

in which the Viceroy included an Order he had lately received from the Court, concerning the care and vigilance necessary on the Western Coast of *California*; and added his recommendation to send, by Sea, an Expedition to the famous Port of *Monterrey*.

The care and protection of the Coasts of *California* was one of the Objects which properly engaged the attention of the Viceroy, and from this motive he again recommended to *Don Joseph de Galvez* a matter, the importance of which would be visible in the Order of the King, leaving the execution entirely to his discretion.

But before giving an account of *Don Joseph de Galvez's* operations, it will be proper to say something of the Coasts of *California*, the objects of the Government's attention; explain at the same time, the state of the *Peninsula*, and, generally, the affairs of the *South Sea*; at the time of the arrival of *Don Joseph de Galvez* at *San Blas*, to show what precautions were taken, and how little assistance can be expected in such distant Countries.

Under the name of the *Outer*, or *Western*, Coast of *California*, are meant the Coasts of *North America* upon the *Asiatic Ocean*, or as it is called the *South Sea*, for the great extent of more than 500 nautic leagues, between *Cape San Lucas* in 22° 48' N.^o Latitude, and *Rio de los Reyes* in 43° — We do not mention *Rio de los Reyes* as the limit, but only as the extent of the *Spanish* discoveries; ^{although}

* Citamos al *Rio de los Reyes* no como limite pero si como termino de lo descubierto de ellas por los Navegantes de nuestra Nacion, aun que no se estiende atanto lo conquistado, y reducido por los Espanoles a la obediencia de su Augusto Monarca, cuyo Dominio no reconocen aun todas las Naciones comprehendidas dentro de la Peninsula. MS.