

South Sea, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Californias are its theme. Upper and Lower California, their conquest by the Spaniards, Indians, white inhabitants, their present state, surface, vegetation, streams, plains, mountains, volcanoes, animals—all these as they have been, and now are, will be found fully described. To what I have seen has been added authentic information from every known source. And now, dear readers, to your task. Mine is done. Should you laugh and weep, suffer and rejoice with the actors in the wayfarings before you, and send your fancy in after-times over those rose-clad realms where they will lead you, and feel the dews of a pleasant remembrance falling on your life, I shall receive a full reward for my toil.

Adieu,

THE AUTHOR.