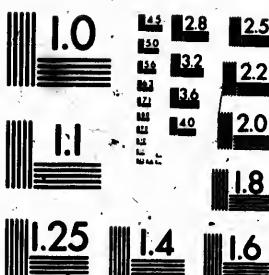


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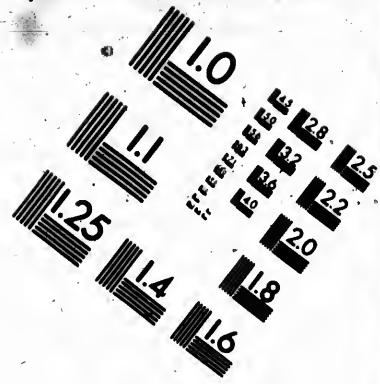


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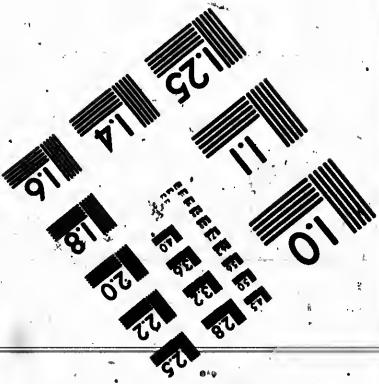
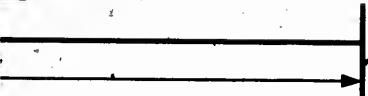
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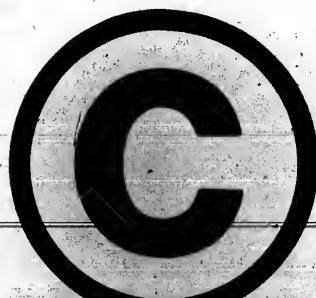


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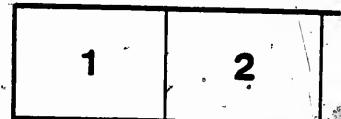
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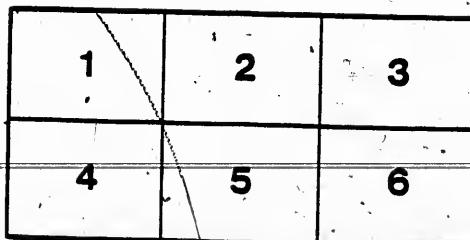
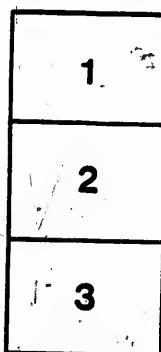
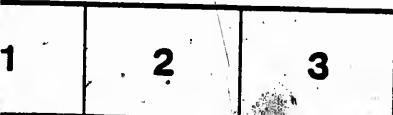
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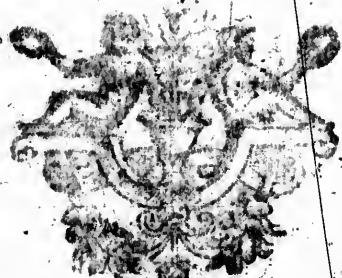
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Lo: Deputie generall of I R E L A N D
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morable privie counsell
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Present unto the view of your
judicious censure, the short
Discouer, or rather, the ab-
stract of a Discourse, intended
only as a satisfaction unto such,
as may be willing to joyn with
your Lordship, in so noble a designe as is the planta-
tion of the Newfound-land: wherein it is not to
be doubted, but that many will follow your Lord-
ships stepps in so honourable a VVorke, especially in
this Kingdome, where the name of a Plantation is
so farre from being a stranger, as it hath beeene the

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originall cause from whence many have derived their happynesse. I cannot deny, but that the weake handling of this subject, better beseemes the poore demonstration of my zeale to your Lordships service, then any possibility to comprehend the worthinesse of the action, within the compasse of a bare relation. Such as it is, I could easily set downe, having the same before, as it were, made to my hands, by such as have beeene eye-witnessees of whatsoever is here inserted: so that I may fitly answer with Aristophanes, to one that demanded, whether the Comedy, by him promised, were performed; It is made (quoth he) and wants nothing but the putting into Verse. As it was delivered to me, so I recommend it to your Lordships perusal, and will reseve any further writing, least I might be thought the saying were verified to me, Tunc silentius non.

