

“ carried on at St. John's, Northerly as far as Trinity, and to
 “ the Southward as far as Trepassey.

“ 2d. By the Boats. These Boats are of different Sizes, and
 “ are manned by the Crews and Passengers of Vessels of every
 “ Description, which go from this Country for the Purpose of
 “ the Fishery. The Vessels themselves are laid up, and left, many
 “ of them, with only a Boy to take Care of them, during the
 “ Fishing Season; so that the Whole, except that before de-
 “ scribed, which is carried on by the Bankers, is totally a Boat
 “ Fishery. The Question then of Residence, or not, is of little
 “ Consequence. The Merchants may be generally regarded as
 “ the principal Parties concerned, as they supply the resident
 “ Boat Keepers with Fishermen, with Provisions, with Cloath-
 “ ing, and with Implements for the Fishery, in the same Manner
 “ as if the Concern was entirely their own, and receive in Return,
 “ as Payment, the Produce of the Voyage. Here it may be
 “ urged that the Encouragement of this Resident Fishery may
 “ lead to its becoming a Colonial Settlement. Of this there can-
 “ not be the smallest Danger. Independently of this Country,
 “ or some other, no Trade or Fishery can be carried on in New-
 “ foundland, the very Idea is absurd; a certain Number of People
 “ must necessarily remain there during the Winter Season, to
 “ prosecute the different Employments of the Seal Fishery, a
 “ Concern of considerable Importance, of the Fur Trade, of
 “ building Ships, Boats, erecting and repairing the Plantations,
 “ Houses, Wharfs, Fishing Stages and Flakes, and preparing
 “ for the ensuing Fishing Season. In order to prove the
 “ Necessity of this Residence, I beg Leave to refer you to the
 “ Restrictions imposed upon the French, by the Treaty of
 “ Utrecht, which were by them considered as Matter of great
 “ Hardship; now as these Restrictions, which required them to
 “ remove every Thing at the End of the Season, were imposed
 “ only with a View of obstructing and defeating their Trade,
 “ and were indeed found to have the Effect, what can more
 “ clearly shew the Impolicy of adopting any such Restrictions
 “ with respect to ourselves? The Moment that the French ob-
 “ tained a Settlement, they immediately availed themselves of
 “ the requisite partial Residence during the Winter Season for
 “ the Purposes before described, and without which indeed that
 “ Fishery cannot be carried on. The Suggestion that the Trade
 “ could at all have been carried on without a Residence, could
 “ only have arisen from Ignorance or Misrepresentation. Ano-
 “ ther Circumstance well worth the Attention of this Ho-
 “ nourable