

settled Plantation there; I haue sufficiently discounte-
what our losses will be, if wee suffer our selues to be pre-
uented by others.

That Countrey may be made a place of great vse and
aduantage for this State, in any action that may ingage
vs by way of attempt or defence, in regard of those parts
of the world. For the first, this Countrey lyeth so neere
the course which the Spanish ships, that come from
Mexico, Hawona, and other places of the *West-Indies*, hold
in their returne from thence, that they often saile within
100. leagues from the South part thereof.

In the yeere 1615. whilst I was in that Countrey,
three ships returning from the *West-Indies*, did arrive
there, purposely to refresh themselves with water, wood,
fish, and fowle, and so haue diuers others done at other
times to my knowledge. Sundry Portugall ships haue al-
so come thither purposely to load fish from the *English*,
and haue giuen them a good price for the same, and sai-
led from thence with it to *Brasile*, where that kinde of fish
is in great request, and they haue made great profit there-
by. And diuers *Dutch* and *French* ships haue also often-
times come thither, purposely to load fish from the *En-
glish*, which they afterwards transport into *Italy, Spaine*,
and other parts, wherby they imploy both their shipping
and Mariners, making good profit thereof.

Much hath bin
gotten by stran-
gers coming
thither.

We haue already spoken of the great numbers of
French and *Portugall* shipping, that vsually trade euery
yeere to this Coast, and the places neere adioyning in
fishing voyages: so that what in all likelihood may bee
the euent of a Plantation to be made there, if either *Spain*,
or *France* should breake league with your Maiesty, or
your royall Progeny; I leaue to the consideration of your
Maiesty.

The New found
land Plantati-
on will be good
for his Maestie
other Westerne
Plantations.

And certainly, as your Maiesties subjects sailing to
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