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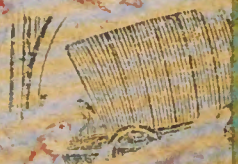

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I Shall in the Next Place give a Short acc.t of augustine it Lies in the Latitude of 29.m 55 North its Situated on a Low Island which is Divided from the Main by a Small Creek that runs Round it is about 1 Mile wide and 3. Miles long of a barron Sandy soil the town is built on the East side of it & is Near a Mile long, Nigh the North End I believe there is about 300. Houses in it, & 3 Churches all built of stone I am told that the Churches is finely adorned within but make a mean appearence without as does the Houses, the Stone they are built of is Soft substance being a Number of Small sea Shells Con-jeald together, the place produces nothing but a few pomkings & Squases & Small beans, w.ch the Inhabitants

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mostly live on in ye Season, they have no meat kind here but are Supply'd wth Beef Pork and bread from Havana by Small Sloops that Come from there, Every 3 Weeks or a Month this Place is a Garrison & has 14 Compa-nies of Soldiers in it wch keep Guard at the Castle, the Spaniards has no other place of the Northw. of Cape Florida but this, wch they keep to Maintain their Right & Claim to Florida, it is a Place of no Trade there being no Trades-men there but a few Carpenters they are all afraid of the Indians of the Country & seldom go off the Island, I am told that there is very Good Land on the back of em on the main the Inhabitants is of a Swarthy Complection, the men go much as they Do in England, Women go in black mostly & ware Vailes over their face as they Do in Spain they are most of em tall & well Grown but very brown there is here 1. Bishop & abt 20. fryers most of them of the Fran-cisco order.

At the North End of the Town is the Castle which is well Situated at the Entrance of the Harbour & highest part of the Island, it is well built of the same sort of Stone as the Town is, there is 22. pieces of Cannon well mounted on the Bastions from 6 pounds to 36. they are very cautious of the English & will not let them from the lines, there is a guard of a Lieutenant a Serjeant & 2. Corporals & 30 Soldiers here who is relieved Every day. there is one Lieutenant 2 Serjeant & 12. Gunners who is relieved once a Week, the Castle is under ye Command of a Lieutenant who is always in it the Riches of the Place is kept here as is the Provisions it is sould to the Town once a Week, there is 5 Centries on ye lines at a time all Night ye Man that is at the Bell Strikes it every 3. or 4. Minutes the Centry's Calling from one to the other, they have a very good watch, this Castle is old but are building it & making it higher, there is a Mote Round it of 30. foot wide & a Drawbridge of about 15 foot long, they draw every Night & Lett it down in the Morning, here is a Chapple & a Mass said in it every Sunday. the

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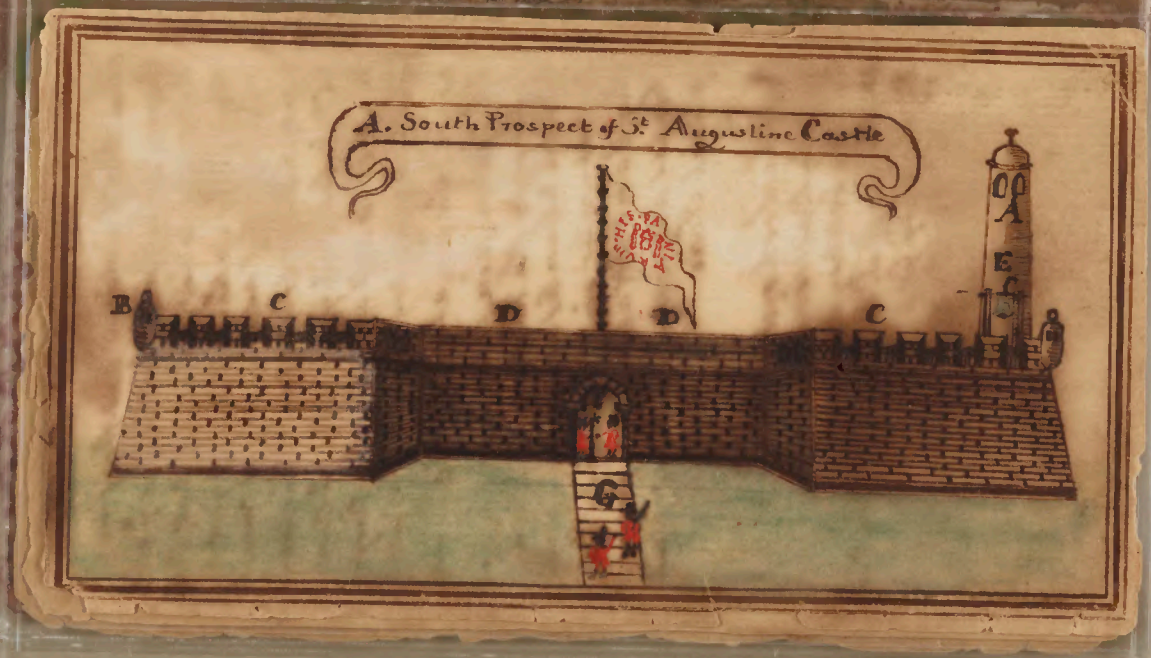
the west Side of the Castle is finished as Design'd & the Rooms in it Arch't the New wall is ab.t 4 foot above ye old, & is ab.t 25 foot high from ye Mote w.ch is 8. foot Deep along the East Side & facing the Entrance of the Harbour is a Platform, with a Brest work of 4 foot high & Room for 30. Guns, but there is but 3. Mounted now in it between the Bastions on the Lynes is a Wall of 4 foot thick with a bank at the foot of it w.ch is to stand upon & fire ye Small arms over the wall I shall give a Prospect of the Castle as well as my Pen will admit of.

