

# A treatyse of

the newe India, with other new  
founde landes and Ilandes, as well  
eastwarde as westwarde, as they  
are knowen and found in these oure  
dayes, after the descripcion of Se-  
bastian Munster in his boke of uni-  
uersall Cosmographie; wherin the  
diligent reader may see the good  
successe and rewarde of noble  
and honeste enterpryses,

by the which not onyl world-

In ryches are obtained,  
but also God is glo-  
rified, & the Chri-  
stian faythens  
larged.

Translated out of Latin into Englishe. By  
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¶ Prater spem sub spacio.



Of Pepper and other spycses which growe in the  
Region of Calicut.

Of the byndes and beastes which are found in the  
Region of Calicut: and of the wyne of the tree.

From whence all byndes of spycses are brought to  
the cytie of Calicut.

Of the Iland of zaylon, & of the cinomome tree.

Of the cytie of Carnasseri, and of the maners of  
the cytizens.

Of the excellent cytie and Kingdom of Pego.

Of the Ilande of Sumatra, or Caprobana.

Of the Ilande of Bornei.

Of the Ilande of Giaua.

Howe the Spanyardes abused the submission &  
friendship of the inhabitauntes of the Ilandes.

Howe the Portugales soughe newe Ilandes in  
the East partes, and howe they came to Calicut.

Howe Magellanis by a straignt or narrow arme  
of the See, sayled by the Weste into the East to dys-  
cverre Ilandes, where also he was slayne.

Howe the Spanyardes came to the Ilandes of  
Molucca, & of the people with great hanging ears.

The third nauigacio of Christophorus Colubus.

Howe Pinzonius companion to the Admiral, soughe  
newe Ilandes.

The loure nauigacions of Americus Vesputius  
to the newe Ilandes.

The fyfte viage of Vesputius.

The second viage of Vesputius.

The thyrd viage of Vesputius.

The fourth viage of Vesputius.

Howe the Kyng of Portugale subdied certayn  
places in India, and of the ryche cytie of Maiacha.

Of the Ilande of Medera, and the fortunate I-  
lande, otherwyse called the Ilandes of Canaria.

Cffins.

# ¶ Of the newe

India, as it is knowen & found  
in these our dayes. In the yeare of  
oure Lord. M. D. L. III. After  
the Descriptio of Sebastian Mun-  
ster in his Booke of the uniuersall  
Cosmographie, Libr. v. De terris Asiae Ma-  
ioris. And translated into En-  
gylshe by Richard Eden.



Here are two viages  
or nauigacions made  
out of Europa into  
India. The one  
southeast fro spayne, The  
by the coastes of Africa  
and Ethiopia, even unto Arabia  
to the citie called Eden. And  
fro thence to the Ilande of Ormus,  
and fro Ormus to the citie of Cambaia,  
and from thence even unto the  
citie of Calicut. Cambaia is situate  
W. i. nere Calicut.

Howthe  
Elephat  
kylleth  
flies.

whiche by heate resolued into vapoure, by sauour draweth flies unto it: therefore when any flies or other creping verme are entered into the sayde riftes of theyz skinnes, sodeynly bending and drawing together their skinne, they hold them fast and kyl them, and this is to the in the stede of a tayle, a mane, or rough and bristled heare.

**C** Of the beaste called  
*Rhinoceros.*

Rhinoceros is comonly found in the same countrey, where Elephantes summitie are engendred, and is borne an enemy to the Elephat (as saith Plinie) betwene the Elephant & Rhinoceros. Both these dragon: wherfore the Romanes considering the natures of these beastes, were wont to put them together upon the theater or stage, for a spectacle, therby to declare the natures of enemies. This Rhinoceros hath two hornes, whereof the one is of

is of notable bignes, growing oute of his nosethrilles, and is of flatte forme, and as harde as Iron. The other groweth aboue in his necke, and is but a little one, but wonderfull strong: when this beast attempeth to inuade the Elephant, he fygleth & whetteth his horne on a stone and stryketh at the belly of the Elephant, which place he knoweth to be most open to his stripes, and easiest to receaue hurt, because of the softenes thereof, which he cutteth with his horne as with a swerd. Some the fift auctours write that Rhinoceros is betweene equall in bignes to the Elephante: but Iulius Solinus saith, that he is as long as the Elephante, but hath shorter legges: whē Rhinoceros therfore & the Elephant ioyne together in fighte, they vse theyz naturall weapons: the Rhinoceros his horne, and the Elephante his tuskes, wherewith he so violentlyc beateth and teareth the C.ij. skinne

Rhinoce- skinne of rhinoceros being as harde as  
ros natu- hoyn or shell, & scarcely able to be  
ralsp ac- pearsed with a dart, that he never-  
tined. theles enforseth him to fall downe.  
Rhinoceros agayne on the other partie  
so woundeth the belye of the Ele-  
phant with the horne of hys nose-  
thrilles, yf he doe not preuent hys  
strokes, yf he fainteth with bleding.  
In the yere of Christ. 1513. the first  
day of Maye, was broughte oute of  
Rhinoce- India to Emanuel the king of Por-  
gos sene tugal Rhinoceros alvyue, of the coloure  
in Por- of bore, somewhat variable and as it  
tugale. wer chekered, couered with shelles  
lyke scales, or rather lyke shieldes.  
This beast was in bignes equal to  
an Elephant, but had shorter legges,  
and was armed on euery parte. He  
had a stronge & sharpe horne in his  
nosethrilles, the whiche (as I haue  
sayde) he sylyeth, when he prepareth  
him to fight. All this great hatered  
betwene these two beastes, is for  
best

best pastures which one striueth to  
take frō the other as some wryters  
saye. In the yeate of Chryste. 1515.  
King Emanuel, set forth a spectacle  
in the citie of Lisbona, in which was a  
combat betwene the Elephant and Rhinoceros.  
A sight doublesse worthy to see over-  
great admiraciō. But in this fight, cometh  
the Elephant had the ouerthowre. the Ele-

phant.

Of Calicut, the most famous

market towne of India.

The cytie of Calicut is in the conti-  
nente of mayne lande. And the  
houses therof adioyning to the sea,  
It is not walled about, but contey-  
neth in circuite. vi. thousand houses,  
not adherēt together as the maner  
of bylding is with vs, but one being  
distant frō another, a further space.  
It is extēded in length a thousand  
paces. The houses thereof, are but lowe &  
simple and very lowe, not passinge houses.  
the heigth of a manne on horse-  
backe from the grounde.

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