

If, proceeding further to the north, we take a view of the immense extent of coast which reaches from Cape-Florida to the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, we cannot refuse our admiration to the fortitude, industry, and perseverance, which operated such a wonderful change in the face of that country.

Before, the whole extent presented a surface covered with inaccessible forests or marshes; and these, cleared by European industry, soon made room for commodious dwellings; the wild beasts retired, and flocks of domestic animals supplied their place, while to thorns and briers succeeded the most luxuriant harvests: the coasts were covered with towns, and the bays and harbours with ships.

But, on the other hand, when we observe that those men who represented themselves as the oppressed victims of persecution, soon became themselves the most cruel persecutors; —when we reflect on the inhuman laws and proceedings of the Puritans against all who