

Part First.

§.1. That there was not when the Treaty of Peace was concluded in 1783, any Province within His Majesty's Dominions called Nova-Scotia, founded on a Grant to Sir William Alexander in the year 1621, or at any other date.

Grants
and Possessions
of
European Princes

§.2. To understand this point fully and to comprehend its application and use in the cause, it is necessary to take a glance at the discovery and settlement of the northern part of the American continent, and to consider the various acts of possession - the conquests, and multiplied Grants and Charters of ^{the} European Princes and Governments ^{who} had the territory now in controversy either wholly, or in part, for their object.

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§.3. The discoveries made of various parts of the country by Voicagers from various nations, are well known; and this honorable Board is intimately acquainted with the dates of them, as well as with the principles on which the Sovereigns of Europe claimed the Dominion of vast countries, to which they had no right excepting what was derived from a superior force; unless from the multitude of their people, an immigration to a wilderness for the cultivation of the soil there, had become necessary to the support of human life.

§.4. Each Country was proud to mark its discoveries with its own name, and hence we find France

giving

Virginia
granted