

1564. them his flag, and another pilot, Trenchant, to accompany them.¹

They separate. One party lost. They fitted out the two new vessels, and set sail on the 8th of December. Their design was to steer straight to St.

Domingo and pillage Yaguana,² then a considerable town, ruins of which are still to be seen, two leagues from Leogane. They expected to lay their plans so well, that they would reach there on Christmas eve, and attack it while all were at church. But while they were still in May River, 1565. a division arose, as almost always happens among those who have thrown off the yoke of lawful authority. After long disputes, the two vessels parted company. One followed the coast to cross over to Cuba; the other stood off to range the Bahamas, and apparently this latter vessel perished at sea—at least, no tidings of it were ever heard.³

The others make some captures. The other, on which the pilot Trenchant was, under the command of one d'Oranger, after some days fell in with a Spanish brigantine, loaded with wine and cassave, which they took, and on which d'Oranger put all who were in his way on his own vessel, with a part of the provisions. Our adventurers then gained the western coast of St. Domingo, refreshed themselves at a harbor near Yaguana, recaulked their prize, which leaked, and proceeded to Baracoa, in the island of Cuba.⁴ In this port they found a caravel of fifty or sixty tons, with no one aboard: they seized it, and left their own vessel in its stead. Thence they ran down again to St. Domingo, and near Cape Tiburon captured a richly-loaded patach, carrying the governor of Jamaica and his two sons, who became their prisoners.⁵

They expected to obtain a good ransom; but as they

¹ Laudonniere, pp. 119, 120; Le Moigne, p. 13.

² Barcia calls the place Xaguana.

³ Laudonniere in Basanier, pp. 120, 121. He says the vessels met six weeks after (p. 121)

⁴ Jamaica.

⁵ Laudonniere, ib., pp. 121-3; Le Moigne, Brevis Narratio, pp. 19, 20; Barcia (Ensayo Cronologico, p. 73, 1) says that the person captured was governor of Havana.