

part of the globe, we cannot justly know the proportion between the surface of the Earth and that of the sea; but, as far as may be judged by inspection of what is known, there is more sea than land.

If we would have an idea of the enormous quantity of water which the sea contains, we must suppose a medium depth, and by computing it on at 200 fathoms or the 10th part of a league, we shall find that there is sufficient to cover the whole globe to the height of 600 feet of water, and if we would reduce this water into one mass, it would form a globe of more than 60 leagues in diameter.

Navigators pretend, that the latitudes near the south pole are much colder than those of the north, but there is no appearance that this opinion is founded on truth, and probably it has been adopted, because ice is found in latitudes where it is scarcely ever seen in the northern seas; but that may proceed from some particular cause. We find no ice in April on this side 67 and 68 degrees, northern latitude: and the savages of Acadia * and Canada say, when it is not all melted in that month, it is a sign the rest of the year will be cold and rainy.

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* This is the ancient name for that part of North America which is now called *Nova Scotia*.