

The seconde decade.

The tenth booke of the seconde Decade, of the supposed Continent.

The length
and forme of
the Island.
Cap. 5. August.



Eyght tymes
bygger then
Italy besyde
that part whi-
che the por-
tugales pos-
seffe. Italy is
in length a
thousand and
two hundred
myles, and in
breadth foure
hundred and
ten.
Cardes of
the sea.

The carde of
Americus
Vesputius.

The carde of
Colonus.

The carde of
Johannes de
la Cosa.

That lande reacheth forth into the sea even
as doth Italy, althowgh not like the legge
of a man as it doth. But I nowe compare a
Dignican or a dwarfe to a giant. For that
part therof which the Spaniards haue ouer-
runne from the sayde East poynt which rea-
cheth towarde the sea Atlantike (the ende
not beinge yet founde towarde the Weste)
is more then eyght
tymes longer then Italye. And by what reason I am moued
to say eyght tymes, your holynes shall vnderstande. From
the tyme therfore that I firste determined to obeye their re-
questes who willed me firste in your name to write these
thynges in the laten tonge, I dyd my endeuoure that al thin-
ges myght coome forth with betwe ryall and experience.
Wherupon I repayred to the byshoppe of Burges beinge the
chiefe refuge of this navigation. As wee were therfore secre-
ly toggyther in one chamber, we had many instrumentes percey-
nyng to these affayres as globes and manye of those mappes
which are commonly cauled the shipmans cardes, or cardes of
the sea. Of the which, one was drawen by the Portugales,
wherunto Americus Vesputius is sayde to haue put to his hande,
beinge a man moste experie in this facultie and a Florentyne
bozne: who also vnder the stipende of the Portugales, hadde
sayled towarde the south pole many degrees beyond the Equi-
noctiall. In this carde we founde the first front of this land
to bee brooder then the kynges of Vraba had perswaded ower
men of theyr mountaynes. To an other, Colonus the Admirall
whyle he yet lyued and searched those places had gyuen the
begynnyng with his owne handes: Wherunto Bartholomeus Co-
lonus his brother and Lieutenant had addid his iudgement,
for he also, had sayled aboute those coastes. Of the Spany-
ardes lykewyse, as many as thought them selues to haue any
knowleage what perceyned to measure the lande and the sea,
drew certeyne cardes in parchement as concernyng these na-
uigations. Of all other, they most esteeme them which Iohan-
nes de la Cosa the companion of Fogeda (whom wee sayde to bee
slayne of the people of Caramant in the haven Carthago.) and an
other

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