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Scotland, and governed by the Laws peculiar to that Kingdom.

The Veffel, which had proceeded too late from England, was forced to winter at Newfoundland. At the Commencement of the enfuing Spring, the Colonifts renewed their Voyage, and, having, on their Arrival at the defined Port, fixed on a Spot proper for a Settlement, returned to England, fully refolved to revifit the Place at the Beginning of the next Year, and carry thither whatfoever might be neceffary for the Execution of their Enterprizes.

Yet the Affairs of this Plantation were not profperous; and, although feveral Ships reforted thither from England, for the Purpole of exchanging Merchandize; yet neither the English, nor the Scotch, were able to introduce a Settlement, and the French, availing themfelves of this Circumstance, took Possefilm of the Country, and erected Fortifications at Port Royal, on the Northern Side of Funda Bay, and in forty-five Degrees of North Latitude. It is needless to acquaint the Reader that this Place was retaken by the English, and, afterwards, recovered by the French, who held it during fome Time (p).

We now proceed to a Continuance of the Relation of the Affairs of Virginia. The rapid Increase of Population, and the long, and uninterrupted Peace which, from the Æra of the Marriage between Rolfe, and Pocahontas, had been observed by the Indians, and the Colonists, proved the Means of suggesting to the last, Ideas of Security as statal as they were groundless. Accustomed to mix with the English, at their Entertainments,

(p) Harris's Coll. Part 1. p. 859.—British Empire in America, V. 1. p. 20. — Purchas's Pilgrims, V. 4. p. 1871.—Lediard's naval History, V. 2. Folio. p. 468.

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