

“ towns upon the sea-shore, and in each two wells, curiously
 “ made, with stairs to go down to them, and covered a-top
 “ with plank: close to the sea are some fishing weirs surrounded
 “ with stone; where the tide flows, they have a device for fish-
 “ ing *, and a stick like a pump-spear. The canoes with which
 “ they navigate to distant parts are beautiful and large, for the
 “ small ones only serve in the neighbourhood of their houses.
 “ These are formed with the keel somewhat flat, with head
 “ and stern all of one piece. The well is in the middle, where
 “ they bale out the water which comes into it, and step the
 “ main mast. They fix upon them some stages †, with pieces
 “ of wood across, tied with ropes; from whence come others,
 “ which run along on one side, and serve to support it, that
 “ it may not overset; so that the hull ‡ only serves to sustain
 “ this fabric, which holds thirty men, or more, with their
 “ provisions §. The sail is of mat, broad and long above, and
 “ narrow below. They are very swift ||, and good to work to
 “ windward, so that the frigate endeavoured to take one, and
 “ it passed under her bowsprit ¶.

“ Their grounds, fields, and gardens ** are very well laid out.
 “ The soil is black, fat and loose. The climate is such, as in
 “ other countries in this latitude, they had some thunder and
 “ lightning, and much rain, but not much wind. The Ade-
 “ lentado named this island St. Cruz: it is to appearance 100
 “ leagues in circuit; all that they saw of it lay about E. and W.
 “ It is not very high land, and although it has ridges of hills,
 “ with vallies and plains, is clear of forests ††. All the sea shore

* Pescan con cierto invencion.

† Barbacoas.

‡ Baso.

§ Hatos.

|| Muy veleras.

¶ Tanto que la fragata procuró coger una y se le fue de debaxo del vauprea.

** Haziendas, labranças y frutales.

†† Is limpia de malezas.