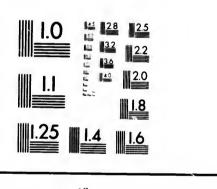
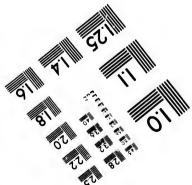


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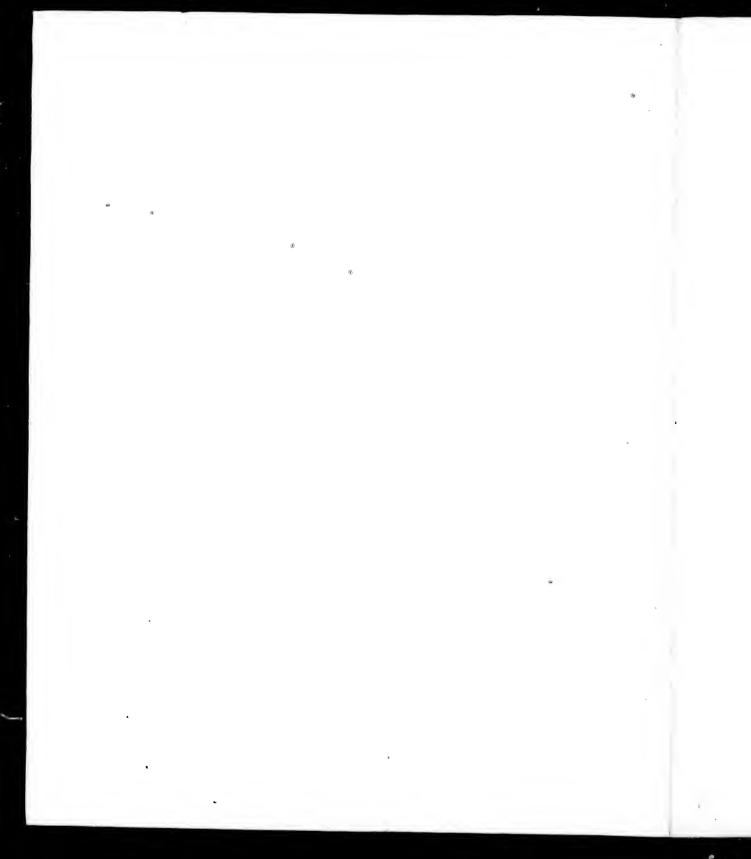
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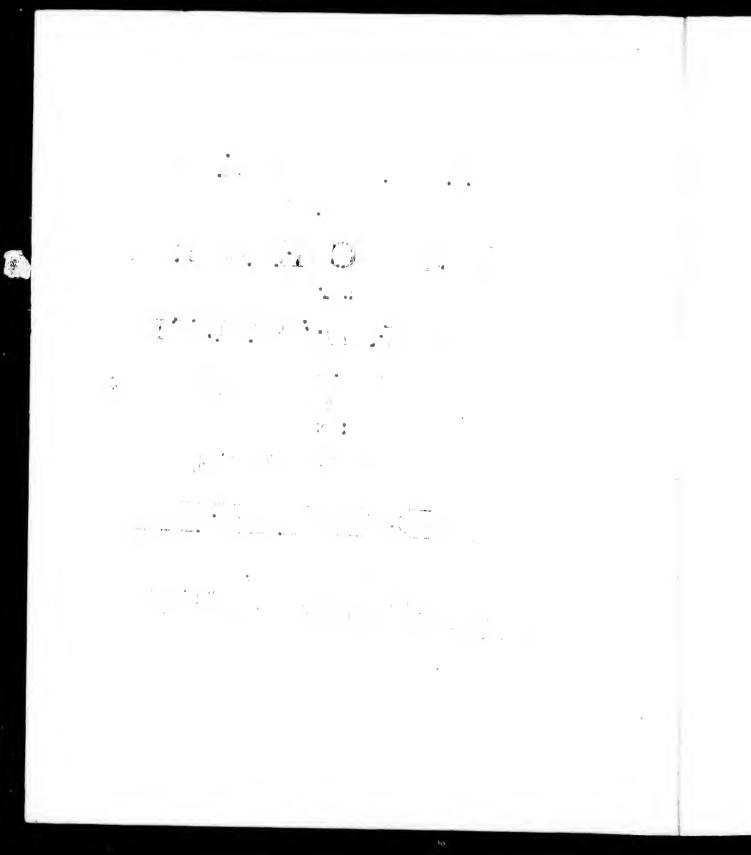
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SIX SHEETS.

