

taken by the jesuits ; but to the wise provisions made by the kings of Spain, who, from the commencement of the Philippine trade, saw the necessity that the ships should have a secure reception in California : and this, among others, was the capital motive for the vast expences and powerful armaments by which they have so often endeavoured at the reduction of this peninsula ; and for settling colonies and garrisons, and making harbours. I shall add, that the watch kept to look out for any enemies on the coast, and for making the signals to the galleon, consists of the soldiery belonging to the new garrison of San Lucas. This garrison the society petitioned for, as a necessary safe-guard to its missions ; but it was in La Paz bay, within the gulf, whither the galleon could not come, that it was erected, and not at the cape. At last the garrison was erected ; and very wisely the cape was the place, that it might serve as a receptacle for the galleons. But it was erected without any solicitation of the society, and purely at the request of the Philipppines, convinced of its necessity by repeated damages, and a dear-bought experience. It was also erected by a viceroy, of whom, though bred up in the bosom of the company, none but a foreigner would advance that he followed the measures calculated by the jesuits