Your Lordships

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Here are five things, which
seem as it were with one
consent to render the plan-
tation of Newfoundland hap-
py and prosperous, which
will evidently appear upon
examination of the proposition ensuing. viz.
That the action is Honourable, Lawfull, Pro-
fitable, Ease and Necessary.

The honour of the action is doubtless, for *The Flower* of the action.
first it tends to the honour of God in propa-
gating of Religion; so as by this means that
country which hitherto hath only served as
a den for wilde beasts, shall not only be replac-
ed with Christian inheritance, but the Savages
who live on the adjoining continent of Amer-
ica (amongst whom not I knoweth the name
of Christ hath evir been by ye heard) may in
time

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time be reduced to Civilis and Religion; and
conclly, it tends to the honour of his Majestie,
and that by the addition of Territory, and en-
crease of Dominion, for as much as by the
only plantation of Newfoundland, an Island e-
very way as bigge and spacious as Ireland, may
without bloudshed or usurpation, be broughte
to bow under the waight of his roiall Scoper.

The Lawful-
nesse of the
action.

The Lawfulness of the cause is al-
plaine by this: in as much as it con-
victeth any party of these abu-
ded within his Majesties government,
beeing inhabited either by Christian or Infidel,
for as by this plantation it was intended to so
farre from wronging any persons or countries
discising any man of his inheritance, as we
shall perfourme a worke no doubt acceptable
to God, in making use of those which
from all eternitie was ordained for the good
of mankind. And so I have said, and now I will
say. His Majestie undoubted right to this
country, is next to be considered: for first of
all, it was discovered by Sebastian Cabot, in the
name and at the proper charges of Henry the
seventh King of England, in the year 1497. to
which

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which is about 127. yeares since, and immediately upon the discoverie of the Indies by Christopherus Columbus.

3 This discovery was strengthened by the actuall possession which Sir Humphrey Gilbert Knight tooke thereof, in the yeare 1583. in the name and to the use of Queen Elizabeth of famous memory. for a perpetuall witnessse whereof, hee erected on the shoare a Pillar, whereupon the royall Atmes of England were supported.

4 Which possession of his, hath since received perfection by severall plantacions, made thither from England by vertue of his Majesties Letters Patt, as the London plantation, which hath beene settled there this xij. yeares: the Bristol plantation, this v. yeares; and the plantation of the right honourable Sir George Calvert Knight, (principall Secretarie to his Majestie) for this ij. yeares last past.

The Profite which may arise by this plantation, is first of all communicated to the king by augmentation of his customs & revenues: to the State, by encrease of Ships & Mariners: to the Kingdome of Ireland (from whence this plantation is to be undertaken) in gene-

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rall, and to each private Adventurer thereof in particular.

The generall profit.

The generall profit which may accrue hereby to *Ireland*, is as followeth. First, it will open a way, whereby the commodities of this Kingdome may be vented, as Beefe, Porke, Butter, Cheese, Aqua-vitæ, and all sorts of viettualls; as also Ruggs, Frises, linnen cloth, &c. Next of all, it will establish manufactures, by setting people on worke in building of ships, making of Netts, Ropes, Lines, Hookes, Sailes and Pullies. Besides, it will relieve a great number of other trades, as Brewers, Bakers, Coopers, Carpenters, Smithes, and the like; wherein *Ireland* being defective, it is to bee imagined that, for the hope of gaine, great numbers of them will daily be transported from *England*, to the singular profit & commodity of this kingdome. Lastly, there can no reason be given to the contrary, why the forraine vent of the *Newfoundland* fish, being so acceptable in *France*, *Spaine* and *Italy*, may not yearly returne great quantities of mony.

The particular profit.

The particular profit, which may arise at the first, by this trade, to each private Adventurer, proceedeth chiefly from the excellent fishing

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fishing upon that coast; which is a thing so universally knowne, as the fame thereof hath long since beene spred through all the parts of Christendome: witnesses hereof may be the French, Biskaners and Portingalls, who yearly send thither, and to the parts adjoyning, for that only trade of fishing, more then 400. sayle of Ships: of the English there are yearly at the least 250. saile of Ships great & small, which by computation cannot take lessie fish, then will amount in money to 120000. li. being sold in *England* after the rate of 4. li. the 1000. (which is not one penny a fish). Besides, the Treyne Oyle, which (being under-valued at 12. li. the tunne in *England*) amounteth to the summe of 15000. li. omitting to reckon the over-prices, which are made by the sale thereof, in forraigne parts.