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L O N D O N:

Printed for THOMAS JEFFERYS, Geographer to his Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, at the Corner of St. Martin's-Lane, near Charing-Cross. MDCCLIII.



ADVERTISEMENT.

S I had not the Good-luck to receive Mr. Bellin's Co. Ction of his Memoirs, before my Remarks on the Chart of America were finished; so the Postscript thereto, containing Reslexions on Messieurs Buache's and De L'Isle's Map of the Countries to the North of the South Sea, was printed-off before I had a Sight of the Explanation*, which accompanied it: For as this Map, which came Post from Paris, was sent without the Explanation, I therefore concluded that it had been published without any; and it was by great Accident that I came to know there was one, before the present Memoir, then ready for Publication,

was exposed to Sale.

But now that I have seen Mr. De L'Isle's Explanation, I find nothing in it which may oblige me to retract the least Tittle of what I have advanced in the Postscript. Far from explaining, as by the Title might have been expected, what concerns the Discoveries ascribed to Admiral De Fonte, we are referred for his Vouchers to a subsequent Memoir; and there is not the least Mention made of the vast Inland-Sea, which takes-up so much Room in his Map. However, Mr. De L'Isle has inferted one Authority in his Explanation, which must go farther in deciding the Matters in question, than all others which he may be able to produce: in reality the only Thing which can decide them; and that is the Letter ascribed to De Fonte, containing a Relation or Journal of the Voyage itself, translated from an English Manuscript Copy, transmitted to him from London thirteen Years ago.

What I charge in the Postscript is, that Mr. De L'Isle has placed the Discoveries ascribed to De Fonte, 10 Degrees more North than he ought to have done, in consequence of placing Rio del Reyes, or de los Reyes, in Latitude 63, instead of 53. Now, as the single Point in question is, whether Mr. De L'Isle has placed that River conformable to the Journal or not, I turned to De Fonte's Letter, to see what Situation was given therein to the Rio de los Reyes; and was surprised to find it marked 63. I concluded then, that the Error had been owing to the Copist, or Translator, putting one Figure for another; and began to blame myself for having too-hastily charged Mr. De L'Isle with placing that River in Latitude 63, contrary to the Journal: which I did, by taking it for granted, that he was possessed of the original English Translation inserted in the Memoirs for the Curious, for

Professeur de Mathematiques au College Royal, Paris 1752. + Explicat. p. 14, l. 23.

^{*} Explication de la Carte des Nouvelles Deconvertes au Ford de la Mer Ind. par M. De Ulfle de l'Academie Royale des Sciences, &

April and June 1708: For however fallely De Fonte's Discoveries may be reprefented in the Map, in consequence of that Error; yet supposing it to have been originally in Mr. De L'Isle's MS. he could not justly be accused of deviating from the Journal, since he acted conformable to the Copy which he had of it.

Meantime, as, in comparing the Figures in the Page one with another, I perceived that the 6 in 63 had not the Appearance of other Sixes, either in the Shape or Situation, I begun to inspect a little nearer into the Matter; and on Examination found, that the Number had been actually printed off 53, and the 5 changed afterwards into a 6 with the Pen. This, altho' dextrously managed in the Copy before me, will readily appear on observing the great Dissimilitude between the 6 in 63, and the 3 Sixes in the Lines immediately above and underneath; and how easily the 5 in 456, three Lines below, may be converted into such a 6 as is found in 63. As a farther Proof, the Body of that 6 hangs below the Line, in the same Manner as does the Tail of the 5, out of which it is made, contrary to the Disposition of the other Sixes; and indeed to the Nature of the Types, which will not in the ordinary Way of composing admit of such a Position.

