

stance of a wooden cross being erected upon it by a French adventurer in the year 1604, or from some other circumstance which may become proper for consideration hereafter, and was thus called The Saint. Croix. River or Bay. — And it is also certain, That a settlement which took place near it, soon afterwards, was called by its name. — There was no propriety in giving it any other name, and hence the transactions connected with the Country there, mention it sometimes as a River, and sometimes as a place or settlement.

Description of
St. Croix, by
L'Escauot.

§. 62. De Monts originated the name of Saint. Croix, as descriptive of a Water or Territory, in the year 1604. — The account of this transaction, We have from L'Escauot, who visited the Country first in the year 1606, and published his history in 1609. —

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The account he gives, is, as translated in Churchill's collection of Voyages, —

"That they, following the coast twenty Leagues from St. John's River, to a great river which is properly Sea; where they fortified themselves in a little Island, seated in the midst of this river, which the said Champeigne had been to discover and view; and seeing it strong by nature, and easy of defence and keeping, they resolved to make their abode there. The Isle of the Frenchman's Retreat was called Saint. Croix, twenty five Leagues distant from Port. Royal." and again. —

"As for the nature of the ground, it is most excellent, and most abundantly fruitful; for the said De Monts having caused there some piece of ground to be tilled, and the same sowed with rye, he was not able to tarry for the maturity thereof, to reap it. and notwithstanding the Grain fallen hath grown and increased