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THE  
History of Trauayle  
in the  
VVest and East Indies, and other  
countreys lying eyther way,  
towards the fruitfull and ryche  
Moluccaes.



As  
Moscouia, Persia, Arabia, Syria, Egypte,  
Ethiopia, Guinea, China in Catbayo, and  
Giapan: VVith a discourse of  
the Northwest parte 22  
page.

In the bande of our Lozde be all the corners of  
the earth. Psal. 94.

Line.  
D. 11. 12.

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## The second vyage to Guinea.

Of the Ilande of Saint Thomas, vnder  
the Equinoctiall line.



The chiefeft occupation and liuing of the inhabitants of this Ilande, is the making of sugar, which they sell peerefy to the shippes that come for it out of Spaine and Portugale, laden with buttes of meale and flour, also wyne, oyle, cheese, lether, swoodes, cuppes of glasse, beades, certeyne scaruels of the fine white earth called *Porcellana*, of the whiche are made the earthen dishes of the woorkes of *Maiolica*. And if it were not that suche victualles and prouisions were brought them out of Spaine and Portugale, the whyte merchantes which dwell in that Ilande (parteynyng to the dominion of the kyng of Portugale) should not be able to lyue there, forasmuch as they are not accustomed to eate such meates as doe the *Ethiopians* or *Negros*. And therefore the Portugales which inhabite this Ilande, haue certayne blacke slaues of *Guinea*, *Benin*, and *Manicongo*, whiche they set to tyll and labour the grounde, and make sugar. Among these whyte inhabitauntes, there are many riche men, which haue 150. or 200. and some 300. blacke slaues of men and women, to tyll the grounde, and doe other laborious woorkes. This Ilande was discovered a hundred yeeres since, by the nauigations of the Portugales, and was unknowen to the olde wyters. It lyeth in the great gulfe of Affrike, in the 30. degree of longitude from the West to the East, & is in maner rounde. It is of largenesse from syde to syde, 17. Italian myles, (that is to say) one degree. The horizonall line of the Ilande passeth by the two poles, Arctike, and Antartike, and hath ener the day equall with the nyght, without any sensible difference, whether the Sunne be in Cancer or in Capricorne. The starre of the pole Arctike, is there inuisible: but the wardens are seene somewhat to moue about: & the starres called the Crosse are seene very hygh. Of this Ilande, with the other landes and Ilandes lying betweene Portugale and the same, a certeyne pplotte of Portugale hath wytten a goodly vyage to *Conte Rimondo*.

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*The Nauigation and vyages of*  
Lewes Vertomannus, Gentelman of the citie of Rome, to the regions of Arabia, Egypte, Persia, Syria, Ethiopia, and East India, both within and without the ryuer of *Ganges*. &c. In the yeere of our Lorde. 1503. Conteynyng many notable and straunge thinges, both hystorycall and naturall.

Translated out of Latine into  
Englyshe, by *Richard*  
*Eden*.

In the yeere of our Lorde. 1576.



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Of the Vnicorns of the temple of Mecha,  
whiche are not seene in any other  
place. Cap. 19.



In the other part of the temple are parkes  
or places inclosed, where are seene two  
Unicorns, named of the Greekes *Monoceros*,  
and are there shewed to the people  
for a myracle, and not without good rea-  
son, for the seldomenesse and strange natu-  
re. The one of them, which is much hygh-  
er then the other, yet not muche vnlpyke to a colte  
monethes of age, in the forehead groweth only one horne, in ma-  
ner ryght foorth, of the length of thre cubites. The other is  
much younger, of the age of one peere, and lyke a young colte:  
the horne of this, is of the length of foure handfuls. This beast  
is of the coloure of a horse of weefell coloure, and hath the head  
lyke an Hart, but no long necke, a thynne mane hangyng only  
on the one syde: theyr legges are thyn and slender, lyke a fawne  
or hynde: the hooves of the fore feete are diuided in two, much like  
the feete of a Goat, the outwarde part of the hynder feete is very  
full of beare. This beast doubtlesse seemeth wylde and fierce,  
yet tempereth that fiercenesse with a certayne comelinenesse. These  
Unicornes one gaue to the Soltan of Mecha, as a most pre-  
cious and rare gyfte. They were sent hym out of *Ethiophe* by a  
kyng of that countrey, who desired by that present to gratifie the  
Soltan of Mecha.

Of diuers thynges which chanced to me  
in Mecha: And of Zida, a port  
of Mecha. Cap. 20.



It may seeme good here to make mention  
of certayne thynges, in the which is seene  
sharpenesse of witte in case of vrgent ne-  
cessitie, which hath no lawe, as sayeth the  
prouerbe: for I was pyuen to the popnt  
howe I myght priuely elcape from *Me-  
cha*. Therefore whereas my Captayne  
gaue me charge to buy certayne thyngs, as I was in the market  
place,

*Monoceros.*

The Unicornes.

The Unicornes  
hoorne.

place, a certayne *Samaluke* knewe me to be a Christian. And  
therefore in his owne language, spake vnto me these woordes,  
*Inte mename*: That is, whence arte thou? To whom I answere-  
d that I was a *Dahumetan*. But he sayde, Thou sayest not  
truely. I sayde agayne, By the head of *Dahumet*, I am a *Dah-  
umetan*. Then he sayde agayne, Come hoine to my house. I  
folowed him willingly. When we were there, he began to speake  
to me in the Italian tongue, and asked me agayne from whence  
I was, affyrmyng that he knewe me, and that I was no *Dahum-  
metan*: Also that he had been sometyme in *Genua* and *Venice*.  
And that his woordes myght be the better beleecued, rehearsed  
many thynges which testified that he sayde truely. When  
I vnderstoode this, I confessed freely that I was a *Romane*,  
but professed to the fayth of *Dahumet* in the citie of *Babylon*,  
and there made one of the *Samalukes*. Whereof he seemed  
greatly to reioyce, and therefore vled me honourably. But be-  
cause my desyre was yet to goe further, I asked the *Dahumet-  
tan* whether that citie of *Mecha* was so famous as all the world  
spake of it: and inquired of him where was the great aboun-  
dauce of pearles, pectious stones, spices, and other rich mer-  
chandies that the byuite went of to be in that citie. And all my  
talke was to the ende to grope the mynde of the *Dahumetan*,  
that I might know the cause why such thynges were not brought  
thither as in tyme paste. But to auoyde all suspition, I durst  
here make no mention of the dominion which the Kyng of *Por-  
tugale* had in the most parte of that Ocean, and of the gulfes of  
the redde sea and *Persia*. Then he began with moze attentpue  
mynde, in order to declare vnto me the cause why that marte was  
not so greatly frequented as it had been before, and layde the on-  
ly faulte therof in the kyng of *Portugale*. But when he had made  
mention of the Kyng, I began of purpose to detracte his fame,  
least the *Dahumetan* might thinke that I reioyced that the *Chri-  
stians* came thither for merchandies. When he percepued that  
I was of profession an enemy to the *Christians*, he had me yet  
in greater estimation, and proceeded to tell me many thynges  
moze. When I was well instructed in all thynges, I spake vnto  
him friendly these woordes in the *Dahumets* language, *Mena-  
ba Menalabi*: That is to say, I pray you assist mee. He asked  
me

Why Mecha  
is not so much  
frequented as  
in tym. paste.

The dominion  
of the Kyng of  
Portugale in  
the East partes

Hypocrisie.