

way of Trade, more Westerly, and so little frequented; the other lyeth some fourescore Leagues from the Mayne, and containeth fix in number, to wit; *Saint Iago, Fuego, Mayo, Bonavisto, Sal,* and *Bravo*.

They are belonging to the Kingdome of Portingall, and inhabited by people of that Nation, and are of great trade, by reason of the neighbour-hood they haue with *Guynes* and *Bynne*; but the principall is, the buying and selling of *Negros*. They haue store of Sugar, Salt, Rice, Cotton-wooll, and Cotton-Cloth, Amber-greece, Cyvir, Oliphants teeth, Brimstone, Pummy stone, Spunge, and some Gold, but little, and that from the mayne.

*Saint Iago* is the head Iland, and hath one Citie and two Townes, *Saint Iago*, with their Ports. The Cittie called *Saint Iago*, whereof the Iland hath his Name, hath a Garrison, and two Fortes, scituated in the bottome of a pleasant Valley, with a running streame of water passing through the middest of it, whether the rest of the Ilands come for Iustice, being the seat of the *Audiencia*, with his Bishop.

The other Townes are *Playa*, some three Leagues to the Eastwards of *Saint Iago*, placed on high, with a goodly Bay, whereof it hath his name: and *Saint Domingo*, a small Towne within the Land. They are on the Souther part of the Iland, and haue beene sacked sundry times in Anno 1582. by *Manuel Serades*, a *Portingall*, with a Flecte of French-men; in Anno 1585. they were both burnt to the ground by the English, Sir *Francis Drake* being Generall; and in Anno 1596. *Saint Iago* was taken, and sacked by the English, Sir *Anthony Shyrley* being Generall.

The second Iland is *Fuego*, so called, for that day and night thereburneth in it a *Vulcan*; whose flames in the night are seene twentie Leagues off in the Sea. It is by nature fortified in that sort, as but by one way is any accessse, or entrance into it, and there cannot goe vp aboute two men a brest. The Bread which they spend in these Ilands, is brought from *Portingall* and *Spaine*, saving that which they make of Rice, or of Mayes, which wee call *Guynne-wheate*.

The best watering is in the Ile of *Bravo*, on the west part of the Iland, where is a great River, but foule Anchoring, as is in all these Ilands, for the most part. The fruits are few, but substantiall, as *Palmitos*, *Plantanos*, *Paratos*, and *Coco Nutts*.

The *Palmito* is like to the Date tree, and as I thinke a kinde of it, but wilde. In all parts of *Afrique* and *America* they are found, and in some parts of *Europe*, and in diuers parts different. In *Afrique*, and in the *West Indies* they are small, that a man may cut them