

BOOK II.

As soon as the fortress was finished, Mr. de Laudonniere sent back to France one of his vessels to solicit a re-enforcement, and began to build, with all expedition, two vessels, with a view of sending them up the neighboring rivers for provisions.¹ He then resumed his project of exploring May River, sending d'Ottigny up with instructions to penetrate as far into the country as he could, especially to examine carefully that ruled by Timagoa, and to neglect no means of discovering the truth of Saturiova's reports with regard to mines.

1564.

D'Ottigny discharged his commission strictly; he entered Timagoa, for in that part of Florida every canton bears the same name as the chief,² and it is apparently the chief who assumes that of his little State. There he found neither gold nor silver; but one of his soldiers, sent to explore, brought back about six pounds of silver,³ and great hopes of obtaining much more from a very distant country.

New discoveries.

Thus the mines seemed to recede as they thought they neared them,—like the fabled spectres, which weary out

¹ He sent back the Ysabeau of Honfleur, as soon as he began to build. Le Moyne de Morgues, *Brevis Narratio*, pp. 7-9; Laudonniere in Basanier, *Histoire Notable*, p. 97. The letter sent to Rouen, and published in 1565, went evidently by this vessel, although the name is not given. It is reprinted by Ter-

naux in his *Recueil de Pièces sur la Floride*, p. 233.

² Garcilaso de la Vega says the same of the part where de Soto landed.—*Charlevoix*. It would seem, however, to be really the name of the tribe. See note, p. 151.

³ Laudonniere in Basanier. *Histoire Notable*, p. 89.