

and taking their Wives and Children into the midst of their ranks, made a desperate Sally on the Enemy. A resolution worthy of a better fortune, most of them being slain in the fight, and the rest trod under the Horses feet, or drowned in passing over the River. Yet would not those few which were left give up the Town, till it was fired about their ears, and no longer tenable: the Spaniards buying this victory (notwithstanding the great odds of their Arms) with the loss of most of their Horses, the death of seven of their men, and the wounding of eighty. 3. *Cichick*, a small *Burrough*, but the chief of that Province, four dayes journey from *Tigne*: from whence the whole way unto *Quivira*, specially so called, being 90 miles, hath in it neither stone nor Tree, nor any land mark; inasmuch as the Spaniards were fain to make heaps of *Cow dung*, to serve for their direction in their coming back.

The first discovery of this Country is to be attributed to the diligence of *Antonio de Mendoza*, Viceroy of Mexico, who desirous to get wealth and honour by some new Adventures, employed in the discovery of these Northern parts, *Frier Marco de Niza*. By him and by a Negro which he had for his Guide, there was some light gotten of *Cibola*, the next Province to this; but so disguised in lies, and wrapt up in fictions, that that light was little more than darkness. Yet by that glimmering, *Francisco Vasquez de Coronado*, in the year 1540. undertook the business; and sped so well, that having made his way through *Cibola*, he took the Town of *Tigne*, as we heard before, and laid his way open to *Quivira*. Moved to a further journey by the report of the *Salvages*; (who desired to hasten him out of their Country) telling him of the wealth of *Tamarac*, who reigned in the In-land parts of *Quivira*: a bearded man (those of this Country wearing none) of a white complexion, and one who in his Chapel worshipped a *Crosse*, and the Queen of Heaven. On went the Spaniards towards *Quivira*, and found out the *Tamarac*, a poor naked Prince; master of no more treasure than a brazen plate hanging on his breast, and without any such sign of Christianity as they did expect. So frustrated of all their hopes, and having got nothing but their labour for their pains, and the honour of a new discovery; with the loss of many of their men, they returned to Mexico, An. 1542. Some Friars made bold to stay behinde, but were all slain by the people of *Quivira*, except only one, who like *Jobs* messenger was left to carry news of the murder: The Spaniards never looking into these cold Countries, where nothing else was to be gotten but blows, and hunger.

2. *CIBOLA* hath on the North, *Quivira*; on the South, and South-East parts *New Galicia*, from which divided by the River called *Rio del Norte*, as before was said; the West-side of it washed with the *Mt. Vermiglio*, interposed betwixt it and the *Illand*, or *Californias* specially so called. By the Natives it is called *Zuni*.

The aire hereof indifferently temperate, is not too much subject in the Winter, to frosts and snows. The Country for the most part level, rarely swelled with Hills, but those very Rocky. No Trees that bear them any fruit; few Trees at all, except it be a Wood of Cedars, from which abundantly supplied both with fuel and timber: plenty of Maize, and small white Pearle, which they make their bread of; great store of Venison, but they kill it only for the skin; some quantities of Sheep, known for such by their Fleeces only, but otherwise as big each of them as an Horse, or Ox, some of their Horns weighing fifty pounds. Of Lions, Bears, and Tygers so great a number, that they have more then enough for themselves, and could well spare them to their Neighbours.

The people generally well limbed, and tall of stature, ingenious in respect of some other *Salvages*; and though naked except their privities only, or covered only with a Mantle, yet those Mantles wrought in divers colours: which, with some quantity of Cotton which they have amongst them (none of it growing in their Country) shew them to be an industrious Nation, and to maintain a course of trade with some of their Neighbours. A further Argument of which is those painted skins, which they have from *Cichique*, or some other Country which lies towards the Ocean; my Author telling that they travel for them eight dayes journey towards the North: and probably enough may be some of those Commodities, which the Inhabitants of the maritime Provinces of *Quivira* do receive from *Cathay*, or *China*, with which they are supposed to traffick, as before was said. Like industry is noted in the women also, one of which will grind and knead more Maize in a day, than the women of Mexico do in four. In other things not differing from the rest of the *Salvages*.

This Country was first made known to the Spaniards, by the Travels of *Frier Marco de Niza*, employed on new Discoveries by *Antonio de Mendoza*, as before was said. Leaving *Coniucan*, the most Northern Province of *Nova Galicia*, he overcame a tedious *Desart* four dayes journey long; at the end of which he met some people who told him of a pleasant Country four dayes journey further, unto which he went. And staying at a place called *Pacapa*, he dispatched the Negro, whom he took with him for his Guide, to search towards the North; by whom he was advertised after four dayes absence, that he had been informed of a large and wealthy Province called *Cibola*, a moneths journey thence: wherein were seven great Cities under the Government of one Princess, the houses of which were built of stone, many stories high, the Lintels of their Doors adorned with *Turquises*; with many other strange reports of their markets, multitudes, and riches. But neither the Frier nor the Negro had the hap to see it: the Negro being killed on the very borders, and the Frier so terrified with the news, that he thought it better to return, and satisfy the *Vice-Roy* with some handsome Fiction, than put himself upon the danger of a further journey. To that end he enlarged and amplified the Reports which the Negro sent him; gave to the *Desart* in his way the name of the Kingdoms of *Tontoe*, and *Marata*; ascribed unto this last a great Citie called *Abaca*, once well inhabited, but at that time destroyed by Wars; to the other a more civil and well-clothed people, than in other places. Inflamed with which reports, *Vasquez de Coronado* undertook the action, but found the Frier to be a Frier; nothing