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## The Voyages of the Cabots.

FROM HAKLUYT'S "PRINCIPAL NAVIGATIONS, VOYAGES AND  
DISCOVERIES OF THE ENGLISH NATION."

The Letters patents of King Henry the seventh granted  
vnto Iohn Cabot and his three sonnes, Lewis, Sebastian,  
and Sancius for the discouerie of new and vnknown  
lands.

HENry, by the grace of God, king of England and France,  
and lord of Ireland, to all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greeting.

Be it known that we haue giuen and granted, and by these  
presents do giue and grant for vs and our heires, to our wel-  
beloued Iohn Cabot citizen of Venice, to Lewis, Sebastian, and  
Santius, sonnes of the sayd Iohn, and to the heires of them, and  
euery of them, and their deputies, full and free authority, leaue,  
and power to saile to all parts, countreys, and seas of the East,  
of the West, and of the North, vnder our banners and ensignes,  
with fiue ships of what burthen or quantity soeuer they be,  
and as many mariners or men as they will haue with them in  
the sayd ships, vpon their owne proper costs and charges, to  
seeke out, discouer, and finde whatsoeuer isles, countreys,  
regions or prouinces of the heathen and infidels whatsoeuer  
they be, and in what part of the world soeuer they be, which be-  
fore this time haue bene vnknown to all Christians: we haue  
granted to them, and also to euery of them, the heires of them,  
and euery of them, and their deputies, and haue giuen them  
licence to set vp our banners and ensignes in euery village,  
towne, castle, isle, or maine land of them newly found. And  
that the aforesayd Iohn and his sonnes, or their heires and  
assignes may subdue, occupy and possesse all such townes,