A The Look out Tower
B the Centry Box
C the Bastions
D the Wall they fire over w.th Small Arms
E the Bell
F the Castle Gate
G the Draw Bridge

This Castle is about 230. foot from Corner to Corner of the Bastions, ye old Work they Do not fire over ye Wall but thro holes in the wall, I Shall Give a Prospect of it as it appears coming into the Harbour, & the Platform wch is betwixt ye Castle & the River & is abt. 16. foot wide on the Platform there is a Centry kept all Night but not in the Day, at ye North End of the Platform there is a flood Gate that letts into the Mote Round the Castle & Can let as ye Spaniards said 4. foot water in Mote, but I believe they Cant lett above one foot or 18. Inches at most, lying so high, unless a high Tide

A. the Look out Tower
B. the Bastions
C. the Centrey Box
D. the wall wth Holes wch they fire through
E. the flood Gate
F. the Platform



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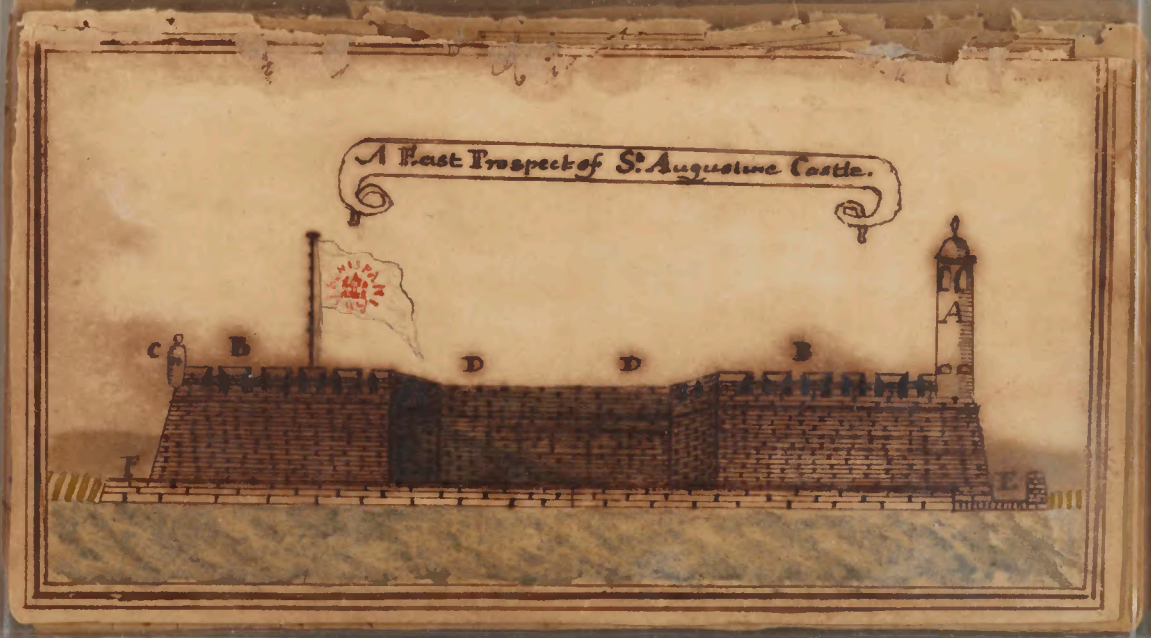
A East Prospect of St. Augustine Castle.
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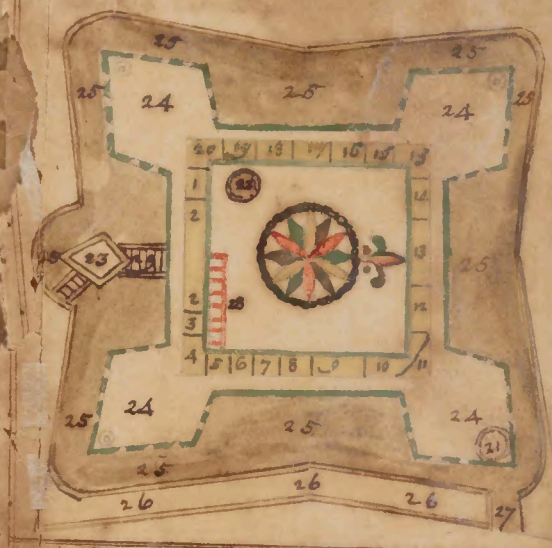

A PLAN of S.t Augustine Castle 1743.

