

They were very desirous of knowing what country it was he belonged to; but all they could gather from him was, that he lived in a very large continent, which abounded in furs. The *Russians* traced the coast of this continent two days in a south direction, without being able to land, when they met with such a storm as obliged them to bear away for the coast of *Kamtschatka*, returning afterwards to the place from whence they had set out.

To these discoveries of the *Russians* northward of the *South-sea*, I might add those which in the course of eight years they have made on the coast of the *Frozen-sea*, from *Archangel* to the river *Kovima*: but they not having been farther, I have only marked on my second map the situation of the coasts of the *Frozen-sea*, as far as the river *Kovima*, according to their observations, and the remainder of the coast from the best conjectures I could form from the course which other *Russians* had formerly steered along the coast as far as *Kamtschatka*; and likewise a large country discovered in 1723, to the northward of the *Frozen-sea*, at 75 degrees latitude.

When, as I have said, I was busied in *Russia* in the investigation of those northern countries, it was my happiness to be informed of the discoveries of Admiral *de Fonte*, in the *South-sea*, in his search after a north-west passage, and that by a manuscript extract of the voyage of that Admiral. Judging that I could not rightly use it, before I was acquainted with my brother's course, in order to compare them, I delayed it till my return into *France*, where I have had the advantage of Mr. *Buache's* lights, who has formed a map from Admiral *de Fonte's* narrative: that having none, we have compared it with my brother's course, and the other informations which I got in *Russia*, and found a surprizing conformity betwixt them.

Admiral