

the Country about 100 yds we rode to it & a little
beyond but found the Country just such as at
our side, thick Underwood & Swamps, of our
part of the Country I saw more to day than
ever since our arrival, for I rode about 8
miles into it, & came out upon the beach
very near where we first landed, except
a few sweet Potatoe fields, & very few, the whole
Country I rode thro' was a continued wood
of Cocoa Nut Trees, Cashew Nuts & Sea Nuts,
here & there an open place which was in-
variably a swamp, ^{the soil a heavy sand} & no kind of cultivation
to be seen. The Nuts I found ^{was all} covered
with dry weeds that extended from Top to
within about 2 feet of the Ground which makes
them very cool by allowing the wind to blow in
this is probably the intent, but except 3
poor old Women Negro Slaves who came in
to us not a creature of the Island has con-
-tacted us, from whom we could have
gained any information, indeed it is not to
be wondered for such a scene of Plunder as
this fortnight has exhibited never was, inde-
-pendant of the trifling business carried on
by Lewis in our Quarter the Sailors & Marines
a Party of the latter ^{party} ~~landed~~ landed on the 26th
to cover some stores that lay far up the beach
opposite the small Craft. These good people's