

APPENDIX A.

THE IRISH IN BRITISH AMERICA.

Newfoundland.—In the settlement of this Province originally, the Roman Catholic Irish were interested, since the first proprietors were Cecil Calvert, Lord Baltimore, and his associates, who designed to draw their cultivators largely from Ireland. In the reign of Charles II. (1660-1685), they spent £30,000—an enormous sum for that age,—in endeavoring to colonize the peninsula of Avalon and district of Verulam, afterwards Ferulam, now Ferryland. But it was not till a century later, in the reign of George III., that the success was granted to an obscurer name, which was denied to Lord Baltimore. In the year 1753, the total number of inhabitants was returned at 13,112—Catholics (chiefly Irish), 4795; Protestants, 8,317. But nearly half this total were summer residents,—birds of passage, who flitted with the season. In 1784, the Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, a Franciscan Friar, born in Tipperary, and educated at Prague, availing himself of the toleration in religion set forth in the royal proclamation relating to Newfoundland, became, in reality, the founder of the Irish settlements in the Island. He was appointed in 1796, by the sainted