

Monomotapa. the relation of this voyage, these people are mild, sociable, and well made. Gonnevile took to France the son of one of their kings, under a promise to restore him in twenty moons. But the civil wars prevented its fulfilment ; and not to leave unprotected a young man confided to him so graciously, he made him his son-in-law and heir. The author of the “*Voyage dans les Terres Australes*” was the issue of the marriage of Gonnevile’s daughter with this stranger.

1506.

Canada. This year, John Denis, of Honfleur, published a map of the coast of Newfoundland and its neighborhood.

Maldives.
Ceylon. The same year, Lawrence de Almeyda, son of the viceroy of the Indies, going with orders to explore the Maldives, first discovered Ceylon. It is pretended that he then discovered the Maldives, which is much more probable than what they add—namely, that he discovered the island of Madagascar that same year, and gave it the name of St. Lawrence. For it seems certain that this young noble did not leave India after discovering Ceylon.

Madagascar.
Isles of
Tristan
d'Acunha. Some pretend that the island of Madagascar was discovered in 1505, but they do not say by whom. It is certain that towards the close of the year 1506, Tristan d'Acunha, a Portuguese, on the report of Rui Pereryra, one of his captains, that he had touched at Madagascar, and that pepper was found there, sailed there in person. Marco Polo, of Venice, spoke of Madagascar, which the Chinese knew long before the Europeans. It is even asserted that they sent colonists there. Many believe this to be the Cerna of Pliny, and the Mamuthias of Ptolemy. When Tristan d'Acunha went to Madagascar, he commanded the fifth fleet which the king of Portugal sent to the Indies. Before doubling the Cape of Good Hope, he discovered the islands which still bear his name.

Yucatan. The same year, John Diaz de Solis and Vincent Yañez Pinzon penetrated to the head of the Bay of Honduras, and named it Nativity Bay. They then explored a part of Yucatan, of which Christopher Columbus had had some knowledge when he discovered the Bay of Honduras, but they only coasted along in sight of land.