

1866, but mistook the sense of the Italian words *carta pecora*, supposing they meant *small Map*, and expressed no confidence in the Map as a document confirming the letter.

Soon afterwards he read the agreement between Admiral Chabot and Verrazano, given by Mons. Margry in his *Navigations Francaises*, and gave it translated, in the Historical Magazine for January, 1869, with some prefatory remarks which we quote here.

"The following draft for a Charter party, with promise of the approbation of Francis I., for a voyage to India, was discovered in the Bibliotheque Imperiale, and first published last year, in the original, by M. Pierre Margry, in his work, *Les Navigations Francaises du XIVE au XVIIe, Siecle*. The enterprise contemplated, as may be seen by reference to the volumes of Francisco d'Andrade, *Cronica do Muyto alto e muyto podiroso Rey destes Reynos de Portugal Don Joas a III deste nome*, printed at Lisbon, in 1613, was to form a settlement in Brazil, and was defeated in France by the Portuguese Minister, Silveira, in whose time, we read, a period of nine years, from 1523, during his continuance at Paris, no other attempt appears to have been made from France, at a voyage of like character.

The author of *Les Navigations* observes that this Document could not have been drawn up earlier than 1526, the year in which Cabot received the office of Admiral and the Government of Burgundy, in recompense of his services in delivering the King from the prisons of Charles V. The date is subsequent to that of the Letter of Verrazano, 1524, giving account of his discovery of the Northeast coast of America, and proves the assertion of some Spanish writers not to have been exact, that his execution took place in that year.—B. S."

We cannot here attempt to refute or criticise Mr. Smith's doubts more fully than we have done, in the course of the above paper and notes. His opinions, when analyzing early Spanish narratives, are of great weight, but he paid little attention to the early French or English ones, which did not interest him.

The following are his published notices on Verrazano:

The globe of Euphrosynus Ulpianus, 1542. Historical Magazine, 1862, p. 202.

An Inquiry into the authenticity of documents concerning a