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ride very safely in sixteen or eighteen fathom water. Lat. 8. 40. N. long. 82. 9. W.

TABAGO, or TOBAGO, one of the Caribbee islands. See TOBAGO.

TABASCO, a province of Mexico in New Spain, bounded on the West by that of Guasaca; on the East by that of Yucatan; on the North by the gulph of Mexico, along which it extends about forty leagues from east to west. It is a narrow slip running along the sea-shore; but neither very healthy, nor the soil remarkably fruitful. The inhabitants however have good farms well-stocked with cattle, which sell to good advantage. They have also great plenty of Indian corn, and cocoa-nuts, which they send to Vera Cruz. Most of the country is flat and moist, has many marshes and lakes, well-stocked with fish. It rains nine months out of the twelve, so that the air is excessively damp; and in February, March, and April, remarkably hot, when infinite storms of gnats and other insects are produced. The coast, from the beginning of September to the end of March, is subject to tempestuous northerly winds, which render sailing dangerous during that season. The Spaniards brought hither vines, lemon, orange, and fig-trees, which all thrive here very well. Here are large thickets of mangroves and bamboes, and great woods of cedar, Brasil, &c. frequented by lions, tigers, wild bears, and deer. They have great numbers of rabbits, apes, and squirrels, with the common fruits of America, and three or four harvests of maize in a year, besides rice, barley, and all sorts of garden-herbs, different species of European fowls, and others to us unknown. On the banks of a river, called

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