

# TOBACCO

## CORN & CAVIAR

at the least, and infinite store of pilchards, with divers kinds of great fishes, the names of them unknown to me: of tray fishes very great ones, and so great store, as that there hath been taken in one night with making lights, even sufficient to feed the whole company a day. The Country affordeth great abundance of Hogs, as that there hath been taken by *Sir George Somers*, who was the first that hunted for them, to the number of two and thirty at one time, which he brought to the company in a boat, built by his own hands. There is Fowl in great number upon the Islands, where they breed, that there hath been taken in two or three hours, a thousand at the least; the bird being of the bigness of a good Pigeon, and layeth eggs as big as Hen eggs upon the sand, where they come and lay them daily, although men sit down amongst them; that there hath been taken up in one morning by *Sir Thomas Gates* men, one thousand of eggs: and *Sir George Somers* men, coming a little distance of time after them, have stayed there whilst they came and laid their eggs amongst them, that they brought away as many more with them; with many young birds very fat and sweet. Another Sea fowl there is that lyeth in little holes in the ground, like unto a cony-hole, and are in great numbers, exceeding good meat, very fat and sweet (those we had in the winter) and their eggs are white, and of that bigness, that they are not to be known from Hen eggs. The other birds eggs are speckled, and of a different color: there are also great store and plenty of Herons, and those so familiar and tame, that we beat them down from the trees with stones and staves; but such were young Herons: besides many white Herons, without so much as a black or gray feather on them; with other small birds so tame and gentle, that a man walking in the woods with a stick, and whistling to them, they will come and gaze on you, so near that you may strike and kill many of them with your stick; and with singing and hollowing you may do the like. There are also great store of Tortoises, (which some call Turtles) and those so great, that I have seen a bushel of eggs in one of their bellies, which are sweeter then any Hen egg: and the Tortoise it self is all very good meat, and yieldeth great store of oil, which is as sweet as any butter; and one of them will suffice fifty men a meal, at the least: and of these hath been taken great store, with two boats, at the least forty in one day. The Country yieldeth divers fruits, as prickled pears, great abundance, which continue green upon the trees all the year; also great plenty of Mulberries, white and red: and on the same are great store of Silk-worms, which yield cods of silk, both white and yellow, being some course, and some fine. And there is a tree called a Palmetto tree, which hath a very sweet berry, upon which the hogs do