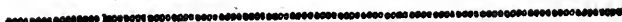


P A R T V.

The French Settlements.



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The time in which the French began their West-India settlements. Favoured by cardinal Richlieu. De Poincy governor. The West-India company.

THE French were amongst the last nations who made settlements in the West-Indies; but they made ample amends by the vigour with which they pursued them, and by that chain of judicious and admirable measures which they used in drawing from them every advantage that the nature of the climate would yield; and in contending against the difficulties which it threw in their way.

The civil wars, which divided and harrassed that kingdom, from the death of Henry the second, with very little interruption, until the