

the Place abandoned by the *French*, who, on his Approach, had fled into the Woods, he set fire to that Fort likewise, with all the Houses, and Works there of every kind. Thus was consumed, in the Space of two Hours, what had cost the *French*, in the Compass of a few Years, above 100,000 Crowns to establish. *Argol*, having executed his Commission, returned to *Virginia*; and, upon his Departure, the Inhabitants came back to *Port Royal*, where Mr. *Poutrincourt* aforementioned, who still carried on the Trade, found them the Year after.

The Country remained in this State, with little Alteration, till the Year 1621, when King *James* the First conferred it upon the Earl of *Stirling*, by a Patent, wherein it was first called *Nova Scotia*, which Name it has retained ever since. This Lord, not long after, appointed a Deputy, whom he sent to reconnoitre the Country, and mark out a proper Place to build a House upon, for the Governor's Residence. But this Gentleman, arriving on the South Coast, entered two small Ports, not far from *Cape Sable*, but made no Stay in either of them, and in a short Time returned by the Way of *Newfoundland* to *England*. From this Time his Lordship dropped the Design, and never afterwards made any Use of his Grant.

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