

other Spanish governors in this part of the world, was very close on the subject, and always eluded me. His hospitality, however, was unlimited; after we had been served several times with tea and chocolate, we were led to a table covered with fruit, pastry, and the most exquisite wines: thinking this was the supper, we ate heartily; but an hour had scarcely elapsed before we were taken to the dining-room, where a most plentiful supper was prepared for us. We at first hesitated, whether it was the custom here to eat without intermission, or whether they only expected such excellent digestion from a Russian stomach, but we soon perceived that they also ate with good appetite. During supper I was introduced to the vice-governor, Don Louis de Torres; he had frequently visited the Carolines, especially the cluster Ulle, and promised to give us the observations that he had made there, in writing, a circumstance which induced me to prolong my stay on this island.

When, in 1788, the Carolineans visited Guaham with several small canoes, de Torres was here. They were well treated by him and the governor, who made them large presents, from which they were emboldened to return every year. They said that they had always been trading with the inhabitants of this island, and only left off when the white people settled here, whose cruelty they themselves had witnessed. In 1788 they made this voyage again, after a long interval, to purchase iron. They further said, that the description of the rout from Ulle to Guaham, a distance of 300 miles, was recorded in songs, after which, and the position of the stars, their pilots found their way. In 1789 they again came to Guaham; but, on their return homewards, they were overtaken by a violent storm, which buried them all in the waves, since which time de Torres waited in vain fifteen years for the return of these people, whom he loved, for their amiable disposition. In 1804 de Torres undertook a voyage to the Carolines, for the purpose of seeing his old friends, on-board the *Maria of Boston*, Capt. Ball, who, having taken in provision in Guaham, was sailing, with his super-cargo, Borman, for these islands. Their intention was to collect *Biches de mer*, a species of large snails, without shell, which are much sought after in the Chinese market. The first cluster they touched upon was Ulle, where de Torres met with some of his old friends, who assisted them in bringing the *Maria* inside the cluster, and this was the ship which Kadu had mentioned to us; the name of Borman, of which they had made Marmol, and of Lewis, as they called M. de Torres, were mentioned in some of his songs, which his countrymen had composed for the purpose of perpetuating their memory. Thus the Radackans and Carolineans have the same custom of record-