

" *England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, shall at any time hereafter take Bait, or use any sort of Trade, or Fishing whatever, in Newfoundland, or in any of the Islands adjacent.*" Pursuant to which Act Instructions have been every Year given to the Commanders of the Convoys, to prevent Foreigners coming thither." The Secret Committee of the *House of Commons*, in 1715, confess in their Report, that they were at a loss to account for the Reasons that prevailed with the Ministry to admit the Insertion of the above Article into the Treaty of *Utrecht*, for the Management of it was intrusted with an *Irish Papist* who was sent to *Spain* for this Purpose, and to negotiate what was expected from that Crown relating to the *Pretender*, and no Papers concerning it were to be found in the public Offices. Upon the Foundation of the above Article in favour of *Spain*, we find Don UZTARIZ, formerly Privy Counsellor to the *King*, and Secretary in the Counsel and Chamber of the *Indies* in *Spain*, in his most excellent *Theory and Practice of Commerce, &c.* advising the *King* his Master to avail himself of that Right whenever he has Power sufficient to make good his Pretensions.

ACADIE, extending from the River of St. Lawrence to the River *Pentagoit* or *Penobscot*, was not only first discovered, but first settled by the *English*; for in 1602 we had, both by the Accounts of *English* and *French* Historians, a Settlement in that Country, which is two Years before ever a *French* Family settled in any Part of it, as appears from the same Authority. In 1620 all that Part of *Acadie* as far as the 48 D. of N. Latitude, was granted by the Crown to the Counsel of *Plymouth* or *New-England*, which Company I shall have further occasion to speak of. In 1621 the Council of *New-England* resigned to the Crown all Parts of their Grant to the Northward of the River St. *Croix*, when it was then granted with the rest of *Acadie* to Sir *William Alexander*, Secretary of State for *Scotland*, and called *Nova-Scotia*. In 1623 King *Charles* the 1st, marrying a Daughter of the

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