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out a man of war to exterminate the pirates. They were formally ceded to the English in 1783. Then English families arrived and settled on the islands, and they have remained English ever since.

Sum-
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The climate is healthy; the chief products are cotton and hemp. The islands are, or were, a great seat of the turtle fishery. The largest, Andros, has no harbour, although it is 100 miles long; it is low and swampy. New Providence, where is the capital Nassau, is only 17 miles long. Politically, the group is insignificant. The surroundings are such that its future cannot be otherwise than of local importance.

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