Upon my arrival at Charles-town, I waited on General Nicholson, then Governor of that Province, who received me with much Kindness, and continued his Favours during my Stay in that Country. Nor could I excuse my self of ingratitude without acknowledging the hospitable and kind Entertainment I generally met with amongst the Gentlemen of the Country, which much contributed to the Facilitating the Work I went about.

As I arrived at the beginning of the Summer I unexpectedly found this Country peopled not only with all the Animals and Vegetables of Virginia, but abounding with even a greater Variety. The Inhabited Parts of Carolina extend West from the Sea about 60 Miles, and almost the whole Length of the Coast, being a level, low Country. In these Parts I continued the first Year searching after, collecting and describing the Animals and Plants. I then went to the Upper uninhabited Parts of the Country, and continued at and about Fort Moore, a small Fortres on the Banks of the River Savanna, which runs from thence a Course of 350 Miles down to the Sea, and is about the same Distance from its Source, in the Mountains.

I was much delighted to see Nature differ in these Upper Parts, and to find here abundance of Things not to be seen in the Lower Parts of the Country; this encouraged me to take several Journeys with the Indians higher up the Rivers, towards the Mountains, which afforded not only a Succession of new Vegetable Appearances, but most delightful Prospects imaginable, besides the Diversion of Hunting Buffalo’s, Bears, Panthers, and other wild Beasts.

In these Excursions I employ’d an Indian to carry my Box, in which, besides Paper and Materials for Painting, I put dry’d Specimens of Plants, Seeds &c. as I gather’d them. To the Hospitality and Affability of these Friendly Indians, I am much indebted, for I not only subsisted on what they shot, but their First Care was to erected a Bark