

Cacique, and which way the Countrey was best inhabited. Hee answered, that the best Countrey thereabout was, a Prouince toward the South, a day and an halfe iourne, which was called Tulla; and that he could giue him a guide, but no interpretour, because the speech of that Countrey was different from his, and because he and his ancestors had alwaies warres with the Lords of that Prouince; therefore they had no commerce, nor vnderstood one anothers language. Immediately the Governour with certaine horsemen, and 50. footemen, departed toward Tulla, to see if the Countrey were such, as hee might passe through it with all his companie: and assoone as hee arriued there, and was espied of the Indians, the Countrey gathered together, and assoone as 15. or 20. Indians could assemble themselues, they set vpon the Christians: and seeing that they did handle them shrewdly, and that the horsemen ouertooke them when they fled, they gat vp into the tops of their houses, and sought to defend themselues with their arrowes: and being beaten downe from one, they gat vp vpon another. And while our men pursued some, others set vpon them another way. Thus the skirmish lasted so long, that the horses were tired, and they could not make them runne. The Indians killed there one horse, and some were hurt. There were 15. Indians slaine there, and 40. women and boies were taken prisoners. For whatsoeuer Indian did shoot at them, if they could come by him, they put him to the sword. The Gouverneur determined to returne toward Cayas, before the Indians had time to gather a head; and presently that euening, going part of y<sup>e</sup> night to leaue Tulla, he lodged by the way, and the next day came to Cayas: and within three daies after he departed thence toward Tulla with all his companie: He carried the Cacique along with him, and among all his men, there was not one found that could vnderstand the speech of Tulla. He staid three daies by the way, and the day that he came thither, he found the towne abandoned: for the Indians durst not tarrie his comming. But assoone as they knew that the Gouverneur was in Tulla, the first night about y<sup>e</sup> morning watch, they came in two squadrans two seuerall waies, with their bowes and arrowes, and long staues like pikes. Assoone as they were descried, both horse and foot sallied out vpon them, where many of the Indians were slaine: And some Christians and horses were hurt: Some of the Indians were taken prisoners, whereof the Gouverneur sent sixe to the Cacique, with their right hands and noses cut off: and