

de Quesada, passed the Cordilleras to the east of Tunja,* embarked on the Rio Casanare, and went down by this river, the Meta, and the Orinoco, to the island of Trinidad. We scarcely know this voyage except by the narrative of Raleigh; it appears to have preceded a few years the first foundation of *Vieja Guayana*, which was in the year 1591. A few years later (1595) Berrio caused his *maese de campo*, Domingo de Vera, to prepare in Europe an expedition of two thousand men to go up the Orinoco, and conquer El Dorado, which then began to be called "the country of the Manoa," and even the *Laguna de la gran Manoa*. Rich landholders sold their farms, to take part in a crusade, to which twelve Observantin monks, and ten secular ecclesiastics were annexed. The tales related by one Martinez †

* No doubt between the Paramos of Chita and of Zoraca, taking the road of Chire and Pore. Berrio told Raleigh, that he came from the Rio Casanare to the Pato, from the Pato to the Meta, and from the Meta to the *Baraguan* (Orinoco). We must not confound this Rio *Pato* (a name connected no doubt with that of the ancient mission of *Patuto*) with the Rio Paute.

† I believe I can demonstrate, that the fable of *Juan Martinez*, spread abroad by the narrative of Raleigh, was founded on the adventures of Juan Martin de Albuja, well known to the Spanish historians of the Conquest; and who, in the expedition of Pedro de Silva (1570), fell into the hands of the Caribs of the Lower Orinoco. This Albuja married an Indian woman, and became a savage himself, as happens sometimes in our own days on the western limits of Canada and of the United States. After having long wandered with the Caribs, the desire of rejoining the Whites led him by the Rio Essequibo to the island of Trinidad. He made several excursions to Santa Fé de Bogotá, and at length settled at Carora. (*Simon*, p. 591). I know not whether he died at Porto Rico; but it cannot be doubted, that it was he who learned from the Carib traders the name of the Manoa [of Jurubesh]. As he lived on the banks of the Upper Carony, and reappeared by the Rio Essequibo, he may have contributed also, to place the lake Manoa at the isthmus of Rupunuwini. Raleigh makes his Juan Martinez embark below Morequito, a village at the east of that confluence of the Carony with the Orinoco. Thence he makes him dragged by the Caribs from town to town, till he finds at Manoa a relation of the inca Atabalipa (Atahualpa), whom he had known before at Caxamarca, and who had fled before the Spaniards. It appears that Raleigh had forgotten that the voyage of Ordaz (1531) was two years anterior to the death of Atahualpa, and the entire destruction of the empire of Peru! He must have confounded the expedition of Ordaz with that of Silva (1570), in which Juan Martin de Albuja partook. The latter, who related his tales at Santa Fé, at Venezuela, and