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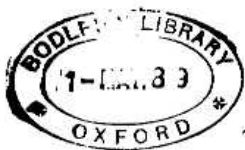
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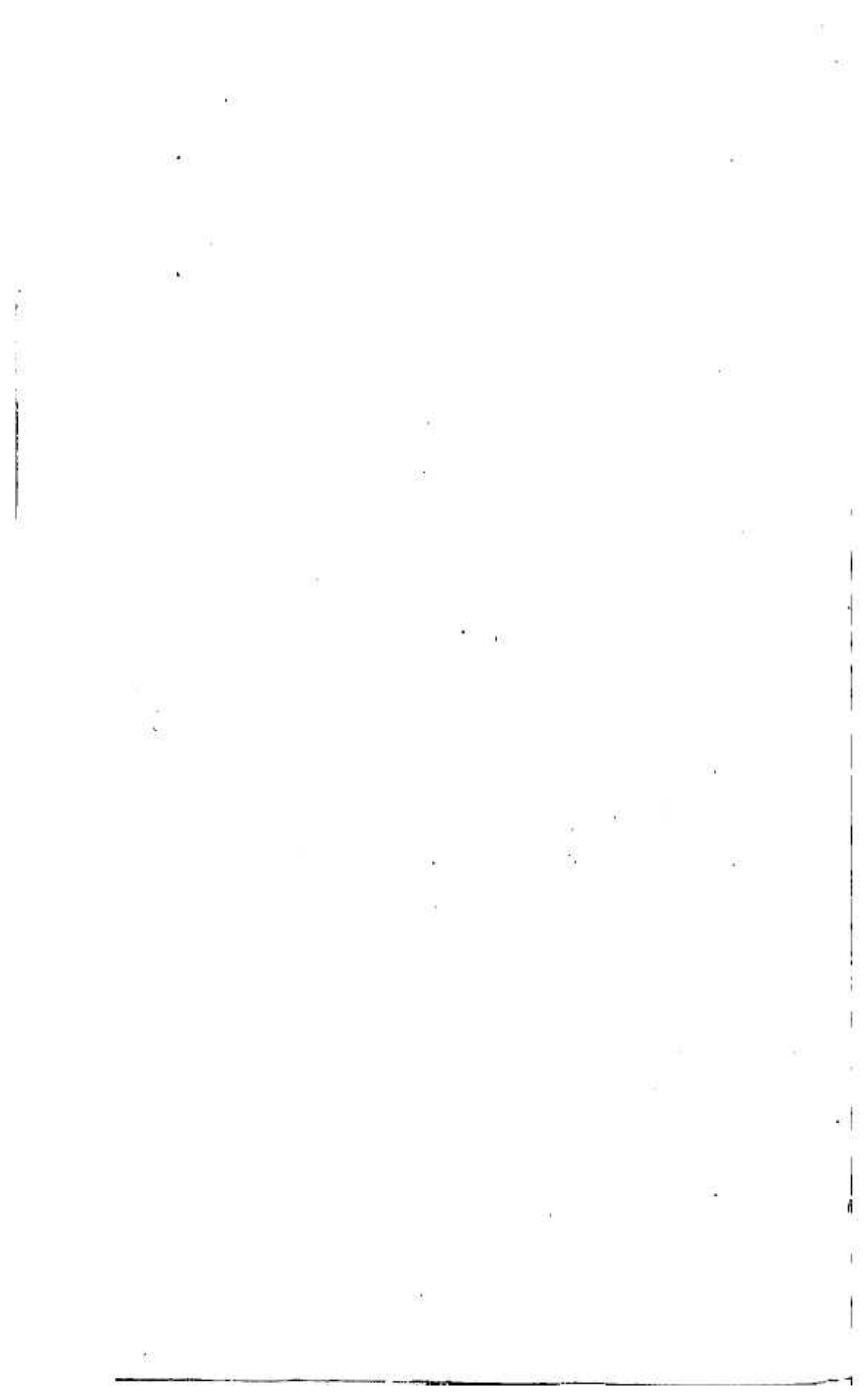
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THE RELATION
OF A VOYAGE UNTO NEW
ENGLAND
BEGAN FROM THE LIZARD YE FIRST OF
JUNE 1607.
BY CAPT^N POPHAM IN YE SHIP YE GIFT
(AND)
CAPT^N GILBERT IN YE MARY AND JOHN:
WRITTEN BY
& FOUND AMONG YE PAPERS OF YE TRULY WORSEFUL
S^R FERDINANDO GORGES K^T
BY ME
WILLIAM GRIFFITH.

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EDITORIAL PREFACE.

In the year 1849 the Hakluyt Society published Strachey's work entitled "The Historie of Travaile unto Virginia Britannia," edited by R. H. Major, Esq. Chapters VIII., IX., and X. contained an account of the Popham Colony, planted in the year 1607, at the mouth of the Kennebec River. Prior to the appearance of that work, but few of the details respecting the colony were known. In 1852 the portion of Strachey's "Historie" which included the story of the colony was reprinted, with additional notes, in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society (4th ser. vol. i. p. 219). The following year four chapters of the same part of the "Historie" were printed with new notes in the Collections of the Maine Historical Society (vol. iii. p. 286). In 1862 the Maine Society held a celebration on the site of the ancient colony, publishing the proceedings, during the following year, in a "Memorial Volume." Subsequently, certain features of the undertaking were discussed by several writers in the Boston daily press. In 1866 a number of the articles thus given to the public were reprinted, and a bibliography of the subject was added. No essentially new facts, however, were laid before the public.

This manuscript was found by the writer in the summer of 1875, while engaged in a careful search for historical material. It is now given to the public entire for the first time. By a comparison of the narrative with Strachey's, it will be seen that the manuscript, or at least a tolerable copy, must have passed through his hands, forming indeed the principal source of his knowledge respecting the Popham Colony. Portions of the manuscript were copied by him almost verbatim, though other portions were either epitomized or omitted.

Upon the titlepage of the manuscript, subsequently prefixed to it, the author's name is wanting, but we incline to the opinion, upon the evidence given below, that it was written by James Davies, one of the Council of the colony. The account partially covers the voyage of two