

St. Francis or *Alexes* River, betwixt 2 low Points about a Mile across; this River runs up about 10 Leagues, where the Water is fresh and a very strong Tide; in it are many Bays, Harbours and Islands; the first Part of this River runs up W. N. W. 3 Miles and a half. There are 4 Islands within the Entrance, 2 of which are on the Larboard-side, and further up 2 on the Starboard-side; the outermost Island on the Larboard-side, which is about a Mile within the Entrance, is a high round Island in the Shape of a Sugar-Loaf with the top Part cut off; and is a very good Mark to sail in by; there is a Ledge of Rocks about half a Cable's Length from the S. E. Point of the Entrance; and E. S. E. half a Mile from the said Point there is a flat Rock always above Water, with a Ledge of sunken Rocks half a Cable's Length to the N. E. from it; and half a Mile without this flat Rock, on the same Line with the Point, there is another flat Island with a Ledge of sunken Rocks a Cable Length to the N. E. from it; in sailing into this River, to avoid these Ledges, keep to the Northward of the flat Islands till you bring the *Sugar-Loaf* Island, which is within the River, a third of the Channel over from the S. E. Point; that Mark will keep you clear of the Ledges; and to the Northward of them, you may either sail or work in, taking Care not to shut the *Sugar-Loaf* Island in with the N. W. Point, and bring it no nearer the S. E. Point than a third of the Breadth of the Channel; after being within the Points, there is no Danger but what is to be seen; there is Anchorage within the 2 Islands on the Larboard-side in 12 and 14 Fathom, but you will lay open to the N. E. the best Place to anchor within the first Part of the River, is in *Ship's Harbour*, which is on the Larboard-side about 2 Miles and a half from the Entrance where the Course into it is S. S. W. 1 Mile and a half; at the Entrance it is $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Mile broad, at the Head it is broader; there is 12 and 15 Fathom Water, and good Anchorage in security against all Winds; at 3 Miles and a half from the Entrance the Course of the River is W. by S. 7 Miles, in the Middle of it are several great and small Islands: Sailing up along the South side of the Islands there is no Danger, and not less than 40 or 50 Fathom Water, but on the Starboard or North side of the Islands there is much less Water, and Anchorage all the Way up in 12 and 17 Fathom. The Course up the third Part of the River is W. S. W. 4 Miles; here is only two Islands on the Larboard or South side of which is very good Anchoring in 12 Fathom; on the North side is 30 Fathom Water; the Land about here is very high and well covered with Wood; here the Water is fresh, and 7 Miles further up is a Barr, on which there is not above 3 Feet at low Water, the River above that Barr runs W. and W. N. W. 6 Miles, but the Head of it is not yet known; by the rapid Stream probably it comes from great Lakes afar off.

One Mile to the Northward of *St. Francis* River there is a Harbour called *Merchant-man's Harbour*; betwixt the River and this Harbour there are 2 or 3 Merchant-men's Har-
 sunken Rocks laying a Cable's Length off from the second Point from the River; there is no Danger in sailing into this Harbour; it runs in first W. N. W. and then W. about a Mile, it is 2 Cable Lengths wide at the Entrance, and 3 at the Head of it, where Ships may anchor in 12 Fathom Water.

To the Northward of this Harbour, round a small Point, there is an Inlet which runs up W. N. W. 5 Miles, where it turns to the Southward into *St. Francis* River; it is about one third of a Mile broad at the Entrance, and continues the same breadth about 2 Miles up, and then becomes very broad, with an Island in the Middle shaped not unlike a Leg; there is no Danger in this