

man that did offer himfelfe for Conduktor of the Voyage was one *Villegagnon* a Knight of *Malta* who then pretended to be of the reformed religion (as all doe who affect to appeare what they are not indeed) making shew of extraordinary remorse, and zeale, and that hee had a desire to retire himfelfe from the vanitie, corruption, and vexation of their parts to some remote place in *America*, where professing himfelfe such as he was, he might (free from all kind of impediments) begin a new life, and where he hoped to found such a Colony as should serue for a retreat to all those of the reformed Religion who (weary of the persecutiōs at home) would goe where they might liue with safety, and enjoy the libertie of their conscience, by this meanes hee got a great number to accompany him, amongst whom was *Iohn de Lerie* their Minister, a learned man who wrote a discourse of all that passed in this Voyage, and there were sundry others that came from the Towne of *Geneua*, so that hauing a reasonable number and well provided, hee embarked and sayled towards *Brasile*, making choice of a place fit for a Plantation, where they found (the soile excellent, the Natiues well inclined towards them, and a supplie comming in due time) all things so concurring for their contentment that they might haue begunne a greate worke happie and hopefull for their posteritie, if *Villegagnon* had beene the man that he made them beleue he was, but he apparantly neuer louing them of the Religion in his heart had counterfeited to doe so for a time, onely (angling their affections) by this meanes to draw a supply from them; for as soone as hee was settled in his gouernment, that hee found himfelfe strong enough by Catholikes, and others of his friends, that he had with him to doe (as hee thought) what he would, straight remouing the maske that hypocrisie had put vpon him, he discharged all exercise of the reformed religion which no man with more seruency had professed then himfelfe, commanding all to conforme themselves to the orders that he had set downe, but (in place of feare which he purposed to giue, receiuing but contempt)