

Strangers, and *Natives* (which last the *Spaniards* call *Indios*) with *Moulatos* and *Negroes*. They count there are between 3 and 4000 Natural *Spaniards* bearing Arms, who have the Reputation of being very stout Men and good Souldiers. The number of the *Mestices* is not much less, nor are they less expert at a Weapon, but the greatest part of 'em, are Idle, apt to quarrel and Treacherous, therefore they commonly wear Three or Four Buff-waist-coats one upon another, which are proof against the point of a Sword, to secure themselves from private stabs. The *Strangers* there are but few, there are some *Dutch*, *Irish*, and *Genoese*; and some *French*, most of whom are of *St. Malo*, *Provence* or *Bayonne*, and pass for People of *Navarre* and *Biscaye*. As for the *Indians* they are reckon'd to amount to near 10000 besides the *Moulatos* and the *Blacks*: but they are not permitted to wear either Swords or Fire-Arms, no not their *Couracas* and *Caciques*, tho' they may all aspire to any degree of Knight-hood, and to Benefices, to which they are often rais'd, for their laudable Actions, and good Services. They are also forbidden to wear the *Spanish* habit, but
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