

1535,—Jacques Quartier, a French mariner, wintered in Canada, made an alliance with some tribe of Indians, and built a fort.—

In 1542,—The same officer with five vessels, fitted out by Francis I. arrived at Cape Breton where the emigrants established themselves. These settlements were but transient.

1578—Eighty years were suffered to elapse after the discovery of this part of America by the English navigators, before any plan for making a settlement was undertaken in that country. At length Queen Elizabeth granted letters patent to an enterprising gentleman of Devonshire, Sir Humphrey Gilbert, for this purpose, granting him and his heirs forever, the land to be discovered and possessed, with the rights, royalties and jurisdiction within said lands, and the seas adjoining, with free power to dispose thereof, according to the laws of England, paying to the Queen of whom he held in honor, one fifth part of all the ore of gold and silver which should at any time there be obtained. She declares the country so to be discovered, to be under the allegiance and protection of the Crown of England; and that the persons to inhabit them should enjoy the privilege of free denizens and natives of England. To sir Humphrey and his heirs and assigns, she granted forever full power and authority to