

" But nowe (says the Historian) to speake somewhat of the principall and chiefe place of the islande, which is the citie of *San Domenico*: I saye, that as touchynge the buildyngs, there is no citie in Spaine, so muche for so-muche (no not *Barfalona*, whiche I have oftentimes seene) that is to bee preferred before this generallye. For the houses of *San Domenico* are for the moste parte of stone, as are they of *Barfalona*. The situation is muche better than that of *Barfalona*, by reason that the streates are much larger and playner, and without comparyson more directe and strayght furth. For beinge bulyded nowe in our tyme, besyde the commoditie of the place of the foundation, the streates were also directed with corde compase and measure; wherein it excelleth al the cities that I have sene. It hath the sea so nere, that of one syde there is no more space between the sea and the citie, then the waules, On the other parte, hard by the syde and at the foote of the houses, passeth the ryver *Ozama*, whiche is a marvelous porte; wherein laden shypes ryse very nere to the lande, and in manner under the house wyndowes. In the mydde of the citie is the fortresse and castle; the port or haven also, is so fayre and commodious to defraight or unlade shyppes, as the lyke is founde but in few places of the worlde. The chymineis that are in this citie are about fyxe hundreth in number, and such houses as I have spoken of before; of the which sum are so fayre and large that they maye well receive and lodge any lorde or noble mannie of