

French in
Brazil.

and found a settlement in Brazil, and on the 10th of November he reached Rio Janeiro, which the natives of the country called Ganabara. He there founded a French colony, composed entirely of Huguenots, but which did not subsist long after he himself abandoned it, and re-entered the bosom of the Catholic Church.

1556.

Waeigatz.
Nova
Zembla.

Stephen Barrow, an Englishman, seeking a northern passage to China, discovered Waeigatz Straits, between the southern part of Nova Zembla and the country of Samoyeds. He imagined a gulf east of the strait to be an open sea, and thought that he had discovered the desired passage, but the failure of subsequent attempts shows his error.

1562.

French in
Florida.

Jean de Ribaud, a Frenchman, sails from Dieppe, with a commission from Admiral Coligni, to form a settlement in Florida. He anchored first at a cape, which he called Cap François, at about 30° N. This was the same place where Vera-zani landed on his second voyage. On the 1st of May he entered a river which he called May River, where he planted the arms of France. He then reconnoitred the coast for sixty leagues, always ascending northward, and afterwards discovered several other rivers, to which he gave the name of rivers in France. At last, reaching the most distant, which he called Port Royal, he built a fort there, and called it Charles Fort. It was quite near the present city of Charleston, in South Carolina.

Charles Fort.

1564.

Laudonniere.
Caroline.

René de Laudonniere, a Frenchman, arrived in French Florida, which had been abandoned the year before by the settlers whom Ribaud had left. On the 29th of June he entered May River, and built a fortress, which he called Caroline.

1565.

Cebu.

Michael Lopez de Lagaspi built a city, Cebu, on the island of that name, the first of the Philippines discovered by Magellan.