

may have been in possession of Portuguese Maps, representing such Discovery; for he was Captain in Loyfa's Squadron, which departed from Spain in 1525; he was left at the Malucos in that early circumnavigation, and after remaining there several years, He returned to Spain, in 1536, by the way of Portugal.\*

I am aware that by the South-Sea Company's Charter, the Trade and Navigation of the NW Coast of America, is exclusively granted to that Company, or to such Persons as they licence to trade thither; without enquiring whether that abrogates the antecedent Rights of The East-India Company by Charter; It cannot be doubted, The South-Sea Company's Permission would be granted, if requisite for the Publick Interest.

I cannot conclude without making my acknowledgements to The Hudson's-Bay Company, for their very liberal communication of the many *Surveys* and Observations that have been made at their expence; indeed such works are only to be expected from Publick Bodys; and if ever a charge could have been made *with justice* against That Company for mysterious concealment, nothing of this nature can be imputed to The Present Managers.

*Dalrymple.*

18th March, 1789.

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\* There is an anachronism in Sir H. Gilbert's *Discourse*, for it is dated 1566; and he mentions Salva Terra having given this information in Ireland 1568.