

## ILLUSTRIOUS SEAMEN, &c. 15

lies, who, in Order to avoid a Persecution on Account of their religious Principles, had retired into *Holland*, where the Toleration with which they were favoured was not sufficiently powerful to screen them from a Multitude of Hardships. Concluding that, in *America*, they should not only enjoy a greater Liberty of Conscience, but become enabled to make ampler Provisions for their Families, they applied through the Intercession of the Secretary, Sir Robert Naunton, to King James, who declared that they should be protected in every lawful Enterprize which they might think proper to undertake, in that Quarter of the Globe.

Accordingly, Mr. Brewster (for Mr. Robinson did not live to proceed upon the Voyage,) entered into a Treaty with the Company for an extensive Tract of Land, in the *South Western* Parts of *New-England*, and embarking, with his Associates, at *Delft*, directed his Course to *Southampton*, from whence, after having been joined by another Ship, on Board of which were several Nonconformists, he departed for *America*.

At the Commencement of *November*, these Adventurers arrived at *Cape Cod*, the most remarkable Point of *New-England* (*b*), and cast Anchor in the Bay, which was capable of containing a thousand Sail, and surrounded by Shores, where the various Produce of the Earth was dispersed in great Abundance.

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(*b*) It was their Intention to have seated themselves near *Hudson's River*; but their Dutch Pilot had been bribed by his Countrymen to steer their Vessel more to the Northward, and not to touch at that Part of the Continent of which they themselves intended to take Possession. This they afterwards effected; but, in the Sequel, were dispossessed by the English, who called the Country *New-York*.

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