

fowl. Their skirts abound with cranberries the whole year, and with whortle-berries, and juniper-berries, in the season. The upland is covered with a kind of sedge-grass, and other harbage, which supports several droves of horses, cows, and hogs that run wild upon it. It grows too, an immense quantity of wild peas; but there is not a single tree. Wrec's and drift-wood, however, for fuel, may, at all time, be picked up in abundance along the shores.

Shipwrecks have frequently given temporary inhabitants to Sable island; and in 1801, a sum of money having been voted by the assembly of Nova Scotia for the purpose, a settlement was attempted; and a Mr, Morris, was sent out with a schooner, chartered for the occasion, accompanied by his wife, two apprentices, and three men engaged as settlers. They carried with them, three cows, a bull, a horse, a ram, eight ewes, several goats, pigs, and small stock, a 12 lb. carronade, 6 muskets, ammunition, provisions, building materials, &c. and a light well-built whale boat. When they arrived they found a man of the name of King, with his wife and five children, who had been settled there for several months; from him they learnt, that the island abounded in wild horses, and that he had seen upwards of seventy in one drove. This account I had from Captain Fewson of H. M. armed brig Earl Moira, who convoyed the schooner from Halifax; but I never learnt what became of the little colony. Probably they soon abandoned the place. We found the ruins of their wooden houses. Our visit was a preparatory one, on a similar errand, with a view of establishing a few men there, as a naval station, and to assist shipwreck-