



Isles and Territories

Belonging to His

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NEWFOUNDLAND, an Island for extent doth equalize Description of Newfoundland
England, from whence it is distant about 600 Leagues. It is
 situate betwixt the degrees of 46 and 53 of Northern *Latitude*,
 and is only severed from the Continent of *America*
 by an Arm of the Sea, like unto that which divides *England*
 from *France*.

It is famous for many spacious and excellent *Bays* and *Harbours*, and its Bays and Rivers.
 within Land for the variety of fresh Springs, whose waters are delicious.

It hath great plenty of *fish*, land and water-fowl, and is sufficiently
 stocked with *Deers*, *Hares*, *Ossers*, *Foxes*, *Squerrils*, and other *Beasts*, which
 yield good *Furrs*; and although not over-burthened with *Wood*, yet doth
 it afford abundance of stately Trees fit for *Timber*, *Masts*, *Planks*, and sun-
 dry other uses.

The *soil* in most places is esteemed *fertile*; the *climate* wholesome, its soil.
 though the rigour of the *Winter season*, and the excess of heats in *Sum-*
mer, do detract something from its due praise.

The North and West Parts are thinly inhabited, by a sort of people Inhabitants
 more rude and savage, then those of *New-England*, and other places in
 the adjacent Continent.

This Island of *Newfoundland* was first discovered by the English, who The English
 are the true Proprietors thereof, and whose interest hath been there con- the true Pro-
 tinued (by several) under the Reigns of divers *Kings* and *Queens*.

In the Year 1623. Sir *George Calvert* Kt. then principal Secretary of
 State, and afterwards Lord *Baltimore*, obtained a Patent of part of *New-*
foundland, which was erected into a *Province*, and called *Avalon*, where
 he caused a Plantation to be settled, and a stately *House* and *Town* to be built
 at *Ferryland*; And afterwards transported himself and Family thither,
 and continuing the Plantation by his *Deputy*, till by descent (after his
 Lordships decease) it came to his Son and Heir the Right Honorable *Ca-*
tiline, now Lord *Baltimore*, who by *Deputies* from time to time, hath been
 no less carefull to preserve his Interest, though during the late troubles in
England,