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Columbus in military suit of scarlet and gold, followed by retinue bearing banners, fell upon his knees, kissed the earth, gave thanks to God, and formally planted the cross and took possession of the country in the name of Ferdinand and Isabella.

Of \$103,000 given Columbus for the voyage Queen Isabella gave over \$67,000. A woman chiefly made Columbus' discovery possible.

The banners were two:

ROYAL BANNER OF SPAIN and the WHITE BANNER of the Expedition. The WHITE BANNER was Columbus' personal flag given him by the Queen. The ROYAL BANNER was the first to land. THE WHITE BANNER, second.

In the ROYAL BANNER the golden castles on a red field stand for Castile. The red lions on a white field stand for Leon, the two important provinces.

Columbus, Ponce de Leon, Balboa, Magellan, Menendes and others used the Royal Banner.

On the WHITE BANNER of Columbus the green cross is for christianity; green is the color for hope. Columbus repeatedly stated the first purpose was that of a missionary---he hoped to convert the Great Khan or the Emperor of China to Christianity. The F and Y stand for Ferdinand and Isabella.