Neyther is the trade of fishing a thing in it selfe contemptible, seeing it is well knowne to be the chiefest trade, and principall gold-mine of the united Provinces of the Low-countries, and the only meanes whereby they have not onely supported themselves against their powerfull adversaries, but in the middest of their warres they have growne to such ex-

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cessive wealth and powrer, as their strong and bewtisfull townes, their plenty of gold and sil-
ver, their multitude of ships & mariners, may
sufficiently witnesse, to the admiration of the
whole world.

Another commoditie may be had there,
which may prove in time wonderfull bene-
ficiall to the Adventurers ; and that is the ma-
king of Salt : for whereas there is yearly car-
ried thither, by the Eng'ish alone, to the value
of 7000. li. worth of Salt, not reckoning the
freight, which will arise to 7000. li. more :
and whereas it stands those that carrie it thi-
ther now, at the least xx.d. the bushell, it may
be made in Newfoundland (Pannes being ere-
cted for the same purpose) under the value of
ijj.d. the bushell. which may easily be perfor-
med, in regard that one Panne will make a-
bove 20. Bushels of good Salt in every 24.
houres, onely with one mans labour ; the salt
water & fire-wood excepted, which may be
there had with little paines and no charge.

The profite by
the land com-
modities.

The profite which may come by the land
plantation, is questionlesse very great, if the
skinnes and furres of the wilde Beasts onely,
which are there found in great quantity, were
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duely valued. As for example; Deere, Bevers, Martens, blacke Foxes, Seales, Otters, Ounces or Leopards, Buffles, Lusarnes and Sables: of which skinnes there have in one yeare beeene brought into *France* (from thosse Westerne parts) not so few as 25000. It appears by an Act of Parliament made 2. Ed. 6. that the ^{Ann. Dom.} _{1584.} Trade out of *England* to *Newfoundland*, was commonly frequented in those dayes: which being neer 80. yeres since, its to be maruailed, that by the negligence of our men, the country, in all this time, hath beeene no better searched. Yet upon such slender relations as the Fishermen make after their yearlye voyages thither, it may certainly be concluded, that there is nothing which our East and Northerly countries of *Europe* yeeld, but the like also may be had from thence as plentifully by time & industry, namely, Ropes, Pitch, Tarre, Soape-ashes, Deale-boords, Masts for Shippes, Hydes, Furres, Flaxe, Hempe, Corne, and many more.

The facilitie and Easinessse of this plantati- *The Easinessse
on, may bee made apparent divers wayes: of this planta-
tion.*
first, in regard of the neerenesse in situation;

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it being not above twelve or foureteene dayes sayle from the West of *Ireland*: in relation to which, it is the next countrey unto it of any part of **A M E R I C A**, and neere halfe the way betweene *Ireland* and *Virginia*.

Secondly, in regard of the healthfulness and temperature of the ayre, it lying betweene the degrees of 46. and 53. Northerly Latitude. A clyme approved, both by reason and experience, to bee farre more agreeable to our constitutions, then countries lying neerer the Sunne, and consequently abounding with excessive heate. As for the opinion, conceived by diverse Marriners, of the extremitie of colde in that countrey, because sometimes they finde it so when the Isles of Ice passe alongst the shoare: it may bee answered, That the Ice found there in the Spring of the yeare, is not originally of that clymate, but rather comes from the more Northerly partes of the world, driven by the Northerly windes, neere that coast; where (within a verie short time) it is consumed by the warmth of the countrey.

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trey. For proofe whereof, the Letters written from thence the seventeenth of August last 1622. from Captaine W Y N E, Governour of Master Secretarie C A L V E R T S plantation, may bee alledged, whose verie wordes are these: *Neyther was it so colde here the last VVinter as in ENGLAND the yeare before. I remember but three severall dayes of hard weather indeede, and they not extreme neyther: for I have knowne greater Frosts, and farre greater Snows in our owne countrey.*

A third inducement for the easie planting of this countrey, is the commoditie of shipping, which yearly goe thither out of England, in a manner emptie, to the number of two hundred and fiftie sayle; whereby the provisions for the plantation may not onely be carried at an easie rate, but the planters, everie five moneths, much comforted with the sight of a great number of their countreymen.

