

There is a great mixture of religious professions here ; there being some of the church of England, others Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, &c.

The King is Sovereign of the soil, and appoints the Governor, who is his Captain-General ; the Lieutenant-Governor and Council are likewise appointed by his Majesty, which form the upper house, and the lower house is formed of the representatives, who are chosen by the freeholders ; but the Governor can negative their choice.

As fishing is the staple commodity, and almost the only article of trade in the provinces of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, with their dependant islands ; and as these are the only places in America where trade is carried on to any perfection, it will not, perhaps, be disagreeable to the reader to give some account in this place of the method which they take to cure and manufacture the cod-fish fit for market.

The fish caught near the shore are observed to be by far the best ; the vessels employed in this business are generally small shallops, which come to shore every day, where the fishermen throw the cod upon a stage prepared for
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