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As the Colonists were settled far to the *Northward* of the Territory for which they had engaged, they wanted an Authority to confirm them in their Possessions; and therefore, it was agreed, to chuse, until they should be impowered to proceed legally, by a Charter from the King, a Set of Rulers, who were to govern them as nearly consonant as possible to the Laws of *England*.

In the following Year, this Plantation, which was reinforced by thirty-five Men, from *England*, and supplied with all Necessaries, received the Name of *New-Plymouth*, in *New England*. Soon afterwards, one of the *Indian* Princes declared War; and this Event suggested to the *English* the Necessity of erecting Forts, in Order to secure themselves against the Invasions of their Enemies. From this Place, were gradually made the Drafts for the other Districts of the Country; and on so slight a Foundation arose that Province which, until a late melancholy Period, was equally remarkable for its Prosperity, and its Commerce.

The King afterwards confirmed the Possession to these Colonists by a Patent, and (reserving the Sovereignty to the Crown of *England*;) thereby enabled them to elect a Governour, Council, and a general Court, in the Manner of a Parliament, who should have a full Power of Administration, and Execution, in all legal Cases whatsoever (i).

In the Year, one thousand, six hundred, and twenty, Captain *Roger North*, the Brother of the Lord *Dudley North*, having procured a Patent (not-
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(i) Smith's general History of Virginia, p. 230.—British Empire in America, V. 1. p. 28.—Introduction to a collection of Voyages, p. 56.—Harris's Coll: Part 1. p. 52.—Purchas's Pilgrims, V. 4. p. 1843.—Lediard's naval History, Folio. p. 463, 464.