

level upon the Banks of the River, and the Soil fertile, he determined to fix in this Place, and accordingly setting up the *French* Standard, he took Possession of the Country in the Name of the King his Master, in Honour of whom he called this Place *Port-Royal*. After this he raised a Fort, and some other Necessaries, and immediately opened a Trade for Furs with the Natives, which succeeded very well.

In this whole Proceeding it is to be observed, that the *French* shewed no Regard to the Right claimed by the *English* to this Country; a Right originally constituted by Virtue of the *first Discovery* of *North-America* in *Henry VII.* Reign, and afterwards confirmed and established by *prior Occupancy Anno 1583* of this Part in particular. For Sir *Gilbert Humphry*, in pursuance of a Grant of *Newfoundland*, which he had obtained of Queen *Elizabeth* at the Suit of *Walsingham*, having first taken Possession of that Island, and settled the Cod-Fishery there, came upon the Coast now called *Nova Scotia*, where he lived a Year, and died in the Country.

After this the *English* being employed in settling *Virginia*, contented themselves with the Possession of the Fishery upon the South Coast, giving little Attention to what passed