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The island of Newfoundland had not been less neglected than Acadia, and the king also wished proper measures to be taken to secure the port of Placentia, and all the southern coast on which that port lies. Speaking of this island, where the French had an establishment, near Cape Race, as early as 1504,¹ we stopped at the voyage of Sir Humbert Humfrey,² who had taken possession, in 1583, for Queen Elizabeth and himself, that princess having granted him the domain.³ The vessel on which he was returning to Europe, having been wrecked on Sable Island, where some have declared that he lived two years,⁴ his projects and pretensions perished with him, and the French fishermen continued their fisheries on Newfoundland, as they had done for a century back, without dreaming of fortifying their position.

In 1605, John Guyas, of Bristol,⁵ revived the projects of the Chevalier Humfrey; he began an establishment at Conception Bay, which was afterwards removed to Saint John; and the English subsequently formed several others on the East coast, from Conception Bay to Cape Race;⁶ but beyond that, the right claimed by that nation over the whole island was never recognized either by virtue of the first discovery by John and Sebastian Cabot, under Henry VII., nor by virtue of Gilbert Humfrey's taking possession

¹ See Ante, vol. i., p. 106. The first English voyage was in 1527, in the *Dominus Vobiscum*: Hakluyt, iii., p. 129. See, too, Anderson's *Colonial Church*, i., p. 8.

² Sir Humphrey Gilbert, brother-in-law of Sir Walter Raleigh. See Patent in Hakluyt, iii., p. 135.

³ His expedition consisted of four vessels—the *Delight*, *Golden Hind*, *Swallow*, and *Squirrel*, and reached St. John's, Newfoundland, in August: Hakluyt, iii., p. 48.

⁴ After taking possession in the Queen's name, and erecting the English arms, he sailed on, but the De-

light was lost, and Sir Humphrey himself went down on the *Swallow*: Hakluyt, iii., p. 157. Whitbourne's *Discourse of Newfoundland*, Pedley's *History of Newfoundland*, p. 13.

⁵ John Guy: Purchas, *Pilgrim*, iv., pp. 1879, 1880, 1881; Whitbourne's *Discourse of Newfoundland*; White's *Newfoundland*; *Voyages au Nord*, ix., p. 361.

⁶ Among these was the settlement of Lord Baltimore at Ferryland, in Avalon, in 1622: White, p. 361; Whitbourne's *Discourse of Newfoundland*, pp. 56-71; Purchas, iv., pp. 1879, 1888.