

There are some circumstances not to be omitted here which strongly confirm the preceding observations as well as the foregoing remarks upon the proposed division of the New England Territory into twelve Provinces, which are these. - That the fourth of these Provinces was "along the Sea Coast from Sagadahoc to Piscataqua" (a) - here Sagadahoc River or Piscataqua River are not mentioned, and yet the boundaries of this fourth Province, which was assigned to Sir Ferdinando Sager, and granted to him by the Council of Plymouth or New England (b) 22. April. 1635, which Grant was afterwards confirmed by the Crown April 3. 1639, are described as follows. -

(69) "Beginning at the entrance of Piscataqua Harbour
"and so to pass up the same into the river Newichawocke, and through the same into the
"farthest head thereof and from thence north-
"westwards till one hundred and twenty miles
"be finished, and from Piscataway Harbour mouth
"aforesaid, northeastwards along the Sea Coast
"to Sagadahoc, and up the river thereof to the
"becking river, and through the same to the
"head thereof, and unto the land Northwest-
"ward, untill one hundred & twenty miles be

(a) Hutch. Vol. 1. p. 50. (b) Doug. Vol. 1. p. 387. Sull. Hist. of N. E.

"ended, being accounted from the mouth of Sagadahoc, and from the period of one hundred and twenty miles aforesaid, to cross over land to the one hundred and twenty miles end formerly reckoned up into the land from Piscataway Harbour, through Newichawocke River".

Here we see the same general course of boundaries westward & northward, as is established in the lines of the first of these Provinces, afterwards the Duke of York's Territory, which is bounded easterly upon the western limits of Nova Scotia, viz. the river St. Croix, thence its western branch and thence northward & ca.

Another satisfactory reason for this course of these boundaries will naturally suggest itself when our attention shall be drawn to the circumstance that the course of the main branch of most if not all the great rivers upon this Eastern Coast is westerly, as will be observed in a subsequent part of this argument.

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