

conceived to be inclinable to the *Christian* Faith, if they had fallen into the hands and command of those, who had studied *godliness* more than *gain*.

Rivers of note they have not many. That want supplied by many large and capacious Bays, all along the Coast; the principal of those that be 1. *Manhattes*, by some called *Nassovium*, but by the *Dutch* commonly *Noord Rivier*, which falleth into the Sea at *May-Port*, so called by *Cornelius May* the Master of a Ship of *Holland*, at their first Plantation: another channel of it, which from the note thereof they call *Hell-gate*, emptying it self against an Island called the *Ile of Nuts*. The River about 15, or 16. Fathom deep, at the mouth thereof, affordeth a safe Road for shipping, but of difficult entrance. 2. *Zuid Rivier*, so called, because more Southerly than the other; as fair as that, but hitherto not so well discovered.

Towns here are few either of the old or New Plantations. The *Natural* Inhabitants live together in *Tribes*, many Families of those *Tribes* under one Roof, as before was said; but those Families so remote from one another, that their Habitations are not capable of the name of a Town, and hardly of a scattered Village. Nor do I finde that either the *Hollanders* or the *English* (who now divide the whole among them) are much given to building: The title of the *Dutch* being subject unto some disputes; and the Possession of the *English* not confirmed and settled. *Hudon* an *Englishman*, had spent some time in the Discovery of this Countrey, and given his name to one of the Rivers of it. Whil him the *Hollanders*, An. 1609. as before is said, compounded for his Charts, and Maps, and whatsoever he could challenge in the right and success of that his Voyage. But they were hardly warm in their new habitations, when Sir *Samuel Argal*, Governour of *Virginia*, specially so called (having dispossessed the *French* of that part of *Canada*, now called *Nova Scotia*, An. 1613.) disputed the possession with them; alledging that *Hudon*, under whose sale they claimed that Countrey, being an *Englishman*, and licensed to discover those Northern parts by the King of *England*, could not alienate or dissever it (being but a part or Province of *Virginia*) from the Crown thereof. Hereupon the *Dutch* Governour submits himself and his Plantation to his Majesty of *England*, and the Governour of *Virginia* for, and under him. But a new Governour being sent from *Amsterdam* in the year next following, not only failed in paying the conditioned Tributes; but began to fortifie himself, and entitle those of *Amsterdam* to a just propriety. To which end, he gave unto the Countrey the name of *New Netherland*, conferred new names on all the Bays and Rivers of it; and possessed himself of a little Island neer that Branch of the *Noord-Rivier*, which themselves call *Hell-gate*; where he laid the foundation of a Town, called *New Amsterdam*; and built a Fortresse by the name of *Orange Fort*, which he garrisoned, and planted with five peeces of Cannon, Complaint whereof being made unto King *Charles*, and by him represented to the *States* of *Holland*: it was declared by the said *States* in a publick instrument, that they were no ways interested in it, but that it was a private undertaking of the *West-Indian* Company of *Amsterdam*; and so referred it wholly to his Majesties pleasure. Which being declared, a Commission was forthwith granted to Sir *George Calvert*, Lord *Baltimore* to plant the Southern parts thereof, which lie next *Virginia*, by the name of *MARY-LAND*: the like not long after to Sir *Edmund Leyden*, for planting and possessing the more Northern parts which lie towards *New-England*, by the name of *Nova Albion*. And though the *Hollanders* did then seem willing to be gone, and leave all they had there, for the sum of 2500. l. yet taking advantage of the troubles which not long after followed in *England*, they have not only raised their demands to a greater height; but furnished the *Native Indians* with Arms, and taught them how to use their Weapons. A most mischievous and wicked Act; not only tending to the damage and discouragement of the present Adventurers, but even unto the extirpation of all Christians out of all these Countreies. But the best is, they were the first that smarted by it. The *Salvages* thus armed and trained, fell fowl upon them, destroying their Farme Houses, and forcing them to betake themselves to their Forts and Fastnesses. What hath been since done (for the giving of new names to some of the old places, I look on as a thing of nothing) either in getting out the *Dutch*, or planting Colonies of the *English*, I can hardly say: but I fear that little will be acted, or to little purpose, till it be made a Work of more publick interesse.

3. *VIRGINIA* specially so called, liah on the North-east *Nieu-Netherland*, on the South-west, *Florida*; the name restrained to this part only, since the two last Plantations, which before was common to the whole. The Countrey lieth extended from the 34. to the 38. degree of Northern Latitude: by consequence the Aire inclined unto heats, if not refreshed and moderated by a constant Gale of Eastern winds, which they call the *Brize*; and the blasts driving on it from the open Seas. Diversified most pleasantly into hills and valleys; the Mountains clothed with woods, and the Fields with fruits. The soil so fruitful, that an Acre of Land well ordered will return 200 Bushels, or 25 Quarter of Corn. Said also to be rich in veins of *Allom*, as also Pitch, Turpentine, store of Cedars, Grapes, Oile, plenty of sweet Gums, several sorts of Plants for the Dyers use, some Mines of Iron and Copper, of Timber trees almost infinite numbers; as also great abundance of Cattel, Fish, Fowl, Fruit, and of *Maiz*, no scarcity. Some *Christall* found amongst the Mountains, on the shore some *Pearls*; nothing deficient either in the soil, or Aire, for the encouragement and reward of a thriving Nation.

The People are but few in number for so large a Countrey, and those as different in size, as in speech or manner: Some of them, whom they call *Sagues-hanoxi*, of so vast a greatness, that in comparison of the *English* they seemed as Giants: clad with the skins of Bears, and Wolves in so strange manner, that the head of the Beast hung before their breasts instead of a Jewel; their Arms, Bows, Arrows, and a Club. Some on the other side, whom they call *Wigicocmaci*, of so low a stature, that in relation to the other, they appear as *Pigmies*. But generally they are all of tall stature, well limbed, for the most part without Beards, and the one half of the head kept shaven: clothed in loose Mantles made of the skins of Deer, with an Apron of the same to hide their nakedness: the rest of their bodies painted over