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TRUXILLO, one of the principal cities in the last-mentioned province of the same name, 11 leagues from Chocope, and 250 north-west of Lima, and according to Ulloa's observations, in lat. 8. 6. 3. S. long. 77. 30. W. It was built in the year 1535, by Don Francisco Pizarro, in the valley of Chimo. Its site is pleasant, notwithstanding the sandiness of the soil, the general inconvenience of all the towns in Valles. It is surrounded with a brick-wall, and from its circuit may be classed among cities of the third order. It stands on a small river, about half a league from the sea; two leagues to the northward is the port of Guanchaco, the channel of its maritime commerce. The houses make a creditable appearance. The generality are of bricks, with stately balconies and superb porticos; but the others are of baxareques. Both however are low, on account of the frequent earthquakes, and few of them have so much as one story. The Corregidor of the whole department resides in this city, and also a Bishop, whose diocese begins at Tumbes; with a Chapter consisting of three Dignitaries; namely, the Dean, Archdeacon, and Chanter, with four Canons, and two Prebends. Here is an Office of Revenue, assisted by an Accomptant, and Treasurer, one of which resides at Lambayeque. Convents of several Orders are also established in this place; a College of Jesuits, an Hospital of our Lady of Bethlehem, and two Nunneries, one of the order of St. Clare, and the other of St. Teresa.

The inhabitants consist of Spaniards, Indians, and all the other Casts. Among the first are several very rich and distinguished families.

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