

hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars. During the same expedition of Governor Tryon, the towns of Norwalk, Groton, and several villages, were also burnt, and New-Haven ravaged and laid under contribution. In 1781, the city of New-London, as we have mentioned, was burnt by General Arnold, although it was his native place—such was the vindictive spirit shown by this man against his own countrymen. The whole amount of these losses, as ascertained by the legislature of Connecticut, was six hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars; and in consideration of the losses of the private sufferers, the state granted them five hundred thousand acres of land on the south side of Lake Erie.

Seventeen miles beyond Fairfield, is *Greenwich Point*, and a little distance further the boundary line between Connecticut and New-York strikes the Sound. In our passage, this fine expanse of water now becomes narrower; the islands are more numerous, and the shores on each side are more distinctly seen. Of these, nothing can exceed the beauty. The various points successively stretching into the bosom of the water, with the intervening indentations; the villages, which succeed each other at moderate distances, with their white spires, seen over the tops of the trees, or rising in the open view; the rich fields, which everywhere form the margin; the hills, gradually ascending as the eye advances into the interior, covered with farms and crowned with groves; and the multitude of vessels, skimming the surface in every direction—combine altogether as many varieties of beauty, serenity and cheerfulness, as can easily be united within the same limits. The Sound is replenished with a great variety of very fine fish. Among the finny tribes may be reckoned the cod, the striped and sea bass, the black fish, the sheep's head, the blue fish, the frost fish, the white perch, the plaice, the flounder, and many others; of shell-fish, there are lobsters, crabs, oysters, clams, muscles, &c.

Beyond *Throgmorton's Point*, the Sound becomes narrow, very suddenly. Thence to New-York, a succession of handsome villas is seen at little distances, on both shores. We can hardly imagine a more pleasing series of objects, when viewed in connection with their appendages.

About eight miles before we reach the city, Great and Little *Barn Islands*, with several others, occupy nearly the whole breadth of the Sound, leaving but narrow channels

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