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"QUIROS was afraid of the rocks, he ordered the ship to be put about, he was ill obeyed, they made a thousand reprefentations to him. He set himself to work, let go the sheets, shifted the helm, and put the ship's head another way.

" It was found in the morning, that QUIROS had judged prudently; the ship would have been lost without this conduct; they could not, even in the day, go near the island, it was so furrounded with reefs and rocks. This island is inhabited, its latitude is full 6 deg. N. It is almost round, its circuit is 30 leagues, it is not very high. At three leagues to the west, they faw four low islands, and many others close to it; all are furrounded with reefs. The island appeared clearer on the fouth fide.

"They continued their course N. N. W. and on Monday, "1ft of January, 1596, the latitude observed was 14 deg. "They then stood due west, with a good fresh wind; and

" On Wednesday, 3d January, at day-break, they descryed two of the Ladrone islands, GUAN and SERPANA."

THEODORE GERARDS.

T HEODORE GERARDS (one of the fleet in the voyage wherein W. ADAMS was pilot) being carried by tempests in 64 deg. S. in that height, the country was mountainous, and covered with snow, looking like NORWAY, and femed to extend towards the islands of SALOMON *.

• Purchas, Vol. IV. p. 1391, note. Barleus's Collection, p. 193.

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