

The Clerk this Day produced a Report
in Writing, which was read in the following
Words -

27th Jan 1785.
and
11th April 1786. }

In Obedience to the Commands of the Court
of Assistants and Committee of this Worshipful Company,
"to search the City Books, and make such further Inquiry as
"might be found necessary, into the Claim of this Company upon
"the Company of Fishmongers, by advancing the Sum of
"Twenty Pounds towards the maintenance of the Plantations in
"the Province of Ulster, in the Kingdom of Ireland, granted
"by King James the first to the City of London, Anno 1609;" -
your Clerk proceeded, with all Diligence, to examine the Books
in the Town Clerk's Office, (to which Mr. Town Clerk was pleased
to give ready Access) and after Variety of Searches at different
Periods, (which engaged his Attention a considerable Space of
Time) took Minutes of every Matter concerning the Company -
a Copy whereof is herunto annexed - but, to his Mortification,
could find no Trace whatsoever of the Matter in Question.
The next Step that he thought expedient to be taken, was to
look into historical Authority; and, upon examining the
History of Ireland, he found that the wild Natives had been,
perpetually making Incursions within the Pale, as it is
termed, of the said Province of Ulster; on which Account, it
became necessary for the Planters, to erect Fortifications for
their Security, both numerous and expensive. Finding
Nothing further therein to elucidate the Subject, he was

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