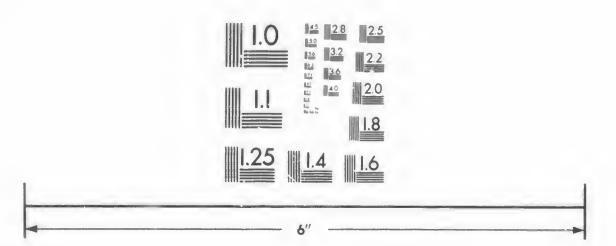


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TO

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Point LANCE lieth in the latitude of 46° 50' N. is a low point near the sea, but the land within it is high, and is the west point of the entrance into the bay of St. Mary's.

From *Point*. Lance to the eastern head of St. Shot's, (being the east point of the entrance into St. Mary's Bay,) the course is S. E. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. distant 22 miles. This bay runneth to the N. E. $9\frac{1}{2}$ leagues, with several very good harbours in it, the land on each side being moderately high, and mostly barren.

From the eastern head of St. Shot's, to the western head, the course is N. 39° W. distance 2 large miles: this bay is entirely open to the sea, and about 1 mile deep.

From the western head of St. Shot's to Gull Island, the course is N. 18° W. distant 4 miles. This island is small, of the same height with the main land, and so near it, that it cannot be distinguished, unless you are close in shore.

From Gull Island to Cape English, the course is N. 6° W. distance 2 leagues. This cape is high table land, terminating in a low rocky point, forming a bay about 1 mile deep to the southward of it: at the bottom of this bay is a low stony beach, within which is a pond, called Holy Rood Pond, running to the N. E. for about 7 leagues, and is from ½ a mile to 2 or 3 broad: this pond makes Cape English appear from the southward like an island.

From Cape English to False Cape, the course is N. 18° E. 13 mile. From False Cape to Pointe La Haye, the course is N. 17° E. distance 5 miles. This point is low, and has a ridge of rocks lying off from it to the S. W. for about 4 of a mile, on which the sea breaks in bad weather. This is the only danger in St. Mary's Bay, that will take a ship up.

From Pointe La Haye to the south point of the entrance into St. Mary's Harbour, (called Double Road Point,) the course is N. E. distance 13 mile: the land between these points is low and barren.

The entrance into St. Mary's Harbour is formed by Double Road Point and North East Point: they lie N. E. and S. W. of each other, about 1 mile distant. In sailing into the harbour of St. Mary's, you must give Ellis's Point (which is a low point on the south side, about & a mile within Double Road Point) a small birth, there being a sunken rock lying off it. Vessels generally anchor on the south shore, just within this point, in 4 or 5 fathorns water, on a flat, which runs off from the beach, on which the fishing-stages and houses stand. The best anchorage in this harbour is about 2 miles up, in 9 fathoms water, good ground: here you will lie handy for wooding and watering. In turning in or out of this harbour, you must stand close to the north shore; but on the south shore, near a mile within Ellis's Point, lies a ledge of rocks, near a cable's length from the shore; and about 1½ mile farther up, on the same side, from off a stony beach, lies a shoal, about one cable's length off, which continues at that distance from the shore about 1 mile farther up the bay, where it terminates.

Mali Bay lies to the westward of North East Point, and is about 1 mile broad, and better than 2 miles deep. There is no good anchorage? in this bay, being open to the sea, and generally a heavy swell setting into it. Vessels may occasionally anchor near the head, in 5 or 6 fathoms water, good ground.

From Cape English to the south west point of Great Colinet Island, the course is N. 13° W. distance 3 leagues. This island is of a moderate height, about 1 league long, and 1 mile broad. On either side of this island is a safe passage up the bay, taking care to give Shoal Bay Point a birth of $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile, there being several sunken rocks lying off this point.

Shoal Bay Point lies \(\frac{2}{4}\) of a mile distant off the east side of Great Colinet Island. On the north side of Great Colinet Island is a stony beach, from off which lies a bank for about \(\frac{2}{4}\) of a mile, on which is from 7 to 17 fathoms water, rocky bottom.

