

INTRODUCTORY.

Early in the Spring of 1822, being in Newfoundland—a far-famed country in which I felt a most lively interest—and free from professional engagement, I determined upon exploring the interior of the island, a region almost totally unknown, and concerning which and its inhabitants, the Red Indians, who were supposed to occupy the whole of it, the most besotted conjectures were entertained, particularly by the chief delegated public authorities, to which quarter one was inclined to look for some proofs of a feeling of interest for the condition of the country, through the means of which they obtained their bread.