

his Catholic Majesty, to send to Port *Sanblas*, in New Galicia, some officers of the Navy, directed thence to extend that navigation, and carry on the discovery as far as possible. In obedience to the injunction, a new expedition took place and three ships were sent out. *Don Bruno d'Aceta* commanding the *Santjago*, and *Don Juan Francisco de la Bordega* in the *Senora*, sailed from the harbour of *Sanblas* in the beginning of 1775, at the same time that *Don Juan d' Ayala*, in the *St. Charles*, set sail for *Monterey*. The first proceeded as far as 50° latit. the second got up to 58° . and the third went only to $37^{\circ} 42'$.† Each of the commanders explored the intermediate coast, between the lower and the higher degree of latitude—inspected the great harbour of *St. Francis*, and attentively examined the gulphs, bays, and rivers of those parts, which they found inhabited by natives of a very mild and sociable disposition. The good success of this enterprise is chiefly owing to the wise direction of *Don Antonio Maria Bucarelli*, Viceroy of New Spain, and to the zeal he has always shewn for the honour of the service and the execution of his Majesty's great designs. The favourable report this Viceroy has made of the steady and intelligent conduct of the commanders, officers and pilots, through the course of the expedition, has given his Catholic Majesty a fresh opportunity of bestowing favour upon merit and services: these navigators and mariners have been honoured severally with a degree of rank above the station in which they went out.

† Possibly the true site of *Monterey*, in former estimations placed at 39° and 40° latit.

ERRATUM. p. 16. l. ii. for *Hudson's straits*, read *the several straits*.