

Ling, lay North-east 160 Leagues, was 60 Leagues broad, and from 20 to 60 Fathom deep. He from thence enter'd *Estricho de Roxquillo*, which was 34 Leagues long, two or three broad, and 20 to 28 Fathoms deep; this, he says, he pass'd in 10 Hours, having a stout Gale and whole Ebb eastward. May not this or *Corbet's*, or *Rankin's Inlet*, be Part of that Streight that *de Fonte* pass'd, as he found the Ebb ran Easterly, though he came from the Western Ocean, and as he soon after came to the *Boston Ship*, might it not have been trading in the Bay near *Whalecove*? Here he arriv'd the 18th of *July*, 1640, when all the Ice was drove from that Coast. That this Manuscript Letter of *de Fonte*, publish'd by Mr. *Petivir*, was a genuine *Spanish* Manuscript convey'd to him from *Lisbon*, where he had a Correspondence with Men of Learning, and his getting it from thence, seems very rational, and easy to be accounted for. The King of *Spain* was possess'd of *Portugal* until the Year 1640, when *de Fonte* made his Voyage, and the *Spanish American* Ships then came to *Lisbon*, instead of *Cales*. The Revolution of *Portugal* happen'd that Year. The Ships coming from *America* that Year, not knowing of the Revolution, were seiz'd by the *Portuguese*, and in one of them this Letter, which not being of Consequence to the *Portuguese*, who were then only solicitous of securing their Liberty and Independence, was thrown carelessly by; and coming, in Process of Time, into some curious Person's Hand, it was sent, or a Copy of it, to Mr. *Petiver* in *England*, and publish'd by him in 1707 or 1708.— Though it has been taken from an incorrect Copy, or carelessly printed; yet, that it was taken from a *Spanish* Manuscript, is almost demonstrable both from the *Hispanicism*s in the Translation, and also from the *Spanish* Harbours mention'd in it, which can't be found