

time vnto Merchants, as vsually euery yeere some haue done, they may then (salt being made there) as it may be fitly and cheaply, take in thereof a fit quantity, and fresh-water, wood, fresh fowles grea store, and other victuall, and likewise a sufficient quantity of Herrings, Mackerell, Capeling, and Lawnce, to bait their hookes withall for taking of fish; because such bait the Frenchmen are not able to haue, that saile purposely to fish at the said Banke, but are constrained to bait their hookes with a part of the same Codfish they take there, where-with they load their Ships.

The which fish so taken there, are larger, thicker, and sweeter, then the same kind of fishes that are taken on the coast of *New-found-land*. Whereby it may be well vnderstood to be more necessary, for such as wil saile there to fish, to carry such kinde of bait as aforesaid, with them, and then they shall more speedily load their Ships then the Frenchmen doe, who haue there no such bait to take fish withall, neither any other fresh victuall of flesh kinde, wood, or fresh water to dresse their meate withall, but onely such as they carry with them from France.

Whereby it may be well conceiued, that the fishing which the Frenchmen haue there, is a very profitable trade; seeing they not onely saile thither in the hardest time of Winter, which is about 650. leagues distance from the neereft part of France; and in all which time to liue vpon the Sea in a cold place, with but little wood, wherewith to make sometimes a good fire to dresse their meate, and to sit by to warme themselves.

All which hardnesse of liuing so on the said Banke, the gain which they make by the said fishing trade, doth make them delight therein: whereby it may be well