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#### RELATION

OF THE

## CONQUEST OF FLORIDA

PRESENTED BY

## LUYS HERNANDEZ DE BIEDMA

IN THE YEAR 1544

TO THE

KING OF SPAIN IN COUNCIL

TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
BY BUCKINGHAM SMITH

#### ACCOUNT

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## THE ISLAND OF FLORIDA'

We arrived at the port of Baya Honda, where we landed six hundred and twenty men and two hundred and twenty-three horses. As soon as we went on shore we found out, from some Indians taken, that there was a Christian in the country, one of the people who had come into it with Pánfilo de Narvaez, and we started in search of him. He was in the possession of a chief, some eight leagues distant from the harbour. We met him on the way, for the Cacique, hearing that we had left the ships, asked the Christian if it was his desire to go where we were; who answered that it was, and he sent him off with nine Indians. He came naked like them, with a

<sup>1</sup>The original text was first published by Buckingham Smith in his Coleccion de Varios Documentos para la Historia de la Florida y Tierras Adyacentes. Tomo I. London [1857]. 47-65. (B.)