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Letter of Christopher Columbus,

the great benefactor of the present age, concerning the newly discovered islands of India upon the Ganges, upon which enterprise he was despatched eight months since by the invincible Sovereigns of Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella; directed to Don Rafael Sanchez, Treasurer of their most Serene Highnesses. Translated from the Spanish into Latin by Leandro de Cosco, April 25, 1493, first year of the pontificate of Alexander VI.

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De Insulis inuentis

Epistola Kristoferi Kolom (cui etas nostra multū debet : de Insulis in mari Indico nup inuētis. Ad quas perquirendas octauo antea mense: auspicijs et ere Inuictissimi Fernandi Hispaniarum Regis missus fuerat) ad Mag- nificum dñm Raphaelez Sanxis: eiusdē serenis- simi Regis Thesaurariū missa. quam nobi- lis ac litterat⁹ vir Aliander d Cosco: ab His- pano ydeomate in latinū conuertit: tercio kls Maij. M. cccc. xciiij. Pontificatus Alexandri Sexti Anno Primo.

Glouiam suscepte prouintie rem p-
fectam me psecutum fuisse: gratū ti-
bi fore scio: has psumt exarare: que
te vniuscuiusq; rei in hoc nostro iti-
nere geste inuenteq; admoneāt. Tricesimoter-
tio die postq; Gadibus viscessi in mare Indi-
cū perueni: vbi plurimas Insulas innumeris
habitatas hominib⁹ reperi: quarū oim p felis-
cissimo Rege nostro: preconio celebrato ⁊ ve-
xillis extensis: cōtradicante nemine possessio-
nē accepi. primeq; earum: vini Saluatoris no-
men imposui (cuius frer⁹ auxilio) tam ad hāc
q; ad ceteras alias uenim⁹. Eam vero Indi



Guandabany vocant. Aliaz etiã vnã quancq̃
 nouo nomine nuncupauit. Cũtpe aliam Insu-
 lam Sancte Marie Cõceptiõis. aliam Fernã-
 dinam. aliaz hysabellam. aliã Jobanam. et sic
 de reliquis appellari iussi. Quãprimũ i eã In-
 sulam quã dudũ Jobanam vocari dixi aguli-
 mus: iuxta ei⁹ litus occidentẽ versus aliquã-
 tulum processi: tamq̃ eam magnã nullo reper-
 to sine inueni: vt non insulam: sed cõtinentem
 Ebaraꝝ prouinciã esse crediderim: nulla tamẽ
 vidẽs opida municipiaue in maritimis sita cõ-
 sinibus: preter aliquos vicos: et pœdia rustica:
 cum quorũ incolis loqui nequidam: quare si-
 mul ac nos videbant surripiebãt fugam. Pro-
 gre diebar vltra: existimans aliquam me vrbẽ
 villasue inuenturum. Deniq̃ videns q̃ longe
 admodum pgressis: nihil noui emergebat: et
 huiusmodi via nos ad Septentrionem defere-
 bat: q̃ ipse fugere exoptabam: terris etenim re-
 gnabat bruma: ad austrumq̃ erat in voto cõ-
 tendere: nec minus venti flagitantibus succe-
 debãt. cõstitui alios nõ operiri successus: et sic
 retrocedens ad portum quendam quem signa-
 ueram sum reuersus: vnde duos hoies ex no-
 stris in terram misi. qui inuestigarent: esset ne
 Rex in ea prouincia/ vrbesue alique. hũ per