

he at last opened his eyes; but not being after his conversion able to maintain his enterprise with the Catholics alone, this whole expedition ended in smoke. The Portuguese, alarmed at the marked preference of the Brazilians for the French, profited by the division which de Villegagnon's return to the Church had caused among his colonists; and to set their minds at rest, once for all, in that quarter, they put to death as pirates and vagabonds all the French who remained in Brazil after the departure of the vice-admiral.¹

1555.

France, in the reigns of Francis II. and Charles IX., torn to its very foundation by civil war, seemed at first to have entirely lost sight of America. Yet amid all her storms, she had some tranquil days, and Admiral de Coligni again seized his opportunity to endeavor to effect elsewhere what he could no longer hope to accomplish in Brazil. He cast his eyes on that part of Florida which Verazani had discovered, and this country seemed to him the more adapted for a colony such as he projected, from the fact that besides the goodness of the climate and the fertility of the soil, he flattered himself that the French would find no one there to dispute their possession, or even molest them.

1562.

Admiral de Coligni attempts to found a colony in Florida.

Florida is all that part of the continent of America lying between the two Mexicos, New France, and North Carolina. According to the Spaniards, it includes all east of the province of Panuco—that is to say, it has no limits in the north, east, and south; and all the French and English colonies in North America are in Florida and invasions on the Spanish crown. A modern author, Don André Gonzalez de Barcia,² supports his pretension on a

Extent of Florida.

¹ As to this colony, see Jean de Lery, *Histoire d'un Voyage fait en la Terre du Brésil*, 1578; Ternaux, *Archives de Voyage*, i., reprinting *Copie de Quelques Lettres*, Paris, 1557; *Histoire des Choses Memorable advenues en la Terre du Brésil*, Genève, 1561; Nicholas Barré, *Let-*

tres sur la Navigation du Chevalier Villegaignon, Paris, 1558; Lescarbot, 142–184.

² *Ensayo Cronologico de la Florida*, 4o, Madrid, 1723. Basanier, *Histoire Notable*, i., etc.; De Gallorum expeditione in “*Novæ Novi Orbis Historiæ*,” Geneva, 1578, p. 429.