

On the following day, one of the crew, coming on shore, smelt broiled meat, and accused the other of living for himself alone, while his poor friends were vainly starving: he burst into tears, and said it was part of the buttock of him whom he had killed for food. After a long catalogue of misfortunes, a few of these unhappy sufferers reached the western coast of England, and could give but an imperfect account of their discovery.

Nothing seems to have been again considered of this, at present, valuable possession, till 1583, when Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Knight, ventured to explore the northern part of America, and received a charter from Her Majesty Elizabeth, to inhabit, at his discretion, all lands he might discover, not under the government and in the possession of a Christian Prince. Many men of character joined in an enterprise that