

hood of *Realejo* abounds in hard wood, reddish cedar, and all kinds of ship timber. Here we took the opportunity of buying four boats, of about twelve tons, and thirty-two feet in the keel, prime sailors, being built for sailing and rowing.

On the 26th of *April* we sailed from *Realejo* for *Saragua*, or rather *Salagua*, passing among the isles and flats of *Cbamilli*; by which name also this harbour is often called by the *Spaniards*. It lies in 17 degrees, 31 minutes, north-latitude, and 580 leagues north-west and by west from *Realejo*. At *Salagua*, and another town, called *Compostella*, near the former, we entered a master of a bark and his six men, who followed the pearl trade with the natives of *California*, and these catch them on a bank, at 19 degrees, north-latitude, beyond that of *St. John's*, which lies in 24. This pearl fishery bears 20 leagues north-north-east from *Cape St. Luke*, which is the south-eastermost part of *California*.

The master informed Admiral *de Fonte*, that 200 leagues to the northward of *Cape St. Luke*, a flood from the north met the south flood, and that he firmly believed *California* to be an island. Upon which, *Don Diego Penelossa* (nephew to *Don Louis de Haro*, chief minister in *Spain*) a young nobleman of very extraordinary knowledge in cosmography, and not less skill in all the parts of navigation, undertook to discover whether *California* was an island or not, which before was an undetermined point, or rather, it was held to be a peninsula. Besides his own ship, he had with him the four sailing-boats, which had been bought at *Realejo*, and the pearl-dealers, who came on board of us at *Salagua*.

Admiral *de Fonte* left them to prosecute this design on the 10th of *May*, 1640, sailing within the islands of *Cbamilli*, and after coming up with *Cape-Sable*, on the west-south-west coast of *California*, and in
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