

“ continued sailing in this course till the 27th of the said
 “ month, and got into 5 deg. This day was seen in the sea a
 “ large trunk, and a great drift of small branches from a river *,
 “ with three almonds, like those they left at GRACIOSA, much
 “ grass †, snakes, and the winds from S. W. with squalls, and
 “ rain from that quarter ‡. By these signs they concluded
 “ they were near NEW-GUINEA. They began to have a great
 “ sea from the N. W. which did the ship much damage, and par-
 “ ticularly when they had light winds or calms, a sign of these
 “ winds blowing on the other side of the line. This continued
 “ almost to the LADRON islands. They also met with baffling
 “ winds, without being ever settled in any point till they got
 “ to 5 deg. N. when they had the trade wind from E. N. E. to
 “ N. E. which continued the whole voyage, and if the sun had
 “ been as near the zenith as it was to the tropic of capricorn,
 “ it is not known how they could have passed the equinoctial.

“ Navigating till the 10th December, they found the lati-
 “ tude 0 deg. 30 min. approaching the line, where they found
 “ themselves, with a clear sky the wind died away, and the sea
 “ fell, without seeing land §. It was so cool in the night,
 “ that it was necessary to be covered with woollen cloth; but
 “ in the day the sun was so hot, that it was scarce above the
 “ horizon when it became insufferable.”

“ With an E. and E. N. E. wind, which they now got, they P. 93, L. 4.
 “ continued their course N. N. W. and the Saturday following from bot.
 “ got sight of an island, in quest of which they went, with an
 “ intention of seeking a port and provisions. But QUIROS not

* Un grande ilero de rofuras de rio.

† Muchas pajas.

‡ El viento sudacste con refregones, celages y aguaceros.

§ Hallose altura de medio grado por llegar a la linea parage en que se hallaron
 estando claro el cielo, folegado el ayre, y quieto el mar sin verfe tierra.