

which will probably soon diminish, as it is beginning in several places to assume the form of a colony, and is partaking of the emigrants who have fled from all parts of the United States, over whom Great Britain has lately appointed a governor.

The island of St John, commonly called *St John's in the Gulf*, lies 15 miles north-west from Cape Breton, and is 60 miles in length from east to west, and 21 in breadth, containing about 6000 inhabitants, who have a separate government of their own, and are making rapid advances in the cultivation of their lands, which are esteemed the best of any on the Gulf of St Lawrence, and produce very large crops of excellent wheat. A considerable portion of the island has been cleared of its woods. The soil is a light sand, and, in some places, a deep, rich, black mould. The heat of the sun in summer is very violent, as this island is not so much elevated above the surface of the sea as the neighbouring countries.