they sorne to drinke water, since strangers have begun to traffick with
them. For those of Lubeck, Hamburgh, and Rotterdam comming every
year with their ships to this Island, doe bring thither corne, bread,
beere, wine, honey, English cloathes, linnen cloth, iron, steele, gold, sil-
ver, womans coys, and wood for building houses and ships: and they
doe expect for theele, Iceland cloth (commonly called Wartman) great
store of Brimstone, dried fish, butter, tallow, hides, skins of wilde beasts,
foxes, white falcons, horses, and the like. Here is so great plenty of
fish, that they lay them in great heapes out of doores, and so fell them,
the heapes being higher than the tops of their houses. There is also so
great store of salt butter, that they put it up in sweet chests of fortie foot
long, and five foot deepe, besides that which they barrel up. And
here we will adde Erasimus Michael's Verres concerning Iceland, as hee
hath them in his third Booke Of Sea matters.

Ultima Parthias Icelandiap clat in Arctos, &c.

The farthest part of Iceland looketh North,
And Westward some Degrees it is slreight forth,
Which hath not only a rich pleasant soyle.
While as it doth the yellow Brimstone boyle
Within its cavernes blinde, which at the last
All mingled with sand, it forth doth cast;
Or when the Meddowes being forth fedder store,
And all the vales with grasse are clothed o're;
But when upon the shore it fish doth heape,
Whose number can't be told, it is so great:
Or be distinguished every severall sort,
Which it by shipping doth abroad transport.
For though here plenty of all things is found,
Yet most of all in fish it doth abound.
'Tis rich, the inhabitants are stout of minde,
And where it lies against the Southern winde
Hecla still burneth with continual flambe,
Which is at open holes sends forth againe.
It calls forth ashes with a fearfull sound,
While pitchie flames doe to the Starres rebound.

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