

1595.

“ They continued the same course till the 27th November,
 “ when they found themselves in 5 deg. S. they saw many
 “ signs of being near land, they supposed it was NEW-GUINEA*.

“ On the 10th December they found themselves in 30
 “ min. south †. It was perceived the galleot wanted to part
 “ company. The governess let the captain know, that he
 “ should be punished as a traitor if he did not keep company :
 “ but the galleon was in so bad a state, that this captain thought
 “ it was impossible for her to escape ; in consequence whereof,
 “ they put about in the night, and the galleot disappeared.

“ In the mean while sickness swept off the people, scarce a
 “ day passed but one or two, and sometimes three or four bodies
 “ were thrown over-board. The state of the ship's rigging was
 “ not less distressful, all was used or rotten ; and the worst was,
 “ that they had neither mast, nor cordage, nor any other rig-
 “ ging to shift.

“ They kept always standing N. N. W. till Tuesday 19th
 “ December, when they were in 3 deg. 30 min. N. the frigate
 “ could scarce keep up with them. QUIROS proposed several
 “ times to abandon it, and to take the crew aboard the galleon,
 “ but the governess would not follow this advice. At night
 “ they lost sight of the frigate ; QUIROS made them *lay to* for it
 “ till next evening, but, at last, the soldiers grew impatient.
 “ It was not time, according to them, to amuse themselves in
 “ waiting for others, when they ran a risque of being lost them-
 “ selves.

“ With a wind at E. and E. N. E. which began to set in,
 “ they kept on their course N. N. W. till Saturday following,
 “ when they got sight of an island, towards which they steered,
 “ intending to seek there a port and provisions. Night began ;

* Coreal, from Figueroa says, “ They saw New-Guinea in 5 deg. S.”

† Corcal says, 1 deg. 30 min. S.

“ QUIROS