

1722.

The Dutch narrative is very different from the French in *situations* and *dates*; I have therefore inserted each separately, as a distinct relation, after making EASTER ISLAND. It appears me that the author of the French relation kept no journal, and writes from memory, but his narrative seems to be faithful in the recital of those things he saw; and in many circumstances is confirmed by the Dutch relation, which appears to be an abstract of a sea-journal, to which the circumstances of description have been added, perhaps, from verbal report, with some exaggeration towards the marvellous, particularly about *giants*; of which I am assured by a very ingenious and worthy Dutch gentleman there was no mention made in a MS journal of the voyage which he had once in his possession.

DE HONDT's Collection * says, VALENTYN pretends this voyage was undertaken at the instance of JOHN PURRY, a Swiss, who gave in to the company a memoir in 1718.

I cannot find that VALENTYN alleges any such thing. PURRY gave in a memorial, which has been published, recommending an establishment on NEUYTS'S LAND to the south of NEW HOLLAND: his motives are entirely from the consideration of the climate in which it lies, not mentioning the slightest circumstances of the country itself, either from experience or report; but he no where, at least in that memorial, proposes discoveries in the SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

DE HONDT, besides quoting VALENTYN, also refers to CANTERVISCHER, who pretended to have been well informed, that the object in pursuit was less the discovery of the southern countries than the examination of certain islands, named GOLDEN ISLANDS, in 56° S; but these ROGGEWEIN did not find.

* Hague, 4to. vol. 16. p. 4. and 133.