

*An. 1687* that affords good anchoring, Ships being soon driven from their Moorings on a steep bank. Therefore we never strive to anchor where we see the Land high, and bounding the Sea with steep Cliffs; and for this reason, when we came in sight of *States Island* near *Terra del Fuego*, before we entered into the South Seas, we did not so much as think of anchoring after we saw what Land it was, because of the steep Cliffs which appear'd against the Sea: Yet there might be little Harbours or Coves for Shallops, or the like, to anchor in, which we did not see nor search after.

As high steep Cliffs bounding on the Sea have this ill consequence, that they seldom afford anchoring; so they have this benefit, that we can see them far off, and sail close to them, without danger: for which reason we call them Bold Shores. Whereas low Land, on the contrary, is seen but a little way, and in many places we dare not come near it, for fear of running aground before we see it. Besides, there are in many places shoals thrown out by the course of great Rivers, that from the low Land fall into the Sea.

This which I have said, that there is usually good anchoring near low Lands, may be illustrated by several instances. Thus on the South side of the Bay of *Campeachy*, there is mostly low Land, and there also is good anchoring all along shore; and in some places to the Eastward of the Town of *Campeachy*, we shall have so many fathom as we are leagues off from Land; that is, from 9 or 10 leagues distance, till you come within 4 leagues, and from thence to Land it grows but shallower. The Bay of *Honduras* also is low Land, and continues mostly so, as we pass along from thence to the Coasts of *Portobel*, and *Cartagena*, till we came as high as *Santa Mariba*; afterwards the Land is low again, till you come towards the Coast of

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