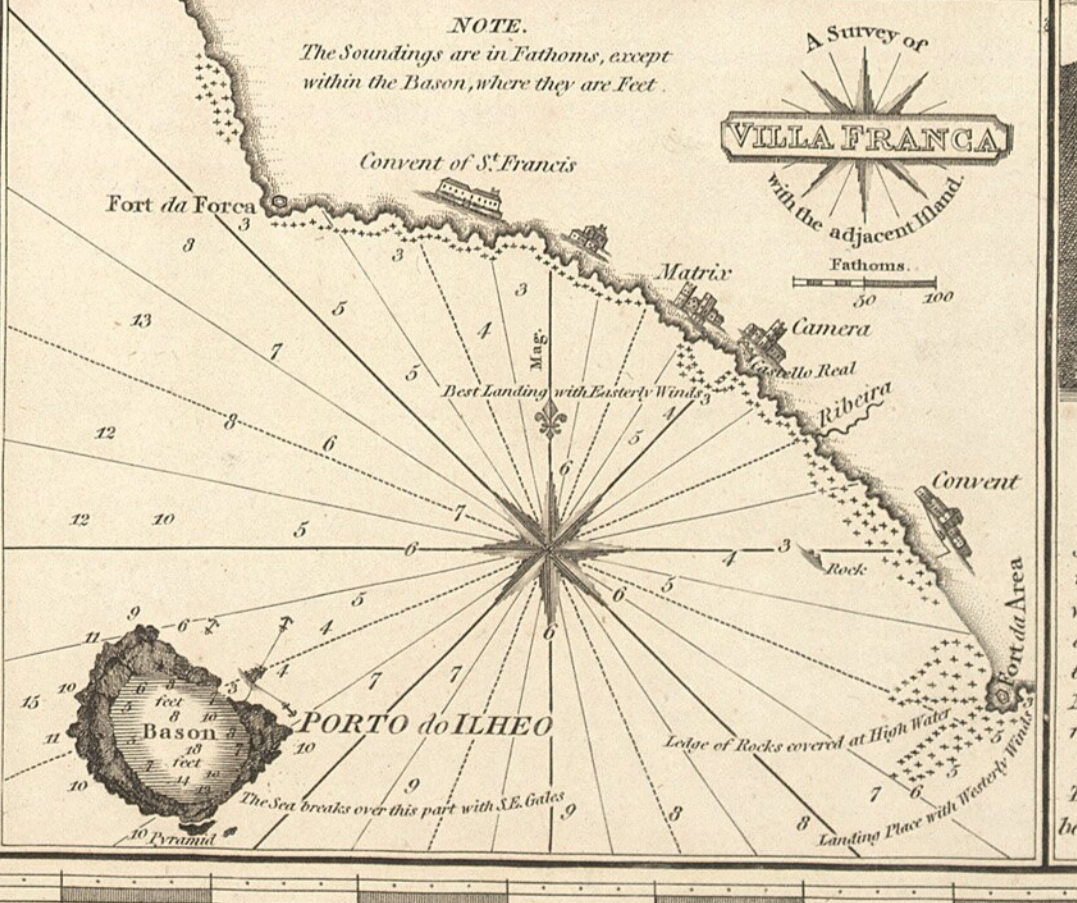
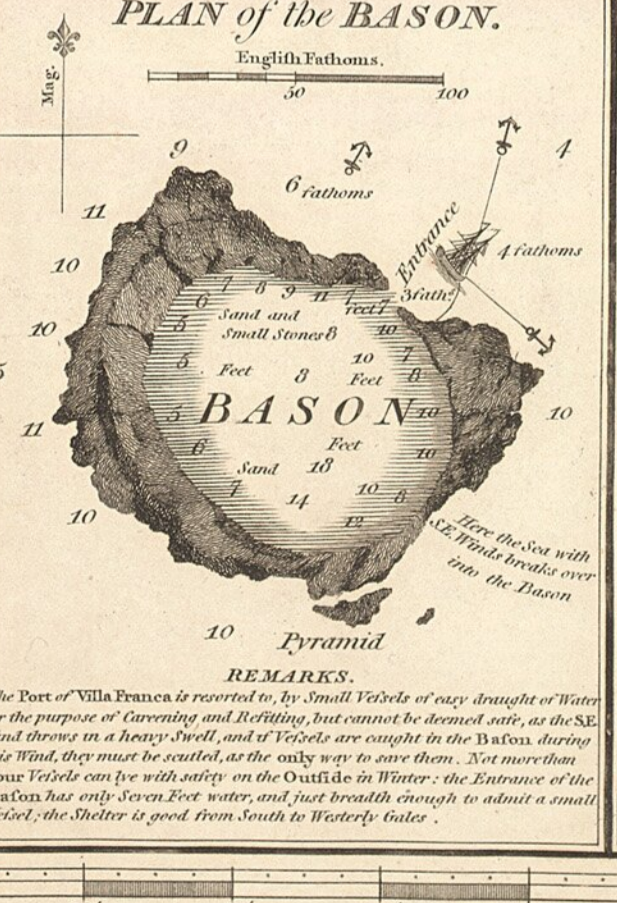
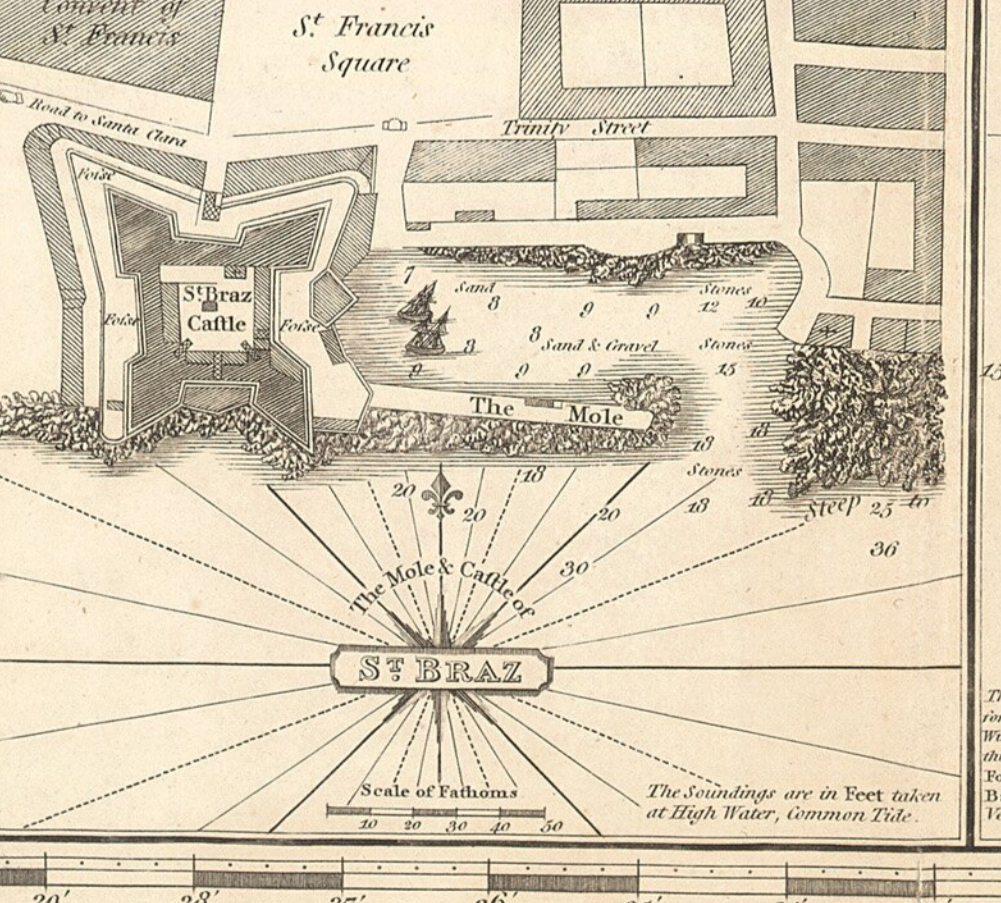


