

It appears from the late voyages of the Russians to the most northern parts of the South-sea, of which we have given an account: it appears from the former voyages of our countrymen; and lastly it appears even in the surveys of the Californian gulf, though its highest latitude is short of 33 degrees. But if that latitude of 40 or 45 afforded a harbour or settlement where the ship could put in, where the scurvy might be stopped in its first stage by the fresh air, acids and bitter fruits and vegetables, fresh provisions and other remedies: Lastly where a ship might supply itself with water and provisions, the scurvy would indeed be less to be dreaded than in the present route from the Philippines: so that I think that Mr. Walter, when he was for strengthening his commander's opinion, instead of that unlucky instance of the French ship might have introduced another much more to the purpose, universally known, and likewise of a French ship *Le Saint Antoine de Padone* commanded by monsieur Frondal who in a voyage in the months of May, June and July 1709, sailed from China to America, stood northward to 45 degrees of latitude and in the 197th degree of longitude from the common meridian of the island of Ferro very near the meridian of the Antipodes of Paris, where the westerly winds carried him to America.

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