

Book II

Chapter I

First arrival of Columbus in Spain

The first trace we have of Columbus in Spain is gathered from the manuscript documents of the celebrated law suit, which took place a few years after his death, between his son Don Diego and the crown. It is contained in the deposition of one Garcia Fernandez, a physician, resident in the little sea port of Palos de Moguer, in Andalusia. The humble entrance of Columbus into a country that was to resound with his fame and to be aggrandized by his discoveries, is one of the most striking and instructive incidents in his eventful story.

About half a league from Palos, on a solitary height, overlooking the sea coast and surrounded by a straggling forest of pine trees, there stood, and continues to stand,

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