

Galileo also, at eighty years of age, groaned in the prison of the Inquisition for demonstrating a Truth, now universally believed, the Earth's motion. (Ibid.) And the great and celebrated Mr. Locke was treated, to say the least of it, in a very uncivil manner, by Bishop Stillingfleet, for writing his Essay on the Human Understanding; a work, at this day, highly and deservedly admired and esteemed.

Historical facts have been long rejected with something like contempt, until further discoveries and examinations established their truth. The case of Columbus may be considered as an instance. When he proposed to sail westward in search of a Continent, or a nearer way to China, &c. he was, for several years, looked upon as no other than a projecting lunatic; his plan was rejected, and himself often insulted by ignorant Ecclesiastics, and pretended Philosophers.

The tradition that Prince Madog ab Owen Gwynedd landed upon some part of the American Continent, in the 12th century, has, till of late, been generally thought an idle fiction. For some years past, however, several circumstances have appeared which seem to prove its truth.

My opinion on the subject, was not long ago given to the public, and the following communications, received since, I think strongly confirm it.

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