A. Description of Carolina.



Arolina about the year 1660. was by his Majefty, the King of Great Britain, &c. united to his Imperial Crown, and he by his Royal Grant eftablished it a Province or Proprietorship dignified it a Principality, and granted it by Patent to the Lord Chancellor Clarendon, to the Lord Duke of Albemarle, to the Earl of Craven, to the Lord Ashley Cooper Earl of Shaftsbury, to John Lord Barkley, to Sir William Barkley, and to Sir John Colliton Knt. and Baronet, and to their Heirs and Succeffors, &c.

It contains that part of the Continent of America, which by the French was called Florida from her florid and fragrant Fields, verdant Meadowsdelightful Savana's guarded with flately Woods. It extends it felf from the River St. Matheo to Caratuc, an inlet near Virginia.

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A Description of Carolina.

In this large Tract of Land are many Navigable Rivers, the chief whereof are Albemarle River, Naratoke River, Pentego River, Neuse or Nus River, Clarendon River, Water River, Craven or Santee River, Albley River, Cooper River, Stono River, Edisto River, Colleton River, Cambabe and Westro River, May and Matheo River, many fafe, commodious and spacious Harbors, and for lesser Rivers and Brooks, it hath innumerable.

It contains two principal fettlements, the one called Albemarle, otherwife Roanoke fituated in about thirty five Degrees of Northern Latitude, from whence as good Beef and Pork have been flored, and fent to other Plantations as Art and Induftry can Improve, 'tis a large and fpacious fettlement, confifting at prefent of fome two or three hundred upon a fertile Soil. But the late and flourishing Plantation or Settlement lies more Southerly, upon the Navigable Rivers of Ashley and Cooper, known to the Natives by the Names of Wando and Kiawah.

Carolina is of a fertile and fruitful Soil, where the Natives are ftrong, lively, and well fhapen People, well humor'd, and generally kind to the English. They live a long and pleafant life, taking little care for the future. Their old Women plant their Mays: And for the reft, the River affords them good Fish enough. And in the Wood, they have plenty of Provisions. Its chief place is Charles Town.

Neither is the heat fo fultry nor offensive as in places of the fame Latitude of the old World; nor is the Winter fo pinching: Yet enough to correct the humors of Mens Bodies, to ftrengthen and preferve them in health; and enough alfo to put fuch a ftop to the Rife and Sap and the budding of Plants, as to make them Bud and Bloffom in their diffinct Seafons, and keep even pace till they be gathered. Which makes it alfo proper for Wine and Oyl; of both which they may in time have good quantities.

Liberty of Conficience is there allowed alfo; but Atheifm, Irreligion and vitious Lives are condemned. The English Proprietors have a Register of all Grants and Conveyances of Land to prevent Suits and Controversies. And in sum, their frame of Government is generally so well put together, that judicious Men that have seen it, fay, it's the best for the People that live under it of any they have read.

To conclude, here the Savana's are crowded with Deer, large and flately Herds of Cattle parol the Meadows. Here the pleafant Paftures abound with Sheep and Oxen, the Fields are replenished with English and Indian Corn. The Gardens, as in Asia and Europe, are imbelished with the choiceft Fruits and Flowers : Here the Heavens shine with a Soveraign Ray of Health, a ferene Air and a lofty Sky defends it from the noxious Infections, and common Distempers that are incident to other parts of the World. In a word, 'tis a falubrious Air to the Sick, a generous retirement and shelter to the injured and oppressed. 'Tis a Fund and Treasury to them that would be Rich.

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