

strong, and afterwards bring 'em to *Peru*, where they presently have Vent for 'em, because there as well as in the rest of the Western part of *America*, the greatest part of their Carriage is upon Mules. The People of *Cordona* also drive a Trade in Cows, which they have from the Countrey of *Buenos Ayres*, and carry to *Peru*, where without this way of Subsistence 'tis certain they would have much ado to live. This kind of Traffick makes this Town the most considerable in the Province of *Tucuman*, as well for its Riches and Commodities, as for the Number of its Inhabitants, which are counted to be at least 5 or 600 Families, besides Slaves who are three times the number. But the generality of 'em of all degrees have no other Arms but a Sword and Poignard, and are very indifferent Souldiers, the Air of the Country, and the Plenty they enjoy, rendring them Lazy and Cowardly.

From *Cordona* I took the way of *St. Jago de l' Esfro*, which is 90 Leagues distant from it. In my Journey I from time to time, that is Seven or Eight Leagues, met with single Houses of *Spaniards* and *Portuguese*, who live very solitarily ;