

Heat and Cold; but the Heat in Summer is more troublesome than the Cold in Winter.

The Natives are generally healthful, and have but few Diseases, except the Small-pox, and those occasioned by drinking Rum. Old *Brim*, Emperor of the *Creeks*, who died but a few Years ago, lived to one hundred and thirty Years; and he was neither blind, nor bed-ridden, till for a few Months before his Death. Sometimes indeed they have Pleuritis and Fevers, but no chronical Distempers; and have several physical Herbs of great Virtue, particularly for the Cure of venomous Bites and Wounds.

Among their native Animals are the *Ursus* and *Zorax*, described by *Cæsar*, and by the *English* improperly called a *Buffaloe*.

The Soil produces all manner of Vegetables, and many thrive there which cannot stand our Winter. Silk, Wine and Oil are likewise the Produce of this Country, if properly cultivated; Mulberry-trees and Vines grow spontaneously, and the Soil is extremely proper for Olives. We have had Samples brought over of Silk, equal to any that is purchased of Foreigners. Indigo has likewise of late been manufactured in *South Carolina* to great Perfection, of which large Quantities have been sent to *England*.

Rice, Skin, Pitch and Tar are the chief Produce of *South Carolina*; 'tis said, that from *Charles Town* alone 200 Ship-loads of Rice are annually exported. The Inhabitants of *North Carolina* apply themselves chiefly to the planting and cultivating of Tobacco.

Georgia is not a fruitful Country; but the Banks of the several fine Rivers which run thro' it have been fertilized, and make a very good Barrier for the *Carolina's*, which before were exposed to the Ravages of the *Spaniards* and *French*, and their *Indian* Allies.

But to return to our Narrative. The Peace being concluded in 1748, the *French* seemed pretty quiet for a Time, that is, they did not openly attack or molest any of our Settlements; yet it was not long before they shewed the little Regard they had to the Articles of that Treaty, as appeared from their refusing to evacuate the neutral Islands. And tho' they did not for a Year or two commit any Violences or Outrages upon our Colonies in *America*, yet were they exceeding busy all the while in seducing

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