

Men readily believe what they desire, and the slightest indications are an assurance. All the new colonists had come to Florida solely to seek gold and silver; and while the spirit of libertinism and sloth made it insupportable to cultivate the earth, which would soon have repaid them their sowing a hundredfold, they counted as nothing the hardships and danger to be met in their distant search for what they had no assurance of finding. It was to be the more regretted that by this frivolous allurement, they allowed themselves to be foolishly involved in an affair capable of smothering the rising colony in its very cradle.

Laudonniere, on returning to Saturiova, asked him whence came a piece of silver, which the chief had presented him on his arrival. The latter, who had his own designs, and already saw the foible of the French, answered that it came from quite a distant country, and that Timagoa the paraousti, to whom the country belonged, was his mortal enemy. Laudonniere fell into the snare laid by the crafty paraousti, and offered to attend him with a part of his force, if he chose to make war on his enemy. Saturiova took him at his word, and assured him, on his part, that after Timagoa's defeat, if he was seconded by the French, he would enable him to find as much gold and silver as he wanted.<sup>1</sup>

Notwithstanding these reciprocal promises, Laudonniere either repenting his hasty engagement, or wishing to see whether he could not make himself master of the mines,

The French allow themselves to be persuaded that there are mines in Florida.

<sup>1</sup> Hist. Notable, p. 77. The hostile tribe is given by Laudonniere as Thimogona. Here too, apparently, *n* and *u* are confounded, and it should be Thimogoua. It is, in fact, sometimes given (see p. 104) Thimogoa. It is the extensive tribe called by the Spaniards, Timuqua, and sometimes Tinqua, the second syllable being evidently obscure. The Timuqua language is the first of those in

the United States in which books were printed. (See Historical Magazine, ii. p. 1; Ludwig, Literature of American Aboriginal Languages, p. 242.) They extended from the Georgian coast down to Sta. Lucia, and west to the Apalaches. Besides the ancient works, a petition to the king of Spain from the Timuqua chiefs has recently been printed by Buckingham Smith.