



Hollandia

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THE COUNTIE OF HOLLAND.



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the Citties.

also excellent horses. On the sandie hills there are an infinite number of Conies. Also great store of Harts, Does, Hares; and in the *Hagienſian* wood there are heardes of Goates, and great store of fowle especially Duckes. Also Geese, and in harvest time Woodcockes which we call Snipes. There are excellent turfes, which being digged out of the earth, and drawne out of the water, and so dried in the wind and sunne, doe make very good fuell. There were heretofore Kings of *Holland*, of which *Suetonius* maketh mention in *Caligula*, cap. 44. But in the yeare of Christ 868 *Charles* the bald, King of *France*, reduced it into a Countie, and *Theodore* being descended of the royall stocke, was governour thereof. After *Theodore* the father there succeeded *Theodore*, the sonne, and after him *Arnold*, and after *Arnold* *Theodoricke*, and others after him, of whom you may have a Catalogue, in *Munſter* and others. They were heretofore very famous for matters of warre, so that the *Batavians* were joyned in fraternitie and amitie with the *Romaine* Empire. And heereby they got the goodwill of other Princes. Now wee are to describe the Citties: which are *Dordrecht*, *Harlem*, *Delpth*, *Leyden*, *Amsterdam*, *Gouda*, *Naerdenum*, *Muda*, *Wesopum*, *Edamam*, *Monachodamum*, *Purmerenda*, *Almeria*, *Euchuyſa*, *Horna*, &c. *Dordrecht* is the chiefe Cittie of *Holland*. The figure of it is long like a Gallie, it is very rich and plentifull, and a Granarie or Storehouse for corne and all other provision. It hath outlandish commodities brought up the River unto it, and there layd in warehouses untill they be solde: and are carryed from thence againe in Hoyes. This Priviledge of storing of goods they call a staple. *Harlem* is a noble Towne, both for the largenesse of the Cittie, the fairenesse of the houses, and the pleasantnesse of the situation. It hath the fairest Church in all *Holland*, being built on strong Pillars by the market place. The River *Sparnus* glideth by the Cittie. It is thought it was built by the *Frisians*, about the yeare 506. In this Cittie the Art of *Printing* was invented. Another honour of this Cittie was the taking of *Pelusium* by a new device, which they call *Damiata*, and in remembrance thereof, they have two facing bells of brasſe, which they call *ære Damiata*. Next followes *Delpth* which is famous not for *Apolloes Tripes* or *Trevet*, but for plenty of wine and corne. For the best beere is brew'd in this Cittie except it be *English* beere. It is so called from a Ditch, which the *Batavians* call *Delpth*, which is brought from *Mosa* even to the Cittie. In the yeere a thousand five hundred 36, on the Nones of *May*, the beauty of it was much blemished by fire, and the better part of the Cittie was burnt down; but afterward it was built up againe more faire than before. *Leyden* which *Ptolomie* calls *Lugdunum Batavorum*, is a Cittie situate at the middle of the mouth of the River *Rhene*. It sustain'd and held out in the yere 1574 a grievous seige, but at last it was freed, and the enemies were enforced by the overflowing of the waters to raise their seige. *Amsterdam* is the noblest Mart Towne in all the world, it is so named from the River *Amstela*, as the learned Poet *Nicolas Cannius* hath noted, being a Cittizen of *Amsterdam*, in these verses.