

This cluster of Islands, which the Bermudians insist on being exactly 365 in number, contains not more than 20,000 acres, generally very light land, and of no extraordinary fertility.

They are situated at a great distance from any other island or continent, in 32° N. latitude, and 63° W. longitude; 4,500 miles from the Land's-end, Cornwall; 3,500 from Madeira, and 500 miles E. of Charleston, South Carolina.

They appear to have received their first name from John Bermuda, a Spaniard, who discovered them in 1552, and were afterwards called the Summer Islands, from Sir Geo. Summers, who was shipwrecked upon them in 1609.

Finding them deserted by the Spaniards, he took possession of