"Country lying between the river St. Croix and
"Pemaquid, a little to the Westward of Penta-
"goet." (a) ~~[illegible]~~

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Agreably to this account Governor Hutch-
inson in his History (b) tells us that two of the
members of this Council, "Sir Ferdinando Gorges
"and Capt. Mason, having been at more expence
"and taken more pains than any other members
"of the Grand Council of Plymouth & perceiving
"no prospect of any equivalent return & fearing
"from the great clamours in the Nation against
"monopolies that they should ere long be forced
"to resign up their grand charter, they entered
"this year (1635) upon a new project, viz, to
"procure a General Governor for the whole Country
"of New England, to be forthwith sent over;
"and because the Massachusets Charter stood
"in their way, they endeavoured a revocation
"of it, that so the whole" (Country of New England)
"from St. Croix to Maryland might be brought
"into the same form of Government."

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The whole was proposed to be divided into
twelve Provinces as follows (c) "The first was
"from St. Croix to Pemaquid, the second from
"Pemaquid to Sagadehoc" &c. "A copy of some
"grant or agreement (d) concerning one of the
"Provinces to Capt. Mason was sent over signed

~~W. Alexander Esq. and "Sir Ferdinando Gorges being intrusted with the affairs of New England, after he had endeavoured with some of the Council, considering the large sums of his lands intended to be planted by his Majesty's Subjects in America, the great expences he had laid out in planting them, and that the Settlers not being able per[illegible]~~

~~Purch. 4 Vol. Lib. 10. c. 6. p. 1072.~~

(b) Vol. 1. p. 48 – (c) ib. p. 50 – (d) ib. p. 52

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(a) Purchas gives the following account of Sir W. Alexander's Patent
[illegible] being intrusted with the affairs of New England, after
[illegible] the largeness of