeffion of this
bay