

# HISTORY OF NEW-YORK.

## PART I.

*From the Discovery of the Colony to the Surrender  
in 1664.*

**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS**, a Genoese, employed by Ferdinand and Isabel, king and queen of Castile, was the first discoverer of America.\* He sailed from St. Lucar in August, 1492, and made sight of one of the Bahama islands on the eleventh of October following. Newfoundland and the main continent, were discovered five years after, by Sebastian Gabato, a Venetian, in the service of Henry VII. of England, from the 38th to the 68th degree of north latitude.

On the tenth of April, 1606, king James I. for planting two colonies, passed the great north and south Virginia patent. To Sir Thomas Gates and others, leave was given to begin a plantation, at any place on the continent, they should think convenient, between

\* Some authors alledge, that Columbus first offered his services to the republic of Genoa ; then to John II, of Portugal, and afterwards to our king Henry VII ; but this disagrees with Lord Bacon's account, who informs us, that Christopher Columbus sailed, before his brother Bartholomew had laid the project before the king, which was owing to his falling into the hands of pirates on his way to England.