

Arabia and sold for infamous uses. The king of this place, named *Samamo*, received the Portuguese in a friendly manner, and granted leave to preach the gospel among his subjects. Coasting about 40 leagues south from this place, they came to the mouth of a large river named *Balu* or *Baeli* in about 17° S. and having doubled Cape St Andrew, they saw the river and kingdom of *Casame*, between the latitudes of 17° and 18° S. where they found little water and had much trouble⁷. Here also amity was established with the king, whose name was *Sampilla*, a discreet old man; but hitherto they could get no intelligence of the Portuguese whom they were sent in search of. On Whitsunday, which happened that year about the middle of May, mass was said on shore and two crosses erected, at which the king appeared so much pleased that he engaged to restore them if they happened to fall or decay. During the holidays they discovered an island in lat. 18° S. to which they gave the name of *Espirito Santo*⁸, and half a degree farther they were in some danger from a sand bank 9 leagues long. On Trinity Sunday, still in danger from sand banks, they anchored at the seven islands of *Cuerpo de Dios* or *Corpus Christi*⁹ in 19° S. near the kingdom and river of *Sadia* to which they came on the 19th of June, finding scarcely enough of water to float the caravel. This kingdom is extensive, and its principal city on the banks of the river has about 10,000 inhabitants. The people are black, simple, and good-natured, having no trade, but have plenty of flesh, maize, tar, tortoises, sandal, ebony, and sweet woods. The name of the king was *Capilate*, who was an old man much respected and very honest. He received the Portuguese kindly, and even sent his son to guide them along the coast. All along this coast from *Massalage* to *Sadia* the natives speak the same language with the Kafirs on the opposite coast of Africa; while in all the rest of the island the native language called *Buqua* is spoken.

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⁷ They were here on the bank of *Pracel*, which seems alluded to in the text from the shallowness of the water; though the district named *Casame* in the text is not to be found in modern maps.—E.

⁸ Probably the island of the bay of St Andrew in 17° 30' is here meant; at any rate it must be carefully distinguished from *Spiritu Santo*, *St Esprit*, or *Holy Ghost Island*, one of the Comoros in lat. 15° S.—E.

⁹ Perhaps those now called *barren isles* on the west coast, between lat. 18° 40' and 19° 12' S. The river *Sadia* of the text may be that now called *Santamo* in lat. 19° S.—E.