Fourthly, omitting to speake of the securite this plantation hath from the invasion of the Savages, there being never anie seene in those parts, nor within two or three hundred

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dred miles off the intended plantation. Likewise letting passe the securitie of this Trade from the imbargement of forraine Princes, it is necessarie that something be spoken of the commodities which the countrey yeelds for the use and behoofe of man.

The Woods of the countrey are Firre trees; able to mast anie Shippe, Pines and Cypress trees, all yeelding Gumme and Turpentine: There are also Oakes, Ceders, Hawthornes, Birch-trees, Alder, Willow, Filberds, Cherrie-trees, Peare-trees, Mulberry-trees, &c. Roses as common as Brambles; Straw-berries, Goose-berries, and Raspis as common as grasse. There is much open ground, producing excellent grasse; wherof the large breede of cattell, in the Northerne plantation there, hath given proove sufficient. The countrey is replenisht with manie goodly Springs, Rivers, and Lakes, and those very delightfull and wholsome. There are great store of Hawkes, Partridges, Pheasants, Thrushes, Black-birds, Canary birds, Nightingales, &c. There are also infinite numbers of Geese, Duckes, Pigeons, Gulls, Pen-guins,

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guins, Godwits, Curlewes, Swaines, &c. The Rivers and Harbours are stored with Salmonds, Peales, Eeles, Herring, Mackarell, Flounders, Cod, Trouts, Lobsters, Cre-fish, Oysters and Muskies: in the latter of which, there have been found above fortie Pearles in one Muskle, and generally all have some. There is a certaine report of a Portugall that found one Pearl worth three hundred Ducats.

Such English Seedes as are transplanted, there prosper as well, and better, then in *England*; as Beanes exceeding good, Pease as high as a man of extraordinarie stature, Raddish, Cabbedge, Turneps, Carrettes, and all the rest of the like goodnessse. At the *Bristol* plantation there was as goodly copie the last Summer as can be in any part of *England*. They are also well furnished with Swine, and a large breed of Goats, fairer by farre then those that were sent over at first. The Vines which were sent thither, doe prosper very well, whereby it is to be assured that a nything that growes in *England*, will thrive and flourishe there exceedingly.

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Lastly, the present and speedie returne
of commoditie the first yeare by the fish-
ing onely, is a matter of no small conse-
quence for the easie support and upholding
of this plantation : which will the more
plainly bee made manifest, if the manie ad-
vantages and commodities, which the Plan-
ters have over them who onely come to
fish, and returne againe, be righly and truly
considered.

For first, they who both fish and plant,
neede carrie no more men then they doe
which goe to fish onely. For example : a
Shippe or Barque which usualy doth carrie
thicker fourteene and thirtie men, doth not make
use of above twentie of them for sayling
of the same Shippe ; so that the other four-
teeene serve for nothing but building of stages,
barrelling and salting of fish, and other the
like land imployments : insomuch that both
in going thither and returning back, they are
but needless and unprofitable feeders. Now
these being left there, the charge of transpor-
ting and feeding them is not onely saved,
but the ship (which before was cumbered
with

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with them and their provisions) is, by this meanes, become more capable of any maner of fraught.

Next, they (who plant aswell as fish) endanger not their shippes , in setting out too early in the yeare , nor consume so much victualls ; as they that goe onely to fish, doe, for no other end , but that thereby they may get the better choysse of harbours and stages.

Thirdly , they shall have their stages , houses, and boats kept safelly in their ablence ; whereas those who goe for nothing but to fish, are at the least twentie dayes in building of new stages : likewile their Boats are oftentimes split, and most yeares many a hundred pounds worth of fish spoyled uncerely for want of houses and convenient places to put it in.

Fourthly, the Planters, by fishing in those times the ships are absent, may continually provide their lading against their comming ; whereby they may, with ease , make three voyages in one Summer : whereas they who fish onely, make but one.

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Lastly, they may make Salt there (as hath
beene said before) under three pence the bu-
shell; whereas it stands them in, who bring
it thither, at the least twentie pence the bu-
shell.

The Necessi-
tie of this
plantation.

