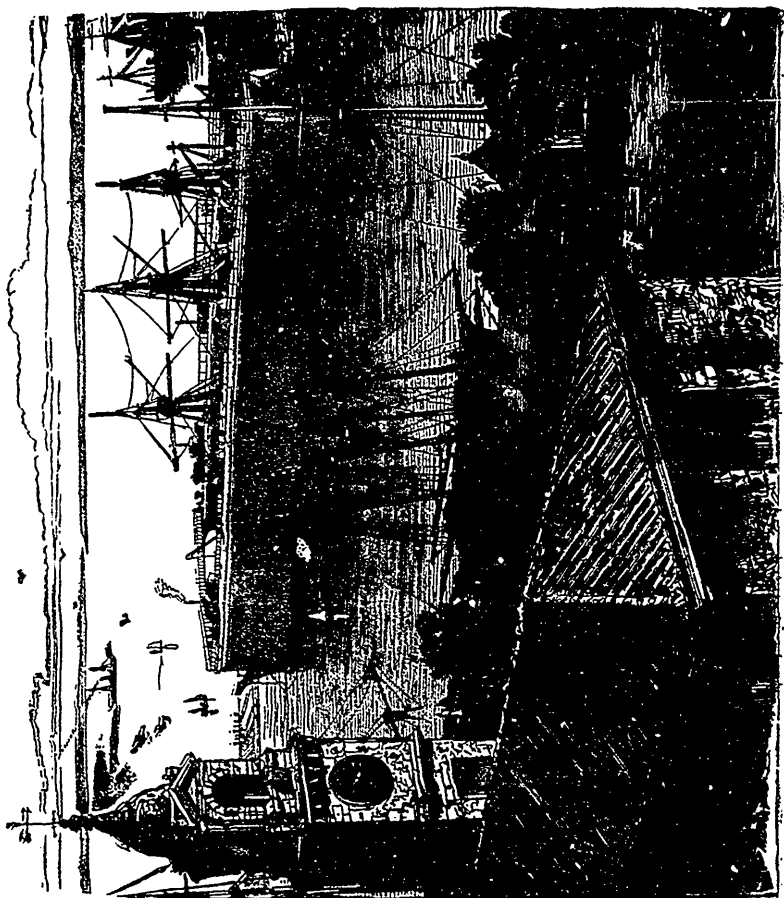


by a Spaniard named Juan Bermudez, and on their discovery being reported to Spain, they were described as the most remote of all the islands yet found in the world.

In 1612, a chartered company was formed, colonization commenced, and soon after the first party of settlers arrived, Ber-



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muda became a British colony. As time passed on, its importance as a naval and military station became apparent, and large sums of money were expended on fortifications and improvements. At the present time the imports and exports are but small; and although possessing such a fine climate, its agricultural produce is limited; arrowroot and early crops of vegetables are produced for the American markets.