

tains, full of Sulphurous matter, which break out in Flames from time to time, and sometimes burst open and throw quantities of Earth into the Valley, which makes the way so dirty when a Rain comes soon after it, as it almost always happens, that sometimes you must be forc'd to stay Five or Six Months, or till the Summer comes to dry it to make it passable. These Vulcanos continue for 2 Leagues upon this Road, and in all this space, there are no Houses either of *Spaniards* or *Savages*, but beyond it all along as far as *Omagaca*, there are a great many little Cottages, inhabited only by *Indians*, and depending on some Towns of theirs, which are govern'd by their Chiefs, whom they call *Couracas*, who have a *Cacique* over them, whose Orders they obey, and whose residence is at *Omagaca*, which is a Town of 200 Houses, built of Earth, and standing in no good Order. The Land about it is none of the best, however they sow Wheat there, and a great quantity of Millet, which the *Indians* ordinarily use. As for Cattle, they have very few, and commonly eat Beef dry'd in the Sun, which is brought them by those that Trade with 'em; they have also Goats