

century, it is stated, among other notes upon their natural history, that flocks of crows, no doubt the same species (*Corvus Americanus*) which now inhabits them, were in the habit every evening of winging their flight from the main island toward the north. This observation, which from its simplicity I should the more readily believe to be a true statement, would clearly prove the existence of land in that direction at no great distance; for the habit of this bird to leave its roosting-place for distant feeding-grounds during the day, to return at random, is one of its well-known characteristics.

“Taking these matters into consideration, I see everything to support the supposition that the Bermudas once presented a much more extensive aspect than they do at present; and certain additional evidences which I hope to bring forward shortly in a collected form will, I conceive, tend to confirm my impression that the restricted terraqueous area lying within the limits of the outer barrier reef is merely the summit of one of a range of islands which extended in somewhat semicircular form for a distance of seventy or eighty miles, and which have suffered submergence to a depth only to be correctly ascertained by borings, which might be successfully accomplished under the auspices of the Government at a trifling expense.”