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gans, and especially the masquinougez, a species of pike with a head larger than that of ours, and a mouth under a crooked snout, whence their form is pretty singular. The soil of St. Francis, if we may judge of it by the trees produced on it, and the little which has hitherto been cultivated, is very good. Yet the inhabitants here are nevertheless pretty poor, many of whom would be reduced to the last degree of indigence, did not their trade with the neighbouring savages support them a little. These savages are the Abenakis, among which are some Algonquins, Sokokies, and Mahingans, who are better known under the name of Loups.

FRAYLES, an island near the coast of New-Andalusia, on the terra firma of America.

FREDERICA, so called from Frederic late prince of Wales, a town of Georgia, in North America. It is situated in the middle of St. Simon's island, near the coast. Round the place are good fortifications lately made by general Oglethorpe, at the mouth of the river Abatamha, particularly a regular fortress, strengthened by four bastions and a spur-work, towards the river, mounted with several pieces of cannon. Here is a magistracy as at Savannah, the capital of the province, supported at the expence of the trustees for the colony of Georgia.

In 1742, the Spaniards having invaded St. Simon, took the fort of that name; but upon marching to besiege Frederica, were repulsed by general Oglethorpe, and forced to quit the enterprize. This island is thirteen miles long, and three or four broad, 20 leagues N. of St.

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