

watering Place on the North east Side; the Land on both Sides is every where pretty high, and exceeding rich and fertile, but covered with Wood, as indeed is the whole Country round it.

About four or five Miles North from the above-mentioned River, is a narrow Entrance, of half a Mile, into a large Bay of ten or twelve Miles Circumference; which we named *Bedford Bay*, and it has several small Creeks, abounding with the finest Salmon in the greatest Plenty I ever saw. There are also several Islands in it, and a great Quantity of Pines, fit for Masts, grow on the Western Side of it. This Bay, with the Harbour, and *Sandwich River*, forms a Peninsula, containing about 3000 Acres of Land, upon which we are at present settled, and are preparing to found a Town.

There is an amazing Quantity of Fish of the best Sorts caught in the Harbour; and the Woods abound with a Variety of Game, especially Partridges, which perch upon Trees, and suffer themselves to be shot at as often as you will. I think they are better than those we have in *England*. There are also Wood-pigeons; I have seen some Flights of Ducks and Geese. The Weather is fairer and more serene than any I ever saw; and our Evenings are pleasant beyond Description.

The first Care of the Governor was to pitch upon a proper Spot for our first Settlement; and as the aforementioned Peninsula appeared to be the best Place, as well on Account of its commodious Situation, as the Fertility of its Soil, which is a red Clay. The Wood being chiefly Oak, Ash, Beach, Birch, &c. the able-bodied Men on Board each Ship were employed in clearing Ground for a Town at the South Point of the Peninsula, and at the Entrance of *Sandwich River*, which at first appeared to be the best Spot, being defensible, and having the Advantage of the River being navigable a great Way up; but, upon Examination, the strongest Objections were found against this Place; a Shoal off the Point, which made it very convenient for a Fort, was, however, apprehended to be dangerous so near a Town, being so shallow, that, at a Cable's Length from the Shore, small Boats strike upon the Rock; besides, it was evident from the Beach, that a prodigious Sea must come in at Winter; and the Soil too proved bad, stony near the Shore, and swampy

swampy
the G
the H
that c
Town
fine G
is ever
large t
whole
We
and ev
on bri
Ship's
an Em
do mo
Lots o
pleasur
Honou
clemen
for the
so that
The
tlemen
houses
been s
and T
and R
commi
and fo
French
from t
pose to
make
Men f
able.
Friend
having
short,
should
my Le
due to
Condu
can n