

only commodity exported from California is the little wine made here and there in missions, and sold in New Spain. This is its only product, no other commodity, merchandize, or manufacture, can be exported hence, as it neither has, nor is there any hopes of its having any. On the contrary, there is scarce any thing for use or consumption but what must be brought from abroad: and if for want of vessels, by bad weather or other misfortunes, their supplies are delayed, the inland missionaries are reduced to the nakedness and hunger of the Indians, and obliged to live on roots, herbs, and wild fruits. The only ship which has touched at the peninsula for some years, was the galleon from the Philippine islands, as we have seen; the captain of which in return for the refreshments, generously made a present to the missionary of cape San Lucas of some things he had on board. This is the whole commerce, of which the jesuits are the sole masters in California. Would mr. Walter wish that heaven would hear the prayers of him who should desire to see the whole traffic of England enlarged to such an exalted pitch?

That the jesuits take all these fatigues upon them only for the good of the society, is a certain truth; and which I readily grant to mr. Walter; for the society is not a detached
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