

The terms stipulated by Ferdinand and Isabella, on one part, and Columbus on the other part, was: "That he, his heirs and successors, should hold the office of Admiral in all those *Islands and Continents* which he should discover; that he should be Viceroy and Governor of the same, with power of nominating three associates, of whom their majesties should appoint one. That he should have one tenth part of the neat proceeds of all the gold and silver, precious stones, spice and other merchandize which should be found: that he, or a deputy of his own appointing, should decide all controversies respecting the trade; that he should be at one eighth part of the expense of equipping the first fleet, and should receive one eighth part of the profits."

He sailed from Palos with one vessel having a deck, and two others without decks, containing altogether 90 men, on his first voyage, August 3d, 1492, and arrived at the Canaries the 12th, whence he departed the 6th September following. He pursued for thirty three days a westerly course without seeing aught but sky and sea. On the night of the 11th of October he discovered himself a light, which seemed to be on shore, and in the morning of the 12th, they had the joyful sight of land. It has generally been supposed, one of the *Bahama Islands* called Guanahana.