

Transfer
of Swedish
rights to the
Dutch.

nations at first lived there very tranquilly. The Dutch devoted themselves to trade, and the Swedes to the cultivation of the earth. After some time they became antagonists ; but in 1655, John Risingh, the Swedish governor, transferred all his rights to Peter Stuyvesant, governor for the United Provinces.

1642.

Van Diemen's
Land and
Tazmania.

Discovery of Van Diemen's Land and Tazmania, by Abel Tazmann, a Dutchman. It is pretended that the north shore of the former had been discovered by another Dutchman, named Zechaen.

Madagascar.

This same year the French went to Madagascar, and settled. They gave this island the name of Dauphin Island, but they abandoned it some years after.

1643.

Brouwer's
Passage.

Brouwer's Passage, east of Le Maire's Strait, between Staten Land and another great land, bears the name of its discoverer. It is called simply Passage, because it is not yet known whether it is a new strait, or whether it re-enters Le Maire's.

Yesso.
Straits of
Vriez.
Isles of the
States.
The Com-
pany's Land.

The same year, Martin Heritzoon, of Vriez, a Dutchman, undertook, in the Castricoom, a ship of the Dutch India Company, to explore the country of Yesso. Ascending above Japan to about 45° N., he discovered two lands separated by a strait fourteen leagues wide, to which he gave his name, and which is still called Straits of Vriez. One of the lands bordering on it was named Isles of the States, the other, The Company's Land.

1656.

Hudson's
Bay.

Sieur Bourdon, an inhabitant of New France, sent to the northward by the governor-general, entered Hudson's Bay, where nobody that we know had yet penetrated, and took possession in the name of the Most Christian king.

1660.

Carolina.

Charles II., king of Great Britain, granted to George Monk, duke of Albemarle, and five other English noblemen, that part of Florida which extends from Virginia to what is now called New Georgia. They divided the country among them, and gave it the name of Carolina.