Little Colinet Island lies $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Great Colinet Island; is above 1 mile long, and $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile broad.

The entrance into Great Salmon River lies N. 50° E. distance 2 leagues from the north part of Little Colinet Island, is about ½ of a mile broad, and runs to the N. E. 7 or 8 miles; in it is very good anchorage: the best is about 3 miles from the entrance on the north side, in a sandy cove, in 5 or 6 rathoms vater.

North Merbour lies N. by W. 2½ miles from the north part of Little Colinet Island, is about 1 mile broad at the entrance, and runs to the northward about 3 miles: in it is very good anchorage, in about 6 or 7 fatnoms water, at about 2 miles from the entrance, where it is not above ½ a mile wide; or you may run up the narrows, which are formed by two low sandy points, about ½ a cable's length asunder, taking care to keep the starboard point close on board, and anchor close within the point on the starboard pione.

Colinet Bay lies N. N. E. 1 E. 5 miles and 4 ½ from the north part of Little Colinet Island: in it is very good anchorage, from 5 to 12 futhoms water.

From the eastern head of St. Shot's, the land to the eastward trends away E. by S. ¹/₄ S. for about 1 mile, then E. ¹/₄ S. 1 mile to Cape Freels.

From Cape Freels to Cape Pine, the course is E. N. E. 1 mile and a $\frac{1}{2}$. The land about Cape Pine, to the eastward and westward, is moderately high and barren.

From Cape Pine to Mistaken I oint, the course is N. 89° E. distant 4½ leagues. Between these points lies Trepassey Bay, in which is Trepassey Harbour.

The entrance of this harbour hes $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the N. E. of Cape Pine, is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile wide, and runs nearly the same breadth for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and is here little more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile wide, but afterwards increases to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile wide: here vessels generally ride. The dangers in sailing into this harbour, is a small rock that lies on the east shore, about 1 mile within the entrance, and about 1-3rd of a cable's length from the shore; and on the west shore, within the harbour, off a stony beach, lies a shoal, which runs along shore, up the harbour, to a low green point. Baker's Point, on with a low rocky point in the entrance of the harbour, will carry you clear off this shoal. When you are nearly up with the low green point, you may berrow more to the westward, and anchor either in the N. W. or N. E. arm; there you will be very handy for wooding and watering.

MUTTON BAY.—From the Powles (the east point of the entrance

into Trepassey Harbour) to Cape Mutton, the course is E. 2 N. distance 21 miles. Between these points lies Mutton Bay, and is about 2 miles deep; in it is from 12 to 3 fathoms water, rocky bottom. The north-west part of the head of this bay is separated from the harbour of Trepassey by a low narrow stony beach, over which may be seen the vessels in the harbour.

Biscay Bay lies about 1½ mile to the eastward of Mutton Bay, the entrance of which is about 1 mile wide, and about 2 miles deep; in it is from 9 to 3 fathoms water, sandy bottom, but is quite open to the sea.

From Mistaken Point to French Mistaken Point, the course is N. 52° W. distance 2 miles.

From French Mistaken Point to the Powles, the course is W. N. W. distance 8 miles.

CAPE RACE.—The land from Mistaken Point to the eastward, trends away E. N. E. 1 league, then N. E. 1½ mile to Cape Race, which is, table land, of a moderate height, having a high black rock lying close off the cape, with several small low rocks to the northward of it. This cape lies in the latitude of 46° 41′ N.

From Cape Race to Cape Ballard, the course is N. E. by N. distance $2\frac{3}{4}$ leagues: nearly 1 mile to the southward of Cape Ballard, lies a high black head, called Chain Cove Head; between these points is a cove; and to the westward of Chain Cove head, lies Chain Cove, before which lies a black rock above water.

NEW BANK.—Due east from Cape Race, and S. by E. \(\frac{3}{4}\) E. from Cape Ballard, lies a fishing bank, called New Bank, about 5 miles long, and nearly 2 miles broad; on it is from 17 to 25 fathoms water.

From Cape Ballard to Renowes Rocks, the course is N. 20° E. distance \(\frac{3}{4} \) league. These rocks are small, of a moderate height, and lie 1 mile from the main land, and are bold to.

