

from eight to ten pounds; or, finding themselves in provisions, from four to five pounds.

Cabin passengers from fifteen to twenty pounds; children under seven years of age, half-price.

The House of Assembly is returned in the same manner as our Members of Parliament.

The Constitution is the same as that of the mother country. Bills must pass through the House of Assembly and Legislative Council; and must have the assent of the Governor before they can pass into a law. But any law respecting property must have a suspending clause, and is negatory till it receives the royal assent; and no law can be enacted that is contrary to the laws of England.

There is only a tax of ten-pence per gallon on rum.

The number of Indian families does not exceed one hundred; they are of the tribe of Mickmaes, and were converted to the Roman Catholic religion when the French were in possession of the island; they have built themselves a very decent chapel, and are a quiet harmless people.

Their principal residence is on Lenox Island, in Richmond Bay, on the north side, where some of them raise corn and potatoes. They maintain themselves in the spring, summer, and autumn, principally by fishing; and in the winter by cutting timber and fire-wood for the inhabitants. Charlotte Town is principally supplied with fire-wood cut by them.

To this account I can add with truth that this island is not subject to fogs which infest Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the surrounding country; a foggy day being looked on as a strange phenomenon in Prince Edward Island.

I would particularly advise every person who intends to embark for Prince Edward Island, or any other country, to be very careful to apply to some respectable ship-broker, or ship-owner; as, if he engages his passage with people of this description, he will have a security for a proper supply of provisions, as the accounts of the sufferings of unfortunate emigrants who have gone out in American ships, are most distressing. The law has provided for a due supply of provisions and water, as will appear by the following extract from the act of 57 Geo. III. Cap. 10, by which it is enacted, "that every ship or vessel carrying passengers from the United Kingdom to certain of his Majesty's colonies in North America, shall carry no more passengers than one adult person, or three children, to every ton and half burthen; and that every ship shall be furnished at the time of her departure with twelve weeks' provisions, and good and sweet water, sufficient to allow each passenger five pints per day, (exclusive of the crew) and such a supply of provisions as will afford an allowance for every passenger