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"Lost provinces" was a term applied to the region of North Carolina consisting of the counties of [Currituck](#) ^[3], [Camden](#) ^[4], [Pasquotank](#) ^[5], [Perquimans](#) ^[6], [Chowan](#) ^[7], and [Gates](#) ^[8]. Because of their location north of the Albemarle Sound and the presence of [rivers](#) ^[9] and [swamps](#) ^[10], they were isolated and difficult to reach except through Virginia.

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