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whole eastern coast of the island ; and proceeded to the mouth of the great river of Canada. He afterwards discovered a land, which he, at first, named Terra Verde, but which, in remembrance of the discoverer, was afterwards called Terra de Cortereal. That part of it, which, being on the south side of the fiftieth degree of north latitude, he judged to be fit for cultivation, he named, Terra de Labrador. Returning, and communicating the news of his discovery to his native country, he hastened back, to visit the coast of Labrador, and to go to India through the straits of Anian, which he imagined he had just discovered. Nothing, however, was afterward heard of him. It is presumed that he was either murdered by the Esquimaux savages, or perished among the ice. On this disastrous event, a brother of Cortereal undertook the same voyage, with two ships ; but probably met with a similar fate ; for he was heard of no more.¹

1501.

Voyage of
Roderigo
de Bastidas.

Roderigo de Bastidas, in partnership with John de la Cosa, fitted out two ships from Cadiz. Sailing toward the western continent, he arrived on the coast of Paria ; and, proceeding to the west, discovered all the coast of the province, since known by the name of Terra Firma, from Cape de Vela to the Gulf of Darien.²

Second
voyage of
Ojeda.

Not long after, Ojeda, with his former associate Amerigo Vespucci, set out on a second voyage, and, being unacquainted with the destination of Bastidas, held the same course, and touched at the same places. These voyages tended to increase the ardour of discovery.³

¹ Forster Voy. 460, 461. Harris Voy. i. 270. Venegas California, i. 118.

² Robertson, i. 199. Prince, Chron. Introd. 81. Harris Voy. i. 270 ; but Galvano, cited by Harris, puts this voyage in 1502.

³ Robertson, i. book ii. Josselyn Voyages, 230. In Bibliotheca Amer-

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