

nothing in View but the Interest and Happiness of all; and his Commands are mixed with so much Humany and Goodness, that it is impossible not to love and obey him at the same Time."

This was the Situation of the new Colony about a Year after its first Settlement; a more particular Description of the Country here follows.

*Nova Scotia* is the most northerly and easterly Province of the *English* Range on the Continent, and consequently the nearest to *Europe*. It was called *Nova Scotia* by Sir *William Alexander*, Secretary of State for *Scotland*, under King *James I.* and afterwards created Earl of *Stirling*. By Means of Sir *Ferdinando George*, President of the *New England* or *Plymouth* Company, he obtained a Royal Grant for this Tract in 1621.

As to the Climate, it is not, indeed, so agreeable as the Southern Parts of *France*, tho' situate in the same Degrees of Latitude, because it is subject to severe Colds, and thick Fogs; but it will be much better and better every Day, in Proportion as the Woods are cut down, and the Country cleared and improved; and when the Country to the North of it comes to be a little cleared and inhabited, it may, perhaps, become one of the pleantest Spots upon the Globe, for according to *Charlevoix's* Account, there is not a Country in the World of its Extent where we meet with fewer natural Harbours, or which more abundantly produces all the Conveniencies of Life. In Confirmation of which he says, that, near the Harbour of *La Haine*, one single Grain of Wheat produced 150 pretty Ears of Corn, and each of them so loaded with Grain, that they were forced to inclose all the Ears in a Ring of Iron, and support them by a Pole; and that near the same Place there was a Field of Wheat, where every Grain of the Seed, even those that produced least, put forth eight Stalks, every one of which had an Ear of at least half a Foot long.

The River of *St. John*, ten Leagues distant from the Gut of *Annapolis*, a very useful River, of long Course, and has a considerable Tribe of the *Anaqui Indians* settled upon it; but they are at present, from the Neglect of the *Nova Scotia* Government, in the Interest of the *Canadian French*. There are prodigious Falls of Tide in this River, near its Mouth, of not less than 30 Fathoms;

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