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HISTORY

OF

NEW-SCOTLAND.

From its DISCOVERY to the prefent Times.

OVA-Scotia, or New-Scotland, is the Eastern Part of the Northern Continent of America, bordering on New-Hampshire, the Eastern Part of New-England. It was called Nova-Scotia, by Sir William Alexander, Scotch Secretary to King James the First, who was created Earl of Sterling. 'Tis an Idle Pretence of the French, that one John Verazzan, a Florentine, employ'd by Francis the Ift, their King, difcover'd not only this Coast, but all the Continent of America, from Canada, to Carolina; for befides that, if any, he made no more fuch Difcovery of those Coasts, than a Man may do by failing off of them. Sebastian Cabot, employ'd by King Henry the VIIth of England, had not only been in these Parts long before this pretended Difcovery of Verazzan, but in Proof of it, had brought home with him two or three of the Natives. There's but a melancholy Account of this Florentine; who, 'tis faid, landing in this Country, call'd Acadia by the French, was murder'd, and fome fay eaten by the Savages. The English always took Acadia to be part of North-Virginia, for all the Continent of America, from Cape-Henry, Northward, as far as was known, went by the General Name of Virginia at first, and divided into feparate Settlements, was only, according to the Situation, call'd South, or North-Virginia.

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