

Isabel, the
first city of
the New
World.

Thence he passed to Hispaniola, where he founded the first city built by the Europeans in the New World, and called it Isabel, in honor of the queen of Castile, who bore that name.

1494.

Jamaica.

On the 14th of March, Christopher Columbus discovers Jamaica. He gave it the name of Santiago; but its original name, Jamaica, has prevailed. In the same voyage, he assured himself that Cuba was an island.

1496.

Newfound-
land.

On the 5th of March, Henry VII., king of England, granted a patent to John Cabot or Gabato, a Venetian, and his three sons, to go and discover new land. The conditions were, that after deducting all expenses, they were to give the king the fifth of the profits. This is verified by the public acts of England. What follows is not so certain. It is pretended that the Cabots discovered Newfoundland, and a part of the

Labrador.

continent of Labrador or Laborador. They went, it is said, as far north as the fifty-fifth degree, and took four Indians to England. Nevertheless, good authors assert that they landed nowhere, on continent or island. Others have since pretended

Estotiland.

that Estotiland, which was placed north or west of Labrador, was discovered in 1390, by fishermen of Friesland. Anthony Zani, it is said, a noble Venetian, and his brother, Nicholas Zani, having sailed from the coast of Ireland, were driven by stress of weather on Friesland, believed to be a part of Greenland, and there learned of this discovery. In their relation, they gave a magnificent description of Estotiland; but this account is evidently a romance.

First voyage
to India by
sea.

On Saturday, July 8th, in the same year, Vasco de Gama sailed from Lisbon for Ethiopia and the Indies, by way of the

Natal.

Cape of Good Hope. On Christmas-day, he discovered a land, which he called the land of Natal, from the day.

1498.

River des
Reis, Mozam-
bique, Quiloa,
&c.

On the 6th of January, he perceived a large river, which he called River of the Kings, then Mozambique, then the kingdoms of Quiloa, Mombaza, Melinda, and Sofala; at several