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stopped all the avenues from the Portuguese. The other mouth of the channel, called Catwama, is much shallower, having hardly ten feet water, and fit only for flat-bottomed vessels. This island, and the territory on the continent belonging to it, pay about 3000 ducats to the Governor of the captainship, and in it are reckoned to be about 22 sugar-mills. The French had formerly a canton or settlement on this coast, still called from them Porto dos Franceze; but the Portuguese obliged them to evacuate it.

The capital, called Nostra Senhora de Conceizao, or da Tamarica, stands at the entrance into the river of the latter name; and near it is the small castle just-mentioned, with a redoubt commanding the avenues. And about a league and a half north of the mouth of the river is the famous point, denominated Ponto Pedro. A league farther north from that head-land, is the little river Goyana, in lat. 7. 46. S. three leagues from the mouth of which river stands a town of the same name, where the juridical courts of the captainship are held. It stands in a good territory, producing plenty of Brasil-wood, cotton, ginger, Indian nuts, &c. The inland part, and indeed most of the captainship, is inhabited by the Pettiguaries and Maraquites, the former of which have a small number of villages; the latter are a migratory people, who remove from place to place: these nations reach almost to Cape Blanco. They are observed to be more populous the further they are removed from the Portuguese, being but then in their neighbourhood: whence it appears that they