

HISTORY

OF THE

British Settlements in America.

SITUATION AND EXTENT.

THE British dominion in America extending over a tract of country called, for the purpose of distinction, by the general name of British America, comprehends the vast and unknown extent of country, bounded south, by the United States of America, and the Atlantic ocean; east, by the same ocean and Davis's Straits, which divide it from Greenland; extending north to the northern limits of the Hudson's Bay charter; and westward to an unknown extent—lying between $42^{\circ} 30'$ and 7° north latitude; and between 50° and 105° west long. from Greenwich; and between 15° east and 30° west long. from Philadelphia.

It is divided into four provinces, viz. 1. Upper Canada;—2. Lower Canada, to which is annexed New Britain, or the country lying round Hudson's Bay, and the Island of Cape Breton;—3. New Brunswick;—and 4. Nova Scotia, to which is annexed the Island of St. John's.—Besides these there is the Island of Newfoundland, which is governed by the admiral for the time being, and two lieutenant governors, who reside at Placentia and St. John's.—The troops stationed at Newfoundland, however, are subject to the orders of the Governor-general of the four British Provinces.—Of each of these provinces our intention is to enter into a brief description.