

degrees of latitude, southward, to betwixt the 36th and 37th degree along several islands; here he thought himself upon the coast of *Japan*, where he is said to have been well received; but he landed in *Japan* at betwixt 39 and 40 degrees latitude, which is the northern part of that country. In the prosecution of his voyage he went to *Matsmey*, the chief and one of the most southern places of the land of *Yesso*; but here Captain *Spanberg* did not go ashore. In the second map is delineated Captain *Spanberg's* course, from *Kamtschatka* to *Japan* and *Matsmey*.

As to the third and the principal course, which was eastward from *Kamtschatka* to *America*, this was committed to Captain *Alexis Tschirkow*, a *Russian*, who had been Captain *Beerings's* Lieutenant in his first voyage, and with him embarked my brother, Astronomer to this academy, both to assist him in the reckoning of the ship's way, and direction of the course, and to make exact astronomical observations in the places where they might land. They set sail on the 15th of *June* 1741 new style, from a harbour of *Kamtschatka*, called *Avatcha*, or *Port St. Peter and St. Paul*; the latitude of which my brother had, from observation, settled at 53 degrees, 1 minute, and its distance from the meridian of *Paris* has, by *Jupiter's Satellites*, been found to be above 156 degrees.

On the 26th of *July*, after 41 days sailing, in the track marked on the second map, they fell in with a country in the latitude of 55 degrees 36 minutes, which they took for the coast of *America*. They had sailed near 62 degrees in longitude, and consequently were at 280 degrees east distance from the meridian of *Paris*. *Cape Blanco*, the furthest extremity of *California*, to the north and west, is in the latitude of 43 degrees, and 232 from the