

III.

THE PRINCE'S DEPARTURE FOR AMERICA.

On the 9th of July, His Royal Highness accompanied by his august father, the Prince Consort, arrived in Plymouth Sound, in the yacht *Victoria and Albert*, Her Majesty having accompanied them part of the journey in the *Fairy*. After having received an address from the Corporation of the borough of Devonport, the Prince, at about half past eight o'clock, embarked on board the *Hero* (91 guns), Captain Seymour, C. B., and at seven the following morning, accompanied by the frigate *Ariadne*, left the Sound under salutes from the *St. George* and *Emerald*, the citadel and a battery on Mount Edgmount. As the *Hero* approached, the Channel fleet lying about four miles off the port, opened into two lines, and the noble vessel passed between them and took the lead down the Channel with a fair wind. The following composed the suite of the Prince and embarked with His Royal Highness: His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Colonies; the Earl of St. Germain, Steward to the Queen's Household; Major General Bruce, Governor to the Prince; Dr. Ackland, the Prince's Physician; Major Teesdale and Capt. Grey, the Prince's Equerries, and Mr. Engleherst, private Secretary to the Duke of Newcastle.

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IV.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

After thirteen days' sail the Royal squadron reached Newfoundland; the *Hero* and *Ariadne* anchored in the harbour of St. John's on the 23rd of July, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The next day, at noon, the Heir Apparent landed for the first time in the North American dominions of his Royal Mother. The event being immediately made known by telegraph, throughout the whole of the colonies, salutes were fired in the principal towns, the bells of churches rang and other demonstrations of joy spontaneously followed the auspicious announcement.

Newfoundland is, as far as history can show, the first part of America discovered. It is asserted that it was first