

Cape Verde Islands. than the islands to which it has given its name, for their atmosphere is not healthy, and they have nothing to recommend them.

1471.

St. Thomas and Prince's Island.  
Cape St. Catharine.  
Gold Coast.

John de Santarem and Peter de Escovar, Portuguese, sent by Dom Ferdinand Gomez, discovered St. Thomas, Prince's Island, and Cape St. Catharine,—the latter so called from being discovered on the festival of that saint. They found, all along that coast, many gold mines, which obtained for it the name of Gold Coast.

1472.

Annobon Island.

On the first day of the ensuing year, they discovered an island, which they called Anno Bueno, from the day. It is commonly styled Annobon.

1477.

Estotiland.  
Labrador.

It is pretended that in this year John Scalve, a Pole, explored Estotiland and Labrador ; but it lacks proof. He certainly made no settlement. It is even admitted now that Estotiland is a chimerical country.

1481.

St. George of the Mine.

Diego de Azambuja, a Portuguese, built Fort St. George of the Mine, on the site of the French one erected a century before.

1484.

Congo, Benin,  
Prester John.

Diego Cam, a Portuguese, discovered the kingdom of Congo, which comprised then Angola, Matamba, and several other kingdoms, afterwards separated from it. It seems that on his return, or at least on the same voyage, he entered the kingdom of Benin. He then learned that the king of Benin received the investiture of his kingdom, from a more powerful prince, by the royal mantle and a staff, with a cross like that of Malta ; and that the States of this great monarch lay two hundred and fifty leagues from Benin. On his return, he informed his royal master, who inferred it to be Prester John ; and three