they sorne to drinke water, since strangers have begun to traffick with them. For those of Lubeck, Hamburrough, and Restoch comming every yeare with their ships to this Island, doe bring thither corn, bread, beere, wine, honey, English cloathes, linnen cloth, iron, steel, gold, silver, womens coyts, and wood for building house and ships: and they doe expect for theele, Islandish cloth (commonly called Waiman) great store of Brimstone, dried fish, butter, tallow, hides, skins of wilde beasts, foxes, white faultons, horses, and the like. Here is so great plenty of fish, that they lay them in great heapes out of doores, and so salt 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 foote deep, besides that which they barrel up. And here we will adde Erasmus Michael's Verseyes concerning Island, as he hath them in his third Booke Of Sea matters.

Ultima Parrhesias Islandia spectat in Arctos, &c.

The farthest part of Island looketh North,
And Westward some Degrees it is spight forth,
Which hath not only a rich pleasant soyle,
While as it doth the yellow Brimstone Boyle.
Within its coveres blinde, which at the last
All mingled with sand, it forth doth cast:
Or when the Medowes being forth fodder storte,
And all the vales with grasse are cloth'd o're,
But when upon the shore it fish doth beape,
Whose number can't be told, it is so great:
Or be distinguisht every severall sort,
Which it by shipping doth abroad transports.
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 wande
Hecla still burneth with continual flame,
Which at open botes sends forth againe.
It casts forth ashes with a fearfull sound,
While pitchie flames doe to the Starres rebound.