

which the Bretons had discovered, and which lies at 50° north latitude. If he was not mistaken in his reckoning, the island thus mentioned is undoubtedly Newfoundland, which the Bretons had long visited to fish : he, moreover, asserts, that before reaching that island, he coasted along the mainland for seven hundred leagues, which is very far from Lescarbot's figures.<sup>1</sup> 1525.

Soon after his return to France, he fitted out a new expedition, with the view of planting a colony in America. All that we know of this enterprise is, that having embarked, he was seen no more, and nothing was certainly known of his fate ;<sup>2</sup> for I find no ground for the statement made by some, that, having landed on a spot where he wished to build a fort, the Indians fell upon him, butchered him and all his people, and devoured them.<sup>3</sup> It is more certain that the unhappy lot of Verazani was the reason why, for several years, neither the king nor the nation gave any more thought of America.<sup>4</sup>

Verazani  
dies in a  
third  
voyage.

At last, ten years after, Philip Chabot, Admiral of France,<sup>5</sup> induced the king to resume the project of founding a French colony in the New World, whence the Spaniards daily drew such great wealth ; and he presented to him a captain of St. Malo, by name Jacques Cartier, whose merit he knew, and whom that prince accepted. Cartier having received his instructions, left St. Malo the 2d of April, 1534,<sup>6</sup> with two ships of sixty tons, and one hun-

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<sup>1</sup> This voyage, here given as of 1525, must be ascribed to 1524, as Verazzani's report of it is dated July 8, 1524. Lescarbot (ed. 1612), p. 38.

<sup>2</sup> The third voyage of Verazzani, and his death on it, are supported solely by the *Cosmographie Universelle* de Thevet (1575).

<sup>3</sup> Lescarbot (ed. 1612, p. 41) says, at Cape Breton.

<sup>4</sup> Count of Buzensais and Chargni, Seigneur de Brion.

<sup>5</sup> See the Chronological Epochs of the New World, ann. 1525.—*Charle-*

*voix* The account of Verazzani's voyage is in Ramusio, *Navigazioni*, Venetia, 1566, fol., vol. iii., and a translation of another edition in N. Y. Historical Society Collections, series 2, vol. 1, New York, 1844.

<sup>6</sup> Ramusio, iii. 436 ; Hakluyt, iii. 201 ; *Discours du Voyage fait par le Capitaine Jacques Cartier*, Rouen, 1598 (rep. 1865, p. 18). All these give the date as April 20th, not 2d. See Documents sur Jacques Cartier, Quebec Lit. and Hist. Soc. Ramé, Documents Inédits sur Jacques Car-