

The Allegation, that this mistake arose from *low Land*, in the Latitude of 30° N, being *sometimes overflowed*, does not appear by any means satisfactory; for, This would have implied, that the *Island California* did not exceed the Latitude of 30° N, whereas *all the Maps*, which describe *California* as an *Island*, carry the Sea *within It* beyond the Latitude of 40° N; and *Janson* says, although formerly supposed to be a *Peninsula*, it was found to be an *Island*, in *Spanish Charts* taken by the Dutch: *Buache* has published a Copy of that part of the *Spanish MS*, which is alledged to have given rise to the mistaken Opinion; but, although that MS carries up the Gulph *within California* as far as 37° N Latitude, it describes *Rivers*, falling into it in every direction, as well from NW as NE: So that it seems impossible! *This* could have been the *Map*, from whence it was inferred "the Northern part of California was detached from the Continent."

De Lisle has collected various *Reports*, in *Canada*, tending, if not to prove the existence of a *Mediterranean Sea*, on this side of AMERICA, at least to corroborate that opinion: These Reports are strongly confirmed by the information of the Indians, concerning the *Tide* near the *Mountains of Bright Stone*, which being above 300 Geographic miles from the *West Coast* of *New Albion*, it is not likely the *Tide* could come from thence.

This long discussion was necessary, to introduce the proposed Union of the Operations of The *East-India* and *Hudson's-Bay Companys*, because the further-in the *Sea Communication* extends, on the West-side of AMERICA, with the greater facility will their joint Operations be connected.

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