

I O HIS MAJESTIES good SUBJECTS.

they will forgive the unhandsomenesse of the forme it is put into, and looke into the matter it selfe onely.

The Island of New-found-land is large, temperate and fruitfull; the fruitfulnessse of it consisting not only in things of sustenance for those that shall inhabite it, but in many sorts of commodities likewise, of good use and value to bee transported. The Natives in it are ingenuous, and apt by discrete and moderate gouvernements to be brought to obedience. The seate is fit for Harbour and reliefe, upon the way betweene vs and Virginia, and consequently of aduantage to vs in any action that may engage vs, either by way of offence or attempt, in regard of those parts of the World. The Seas are so rich, as they are able to aduance a great Trade of fishing; which with Gods blessing, will become very seruiceable to the Naue; and the increase of fishing there, cannot despaire of finding Portes enow to vent the commoditie at profitable rates.

Now if you would vnderstand what motives wee haue at home with vs to carry vs thither; doe but looke upon the populousnesse of our Countrey, to what a surfet of multitude it is subiect; consider how charitable for those that goe, and how much ease it will be for those that stay, to put forth some of our numbers, to such an employment of liuing. Compare the English nature with others; and finde whether wee haue not as much courage as they, both to undertake and maintaine; onely we lose it, in hauing lesse industry. Turne then towards the Lowe Countries, behold how they haue wonne upon vs, by taking aduantage of our sitting still; (and most remarkeable in this point of fishing) which, if their Audit were published, would be found (I beleene) one of the best Agents they haue, both for their strength and wealth.

There is another motive also, which amongst our Ancestors was wont to finde good respect, namely, the honour of the action, by the enlarging of Dominions; and that which will crowne the worke, will be the aduancement of the honour of God, its
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