

of New England was given to Fernando Georges and John Mason. In 1629 they divided the colony and Mason called his part New Hampshire.

Under a charter of 1632, a portion of Virginia was transferred to George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore. The second Lord entrusted the execution of the charter to his younger brother and named it Maryland. The inhabitants of Maryland, who were Catholics, treated the Indians with all kindness and, for this reason, we hear of no Indian troubles within her frontiers. They also tolerated settlers of other creeds.

Connecticut, which was founded in 1636, was first settled by Massachusetts' emigrants in 1635. Saybrooke at the mouth of the Connecticut was founded by these emigrants, under a charter granted by the Council for New England to Viscount Say and Seal and Lord Brooke. Since, in the same year, the Council surrendered its charter to the crown, a strong immigration of Massachusetts' people settled in and around Hartford, and established the separate colony of Connecticut, 1636-37.

Rhode Island was founded by a young preacher of Salem, Roger Williams. He was banished for his opinions, which were against the power of the king and of the magistrates. In 1636 he founded Providence Plantation in the territory of the Narragansetts from whom he bought the land. The Island of Aquiday was also purchased from the Narragansetts by other "exiles of Massachusetts, and was called Rhode Island. In 1647 the towns of Providence and Rhode Island united under a royal charter and established a purely democratic government with no state religion.

New York, or as it was first called New Amsterdam, was founded by Peter Minuit, the first of the four Dutch governors, on Manhattan Island in 1626. The success of the colony was due to its favourable situation on one of the best harbours of the world. It was also due to the treaty of peace which was made with the Five Nation Indians, the most powerful confederacy of the Iroquois.

When the New Netherlands were conquered by the English and New Amsterdam became New York, New Jersey received its present name and was granted to Lords Berkeley and Carteret. Under William III. New Jersey became a royal province.

Delaware was founded by a colony of Swedes on the Delaware Bay. Later on, since the settlement prospered, the territory extended into New Sweden, which afterwards became Pennsylvania.