Now concerning the Necessarie of this
imployment, and the like, there are two
principall inducements: the one whereof,
is the decay of Trade; the other, the over-
abundance of people. The decay of
Trade is so apparent, and the remedies
thereof so hopelesse, considering the warres
thoroughout Christendome; as these times
doe fitly seeme to paralell the dayes of king
EDWARD the sixt, wherein such difficultie
was then found in everie place for the
venting of the English cloathes, as by an
Order of State it was decreed that shippes
should bee sent forth under the conduct of
Sir Hugh Willoughby and Richard Chan-
cellor, for the discouerie of new countries, ly-
ing towards the Northeast, whereby the
commodities of England might that way
bee dispersed: which designe succeeded so
happily, that although Sir Hugh Willoughby
lost

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lost his life in the action, yet Richard Chancellor proceeded so fortunately and prosperously on his voyage, that in the end he discovered a passage by Sea unto the vast dominions of the Emperour of Russia, which for that time supplied the former defect of trade, by venting great quantities of English wares, namely Cloath, Tinne, and Leade, into those countries. This trade being now in a manner decayed and lost, may with as great reason and probabilitie, bee renewed by new discoveries made towards the North-west. For, omitting that the Savages (which inhabit upon the firme land of A M E R I C A) when they come to have but a taste of civilitie, will make wondervfull account of our garments and apparell, as wwell for the diversitie of the colours, wherein they are exceedingly delighted, as for the necessarie of covering, especially in those Northerly Regions; yet in another respect it may bee effected, and that is by the discoverie of the North-west passage (wheroof there is great hope) leading in to China, Japan, and other rich countries of the East.

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Which passage, as it hath beeene often attempted by the English Nation, yet never with such encouragement of successe as of late yeares; so the countrey of Newfoundland, lying in lesse then sixe dayes saile from the entrance into the said passage, may serve as a singular instrument for the accomplishing of so glorious an enterprise, which (according to the opinion of Babista Ratusius, and other learned men) hath hitherto beeene reserved for some renoumed Prince, or worthie man, whereby hee might make himselfe rich, and the world happie.

Moreover, the people in these parts being encreased to such excessive numbers, as the land seemes alreadie to groane under the multitude of the inhabitants, the disburthening of them at home, and the multiplying of them abroade, were, without all question, a worke of great deserte, and worthis the undertaking: for as much as by this meanes so manie reall and roiall effects may bee produced, that is to say, the Christian Religion propagated, his Majesties

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the Newfoundland.

Dominions enlarged, his Charters and Re-
venues augmented, number of persons en-
riched, the private Adventurers enriched, the
commodities of the Kingdome vented,
and great wealth in a short
time returned.

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Conditions pro-

pounded by the right honorable
the Lord Viscount *Falkland*, so:
Deputie generall of the King-
dome of I R E L A N D ; to all such
as wil joine with him for the plan-
tation of a Colonie in the South-
East parts of *Newfoundland*.

Whosoever doth adventure
one hundred pounds, towards
the charges of this next yeares voyage,
and deliver the same unto S A M E L
S M I T H of the Citie of Dublin Knight,
Treasurer for the said Plantation, or to
the Treasurer for the time being, before
the

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the first of November next ensuing
the date hereof, shall not onely have his
equall part proportionably of the bene-
fite which may yearly be gotten there-
by the Fishing; but also such part of the
benefite as may be gotten by the labours
and industry of those which shall yearly
be sent to remaine there, as Servants
to the Adventurers, under the command
of Sir FRANCIS TANFIELD
Knight, Governor of the Colony, and
of such as shall be joyned with him, as as-
sistants, for the well ordering of the inten-
ded plantation.

Also everie such Adventurer as a-
foresaid, shall likewise have the one halfe
part and prerogative of one Harbour,
Bay or Roade, lying on the North
side of Trinitie Bay, and the circuit
of two thousand acres of such Landes

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and Woods as are next adjoyning thereunto, to be holden in Fee for ever, by the yearly rent of one penny the yeare for every such hundred acres.

Also he shall have in Fee for ever, a convenient place to build a Stage and necessarie roomes to salt Fish on, and to build a dwelling house; and other convenient houses, neere unto the Harbours of Formosa and Renowle, with a sufficient circuit of ground to dry Fish on, and for some other purposes, fit for a ship of fourscore tunns burthen.

Upon condition, that every such Undertaker doe, within three yeares after the date of his Graunt, maintaine upon the said Land, to his owne use and benefit, eight persons at the least: payng as a yearly rent for the same, the summe of ten shillings.

