

to that of Chebuſta, or Halifax, which is allowed to be the fineſt in America, and capable of being made equal to any in Europe, both for ſafety and conveniency, having good anchoring-ground, and water ſufficient for any ſhip that ſwims. It is the place of rendezvous for the royal navy in America, having a Royal Dock, and conveniencies for a ſhip of any rate, to heave down and careen; for which end it is reſorted to by his Maſteſty's ſhips, from all parts of America, and the Weſt Indies.

Situated on the weſt-ſide of this harbour, is the town of Halifax, which, tho' its foundations were laid in 1747, is now a conſiderable town, conſiſting of upwards of a thouſand houſes, and is the capital of the whole province; and, indeed, from the ſame æra we may date the origin of this province, there being no government properly eſtabliſhed in it till then.

There are alſo ſeveral other towns laid out round this bay, and partly inhabited; but the moſt conſiderable ſettlements are upon the Bay of Fundy, and upon the rivers which fall into it.

The inhabitants in this province may be computed at about twenty thouſand. Its northerly