

very. The experiment, upon trial, proved successful. But still the village never emerged from the obscurity and distress which were, undoubtedly, the natural and insurmountable consequences that attended the conquerors of the new world.

Another establishment was formed upon the same coast, at fifteen leagues distance from St Mattheo, known by the name of St Augustine. The English attacked it in 1747, but were obliged to give up their attempts. Some Scotch Highlanders, who were desirous of covering the retreat of the assailants, were repulsed and slain. A sergeant, who fought among the Spaniards, was spared by the Indian savages, only that he might be reserved to undergo those torments which they inflict upon their prisoners. This man, it is said, on seeing the horrid tortures that awaited him, addressed the blood-thirsty multitude in the following manner:

“ Heroes and patriarchs of the western world, you were not the enemies I fought for; but you have at last been the conquerors. The chance of war has thrown me in your power. Make what use you please of the right of conquest. This is a right I do not call in question. But as it is customary in my country to offer a ransom for one’s life, listen to a proposal not unworthy your notice.