

“ *South-side*, call'd by the *French Acadie*, fell again into the Hands of Sir *William Alexander*. In 1632 it was given away again, and the *French* kept it many Years.” But without any legal Right, unless King *Charles* could legally give away what was not his by Inheritance, Purchase, or Compact with any Purchaser, and did indeed belong to those *British* Adventurers, who were at the Charge of planting and settling there. *Oliver* minded not these Givings; but as soon as he was possess'd of the Government, he sent Major *Sedgwick* to retake it from the *French*, who pretended they had bought it of Sir *David Kirk*; and in Truth the *French* King had purchased Sir *David's* Right to *Canada* for 5000 *l.* which was never paid. It was worth Notice, whatever Use is made of it, that the *Terra Canadensis* and the *Terra Labrador*, of which *New-Scotia* is a Part, was a *British* Acquisition, and so acknowledged by the *French*, when they purchased it of the *English*, long after *John Verazzan's* acquiring it for *France*, by being eaten up there, as has been already mentioned. Major *Sedgwick* easily dislodg'd the few *French* that had planted in and about *Port-Royal*; and *Cromwell*, who did not use to part with any thing he thought worth keeping, would not suffer his Ambassador in *France* to give the least Ear to the pressing Solicitation of the *French* Ministers for Restitution of this Country. By the Treaty concluded between *Oliver Cromwell* and *Lewis XIV*, *Cromwell* insisted upon it, that it was the ancient Inheritance of the Crown of *England*. Ancient here refers to *Cabot's* Landing, and taking Seizin of it in *Henry VIIIth's* Reign, 160 Years before *Oliver's* Time; but being afterwards inform'd that Monsieur *St. Estienne de la Tour*, Son and Heir to Seigneur *Claude de la Tour*, of the House of *Bouillon*, of the reform'd Religion, had bought *Nova Scotia* of the Earl of *Sterling*, and was come over to *England* to solicit the Restitution of it, *Cromwell* order'd it to be restored to him, upon making out his Title.

And here it may not be improper to take Notice, that most of the *French* who transported themselves to *America*, in the last Century, were Protestants, whether to the Continent or the *Islands*. Admiral *Coligni* had form'd a Scheme, in the Reign of *Charles IX.* to transport a numerous Colony of *Huguenots*, to *North-America*, and intended to follow them himself in Person. Great Preparations were made for the Reception of himself, and his Friends; but a treacherous Peace with the Court of *France* diverted him from the Thoughts of it at that Time, and they soon after cut his Throat, to rid themselves of him, both at home and abroad: By which

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