

~ A: 1687 ther to take up any of the Treasure that was lost there, for fear of being lost themselves. But the danger of the place did not daunt us; for we were resolved to try our fortunes there, if the Winds would permit; and we did beat for it 5 or 6 days: but at last were forced to leave that design also for want of Winds; for the S. E. Winds continuing, forced us on the Coast of *China*.

It was the 25th day of *June* when we made the Land; and running in towards the shore we came to an Anchor the same day, on the N. E. end of *St. John's Island*.

This Island is in Lat. about 2 d 30 min. North, lying on the S. Coast of the Province of *Quantung* or *Canton* in *China*. It is of an indifferent height, and pretty plain, and the Soil fertile enough. It is partly woody, partly Savannahs or Pasturage for Cattle; and there is some moist arable Land for Rice. The skirts or outer part of the Island, especially that part of it which borders on the main Sea, is woody: The middle part of it is good thick grassy Pasture, with some groves of Trees; and that which is cultivated Land is low wet Land, yielding plentiful Crops of Rice; the only grain that I did see here. The same Cattle which this Island affords, are *China* Hogs, Goats, Buffaloes, and some Bullocks. The Hogs of this Island are all black; they have but small Heads, very short thick Necks, great Bellies, commonly touching the ground, and short Legs. They eat but little food, yet they are most of them very fat; probably because they sleep much. The same Fowls are Ducks, and Cocks and Hens. I saw no wild Fowl but a few small Birds.

The Natives of this Island are *Chinese*. They are subject to the Crown of *China*, and consequently at this time to the *Tartars*. The *Chinese* in general are tall, strait-bodied, raw boned men. They are