Hence then it appears, that the Latitude of Rio del Reyes was fet-down 53 in the transmitted MS. and that, altho' Mr. De L'Isle affirms, Page 3, that be has given the Journal as he received it, yet he has corrupted it to serve his Purposes. In like manner as Rio del Reyes is in his Map placed in 63 Degrees of Latitude, according to that Corruption; it is also evident, that he has given to it, and in consequence thereof to the Lakes and Rivers mentioned in *De Fonte*'s Voyage, a Situation too Northerly, by 10 Degrees; directly contrary to the exprefs Letter of the Relation, as well as Defign of the Voyage, conformable to my Charge. Notwithstanding which Mr. De L'Isle declares no less than twice *, in his Explanation, that on comparing De Fonte's Relation, with the Voyages of the Russians, he and Mr. Buache were surprized at the Conformity which they found between them: whereas it is demonstrable from the Premises, that the Voyage is exhibited quite contrary to the Journal, in almost every Particular, as I alledge in the Postscript; and that the Conformity, if any, was of their own contriving, nor did exist till the Alteration was made in the Figures, after the Sheet had been actually printed-off in French: fo that the Relations in question were so far from corresponding when those Gentlemen first compared them, that in all Probability the Map itself was engraved before the Change of the Figure 5 into 6, on which the pretended Conformity depended, did at all take place.

However that be, it feems real Matter of Surprize, that two Persons of Mr. De L'Isle's and Buache's Figure in Literature, should undertake to make such an Alteration in the Journal, without acquainting the Public, and affigning their Reasons; and yet more so, that they should venture to make that Alteration in the printed Page, as if they thought it would never be taken notice of,

or rather did not regard a Detection.

^{*} P. 3 and 10.

Tis true, as they had exhibited De Fonte's Discoveries in their Map contrary to the Journal, if the Number 53 had appeared in the Explanation, it would not only have contradicted that surprising Conformity, which Mr. De L'Isle had before boasted of, but indeed have contradicted the Map itself, and so overthrown their whole Scheme: therefore, as they had neglected to make the Alteration in either the French Translation, or the Proof at Press, they found themselves under a Necessity of doing it in the printed Page. It is lucky for us, that they did not chuse to reprint the Leaf; for if they had taken that Precaution, it might have produced a Controversy, which could not have been determined so easily in our Favour.

I shall only add farther, that this Piece of Legerdemain, (to give it no worse a Name,) confirms what on other Grounds I have said, p. 47, in the Postscript: that Messieurs De L'Isle and Buache gave no Credit to the Journal, and were conscious the Discoveries ascribed to De Fonte were spurious, at the same Time they adopted them. And indeed Mr. De L'Isle acknowledges, p. 3, of his Explanation, that the sournal contains several Things, which might call its Authority in question: But the Extract from the Registers of the Academy of Sciences, at the End thereof, speaks still more suspiciously in these Terms, the Things con-

tained in this Relation are of great Importance, provided it be authentic.

For all this Mr. De L'Isle thinks it may be genuine, because Mr. Ellis, (Author of Captain Moore's Voyage to Hudson's Bay, in 1747) thinks it so *; and because Mr. Ellis thinks so, he concludes, that the English in general are of the same Opinion. It is thus Mr. De L'Isle creates to himself imaginary Motives of Credibility, for want of real ones; and these Motives, however insignificant, are the only Authority which he has now to rest-on for the Veracity of the Journal, since the surprising Conformity of it with the Russian Informations has been proved to be sictious. I could back this Proof with still stronger Evidence, drawn from the Extent, as well as Situation, given by Messieurs De L'Isle and Buache, to the Lake Valasco: for, to force a Conformity, and connect De Fonte's with the Russian Discoveries, they not only have placed it many Degrees out of its Latitude, in common with the other Discoveries; but, by mistaking or corrupting the obvious Meaning of the Journal, have assigned it most extravagant Dimensions. But of this enough at present.

