

All domestic servants come to be "shipped." Families are applied to to know whether they want to "ship" a housemaid or a cook. Some idea of the rate of wages may be formed by the fact of my having to pay this fellow, a common fisherman, 28l.\* currency, and his board for the summer, that is, from the 1st of May to the 31st of October. I found afterwards I paid him 6l. too much, but in strange places one must always submit to a little imposition by way of paying one's admission fees.

It will perhaps be the best way to afford the reader some idea of the country, and of the customs of the people, to give at some detail a notice of the first two excursions I made from St. John's, the one north to Cape St. Francis, the other south to Petty Harbour and Shoal Bay.

May 20th.—Dr. Stabb of St. John's having agreed to accompany me to Pouche Cove, where he had to visit a patient, we set off after a good breakfast, at seven o'clock. Kelly car-

\* 1l. sterling is equal to 1l. 3s. 4d. currency, the English shilling passing for fourteen pence. The rule is, to turn sterling into currency add a sixth; to turn currency into sterling subtract a seventh.