To SIR RICHARD JOHN STRACHAN, *Bar.*
Knight of the Bath and Rear Admiral of the Blue, &c.
This CHART of the ISLAND of S^t MICHAEL with Permission,
Is most respectfully Inscribed by his Obedient Servant, W. HARDING READ, British Consul.
Ponta Delgada, July 20th 1808.



Appearance of Ponta Delgada bearing W.N.W. by Compass, distant 4 Leagues. Ponta da Caõ Bay N.W. by N. distant 7 Miles.

Appearance of the Land, Ponta da Galera bearing E.N. 3 Miles, Ponta da Garça E. by S. distant 6 Miles, by Compass.

Appearance of the Ilheo or Island of Villa Franca, bearing North by Compass, distant 1/2 Mile.

EXPLANATORY OBSERVATIONS & DIRECTIONS.
The Island of St. Michael may be approached without fear, as the Coast is bold all round, having no Rocks or danger more than one Parting from the Shore, excepting some Rocks at the N.W. end, extending 1/2 a Mile from the Bay de Motheiros. The Winds most prevalent from October to April are S.W. to N.W. these at times blow in heavy Squalls, particularly from the Northward. Ponta Delgada Road, has good holding ground and safe riding, except with S.E. to W.W. Gale. In summer Squalls, forced to leave the Anchorage in Winter time with southerly Gale, to round the West end of the Island, and wait a shift of Wind from the N.W. which generally takes place soon after a S.W. Wind, they can then return with ease, but if they keep to the S.Eastward, it may take a fortnight to beat back to the Anchorage; care should be taken not to get embayed in Ribeiros Grande Bay for fear of a sudden shift of Wind from the North, there is no good Anchorage on that side. The Island is abundant in Corn, Potatoes, Lemons, Cattle, Poultry, and Eggs, which are good & reasonable. Fresh Water is easily procured in most parts of the Island. There is One City, Five principal Towns, Fifty four Parishes and about 80000 Inhabitants. In coming from the Eastward give Ponta da Galera an account of the Gale, that when prevail from the high Land above it. The Venetian or Atlas dangerous Ledger of Rocks, extending upwards of 2 Leagues N.E. and S.W. be. between S^t Mary's and the East end of S^t Michael, they bear from P^t Delgada S.E. by Compass, distant 21 Leagues, and at night appear like Ships, being chiefly Rocks above Water nearly upright.