On the whole, as Mr. De L'Isle's promised Proofs and Arguments in support of his Map, so far as concern De Fonte's Discoveries, are drawn from the Russian Informations above-mentioned; consequently they can be of no Avail to him,

nary Manner. For Inflance, Vol. II. p. 327, he afferts, that the fending a Person over Land, in Latitude 79, to the Head of Davis's Straits, carries not the least Air of Improbability avith it: altho', from what I have observed in the Postfeript, such a Journey seems utterly impracticable.

^{*}It would have been more to Mr. De L'Ifle's Purpose to have quoted the Author of Captain Smith's Voyage 'ade in Company with Captain More) who has published De Fonte's Iter, with a large Comment, wherein its greatest Absurdities are vindicated in a very extraordi-

on this Occasion, fince they can never reconcile it with either the Journal or Defign, of the Voyage. However, in case when they appear, they should contain any thing material, tending to justify the Situation given in his Map to those Discoveries, I shall readily allow them all which can be fairly alledged in their Favour.

To conclude, the Facts above fet-forth are of fuch an extraordinary Nature, that, for the Credit of the Parties concerned, for whose Merits I have a very great Esteem, I should have been filent; if the Security of Navigation, the Welfare of Geography, and my own Justification, three very important Movives, did not oblige me to take notice of them.

N. B. The Coasts of America, as exhibited in the first and third Sheets, vary in several Respects, from the Account which is given of them, p. 22 and 25, occasioned by the Alterations inserted from Mr. De L'Isle's Map, since the Remarks were printed. The Reader is desired also to correct the following Mistakes omitted in the Errata.

Page 23, Line 15, for 47, read 37; also the last line but two, after Coast, read, till he came to 79 Degrees.

P. 24, 1. 6, for 65, r. 53.

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P. 47, 1. 20, for himself, read his Brother. Last Line but two, after De L'Isle, r. De la Croyere.

P. S. Since the above Advertisement was printed, the Royal Society have recovered from Mr. Ds L'Ifle, the Specimen of a New Map, sent by Post from Paris, the 30th of November last, wherein the Discoveries asciibed to De Fonte, and his Captains, are represented more conformable to the Journal than in that published by him, and Mr. Buache, in June before. In the Explanation also, which came along with it, the Latitude of Rio del Reyes, appears to be 53 Degrees, as it was printed off: So that the Corruption of the Figure 5 into 6, is tacitly confessed; and all the Objections, which, in Consequence thereof, I have made to the former Map, are allowed to be just. Mr. De L'Ifle to excuse himself, pretends, that Mr. Buache, who drew the first Map, had departed from his Instructions: But, whether this be really the Fact? If Fact, how it came to be 50 of 6 Months, before Mr. De L'Isle rectify'd, gave Notice of, or perhaps found out such enormous Deviations? Which of the two Maps in Question, was the Map by him laid before the Royal Academy of Sciences in April 1750? And how far the pretended Discoveries of De Fonte, still are from being exhibited in his New-Map, according either to De Fonte's Journal, or his own Memoires? must be the Subject of another Enquiry.

December the 20th. 1752.

REMARKS,

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In Support of the

NEW CHART of AMERICA

In Six SHEETS.

INTRODUCTION.

H E English Charts of America, being for the general very incorrect, I came to a Resolution to publish some New ones for the Use of British Navigators. In making this Chart I consulted a great Number of other Charts, as well as Voyages antient and modern, foreign and domestic: Among the former, I particularly had an Eye to those of Mr. Bellin, the French Hydrographer, as they are the latest and most in Vogue at present.

