

bastian Cabot, and for the rest, he was at my command (respondio muy bien, dijo que todo lo obederia, e questavan en aquella casa por su mayestad e por Sebastian gavoto e que estava a mi servicio), and gave us news of his captain, that the Indians had told him that Sebastian Cabot had been defeated further up, and many men killed, and begged me if I found any of them in the places where I was going to make discoveries, that I would ransom them and he would pay me back the price, and commended himself to my mercy, that if his captain was dead I would not leave him on the River, but take him with me and I should be doing a service to God and Your Majesty." I sailed from there on Good Friday and in twenty-seven days I discovered as much as Sebastian Cabot in five months and we navigated the river as far as St. Ann in Paraguay. From the harbor of San Espiritu to this place is one hundred leagues and it is in the 28th degree.* "And it was up to this place of St. Ann that we discovered and Sebastian Cabot discovered, and above here. . . .† leagues they killed his first men he had with him, and they killed through his fault twenty and (or ?) thirty men, and this was† We went to them, and did not see them nor find them, and this is the truth that we came as far as this, he and we."

Here he gives the names of some of the people he met, Guaranis, Iaanaes, etc.; of their customs he only says what they eat, "comen carne, comen pescado e carne," etc., and asserts that these populations "dan nuevas deste paraguay que en el ay mucho oro e plata e grandes riquezas e piedras preciosas." And with the record of these riches his narrative ends: "y esto es lo que sabemos deste descubrimiento."

* Literal translation of the text. † Text illegible.