

influence had long preserved peace with the colonies, being dead, is succeeded by Opechancanough, a chief of very contrary character. Taking advantage of the confidence inspired by habits of amicable intercourse, a cold and barbarous project was formed to massacre the whole of the colonists at the same time. On the 22nd March, at the appointed moment, 347 men, women and children were murdered, & an exterminating war succeeded. The settlements were in a short time reduced from eighty to eight in number.

The colonists thus far owed nothing to the Royal Government. Individuals or small associations had originated all the enterprize for colonising—had paid all the expense of lives as well as of funds exhausted in the undertaking. The moment that the energy of individuals and associations, and the resources of the colonies had rendered the latter of some importance, the loving kindness and fatherly care of the king was extended to deprive the corporation of their charter and of the reward of their adventures, and the colonists of their rights and privileges.

1623. New Hampshire settled by a small English colony, near the mouth of Piscataqua river.

1624. King James taking advantage of political disputes amongst the members of the chartered company whose funds and enterprize had established the colony, arbitrarily