

# GEOGRAPHY and HISTORY OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

## CHAPTER I.

### SITUATION, EXTENT, AND BOUNDARIES OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

*Ques.*—What is Nova Scotia ?

*Ans.*—Nova Scotia is a Province of British America, and includes Nova Scotia proper and Cape Breton.

*Q.*—Describe Nova Scotia proper.

*A.*—Nova Scotia proper is a Peninsula, standing out in the Atlantic ocean, on the eastern coast of North America. It is of an irregular figure, and stretches in a direction about north east and south west, 255 miles in length, and varies in breadth from 25 to 80 miles. It embraces a surface of 15,617 miles, and lies between the 43d and 46th degrees of north latitude\* and between the 60th and 67th degrees of west longitude.†

*Q.*—How is Nova Scotia bounded ?

*A.*—Nova Scotia is bounded on the north east by the Gut of Canseau, which divides it from Cape Breton ; on the north by the Strait of Northumberland, which separates it from Prince Edward's Island ; on the north west by New Brunswick, to which it is joined by an isthmus, and by the Bay of Fundy ;—all other parts of the coast are washed by the Atlantic ocean.

*Q.*—How do you describe Cape Breton, and its situation with respect to Nova Scotia proper ?

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\* Latitude, distance from the equator.

† Longitude, distance from Greenwich, in England.