

And Account of the Moskito Indians.

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At 7 a clock we came a brest of Cape *Passao*, and *An. 1681*
found a small Bark at an Anchor in a small Bay to
Leeward of the Cape, which we took, our own Boats
being too small to transport us. We took her just
under the Equinoctial Line, she was not only a help
to us, but in taking her we were safe from being
descried: We did not design to have meddled with
any when we parted with our Consorts, nor to have
seen any if we could have helped it. The Bark came
from *Gallio* laden with Timber, and was bound for
Guiaquill.

The 19th day in the morning we came to an anchor about 12 leagues to the Southward of Cape *St. Francisco*, to put our new Bark into a better trim. In 3 or 4 hours time we finished our business, and came to sail again, and steered along the Coast with the Wind at S. S. W. intending to touch at *Gorgonia*.

Being to the Northward of Cape *St. Francisco* we met with very wet weather; but the Wind continuing we arrived at *Gorgonia* the 24th day in the morning, before it was light: we were afraid to approach it in the day time, for fear the *Spaniards* should lye there for us, it being the place where we careened lately, and where they might expect us.

When we came ashore we found the *Spaniards* had been there to seek after us, by a House they had built, which would entertain 100 Men, and a great Cross before the Door. This was token enough that the *Spaniards* did expect us this way again; therefore we examined our Prisoners if they knew any thing of it, who confessed they had heard of a *Pereago* (or large Canoa) that rowed with 14 Oars, which was kept in a River on the Main, and once in 2 or 3 days came over to *Gorgonia* purposely to see for us; and that having discovered us, she was to make all speed to *Panama* with the news; where they had 3 Ships ready to send after us.