The French have long engrossed the Care of Geography to themselves, and it must be consessed have brought it to greater persection than any Nation in Europe. This is owing to the proper Encouragement which its Professor (never so numerous as at this Time) meet with in France: a Country so fruitful of Patrons for the Sciences. And indeed, without the Patronage of the Rich and Great, it is hardly possible, that the Sciences should ever thrive much in any Place; unless they who apply themselves to such Studies were all Men of Fortune, or at least in easy Circumstances, to pursue them at leisure, which rarely happens to be the Case.

Our Neighbours are particularly zealous for the Advancement of Geography, not only on Account of its Use for understanding History; but also, as they consider its Improvement of the greatest Importance to Trade, by the Security which it gives to Navigation. However it must not be thought that the French are the only People capable of improving the Sciences. It will appear from our Remarks, that the most important Corrections which we have made, have been owing to the Journals and Observations of English Navigators; and it is hoped this Performance will shew that we are as able to reform Hydrography, as they; provided any tolerable Encouragement was given to Artists: for want of which, Chart as well as Map-making, is fallen into the Hands of the Engravers, whose Skill consists in supplying the Print-sellers with their Productions in the most expeditious Manner, and at the lowest Rates.

But to return to Mr. Bellin: This Gentleman is at the Head of an Office in the French Marine, for depositing Charts and Plans, to be made use of for the Benefit of Navigation: a Regulation proper to be established in every Maritime, Trading Nation*.

Nation *. The Count de Mauretas, being at the Head of the Marine, about the Year 1737; to remove the Complaints which at that Juncture lay against the French Charts, and provide an accurate Sett, for the Use of the King's Ships, ordered Mr. Bellin to undertake that Task, and publish by Degrees a Sett of New Charts, for all Parts of the Ocean: Which Task he has at length in a

great Meafure performed.

The Charts of his which we shall refer to in this Memoir, are his Chart of the Western-Ocean, published in 1738. It contains all the East Coast of North-America, from the Streights of Bell-Isle, between Labrador and Newfoundland, with part of the North and East Coast of South-America, as far as the Line: His Chart of the Southern-Ocean, in 1739, which includes the remainder of the Eastern Coast of South-America, to Cape Horn: His Chart of the South-Sea, in 1741: His Chart of the Gulph of Nexico, 1749: His Map of the World, in 1743, which comprises all America in small; and his Chart of

the North Seas, in 1750.

As Mr. Bellin is in Possession of such considerable Helps; and many Observations, of the Longitude, as well as Latitude, have been made on the Coasts of America, especially on the East-side of the Northern Peninsula, and West side of the Sou hern, I imagined that I should have had very sew Alterations to make in his Charts, excepting in those Parts relating to the British Dominions; with respect to which it may be presumed, that we have more accurate Materials than the French can well be Masters of: But when I came to examine the other Coasts, I was surprized to find that Mr. Bellin had committed very gross Mistakes, partly by relying on certain Observations of the Longitude, which at best were very doubtful, and wanted to be verify'd; partly by depending on erron ors Charts, made by former Geographers, without giving them a due Examination; and partly, by either rejecting the accurate Journals of eminent Naviga ors, or else unreasonably straining them, in Favour of his own Ideas, and the doubtful Observations before mentioned.

This is the Condition in which I found Mr. Bellin's Charts: Nor did the Matter appear to be mended by Mr. Brouckner, who in 1749 published a general Chart of the Sea-Coasts throughout the World, at Berlin, in Twelve Sheets, under the Patronage and at the Expence of the late General Smettaw. For that Hydographer, after improving the Coasts of Siberia from the Russian Discoveries, has done little else, so far as relates to America, than copy'd Mr. Bellin. Such great Impersections discovered in our latest and most cryed up Personances, made me resolve to pursue my Design, lest the Use of these erroneous Charts, being introduced among our Navigators, might be attended with ill Consequences to the

British Navigation.

