

out which they could not encrease, nor subsist, till they ravished the daughters of the *Sabins*, by a violent match at first, portending their future rapins, and what a furious off-spring they were likely to engender. And when that haughty Citie beganne to suffer the miseries which she had so long beene accustomed to inflict vpon others, the venerable Citie of *Venice* (keeping for so many ages a spotlesse reputation) was first begunne by a few discouraged persons, who fleeing from the furie of the barbarous Nations that then encroached vpon *Italie*, were distracted with feare and (seeking for their safety) did stumble vpon a commodious dwelling.

The *Græcians* were the first, at least of all the Gentiles, (who joyning learning with armes) did both doe, and write that which was worthie to be remembred; and that small parcel of ground whose greatnesse was then only valued by the vertue of the inhabitants, did plant *Trapizonde* in the East, and many other Cities in *Asia* the lesse, the protecting of whose liberties was the first cause of warre between them and the *Persian* Monarchs; then besides all the adjacent Iles they planted *Siracusa* in *Sicile*, most part of *Italie*, which made it to be called *Græcia maior*, and *Marseills* in *France*. O what a strange alteration! that this part, which did flourish thus, whilest it was possessed by vigorous spirits, who were capable of great enterprises, did so many braue things should now (the seate of base seruile people) become the most abject and contemptible part of all the Territories belonging to the barbarous *Ottomans*, whose insolent Ianiſſaries (as the Pretorian Guards did with their Emperours, and Mamalukes of *Egypt* with their Soldans) presume at this time to dispose of the Regall power, vpbaying the miserable follie of Christians, who dangerously embarqued in intestine warres, though inuited by an encountring occasion, neglect so great, so glorious, and so easie a conquest.

The *Romanes* comming to command a well peopled World, had no vse of Colonies, but only thereby to re-