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" very clear water, which, at the distance of a musquet-shot,  
 " from thence, gushes out amongst the rocks, and a river of a  
 " middling size, which is about 500 paces from the fountain.  
 " The port is in 10 deg. 20 min. S. 1850 leagues from LIMA:  
 " this port is exposed to some puffs from the S. E. but which  
 " cannot do much harm. The bottom is mud, the soundings  
 " 20, 30, and 40 fathom, according to the distance from shore."

QUIROS says, " Not above three leagues round the camp  
 " was seen of the whole island. The people of this island are  
 " blacks; they have small canoes of one tree, for going round to  
 " their towns, and others very large, in which they go out  
 " to sea.

" The provisions which were seen in this bay and port were  
 " hogs, fowls, plantans, sugar-canes, two or three kinds of roots  
 " like *camotes* \*, which are eaten boiled or roasted, and of them is  
 " made biscuit; beetle, two kinds of good almonds, and others of  
 " pinones; ring-doves, turtle-doves, ducks, grey and white geese,  
 " swallows, plenty of greens, Spanish pumpkins, the fruit already  
 " mentioned on the first islands †, chefnuts and nuts; there is  
 " sweet basil of a very fine smell, red flowers, which, at this  
 " port, are in their gardens, and two other species also red.  
 " There are other fruit on large trees, like pippins, of a fine  
 " smell and taste, plenty of ginger, which grows spontane-  
 " ously; there is great quantities of the plant *chiquilite*, of  
 " which *indigo* is made; there is peta trees, much sago, and  
 " many coconuts. There was seen marble and large snail-  
 " stones ‡, like those brought to MANILA from CHINA. There  
 " is a vast fountain, besides five or six rivers of water, not very  
 " large. They settled close to the fountain."

\* Camotes are the sweet potatoes common in the warm countries.

† Bread fruit.

‡ Piedras de caracoles grandes.