

ported to his majesty and the privy-council the progress they made, and attainment of strength and stability, under the proclamations issued for their government and security.

Thus established in possession of those countries, rivers, adjacent islands, quays, wood-trade, and fisheries, the English continued in full right to occupy the same when, in the year 1670, a treaty was entered into between Spain and Great-Britain for settling peace in America; by the 8th article of which it is stipulated, that "The king of Great-Britain shall hold and enjoy all the lands, countries, &c. he is now possessed of in America." And by article 15th it is declared, that "This treaty shall no ways derogate, from any preeminence, right, or sovereignty which either king has on the seas or fresh waters of America." By this treaty the rights, sovereignty, and possessions of the English, in and to the extensive tract then possessed by them
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