From Renowes Rocks to the Harbour of Renowes, the course is N. by W. ½ W. distance 2½ miles. This is but a small harbour, and has not above 15 or 16 feet at low water: it is but an indifferent harbour, having several rocks in the entrance, and the south east winds heave in a very great sca: to sail into it you must keep the north shore on board.

FERMOUSE HARBOUR lies about $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Renowes: between these harbours lies Bear's Cove, off of which lies a sunken rock, about a cable's length from the shore. Fermouse Harbour is an exceeding good harbour, there being no danger in sailing into it. The entrance is not

more than a cable's length wide: just within the entrance, on the north shore, is a small cove, in which a fishery is carried on; but no safe place for anchoring. About \$\frac{1}{4}\$ of a mile farther in, on the same side, lies another cove, called Admiral's Cove. In this cove the merchants ships generally ride in 7 or 8 fathoms water, land locked. About 1 mile farther up the harbour is a cove, called Vice Admiral's Cove. On the south side is the best anchorage for large ships, in 12 or 15 fathoms water, muddy ground: here you will be handy for wooding and watering. Farther up, on the same side, lies a cove, called Sheep's Head Cove. Directly off this cove, near the middle of the passage, up the harbour, lies a shoal, on which is only 9 feet water: this is the only danger in this harbour.

Bald Head lies N. 30° E. nearly 1 mile from Fermouse Harbour.

AQUA FORT HARBOUR.—From Black Head to the entrance into the harbour of Aqua Fort, the course is N. W. by N. 1 mile nearly: in the entrance is a high rock above water. The passage into the harbour is the northward of this rock, in which you have 15 fathoms water. This harbour lies in west about 3 miles; at about 2½ miles from the entrance it is very narrow, where you have 4 fathoms water; but just within the narrows, on the north shore, is a small cove, in which you will have 7 fathoms water: this is a good place for vessels to heave down, the shore being steep. To sail up through the narrows, take care to give the stony beach on the north shore, without the narrows, a birth, it being a shoal along that beach, except at the point of the narrows, which is bold to.

FERRYLAND HARBOUR.—Ferryland Head lies E. N. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. distant 2 miles from Aqua Fort, and N. N. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. distant $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Fermouse. Ferryland Head is moderately high, having two high rocks above water, lying close off the head, called the Hare's Ears. This head is not easily distinguished, by reason of the main land within it being much higher. The entrance into Ferryland Harbour lies to the northward of Ferryland Head, between it and Isle Bois, and is little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ a cable's length wide; but after you are within Isle Bois, it is better than $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile wide, and tolerable good anchorage, in 8 or 10 fathoms water; but the north east winds heave in a very great sea over the low rocks, that run from Isle Bois to the main.

From Isle Bois to Goose Island, the course is N. 3 E. distant 1 a

mile; and from Goose Island to Stone Island, the course is M. 5° W. distance & a mile.

CAPLIN BAY runs in N. W. by W. distant 2½ miles from Goose Island, is a tolerable good bay, with a safe passage into it on either side of Goose Island. To the northward of Goose Island, between it and Stone Islands, there is not the least danger, the island being bold to. If you pass to the southward of Goose Island, between it and Isle Bois, be sure to keep the point of Ferryland Head open to the eastward of Isle Bois, in order to avoid a sunken rock, on which is only 2 fathoms water, and lies nearly midway between Goose Island and Cold East Point: after you are within this rock, there is not the least danger in sailing up the bay. The best anchorage is abreast of a cove on the larboard hand, about ½ a mile within Scogin's Head, in 16 or 17 fathons water.

