

Lewis's or * Scots western islands, thence this part of body of herrings subdivides when they meet with Ireland, one column proceeds to the western coast of Ireland, the other column pass along St. George's or the Irish chanel to the mouth of the Severn.

It seems more reasonable to think, that these herrings are constant retainers to the islands of Great Britain, some times disappearing in deep water, and at other times appearing in shoal-water, according to their various feeding and spawning grounds; so as annually to make the circuit of these islands; and as is the manner of all Passenger fish, go northward towards summer, and southward towards winter or cold weather, and in very cold weather take to deep or warmer water. And in fact or observation we find the herrings appear amongst the western islands of Scotland in spring, they are at Shetland and the north parts of Scotland in summer, they are along the east and south coasts of Great Britain in autumn, and in St. George's chanel in winter.

The British herrings spawn in August and September: when they spawn, the fishermen call it fouling of the water; it is said they go by pairs to the bottom, and rub their bellies in the mud and sand until their † milts and rows are discharged; soon after this the herring-fishery is supposed to be over, and that the herrings take to sea or deep water.

Dantzick is the principal market for the Scots and Dutch white or pickled herrings; next are Hamburg and Stockholm; the Dutch re-pickle their herrings in Holland.

The herrings of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New England, are either of a different species, or of a bad quality, and if in curing their quality could be remedied, they are not of a sufficient quantity to supply the herring markets: they are caught in seans or masches; they

* Called by the ancient geographers *Æbudæ* or *Hebrides*. Here are plenty of cod and long fish: may consist of about 40,000 souls of inhabitants.

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