

## MARYLAND.

correct, punish, pardon, govern and rule, as well in cases capital or criminal, as civil, all such as should inhabit in said countries; to constitute laws and ordinances, as near as may be however to the laws of England, and not inconsistent with allegiance to the sovereign thereof. Such was the general tenor of the subsequent charters under which this continent was colonized. Sir Gilbert's enterprise was unfortunate. He died before a settlement was effected, and his charter was considered as annulled.

1584—Six years after the date of the above charter, a similar one was granted by Queen Elizabeth to Sir Walter Raleigh. He despatched two small vessels under captain Armidas and Barlow, who discovered the coast of North Carolina on the 2d July.—The flattering account given by them on their return to England, hastened an expedition of seven ships, which sailed under command of Sir Richard Greenville, a connexion of Sir Walter's, who brought out the first English colony. One hundred and eight persons under the government of Ralph Lane, was left by him on the Island of Roanoke, on the 25th August 1585.—Disappointed of the hope of sudden riches, which they had come in pursuit of, and overtaken by famine, disease and division, this colony at their own request was taken back to England the next year, by Sir