In drawing Charts some imagine that Charts only should be consulted: As I am of a different Opinion, I had recourse also to the Maps; and must say in Praise

and which those only who are at the Head of Affairs are able to provide. He adds, That there is no possibility of collecting all the Materials necessary for such a Design, but by establishing an Office for the Purpose, like that of Charts, Plans, and Journals, belonging to the Marine.

^{*} Mr. Bellin on this Occasion observes, in the Preface to his Collection of Memoirs (which did not come to Hand till these Remarks were sinished) That it is difficult to correct the Charts effectually, since it requires extraordinary Helps, ent of the Power of a private Man to procure,

of those published by Mr. D'Anville, at the Expence of the late Duke of Orleans*, That the Coasts of America are laid down in his Maps more exactly, for the Use of Navigation, than in any of the Charts. For although that eminent Geographer hath in common with others committed some Errors, in the Patts included in the British Discoveries about Bassin's-Bay and Davis's-Streights; yet he has every where else avoided all those gross Errors to be found in Mr. Bellin's Charts, from which his differ almost as much as mine. This great Disagreement among the Charts is owing principally to the Geographers being obliged to have recourse to Nautical Estimations of the Bearings and Distances (which in their Nature are very uncertain, often imperfect) to adjust the Positions of most Places on the Coasts throughout the Globe, for want of a sufficient Number of accurate Astronomical Observations, which only are capable of effecting that moment ous End to any Degree of Certainty.

On the other Hand, if our Materials be ever so exact, yet the Accuracy necessary for Navigation will be wanting, unless a proper Projection be chosen. In Drawing this Chart therefore we have made use of that invented by our Countryman Mr. Wright, the unjustly ascribed by some Foreign Nations to Mercator, whose Name it bears †. This admirable Contrivance, which may be called The True Nautical Chart, exhibits the Bearing and Distance of Places, with no less Precision than the Situations; and one may be found with the same Ease as the other: seeing all the Circles of the Globe are reduced therein to strait Lines, without any of the Inconveniencies found either in the Planisphere, or the plain Projection, by two great a Contraction or Extension of Countries.

As without proper Vouchers no Work is of the least Authority or Value; and Charts are capable of carrying their own Credentials along with them, I have not only marked the Places, whole Structions have been determined by Astronomers or other accurate Observers, as Mr. Bellin has done; but have inserted Tables of the Observations themselves, as well as mentioned the principal Charts and Surveys made use of in Drawing our Chart, in order to show the Authorities on which it is grounded. If this Improvement gives my Performance much Advantage over Mr. Bellin's, I presume it will receive some Augmentation also from the Comparative Tables, added to show some of the most material Differences which there are between his Chart and mine. On this Occasion I must observe, that the better to compare our Chart with Mr. Bellin's, I have followed him, in computing Longitude from the Meridian of Ferro, which may be easily reduced to that of London by adding 17'. 35'; and to that of Paris by adding 19°. 51. or for lake of the round Number 20 Degrees, the Meridian-Listance between these two Cities being 2°. 25'.

It were to be wished that all the Proofs requisite to support our Chart, could be produced upon it: But as those which we have inserted, are not sufficient to

Mess Bellin and Breuckner. Mr. D'Anville employs a circular fort of Projection, which may be called a Dilatation of the Herizontal Planifilere, and is the most commotious for Maps, if not Charts, as it exhibits Countries and Places in their due Proportions, Figures, and Situations, nearly as exact as the Globe itself.

^{*} We are told that North-America, confishing of Three Sheets, cost that noble Patron, for Drawing and Engraving only, no less then 1000 Pounds; and South-America, in Three Sheets also, the same Sum.

[†] The French call this kind of Projection Carte Reduite, which is that made use of by

justify the Alterations we have made in those Parts, where Astronomical Observations and Surveys are wanting. I therefore judged it necessary to supply the Desect by Means of a Memoir drawn up from the Minutes I made of the most considerable Errors which I met-with in comparing Mr. Bellin's Charts, with the Journals of able Navigators. It is not to be expected that I should account for the Position of every Port, