

drawne from thence (mynes to blow vp mindes and rockes to ruine faith) doe proue the seed of diffention, the finewes of the warre, and nurserie of all the troubles amongst Christians.

The *Spaniards* that were so happie as to chance first vpon this new World, were of all others (hauing but a vast mountainous Countrey) in regard of their scarcitie of people, most vnfit for planting thereof, and could not but soone haue abandoned the same, if they had not so quickly encountred with the rich Mynes of *Mexico*, *New Spaine* and *Peru*, which were once likely to haue bene lost for lacke of wood, till the way was inuented of refining Silver by quicksiluer, which may bee easily done out of any oare that is free from Lead, and (all the *Spaniards* disdayning worke as a seruile thing belowe their abilities) their greatest trouble is the want of workmen: for the Natiues that are extant, furuiuing many vexations, if they become ciuile out of an indulgency to libertie, and ease, whereunto all the *Americans* (liking better of a penurious life thus then to haue plenty with taking paines) are naturally enclined, that they may haue a secure ease warranted by an order, doe betake themselues to Cloisters, so that they haue no meanes to prosecute these workes but by drawing yeerly a great number of *Negroes* from *Angola*, and other parts, which being but an vnnaturall merchandise, are bought at a deare rate, and maintayned with danger, for they once of late, as I haue heard from one that was there at that time designed to murder their Masters, by a plot which should haue bene put in execution vpon a Good-friday, when all being exercised at their deuotion were least apt to apprehend such a wicked course, and it is alwaies feared that to reuenge what of necessitie they must suffer, and to procure their libertie hating most what they feele for the present, and hoping for better by a change, they will joyne with any strong enemy that landing there dare attempt the conquest of that Countrey.

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