

tian Cabot made rude chart of the coasts, which in engraved form and on parchment and oxhide, may yet be seen—particularly La Cosa's map, 1500, and the Cantino map of 1502.

Of course Sebastian returned to England without having found the land of perfumes and spices which Spain, Portugal and England were so anxiously seeking, or a sailing route through the American continent by which he might sail to lands further west, (or as we understand it now, to Asia.) But Cabot at the time believed the land to be Asia, though not so rich a portion as he had expected and desired.

The final outcome of the Cabot voyages, we state in a few words. The only immediate results were to incite other navigators to go to the same regions for cargoes of codfish, and to renew the search for an all water route somewhere through the lands discovered, to the richer land, supposed to lie to the west. Their navigations were followed by Fro-bisher, Rut, Grube, Hudson, Baffin, Drake and many others.

In my "Discovery of America," published in 1892, in the early chapters will be found an epitome of early American navigators, and their relative claims to priority of discovery, to which I make neither additions or subtractions. As between John and Sebastian Cabot; we may say that John was master of the first expedition, and that Sebastian may or may not have accompanied his father. It appears more than probable that he did. Sebastian certainly sailed and reported the second expedition, and that his father was not in that voyage, but probably had died before the expedition sailed. If not so, and he did embark, a serious duty devolved upon his son, on the return of the expedition, to account for the loss of his father. As this was not done or required, the inference is irresistible that John was not in that expedition. Neither of the voyages appear to have profited either the Cabots or the king a dollar. Mainly what we learn of the Cabots' voyages is from friendly and gossiping letters, written by foreigners in England, to friends