

although it is not to be understood to have been all conquered and reduced to the obedience of our august Monarch, whose dominion is not acknowledged even by all the nations comprehended in the *Peninsula*, if its *Isthmus* (or part by which it is united to the *Continent*) be reckoned between the river *Colorado* and Port *San Diego*, two Points, which, with little difference, fall under the parallel of 32° 30' N° Latitude.

The subdued part of *California*, beginning from *Cape San Lucas*, only reaches to 30° $\frac{1}{2}$  N° Latitude, where is the Mission of *Santa Maria*, at a little distance from the Bay of *San Luis Gonzaga*, a very convenient and safe Port, in the *Sea of Cortes*, or the *Californian Gulph*; but all this Tract was scarcely peopled by any but the natives, collected in small numbers at the Missions, and the rest dispersed in different moveable *rancherias*, which acknowledged, as their head, the nearest Mission. These people (whose numbers are very limited) except in being catechised and made Christians, preserved in every thing the same manner of getting their livelihood as in their Pagan state; that is, hunting and fishing, and living among the mountains, where they gather the feeds and fruits that the country yields without culture.

The *Spaniards*, really such, and other casts generally so called in *America*, settled in the *Peninsula*, did not amount to 400 souls, including in this number the families of the soldiers in the Fortress of *Loreto*, and those of some people who call themselves Miners, and who inhabit the southern part; from whence may be  
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