

Contradictory as these Representations are, it is not so difficult, as it may appear, to reconcile them. The Sea-coasts, where the Fortresses, judged necessary for protecting the Navigation, and maintaining the Possession, have been erected, are barren, and unhealthy, in an extream Degree. The inland Country, from the Commencement of the Hills, is healthful, and not only fertile in all it's aboriginal Productions; but also fit to produce many exotick to it, in the highest Perfection. All necessary therefore to decide between the different Characters, drawn with equal Warmth and Confidence of Assertion, of *Florida*, is to distinguish between those two Parts of it, and give to each it's own. The Consequence in respect to the former is obvious. Of the latter, it is not mine to judge: All that comes within my Province, being to point out the Advantages, in a commercial View, which this Country is capable of producing to *Great Britain*.

*Florida* is divided, like *Carolina*, into two Provinces of the same Name, and distinguished only by their Situation on the *Eastern*, or *Western* Sides of the Country.

Most of the Disadvantages, indiscriminately imputed to the whole Country, should be confined to *East Florida*, which is for the greater Part, a flat, sandy, and almost barren Desert. The most considerable Fortress and Port for Trade in this Province is *St. Augustine*.

It is not to be expected, that a Settlement so new, and under such Circumstances, can have yet made any very considerable Advances in Trade. Our Exports to *St. Augustine* consist of the same Commodities, as those to the neighbouring