

the same time, surrogates were deputed by the Governor to assist him in his arduous duties ; and they are now always sent into the out-harbours, to hear causes, and adjust differences, which they do according to the principles of the established laws ; and make reports for the sanction of His Excellency.

For the last twenty years, officers of high rank and distinguished merit have, successively, held the commission of Governor, Captain-general, and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. of Newfoundland and its dependencies. Under their influence, not only the general interests of the settlement have continued to increase and ripen, but its revenues to the Crown have become a matter of valuable consideration. Newfoundland is also of the very first importance to Great Britain, from the nursery formed, by its fisheries, for the navy ; and it assists the ma-