

# SKETCH of PRIOR EVENTS

## RELATIVE to AMERICA.

- N**ORTH AMERICA first discovered by Christopher Columbus, a Genoese, in the service of Spain, 1492—He died of grief 1526.  
 First settlement by Queen Elizabeth 1578.  
 South America discovered by Americus Vesputius, a Florentine, 1497  
 —Settled by F. Cortes for Spain about 1532.  
 North America further discovered by John Cabot and his son, under a commission from Henry VII. 1497—Settled by James I. 1607—  
 First Assembly 1620 at James-Town, Virginia.  
 Sir Walter Raleigh projected a settlement 1584, and next year Sir Francis Drake brought tobacco from Virginia. North America, which had been distinguished only by North and South Virginia, called New England and Virginia May 23, 1609.  
 Newfoundland first known 1520—French settlements destroyed 1702  
 —Confirmed to the English, with Nova Scotia, New Britain, and Hudson's Bay, by the treaty of Utrecht, 1713.  
 Nova Scotia first charter granted 1621—Taken from the French (Acadia) by the English colonists 1690—Peopled by 4000 families from England 1749, and Halifax built.  
 Canada discovered 1499—French settlement 1615—Quebec taken February 13, 1759—Ceded, by conquest, to the English, February 10, 1763—The province of Quebec extended June 22, 1774.  
 Labrador, or New Britain, granted to Sir Henry Gilbert 1578.  
 New England first discovered by Capt. Gosnold 1602, who landed at Martha's Vineyard—First settlement at Plymouth 1606; and by the English Brownists from Holland 1616, at Cape Cod—The charter, called the grand Plymouth patent, granted November 3, 1620; and 120 Independents emigrate from Holland August 5; arrive at New Plymouth December 25. Eleven ships, with Lady Arabella Johnson and 2000 settlers from Britain, arrive 1630; and in 1640 the transportation of emigrants in 98 ships, with provisions, cattle, materials for building, arms, and ammunition, had cost 187,000*l.* during the last twelve years—Treaty between the colonists and five Indian nations at Albany 1689—Four Indian Chiefs in England 1710, and five 1730—Peace concluded with the six Indian nations July 16, 1765.  
 Massachusetts Bay first settlement in 1621, from New Plymouth—Old Colony patent granted by Charles I. March 19, 1627—Established by Royal charter, and incorporated under the direction of a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and 18 assistants, March 4, 1628; their settlement at Salem 1629—Government removed to Boston 1630; but the present colony was established 1691, by the consolidation of four townships, into which it had been divided 1643.  
 Harvard College instituted by subscription Sept. 8, 1630; opened August 27, 1640; and incorporated May 31, 1650.  
 Rhode Island first settled 1639; second settlement 1644—Royal charter granted to this colony, Newhaven, and Providence plantations, 1663; but vacated by order in 1684; and re-assumed 1689.

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