Rice.

This beneficial Grain was first planted in Carolina, about the Year 1688, by Sir Nathaniel Johnson, then Governor of that Province, but it bring a small unprofitable Kind little Progress was made in its Culture. In the Year 1760 a Ship touched there from Madagascar by Accident, and brought from thence about Half a Bushel with a few large and heavy Kernels, from which small Stock it is increased as at present.

The first Kind is bearded, a small Grain, and requires to grow wholly in Water. It is other large, and brighter, of a greater Incense, will grow in dry Land. Redish these two Kinds, there are none in Carolina materially different, explet small Changes occasioned by different Soils, or Degeneracy by successive sowing one Kind in the same field, which will cause it to turn red.

In March and April it is sown in shallow Trenches made by the Hough, and good Cops have been made without any further Culture than dropping the Seeds on the bare Ground and covering it with Earth, as in little Holes made to receive it without any further Management. It agrees well with a rich and moist Soil, which is usually two Foot under Water, at least two Months in the Year. It requires several Weekends till it is upward of two Feet high, not only with a Hough, but with the Affillisment of Fingers. About the middle of September it is cut down and housed, or made into Straws till it is thick'd, with Falls, or read out by Houghs or Cattle; then to get off the outer Coat or Hough, they use a Hand-Mill, yet three remain in an inner film which cloud the Brightness of the Grain, to get off which it is beat in large wooden Mortars, and Pelties of the same, by Negro Slaves, which is a very laborious Work. As the last Governor Johnson (as he told me) had proceeded from Spain a Machine which facilitator the Work with more Expedition, the Trouble and Expense (in hoped) will be much mitigated by his Example.