

that the Statute of 10th and 11th William III. was not from the Beginning a Plan of Regulation that was carried into Execution with Effect. The Jurisdiction it gave was inadequate, and the Exercise of it was in every respect blameable. It will also be seen from these Papers, what were the Complaints respecting the Fishery and Trade in general during that Period of Time.

Among the earliest Information of this Sort, I find a Letter from Mr. George Larkin, written from St. John's, in the Year 1701; this was recently after the passing of the Act, and the Writer goes more fully into many Points of the Trade than the Officers of Government usually did. These Circumstances make this a valuable Paper; and it becomes much more so, when it is considered that Mr. Larkin was a Gentleman bred to the Civil Law, who was sent out for the special Purpose of making Observations in the American Settlements for the Information of Government at Home, as to the State of the Plantations, and the Execution of the Laws of Trade and Navigation.

Extracts from  
Correspondence before  
1728.

[N. B. Here followed Extracts from the Letters of Persons who corresponded with Government; but these are now omitted, as they may be seen in the foregoing History of the Government of Newfoundland.]

Such were the Representations made by the Officers of the Crown on One Hand, and by the