

meridian of *Paris*, so that Captain *Tschirikow* and my brother were come within 14 degrees west, and 12 and half north, of *California*, whither none before them has been known to reach.

Captain *Tschirikow* having, as I have said, got sight of this land on the 26th of *July*, continued tacking off and on above a week, endeavouring to get nearer to the coast; but finding this impracticable with his ship, any nearer than a league's distance, he determined to send a boat with 10 men and a mate well armed; but upon their landing, the people on board lost sight of them, and they have never been heard of since, though Captain *Tschirikow* kept cruizing along the coast all the month of *August*, in expectation of them, till the stormy season coming on, and their being no probability of their return, he thought it advisable to sail back to *Avatcha*. In his return he had sight for several days of those very distant countries which I have marked on my map*.

After a considerable progress in their return, on the 20th of *September* they came near a mountainous coast, very full of grass, but in which they could perceive no trees; the rocks under the water and along the shore would not allow them to land, but coming into a bay, they there saw some inhabitants, several of whom came to them, every one being singly in a canoe, not unlike those of the *Greenlanders* or the *Esquimaux*, however there was no understanding a word of what these people

* At the time of reading the preceding memoir, I had exhibited to publick view two large manuscript maps, which are those mentioned in his discoveries, one being a copy of the map which I had drawn at *Petersburgh*, 1731, on Captain *Beerings*'s first voyage, and had the honour of presenting to the Empress *Ann* and the Senate, with a manuscript memoir, explaining its use and construction.