

## ADVERTISEMENT.

**I**T is unnecessary to illustrate at this period the importance of the fishery at Newfoundland to Great Britain : It is sufficient to observe, that the commercial and political advantages which result from it are innumerable ; and that, considering it as a nursery for seamen, as affording maintenance and employment to a number of industrious manufacturers and laborious poor, and finally, that it is a source of inexhaustible wealth, every attention should be paid to it, and all possible care taken to preserve and encourage it.

It has therefore been the invariable policy of government to provide for the annual return of the seamen and fishermen, and on no occasion to consider Newfoundland as a colony, nor to admit of its being cultivated. The act which was passed in the 10th and 11th of William and Mary, “ To encourage the Trade “ to Newfoundland,” has ever been thought sufficient for that purpose ; and the merchants and others concerned in the fishery have also been very well satisfied with the regulations which it provided for their conduct and observance : but it was reserved for the ingenuity of Sir Hugh Palliser to discover, at the distance almost of a century, that this act was faulty and defective ; representations were continually transmitted by him to the ministry, and it is, perhaps, from that time, he may date the foundation of that fortune which has raised him above the level, only to render his disgrace the more certain and conspicuous.

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