

degree of latitude, where he observed the land to be covered with piles of ice, and to extend itself towards the north. Afterwards, a second letter came from Captain *Bernardo*, dated from *Menbauset*, acquainting me, that on the 29th of *August* he arrived at *Arena*, having sailed 20 leagues up the river *de los Reys*, where he waits my orders; Captain *Ronquillo* having, pursuant to my directions, salted up a large quantity of fish and venison, and got aboard 100 tons of maize, or *India* corn, I weighed from *Conasset* the 2d of *September*, 1640, bringing away several of the country people, who had desired to enter on board our ships, and on the 5th of the same month I anchored betwixt *Porto de la Arena* and *Menbauset*, in *los Reys* river; afterwards returning down this river, I found myself in the north-east part of the *South-sea*, from whence providence brought us safely to the port where we had set out on this discovery, having found that there is no such thing as a north-west passage into the *South-sea*.

The whole will more clearly appear in the map.

*The end of Admiral de Fonte's letter.*

