

of Henry, and so the Biscayans who are said to have fished on the Banks and to have been aware of the existence of the Island even before or as early as Cabot, the Bretons, the Spaniards, and Portuguese, enriched themselves by the inexhaustible mine of the Fisheries, while Henry and his Nobles were impoverishing themselves by the useless pageant of the Field of the Cloth of Gold or the wars in France, and endeavouring to repair their shattered fortunes by the plunder of the Church. An English captain wrote a letter to Henry VIII. on the 3rd of August, 1527, in which he tells him that in the port of St. John's he found 11 ships from Normandy and 3 from Brittany engaged in the Cod Fishery. As all Europe was Catholic at the time of the discovery of America by Columbus, and of Newfoundland by Cabot, we find that the names imposed by the early Navigators were either the names of the saints on whose days the land was discovered, or the names of some localities in their own country which it resembled, or names descriptive of some natural feature distinguishing the place—a most favourable contrast with the vulgar or trivial names given by subsequent navigators. Thus we may imagine the anxiety of Cabot, looking out for land on the Western Horizon, when from the lofty mast a sailor cries out, land! The Italian, perhaps often deceived by fog banks, sees at length the Cape well defined, the surges breaking on the spillers, the dark green of the forest, gives expression to his feelings in his own musical tongue, and he cries out, Bona Vista! O happy sight! Gasper de Cortereale, a valiant and religious Portuguese, especially devoted to the B. Virgin and St. Francis, discovers the great Bay of Conception and calls it after the great mystery of the Immaculate Virgin, Conception Bay, and the Cape at its entrance, C. St. Francis, he also named St. Lewis and St. Francis Bays on the Labrador. Go round the shores of the Island, and you will see the Catholic feeling which named the Bays Conception, St. Mary's, and Notre Dame Bay, dedicated to the B. Virgin—Trinity Bay, including the harbour of St. Bonaventure, Catalina Bay, or St. Catherine's, Catalina, like Kathleen in Irish, being the musical Spanish term for Kate or Catherine, St. Clare's Bay, now St. George's, St. John's, St. Peter's, St. Jude's, now C. Judy, Trepassy, the Bay of Trepasses or all souls. Again, we have the French recollection of their own smiling land in Audierno, C. Freehel, or Freels, Plaisance or Placentin, on account of its beautiful situation, the Portuguese Fermosa or Fermeuse, beautiful, Renew's rocky, and numberless others, a most happy contrast certainly with Bay of Despair, Fortune Bay, Gallows Harbour, Pinch Gut, Push Thro', Piper's Hole, Old Shop, Bread and Cheese, Exploits, and