

1609. it in vain, landed on Cape Cod; then continued to range the coast, always keeping southward, and at 40° N. discovered a great bay, which he entered. He perceived a river, which he ascended for sixty leagues, giving it the name of Manhatte, that of the inhabitants of the country.¹

The Dutch
in New
Netherland.

The next year, some merchants of Amsterdam sent ships into this river, to trade there.² In 1615, a fort was built where the city of Manhatte now stands;³ and this whole country assumed the name of New Netherland.⁴ In the course of time the Dutch built Fort Orange, much further north.⁵ Richard Blome, the author of "British America," pretends that Hudson sold that country to the Dutch, without the consent of the king of Great Britain, his sovereign, but that Samuel Argall, when governor of Virginia, expelled them; that they obtained of James I. merely liberty to water there on their way from Brazil; and that since that time they have had no settlement there.⁶ But apart from the improbability of this account,

¹ For Hudson's voyages, see Col. N. Y. Hist. Soc., series 1, vol. i.; series 2, vols. i. and ii.; O'Callaghan's New Netherland, i., p. 33. Hon. H. C. Murphy, Henry Hudson in Holland, 1859; J. M. Read, Jr., Hist. Enquiry 1866. He reached the coast at the mouth of the Penobscot. It is not stated that he landed on Cape Cod. He went down to the Chesapeake, entered the Delaware, and on the 3d of September rounded Sandy Hook, and entered "The Great North River of New Netherland." Hudson did not call the river Manhattan. It was so called in 1614. Menate is an Algonquin word, meaning island, and was the universal French name for the island where New York stands. It was also applied to Long Island. Zeisberger, Spelling-Book, p. 22. The Albany Records (xviii., p. 348), like De Laet (p. 70), make it to

have been given by the Dutch from a tribe living there.

² De Laet, Novus Orbis, p. 70; N. Y. Colonial Documents, i., p. 211; O'Callaghan, New Netherland, i., p. 68; Brodhead's, New York i., p. 44.

³ By Corstiaensen.

⁴ The name New Netherland was first given after the exploration of Adrian Block, Hendrick Corstiaensen, and Cornelis Jacobsen Mey, in 1614: O'Callaghan, New Netherland, i., p. 72.

⁵ The fort at Albany was built on an island, in 1614: O'Callaghan, New Netherland, i., p. 76.

⁶ Blome, The Present State of his Majesty's Isles and Territories in America (London, 1687), p. 202. For a discussion of the pretended Argall claim, see Folsom, in New York Historical Collection, ii., p. 333. It rests on Plantagenet's New Albion (Force's Tracts), ii. p. 18.