

and if their power is so much cramped, that even the smallest matter of this kind requires the sanction of the government at home, the arrangement must obviously be injurious to the interests of the colonists. It is in consequence of such obnoxious restrictions, that settlements are excited to throw off their allegiance whenever they find themselves strong enough to maintain their independence, or so situated as to obtain the protection of a foreign power. The tide flows up Salt River for some miles, and its banks are flat and marshy. Vast multitudes of crabs are seen running among the shrubs, at the roots of which they burrow; and there is abundance of fish in the river.

From this to Carlisle Bay is a sail of about eight hours, with a moderate breeze. At this place, where we landed some goods, an old white-headed Negro came on board. On my asking him how he thought the Negroes would do in 1840, he said he believed they would not work at all, at least the greater part of them, and seemed to think their emancipation a dangerous experiment. We next came to Alligator Pond, which is not so good a harbour as either of the other places mentioned, landed goods there, and afterwards passed Pedro, which is also an exposed harbour. Both have a great deal of marshy land, and are frequented by alligators.

At Black River, which is not a much better harbour, we found the *Thalia*, Captain Shand, lying about three miles out. There is always a bar at its mouth, which forms a great obstacle to the ships' boats in lading, as it is necessary to wait for the