1. The Chaple 2. the Gudard House 3. the Prison 4. A lumber Room 5. the House of Office 6. & 7. Lumber Rooms 8. a Room they keep powd.r in for Present Expending 9. the Lieutenants Room 10. the Governors Store Room 11. the Dark Holes 12. the Bed Room 13 4.e Flower Room 14. 15. & 16 Rice Store Rooms 17. Bread Room 18. the Courting Room 19. the Beef & Pork Room 20 the Magazine 21. the look out 22. a well of water 23. a Bastion as high as

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The Mote 24. the Bastions 25. the
Mote 26. the Platforme 27 the
flood Gate 28. the way on the lines
29. the Draw Bridge.

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I Shall Give Some Acc.t of
The Island, Anastatia and
the Lookout House this
Island is about 15. Mile
long the S.t End of it makes
the North End of the Inlett
Matanzes, and the North
End makes the Harbours
Mouth the Harbour is
between this Island and
the Town w.ch is about 3/40 of
a Mile over, theres no Houses
on it but the Look out on
this Island they gitt the
Stone the Town and castle
is built of they keep a
Small Guard at the Look
out to let the Town know
when any Vessels is in
Sight which they do by
hoisting a

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Hoisting a Flagg on the
Tower. from the North-
-ward they hoist the Flagg
on the Northside if from
the Southward on the
South Side if they
see more then one
as many as they see
they houst the Flagg
and Haul it Down
and Hoist it as they
See sails, this House
is built with Stone
about 40 foot Long
and 30. foot wide.

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The Tower is at the East
End about 50 foot
High w.ch I have given
a Prospect of.

A. North Prospect of y.e Lookout

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I Shall Give what I know
of the Fort at the Metance,
This fort is built of Stone &
well Situated on a Island.
the Entrance of the Inlett it
is Divided from anistatia
by a River about 20 Yards over
this fort is Square & is about
26. foot high & 20. foot Square
on y.e S.o Side of it is 6 Guns
well Mounted w.ch Command
the Inlet the Guns is Six Poun.rs
I was told there was 10. Guns there
but I See but 6. Ports there is a Guar
of ab.t 30. Men and a Lieutenant
kept there who are relieved &
Provisions Sent there once a week
there is 2. of the 6. Quarter Gallys
kept there to Guard the Entran
w.ch has 30. Men Each & Relieved Wee-
-ly I have Given a South Pros-
-pect of the Fort.

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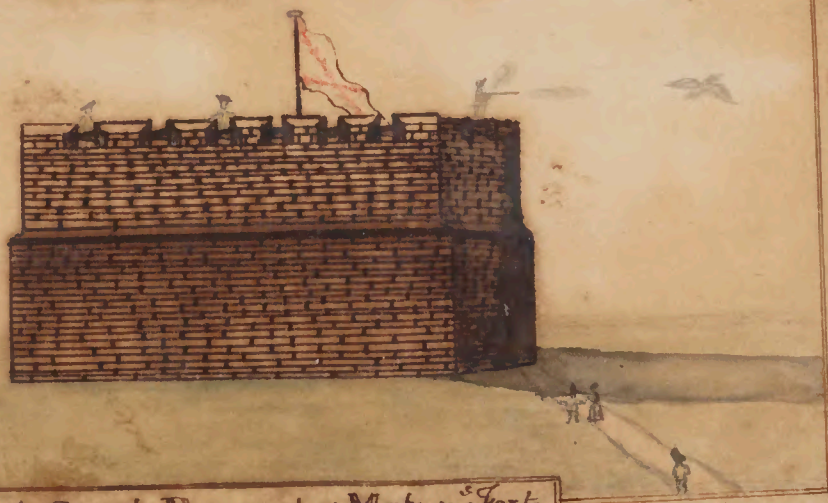

A South Prospect of Matan.s Fort.

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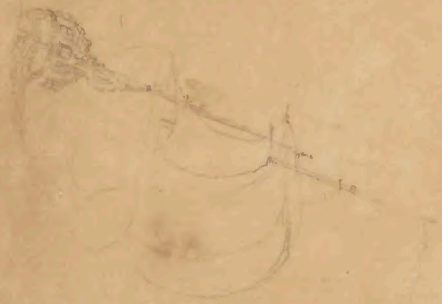

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