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Pk. Arenas Anchorage, Vieques, P.R.

This anchorage is used by the vessels which carry the sugar product of the western part of Vieques Island. It is not a harbor of refuge, although it affords shelter from northerly and easterly weather. Comparatively few vessels anchor here.

The coast is sandy and flat but rises inland to Mt. Pirata. The bottom is mostly of sand, with fair holding-ground. There seems to be few dangers,

if any, in approaching the place, and the bottom seems quite uniform.

The only buildings on this shore are a sugar warehouse and one dwelling. A mule railroad runs back into the country and down to the south western side of the island for transporting cane and sugar. The country is thoroughly cultivated and quite well settled. There is a post office at Port Mulas nine miles east, but no telegraphic communications. No food supplies can be obtained here, except in small quantities from planters. Of course, ship supplies or repairs are not available;

St Thomas, D. K. I., is the nearest place with such facilities. Cargoes are handled by lighters as is usual in this region, as there are usually but three to five feet of water at the wharves.

Prevailing winds are apparently easterly, but they disturb the sea in this anchorage but little, and it is usually quite calm. The long shoal off Pt. Arenas is very efficacious in producing this condition.

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