



*A letter by Admiral Barthelemi de Fonte, then Admiral of New-Spain and Peru, at present Prince of Chili, in which he gives an account of the most important articles of his journal, from the Callao of Lima to Peru, and of his expedition for discovering whether there be any passage from the north-west of the Atlantic-Ocean to the South-Sea, and that of Great Tartary. Translated from the Spanish.*

THE Viceroy of *New Spain* and *Peru* having received advice from the court of *Spain*, that the several attempts of the *English*, both in the reigns of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James*, and, likewise, those by Captain *Hudson* and Capt. *James*, in the 2d, 3d, and 4th years of K. *Charles*, had been again renewed, in the 14th of the same Prince, being the year 1639, by some skilful navigators of *Boston* in *New England*; I Admiral *de Fonte* received orders from *Spain*, and the above mentioned Viceroy, to fit out four men of war, with which we put to sea from the *Callao* of *Lima*, on the 3d of *April*, 1640; I Admiral *Barthelemi de Fonte*, in the *Holy Ghost*; Vice-Admiral *Don Diego Penelossa*, in the *St. Lucia*; *Pedro Bernardo*, in the *Rosary*; and *Philip de Ronquillo*, in the *King Philip*.

On the 7th of *April*, at five in the evening, we arrived off *St. Helena*, which is 200 leagues north of *Guyaquil-bay*, and in two degrees south-latitude, where we anchored within the cape; and here every ship