

Master Richard Hakluite, Master John Whitson being Mayor, with his brethren the Aldermen, and most of the merchants of the city of Bristow, reised a stock of £1000 to furnish out two Barkes," to resume once more the exploration of America. In 1605, further knowledge of the coast was obtained from the voyage of Capt. Weymouth. The time now seemed ripe for another attempt to be made to plant a colony in this latter promised land, of which such glowing reports were continually received. In 1606, therefore, another colonizing patent was issued to Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Rich. Hakluyt, Prebendary of Westminster, Edward Maria Wingfield, adventurers of Lóndon; and to Thos. Hamon, Raleigh Gilbert, Wm. Parker, Geo. Popham, and others, adventurers of Plymouth. Licence was granted them "to deduce sundry of our people" into Virginia and other parts of America between 34° and 45° N.L. Two colonies were to be planted, the first by the Merchant Adventurers of London aforesaid, and the second by the Merchant Adventurers of Plymouth.

The history of the securing of this grant is not forthcoming, but we can surmise with safety that it was Richard Hakluyt and young Raleigh Gilbert who again revived the idea.

Captain Newport was placed in command of the expedition sent out by the London adventurers, and succeeded in planting the first colony of Englishmen that was to endure. The spiritual affairs of the colony were entrusted to Hakluyt, who, however, prudently sent a substitute, Mr. Robert Hunt, to officiate for him.

The second colony, which was to be planted in the northern portion of the companies' limits, was dispatched in May 1607, under Captains Popham and Raleigh Gilbert. During the winter, which was very severe, Captain Popham died, and the command devolved upon Captain Gilbert. But news coming from England that Sir John Gilbert was dead, Captain Gilbert, who suc-