

ing to it, chiefly inhabited by Irish, who carry on a linen manufactory. They have fine marshes, their upland is chiefly good, and the Irish are the best farmers we have seen in the country. They keep large stocks of cattle, which the Halifax butchers fetch from their own houses. They grow good wheat, barley, rye, pease, Indian corn, flax, plenty of garden roots, and abundance of cucumbers, the largest we ever saw.

AMHERST is about twenty miles from the head of the river Bare, well situated for trade, has a fine navigable river with a half a mile of it, which runs through large tracts of marsh land, and extends for about fifteen miles in length, and two in breadth. A small quantity of the marsh land is at present diked in, and they are proceeding with great spirit to dike the remainder, which will be of great advantage to the owners, as it may be done at a very inconsiderable expence, a four-foot bank being sufficient to secure it from being overflowed. This land will then produce great quantities of good grass, which, before diked, being constantly overflowed by the tide, brought nothing but flag-grass and reeds. A few years after being properly diked and dried, it will bring good corn. Their upland is mostly level and good, though in some parts it is rocky. We called at the house of one Thomas Robinson, who has got a very fine estate here, and which he has improved to the best advantage. All his marsh, of one hundred acres diked in, he had some tolerably good corn, wheat and oats, growing thereon, though it was sown a year or two over soon, as the salts were not sufficiently out of the soil. He had some good like barley and oats growing upon his upland, only they seemed to be too thick. He was summer-tilling a small quantity of