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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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LOCALITY:

*Yeguas Point to Point  
Figueras*

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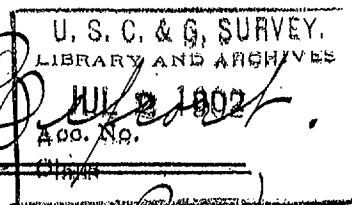
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Nequas Pt. to Pt Figuras.

This coast is very bold, especially along the eastern part, where deep water is found close to shore. It includes two harbors, Port Mannabo and Patillas Bay, and two light-houses, Port Tuna and Pt Figuras. These harbors are used for commercial purposes, especially the sugar industry, and not often for refuge from bad weather. Comparatively few vessels call at these ports, and

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they consist of the schooners and steamers which are in the coasting trade around the island.

Pt Tuna and Cape Mala Pascua are high, bold headlands. Around Patillas Bay and Pt Figueras, however, the country near the coast is flat and not elevated. Similarly, Cape Mala Pascua, Pt Tuna, and Yeguas Pt, are rocky, while the most of the remainder of this part of the coast is sandy. A line of coral reefs extends along this coast at varying distances from shore, with occasional interruptions where it would cross bays, or harbors. This is the great menace to the use of these harbors.

Patillas and Maunabo villages are situated about two miles from the coast. Both have post offices and, probably, telegraphic facilities. They are supported by the sugar industry. The sugar is shipped and other commodities, received at their respective ports on Patillas Bay, <sup>and</sup> at Pt Tuna.

Patillas Bay is well protected but contains bad coral shoals and reefs. Port Maunabo affords less protection but it is more accessible. Both are open to southerly weather. However, as the prevailing winds seem to be from the southeast, they are useful, to some extent, for shelter. But their holding ground is not of the best quality.

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This entire coast is almost devoid of facilities for repairing vessels or machinery or for procuring supplies. Repairs may be made at St. Thomas or San Juan especially the former, and supplies may be procured at either place.

Fresh water is not generally pure or even clean if taken from streams.

See also, Report of Hydrographic Sheet No. 2582.

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