Also

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And whosoever shall adventure two hundred pounds, shall have a whole Harbour or Roade to himselfe in Fee, and foure thousand acres of Land, lying on the North side of Trinity Harbour, and ground to build Stages and Houses upon, neere the Harbours of Formosa and Renowse, fit for a Shippes voyage of one hundred and sixtie Tunnes burthen:

Upon condition, to pay double the rent, and to maintaine as many people more upon his Land, as hee is tyed too, which adventures but one hundred pounds.

And whosoever shall adventure more then one hundred pounds, or lesse, be it fourescore, threescore, fiftie, thirtie, twentie or ten pounds, shall have more or lesse proportionably in every respect,

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what bee shall have that adventures two hundred pounds.

Also any Labourer or Artificer, that is willing to adventure his person in this action, shall not onely receive good wages by the yeare, such as he shall be agreed withall for at his sending thither, and have liberty to returne upon half a yeares warning, given by him to the Governour in Newfound-land; but likewise have (if bee continue there five yeares) to him and his heyres in Fee, over and above his said yearly wages, one hundred acres of Land, in the South part of that Countrey, if bee will continue there to live, or any other for him, paying but one penny rent by the yeare for the said hundred acres.

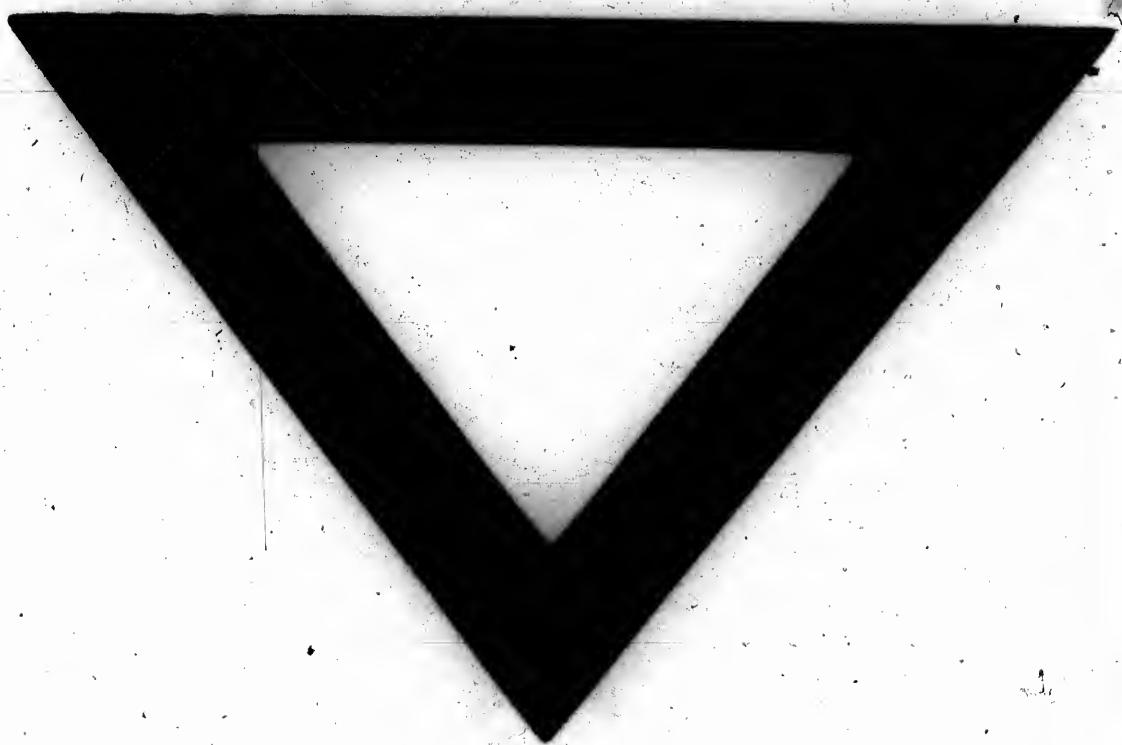
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If anie man (that wil be an Adventurer, eyther in person or purse) desire to bee more fully informed, touching anie thing herein contained, let him bee pleased to repaire unto Sir *Samuel Smiths* house, in the Citie of Dublin aforesaid, and there he shall receive such further satisfaction, as hee, or anie other, in reason can require.

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