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There is yet another thing which I must not forget to acquaint you of, and that is of the true Diff. between the *Lisard* and *Cape Spear*, a Cape lying between 3 and 4 Miles S. E. by S. from *St. John's*; from which Cape I took my Departure, when I came from the same *St. John's* to *England* in 14 Days Passage, having a fair Wind all the Time, and an Observation every other Day, and consequently very good Opportunity of keeping a true Account of the Ship's Way. Therefore having made all the Remarks and Observations possible, made just 43 deg. Diff. of Long. between the above said *Cape Spear* and the *Lisard*, or 356 Leag. Diff. But you must note that I made it so by marking my Log-line 50 Feet between each Knot, according to Mr. *Norwood's*, and several other Experiments, which will hold to be true, which I have many Times experienced several Years past; and I could wish withal my Heart, that every one that goes to Sea, would keep their Reckoning according to this Method, which they will find to be the best, in sailing under one Meridian at any Time, having a good Observation; for then I can assure them, that the Log-line according to the old Way of marking, viz. 42 Feet to each Knot, will give them 2 and 3 and 20 Leag. for every Deg. that they have increased or decreased the Lat. by their Observation; which

is a plain Case that their Line is too short, when the Glass is 30 fcc. which they throw it by, &c. I know several that have told me they found it the same; but for all they were so sensible of it, would still continue in their old erroneous Way; because they say, when I argu'd with them, *it is the Custom*; they might as well have persuaded me, that an old Custom could overthrow Reason. There are also a great many in the Navy, who have very erroneous Ways in finding the Diff. of Long. in sailing from one Place to another; several of which, after many Arguments, I have made sensible of their Errors; and their Way of Working was this: After they had taken their Dep. from a Place, they took only Notice of the Meridian Distance as they called it, till they were arrived at the Place where they were bound; then they took the middle Lat. of both Places, and with the whole Meridian Distance found out their Longitude, altho' perhaps at the same Time they had sailed thro' 20 several Deg. or Parallels of Lat. before they arrived at their desired Port. And how then is it possible that they should have a true Longitude, if they did not find it once in 24 Hours at least, as I did at last persuade some to do, after being made sensible of so great an Error as they were guilty of, &c.

A Description of the Island of St. Peters, by Capt. William Taverner.

THE Island of *St. Peter's* is subject to Fogs of a different dryer nature than those in other Parts; and yet it is an extraordinary good Place for drying and curing of Cod Fish. There is good Fishing Ground round all the Island: The Harbour is good for Ships to ride in, especially the bottom of it, called the *Bourgeois*, where no Wind can hurt them; there

is Beach enough for 500 Boats. It lies in 47 Degrees 10 Minutes N. Latitude, where the Compa's hath two Points Variation Westerly. Note, That the small Crosses in this Chart signify Rocks under Water, and the Figure shew the Depth of the Water in Fathoms.

