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### CABOT'S FIRST VOYAGE, 1497

On what data is based the affirmation, sustained with amusing boldness, that Cabot's landfall on his first voyage to America is Cape Breton? Is there, in support of this affirmation, any documentary proof worth being quoted? There is a map by Cabot—at least it is thought that the map is his (1)—and nothing else can be found. We will examine it further on. There are also some relations of this voyage which have been cited as proofs of this assertion. Let us examine them, with a view of leaving no put-off to those who might think that I ignored them intentionally, fearing their arguments against the thesis that I wish to set up and defend.

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(1) Several historians doubt this, especially Eben Norton Hereford, William Cullen Bryant, Mgr Howley, James P. Howley, Dr Kohl. Justin Winsor does not guarantee its complete authenticity.