

Peter, where we arrived the fourteenth of August, after cruising six leagues from the time we left the pool, swarms with all sorts of game, and with variety of the very best fish. This abundance was a great relief to the poor wretches who were shipwrecked on that coast, as I have already observed ; but Heaven did not pity them by halves ; for the savages, at that time the only inhabitants of that place, became civilized for their sake, and helped them to settle and maintain themselves on the Island. They even gave them share of their game, which, at that time, consisted chiefly in otters and musk rats. The harbour of St. Peter is situate on the north part of the Island. The mouth is choked up by sands, and lies east and south. Its greatest breadth may be about half a mile. The channel lying north and south-east, is quite safe at high water. It is everywhere fifteen or sixteen feet deep ; consequently navigable for vessels drawing ten or twelve feet. In order to render this a commodious harbour, I think they should raise from the foot of the last downs to the borders of the channels, a causeway of sufficient height to force the waters of the currents as well as the river, through the chanuel, and prevent them from spreading over the lands ; to the end that the rapidity of the current might carry away the bar, which stops up the mouth of the harbour. The fishery is carried on here with the same success as at the harbour of St. Peter. The cod is even of a larger size than that of Cape Breton and is caught in greater plenty, but it is difficult to cure, which obliges the fishermen to carry a large quantity of it to the other islands of America. I think it would answer very well to salt and barrel it directly, and send it to Europe.

The plantation of the harbour of St. Peter is of great consequence, as well in regard to the fishery, as to the commerce which the inhabitants may carry on in the interior parts of the Island. But to render it more solid and durable they should attend to the essential part, namely to