

The 4th day [16th March] after their departure they got sight of JUAN FERNANDEZ *; the following day [17th March] they approached the shore, where they saw a ship, which they found to be the TIENHOVEN: they came to an anchor the next day [18th March] in the bay of JUAN FERNANDEZ.

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They remained at this island three weeks, and sailed from thence in the month of March †.

“ On our departure from JUAN FERNANDEZ we kept our course towards DAVIS'S LAND, which is to the W N W.

“ At ten miles from JUAN FERNANDEZ we saw the island of LITTLE FERNANDEZ; it was uninhabited, and appeared less fertile and smaller than the other island; but we passed at a distance.

“ We made good runs by the assistance of the S E winds, which we met with almost every where in the SOUTH SEA. At length we reached the lat. of 28° . S and 251° . long. We flattered ourselves to have found in this situation DAVIS'S LAND; which opinion we were confirmed in by the great number of birds, amongst which were many *teal*; besides that, the wind became variable, which, in the parts where the trade-winds blow, is a sign of the vicinity of land. Some of the crew pretended even to have seen the land, but much to the astonishment of the admiral, we could not find DAVIS'S LAND.

“ We stood W 12° . from the long. before-mentioned, and continually saw several sea and land birds, which accompanied us till we made an island: as it was the 6th April, Easter-day, we named it EASTER ISLAND. It is about sixteen leagues in circuit. The AFRICAN GALLEY went very near to it, and reported that it appeared extremely fertile, and

* “ 24th February.” Dutch relation.

† “ 17th March.” Dutch relation.

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