

which are brought hither from other parts, and some from a great distance, which makes these Commodities dear, so that the meaner sort of People; especially those that have very little before-hand, would find it hard enough to live there, if Money were not very plenty, and easie to be got by them that are willing to work.

The best and finest Silver in all the *Indies*, is that of the Mines of *Potosi*, the principal of which are found in the Mountain of *Aranzasse*, where besides the prodigious quantities of Silver that have been taken out of Veins, in which the Mettal evidently appear'd, and which are now exhausted, there is almost as great quantities of it found in places where they had not digg'd before; nay from some of the Earth which they threw aside formerly when they open'd the Mines, and made Pits, and Cross-ways in the Mountains, they have taken Silver, and have found by this, that the Silver has been form'd since that time, which shews how proper the Quality of this Ground is for the production of that Metal: But indeed this Earth does not yield so much as the Mines that are found by Veins among the Rocks. There are besides these