

“ thousand men in one body into the Field. These and
 “ Two other Nations neighbouring, and not much
 “ inferior unto them, are accounted the most sensible
 “ and civilized Indians in America.”

Don Francisco Seyxas y Lovera, in *Theatro Naval Hydrographica*, 4^o Madrid 1688, gives a brief account of the Voyage of Thomas Peche, 1676, who entered the Strait of Anian 120 leagues, intending to return that way to England, but the month of October being well-advanced, and the winds Northerly, with a strong Current setting to the Southward, he returned back, and coasting the *Californias*, *New-Spain* and *Peru*, came into the North-Sea, by the Strait of *Magalhanes*, in 1677. He says, that when he entered the Strait of *Anian*, he found, from *Cape Mendocino* on *California*, for more than 20 leagues within the *Channel*, the Current set to the NE.

The account given of *Peche's* Voyage is so brief, that it does not appear where he entered the Strait, nor, indeed, am I quite satisfied, that the *Sea*, on the *West* of *New Albion*, is not here meant by the Strait of *Anian*.

However, The multiplicity of Reports, concerning an *Inland Sea*, on this part of AMERICA, gives strong confirmation to the Opinion that the *West-Coast*, hitherto discovered, is only *Islands*, and will account for the supposition of *California* being an *Island*, which prevailed in some part of the last century, though contrary to all the *early Maps*.

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