A NEW and ACCURATE CHART of the WEST INDIES, with the Adjacent Coasts of NORTH and SOUTH AMERICA. Drawn from the best Authorities, assisted by the most approved modern Maps & Charts, and Regulated by Astronom.l Observations. By Eman. Bowen Geographer to His Majesty.

The most difficult part of the Course of Sailing thro' the Windward Passage is, from Port Royal to Point Morant, which, being against the Trade Winds, takes up sometimes 5 or 6 Weeks, tho' but the distance of 20 Leagues. But the most dangerous is from that Point, till they get clear of Crooked Island, a Course of 160 Leagues, for the French and Spaniards are generally waiting to intercept such English Ships, as chuse to pass this way rather than by the Gulf of Florida; where they are also exposed to the same inconveniences, both from the Trade Winds and the French and Spanish Cruizers.

K. Charles II by Charter dated June 30th 1665 granted to the E. of Clarendon D. of Albemarle, &c. the Province of Carolina extending Southward to the 29 Deg: of N. Latitude, so that Fort St Augustin as well as Georgia falls within these limits.

Guanahani San Salvador or Cat Island, was the first Land discover'd in the New World Anno Dom. 1492; by Christopher Columbus.

The Bahama Islands where taken from the English by the French & Spaniards in 1703 & 1717 Captain Rogers after having Plundered most of them recover'd New Providence, which has ever since belonged to the English.

The Mosquitos is a small Nation of Indians never yet Conquer'd by the Spaniards, the Country being secured by Morasses and inaccessible Mountains within the Land, and by dangerous Rocks & Shoals on y.e Sea Side.

The Spanish Gallions coming before R. de la Hacha notice is sent from thence over land to Cartagena, Lima, Panama &c. to hasten y.e King's Treasure. They then continue their Course to Cartagena and after a stay of 2 Months go to Puerto Bello and are about a Month taking in the Treasure from Panama &c. then they return to Cartagena finish their Lading & Sail to the Havana to meet the Flota from la Vera Crux whence they proceed together thro the Gulf of Florida for Old Spain.

John Oxnam of Plymouth in 1575 fitted out a Ship with 70 Men; landed on the Isthmus of Darien near y.e place where S.t Francis Drake had conference with the Indians; left the Ship there a-ground, & covered her w.th Trees; went inland to a River, built a Bark & sail'd thro' to y.e South Sea, where he made several rich Prizes, one of 60 Thousand Pezos of Gold.

A Scale of Leagues 20 to a Degree

West Longitude from London