

## P R E F A C E.

**I**N the following Memoir I have omitted mentioning the Report inserted in Sir Humfrey Gilbert's "*Discourse for a new Passage to Cataia,*" on the authority of *Salva Terra*, in 1568, that Friar Andro Urdaneta, more than 8 years before that date, came from the South Sea through this NW Passage to Germany, and that *Urdaneta* had at Mexico shewn *Salva Terra* "a Sea Card made by his own experience, and travel, in that Voyage: wherein was plainly set down and described this North West Passage: agreeing in all points with *Hortelius* Map." I am convinced there is some mistake in this report: at the same time, *Andres Urdaneta*, though in the latter part of his life he became an Augustin Friar, was a very celebrated Navigator and Cosmographer, after he had taken orders, He was desired by an express letter from the King of Spain, to pilot the Fleet to the Philipinas in 1564, when Legaspi went to settle these Islands: Urdaneta did so, and returned in 1565, by the track usually practised afterwards by the Manila Galleons; I was assured, by Don Manuel Galvez, at Samboangan in 1761, that the Chart, then in use with the Pilots, was originally that of Urdaneta: of this, a copy has been published in Lord Anson's Voyage. Urdaneta's History is circumstantially recited by Fray Gaspar de San Augustin, \* but it is not mentioned there, or in any Spanish Memoirs I have seen, that Urdaneta made the Passage *Salva Terra* alledges; but Urdaneta  
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\* *Conquistas de las Islas Philipinas*, Madred 1698, folio.