

found already ; but whether there are mines in the land or not, we are sure of finding mines in the sea, which as the banks are situated so very near for the cod-fishery, it is an inexhaustible source of treasure.

Next, *Of its growth and progress.*

In the year 1710, when *Nova Scotia* was reduced to the *English*, the number of its inhabitants was but very inconsiderable, the whole not exceeding three thousand souls, and its improvements but small ; since which they