

substance of the Instructions given by M. Ch. Lavaud, of the French marine, which will be found of great service; while on the chart accompanying the present work is given the survey of the Banks of Newfoundland by the same officer, which delineates minutely these vast submarine elevations, and the chart of which is the best description that can be given.

The valuable surveys of Capt. Henry Wolsey Bayfield, R.N., F.R.S., (which are still in progress,) in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the coast of Labrador, have given an entirely new feature to our knowledge of that part of our possessions; and the complete delineation and ample directions which we now have of the northern shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, will divest this desolate and inhospitable region of many of the dangers which were formerly so much dreaded, and it will be seen that it can now be navigated with comparative safety.

To Lieut. Charles Hare, R.N., Mr. Jeffrey, M.R.N., Mr. E. Dunsterville, and other gentlemen, we have to express our thanks for many valuable communications, which are embodied in the work; and, in laying it before the public, we do it with a hope that it will be found worthy of their attention. At the same time, we earnestly solicit communications for its future improvement: these, as being original and authentic, are doubly valuable, as adding to our knowledge, and as being beneficial to the public service.

This book is to be considered, as was mentioned above, the first of a series describing the Eastern Coasts of America. The Coasts of the United States and of the West Indies are comprehended in the volumes of the Colombian Navigator; and the continuation of the Eastern Shore of the continent of South America is contained in the Brazilian Navigator.

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