

*bagna*, and some *Islands*; and here the Nature of the Soil and People are different, though in general the Country is very Pleasant, being watered with the Rivers of *Rio-de-Cacioas*, *Rio-de-Neveri*, *Cumana de Bardones*, and others of lesser note, and has for its chief Towns, *Maracapana* (once a Spanish Garrison) *Venezuela*, *New Cadiz*, and some others; and in this Tract the Pearl Fishery is used, those valuable Commodities being gotten by Diving, and they bring up a Fish much like an Oyster, out of the Shells of which they take the Pearls, supposed to be Ingendred there by the falling of Dews, when the Fish opens to receive the Air upon the Shoar: and though the People in the Province of *Cumana* have Plenty of Fruits and Cattle, with other things whereby to subsist even to Riot, yet they rather chuse to feed upon Insects and Vermin, as Batts, Spiders, Horse-leaches, Worms, &c. each Man being allowed as many Wives as he can maintain, though they never have the Maidenheads of any, prostituting them the first Night to their *Piacos*, or Priests, or their appointment, who for small matters turn over that Drudgery to Strangers; nor do they at any time think their Guests welcome, unless they will do the Office of Men to their Wives, Sisters, &c. blackning their Teeth, and Painting their Bodies of diverse Colours; in this Tract are found diverse Mines of Gold, some of Silver, and other Minerals; and here the Spaniards met with many disasters, as well the Ecclesiasticks, as Military, being frequently expelled or cut off by the Salvages, who are in general a Stout and Warlike People; and here are found the *Capa*, a Beast, the Soles of whose Feet are like a Shooe, and a Hog of monstrous size, with Horns like a Goat, living altogether upon Ants, Pismires, Parrots, and Batts; and could I have added to this Bill of Fair, *Bookfellers* and *Printers*, the World might