Now if any would looke that wee should here in our discourse of the Negro’s assigne some cause of that their black colour: I answere, that I cannot well answere this question, as being in it selfe difficult, and made more by the variety of answeres, that others give hereunto. Some alledge the head of this Torrid Region, proceeding from the direct beams of the Sunne; And why then should all the West Indies which streach from the one Tropike to the other, nave no other people? ...why should Africa yield white peple in Melinde? Some . . . attribute it to the drynesse of the earth: . . . as though Niger were here dryed vp . . . . Why then are the Portugalls Children and Generations white, or Mulatos at most, that is tawnie, in St. Thomez and other places amongst them? Some ascribe it (as Herodotus) to the blacknesse of the Parents sperme or seede; And how made they the search to know the colour thereof, which if it hath (a thing by others denied), by what reason should it imprint this colour on the skinne?