



THE PREFACE,

BEING AN INDVCTION

to the following Discourse.



Although I well know, that it is an hard matter to perswade people to adventure into strange Countreies; especially to remaine and settle themselves there, though the conditions thereof be neuer so beneficiall and aduantiagious for them: yet I cannot be out of all hope, when it shall be taken into consideration, what infinite riches and aduantages other Nations (and in particular, the Spaniards and Portugals) haue gotten to themselves by their many Plantations, not onely in America, but also in Barbary, Guinnie, Binnie, and other places: And when it shall plainly appeare, by the following Discourse, that the Countrey of New-found-land (as it is heere truly described) is little inferior to any other for the commodities thereof; and lies, as it were, with open armes towards England, offering it selfe to be imbraced, and inhabited by vs: I cannot be out of hope (I say) but that my Countreyemen will be induced, either by the thriving examples of others, or by the strength of reason, to hearken, and put to their helping hands to that, which will in all likelihood yeeld them a plentifull reward of their labours. But before I enter into discourse of the Countrey it selfe, I hold it fit to make knowne partly the meanes and degrees, whereby I attained vnto the experience and knowledge I haue thereof.

*And first, for mine owne estate and condition, it is well knowne, that my breeding and course of life hath bin such, as that I haue long time set many people on worke, and spent most
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