

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.¹

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 ;² 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.³ 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.⁴

At last, ten years after, Philip Chabot, Admiral of France,⁵ 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, 1534,⁶ with two ships of sixty tons, and one hun-

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¹ 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.

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

³ Lescarbot (ed. 1612, p. 41) says, at Cape Breton.

⁴ Count of Buzenais and Charny, Seigneur de Brion.

⁵ See the Chronological Epochs of the New World, ann. 1525.—*Charles-*

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

⁶ Ramusio, iii. 436 ; Hakluyt, iii. 201 ; *Discovrs dv Voyage fait par le Capitaine Iaqves 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-*