

afterwards 436 east-north-east, up to 77 degrees northern latitude.

After Admiral *de Fonte* had dispatched Captain *Bernardo* on discoveries to the north and east of the sea of *Tartary*, he himself sailed up a very spacious and navigable river, which, from its straightness, he called *Rio de los reyes*, the channel at first bearing almost north-east, but in 60 leagues its direction frequently altered. At low water he alighted upon a navigable channel, four or five fathom deep; at the spring tides the water of both rivers is nearly of an equal depth, that of *Los reys*, at new and full moon, is two feet and half; a south-south-east moon brings on the flood, in *de Haro* river, where the water at the same time of the moon rises to 22 feet and an half; they had with them two Jesuits, who in their missions had been as far as the 66th degree of northern latitude, and had made very curious observations; one of these venerable persons attended Captain *Bernardo* in his discoveries.

Admiral *de Fonte* received a letter from Captain *Bernardo*, dated the 27th of *June*, 1640, with advice, that having left his ship in *Velasco* lake, betwixt the island of *Bernardo* and *Canibasset* peninsula, he was falling down a river which issued from that lake, and after a course of 80 leagues, in which are three cataracts, it runs into the sea of *Tartary*, at 61 degrees; that he was accompanied by a very pious and learned jesuit missionary, and had with him 36 *Indians*, in three of their periaguas, and 20 *Spanish* sailors; that the coast stretched away to the north-east; that they were in no danger of wanting provisions, the rivers offering them plenty of fish, and the country of venison and game of several kinds; besides a good store of bread, salt, oil and brandy, which they had brought along with them, and that no endeavours of