

jesuits purely for their advantage. Were there no other proofs of the advantages of California, and the garrisons; the actions of this very squadron of Anson's affords sufficient, since California being now reduced, peopled with Spaniards, and furnished with garrisons, it could not shelter itself there for surprising the Philippine galleon, though the writer himself says, that it is the best station in the world for expecting her. Yet he chose rather to cross all the South-sea as far as the island of Tinian; and not without great danger, as another writes, placed himself betwixt the Marian and Philippine islands, in order to attack her in the streights of St. Bernardino.

As to the trade of California, setting aside the diving and purchasing pearls, the manner of which I have shewn, and likewise, that the jesuits and soldiers have no share in it; I frankly own that the whole commerce of the peninsula is in the hands of the jesuits. And if I should not own it, the thing would declare itself. As for what commerce it has, what Europeans can carry it on if there are no others than jesuits? But if mr. Walter envies us this commerce, I do most earnestly desire, in return for his compliment, that the trade of England with Spain may one day, and the sooner the better, be equal to this. The

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