

Vessels-which at all times were to ways out.

Mr. Simpson not having yet extended his surveys far to the leeward prepared a voyage for examination of the southern coast. The Governor acceded and on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1764 sailed from Petit cochen, in a cutter attendant on the Melville.

Running down the coast, they passed a headland, which from the East, and against the trade winds, sheltered an extensive bay: the bordering country from its verdure and excitement and luxuriant growth of trees appeared to be rich in soil. The surface to a considerable distance inland, appeared undulated in gentle slopes of hill and promised easy roads for travelling and were for carriages; and a River glued thro' the woods by a gentle declivity to empty itself in the bay: the spot had the further recommendation of being nearly central on the Southern line of the coast, looking east or west, sixteen miles; an easy journey from either extremity of the island.

Governor Brown and the chief surveyor or hairy landed and ascertained the truth of each remark in favour of the place; it was determined there provisionally to establish the first seat of British Government in the Island of Tobago.

A canoe was immediately dispatched to the order ' the Melville' to the station; but for fourteen days the vessel was baffled in every attempt to get clear out from Petit cochen and did not arrive at the place with the destination, till December the 10<sup>th</sup> - when Governor Brown immediately set his people, to work in the meeting barracks, for a small detachment of troops duly expected from Barbados.

1765, January the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Commander in Chief General Melville arrived from Grenada and took up his Residence with Mr. Brown for the purpose of Consultation and the settling various arrangements, to be founded on the surveys and reports of Mr. Simpson.

Divisions of the island and a nomination of parishes and places were necessary preliminary, as settling premises for a reference to, on the afterwards appropriately uses and services to which any particular spot of Coast, or if Inland country might be applied.

The Chap having been prepared by Mr. Simpson showing the general outline and extent of the Island and the boundaries of Hill and River within its periphery by nature marking certain divisions of country.