

launched a small ship, and giving the command to the ablest seaman they had, sent it west of Iceland in search of the island of Brazil."

"The expedition lasted two months, from July 15 to September 18, and returned without any result. The failure of this expedition seems to have destroyed all their courage for a new attempt; for the Spanish ambassador, writing to his king of the discovery of Cabot, and mentioning the other attempts made some years before by the men of Bristol, beginning in 1491, gives all the merit of them, or rather throws all the blame of them according to his view, on John Cabot." Pp. 36, 37.

"The Spanish Ambassador, Ayala, wrote to his government in July, 1498: 'For seven years past the people of Bristol, incited by the fancies of this Genoese [John Cabot], have furnished two, three, or four caravels each year to go in search of the islands of Brazil and the Seven Cities.'" P. 39.

"We have seen that the person indicated by Ayala under the name of this Genoese was John Cabot." P. 39.

"The islands of Brazil and of the Seven Cities" were "supposed to be situated in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean," (p. 40) and consequently had "not the slightest connection with the eastern coast of Asia."

This supports the claim raised in Winsor's "*Narrative and Critical History of America*," that Cabot realized the discovery he had made as that of a new world, while Columbus never did. On the hemisphere made by Sebastian Cabot we read, in Spanish:

"This land was discovered by John Cabot, Venetian, and Sebastian Cabot, his son, the year of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ 1491, on the 24th of June, in the morning, to which they gave the name *First Land Seen*; and to a great island which is opposite the said land they gave the name *St. John*, because it was discovered that day."

Such is the testimony borne by Roman Catholic authorities to the statements we have made with reference to the comparative claims of Columbus or Cabot to have been the discoverer of the North American continent, and with reference to the comparative results to mankind of the two discoveries. Need more be said?