Cape Broyle, the course is N. \(\frac{1}{4}\) W. distant 2\(\frac{1}{4}\) miles. This cape is high table land, and makes in a saddle, either from the northward or southward. From the north part of the cape, E. S. E. \(\frac{1}{4}\) of a mile, lies a small rock, called Old Harry, on which is only 3 fathoms water; but between it and the main is upwards of 20 fathoms water. About \(\frac{1}{4}\) of a mile to the N. E. of the north part of Cape Broyle lies a ledge of rocks, called Horse Rocks, on which you have from 7 to 14 fathoms water: in bad weather the sea breaks very high on these rocks. The mark for these rocks is a white house on Ferryland Downs open with Stone Islands, and the head of Cape Broyle Harbour open will carry you on them.

to the south part of Brigus Head, the course is N. W. by N. distance 1½ mile. These points form the entrance into Cape Broyle Harbour, which runs 3½ miles up. About 1½ mile within the entrance on the north shore, is a cove, called Admiral's Cove, in which you may anchor in about 12 fathoms water, good ground; but here you will lay open to the south east. The best anchorage is above the Narrows, in about 7 fathoms water: the only danger in sailing up the harbour, is a ledge, called Saturday's Ledge, and lies about a cable and a half's length without the Narrows on the north shore: if you are coming in from the northward, keep the Saddle on Brigus Head open with the point of Admiral's Cove, it will carry you clear off this ledge. After you are above the Narrows, you may anchor in about 7 fathoms water, good ground: here you will be very handy for wooding and watering.

Brigus by South is a small harbour, only fit for hoats, and lies close to the northward of Brigus Head.

Cape Neddick lies north 4½ miles from Cape Broyle, and N. 2° W. distance 7 miles and 1-3rd from the Hare's Ears off Ferryland. This cape is table land, of a moderate height, and steep towards the sea.

From Cape Neddick to Baline Head, the course is N. N. E. distance 12 mile. Baline Cove is about 2 of a mile to the northward of Baline Head: this is but a small cove, fit only for boats.

From Cape Neddick to the outer point of Great Island, the course is N. 40° E. distance 2½ miles. This island is about ½ a mile in length, and of a moderate height.

From Baline Head to Isle Spear, the course is N. ½ E. distance 1 mile. Nearly within this island a fishery is carried on, but no safe auchorage, the bottom being rocky.

Toad's Cove is a small cove about 1 mile to the north and of Isle Spear, and is only fit for boats.

About 1 mile and a ½ from Isle Spear, lies the south point of Momable's Bay, called Tinker's Point: from this point to the north point of the said bay, being the south point of Witless Bay, the course is N. E. by E. distance 1½ mile. Momable's Bay is an open bay, about 1 mile deep.

Green Island is a small round island, about \(\frac{7}{4} \) of a mile from the south point of Witless Bay. From this point lies a ledge of rocks, about one-third of the distance over to Green Island.

The south point of Gull Island lies about \(\frac{1}{4} \) of a mile to the northward of Green Island, and is about 1 mile long, and \(\frac{1}{4} \) of a mile broad, and is pretty high land.

Witless Bay runs in about 2 miles from Gull Island: in it is a moderate depth of water, good ground, but open to the sea. About half way up, on the north shore, lies a ledge of rocks: part of these rocks show above water at about half tide.

BAY OF BULLS.—One mile and $\frac{1}{4}$ to the northward of Gull Island, lies the south point of the entrance into the Bay of Bulls: from this point to the north point of the said bay, called Bull Head, the course is N. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. distance 1 mile. The best anchorage in this bay for large vessels, is about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from the head, in about 14 fathoms water; but small vessels may anchor higher up. and moor to the north shore, and will then lie land locked. The only dangers in this harbour are a small

rock off Bread and Cheese Point, but is not above 20 yards off, and a rock, on which is 9 feet water, lying off Magotty Cove, about \(\frac{1}{2} \) a cable's length off shore.

From Bull's Head to the south point of Petty Harbour, the course is N. N. E. distance $8\frac{1}{4}$ miles; from this point runs a ledge of rocks for about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile.

PETTY HARBOUR.—From the south point of Petty Harbour to the north point, the course is N. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. distance $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Between those points lies Petty Harbour Bay, which runs in about 2 miles; at the bottom is a small cove, where a fishery is carried on.

CAPE SPEAR.—From the north point of Petty Harbour to Cape Spear, the course is N. N. E. distance 2½ miles. This point is rather low and ragged, and may be known by the land to the northward trending away to the W. N. W.



