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## Random Notes on the Government of Rhode Island (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Random Notes on the Government of Rhode Island The founders of the Rhode Island Colony purchased their lands of the Indians. They incorporated themselves into a civil society by mutual agreement. As the proprietors of the soil, they arrogated to themselves the right to say who should come to reside upon it, and who should participate in the government of the civil society, which they had established. This is alike true of the colonies established at Providence, at Portsmouth, and at Newport. Samuel Gorton, an outcast from Plymouth, came to Portsmouth in December, 1638. He denied the validity of their act of incorporation because the colony had no charter, and because the incorporation was without the recognition of the King s authority: Gorton soon obtained converts to his contention and caused a division among the colonists, whereupon the elected officers of the colony, with some of their adherents, to avoid dissension, entered into a covenant to found a colony, and removed to and founded Newport on the last day of April, 1639. The remaining colonists...



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