

and about a hundred and five in circumference. The shore is very steep, consequently of dangerous access to mariners; and it is every where covered with small wood, of the spruce or fir kind, and with brambles. There are several harbours and bays round the island.

The chief of these, and at the same time the only town in the island, is Louisburg, situate in forty one degrees of north latitude, and sixty two degrees and a quarter of longitude, so that its meridian is four hours nine minutes west of Paris, according to the observations which M. Chaber, lieutenant of a man of war, made in the year 1750 and 1751 by order of the court of France.

The winter is very severe at Louisburg, and subject to violent squalls of wind, especially from the south. The sky is generally overcast either with heavy rains, or with thick fogs, especially in summer, which renders it difficult to be discerned at sea. The earth is covered with snow during the winter, and the frost sets in at Christmas, during which time both land
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