

Cod are caught in great plenty in almost every part of the Gulph of St. Lawrence, but more particularly on the coast of the Island, the Bay of Chaleur, and the Straits of Belleisle; our principal fishing ground extends all along the north coast of the Island, from the east point to the Orphan Bank, which stretches considerably to the northward of the North Cape, and the fishing vessels have seldom to go above three or four leagues from the shore, where there is only from ten to fifteen fathoms water; from several parts of the Island an advantageous boat fishery may be carried on part of the season, as great abundance of fish may often be had at little more than a mile from the shore, and sometimes at a less distance; two men will at times load a boat twice in a day.

The fishery carried on from the American States in the Gulph of St. Lawrence for some years past is very extensive, and is known to be one of the greatest sources of the wealth of the eastern states, from which about two