

gold and pearls, as inflamed their countrymen with desire of engaging in similar enterprises.¹

The mutineers at Hispaniola not daring to go to Spain, a new contract was made with Roldan, by virtue of which he was reinstated in his former office; and his followers, amounting to one hundred and two, were restored to whatever they had enjoyed before their revolt.² In consequence of this agreement, lands were allotted to the mutineers in different parts of the island; and the Indians, settled in each district, were appointed to cultivate a prescribed portion of ground for their new masters. This service was substituted for the tribute, formerly imposed; and it introduced among the Spaniards the *Repartimientos*, or distributions of Indians in all their settlements, which subjected that wretched people to the most grievous oppression.³

Repartimientos introduced into Hispaniola.

1500.

Vincent Yanez Pinzon having, in connexion with Ariez Pinzon, built four caravels, sailed from Palos for America.⁴ He stood boldly toward the south, and was the first Spaniard, who ventured to cross the equinoctial line.⁵ In February he discovered a cape, in eight degrees south latitude; and called it Cabo de Consolacion;⁶ but it has since been called Cape Augustine.⁷ Here he landed, but could obtain no interview with the natives.⁸ Sail-

Voyage of the Pinzons.

historians remember, and it ought not to be forgotten, that the CAROTS were the first discoverers of the Continent of America. See A. D. 1497.

1 Robertson, i. book ii. 2 Herrera, i. 211. 3 Robertson, i. book ii.

4 Prince [Chron. Introd. 81.] says, he sailed from Palos 13 November, 1499; and Herrera [i. 232.], that he left the Cape Verd islands 13 January, 1500.

5 Robertson, i. book ii.

6 Herrera, i. 231.

7 Purchas, i. 828. Prince, ut supra.

8 P. Martyr, 81—83. Robertson [i. book ii.] says, that Pinzon "seems to have landed on no part of the coast beyond the mouth of the Maragaron, or river of the Amazons." But I rely on P. Martyr, who says, that the Spaniards landed at the Cape; that in the neighbourhood of it 32 of the natives, armed with bows and arrows, came forth to meet them; fol-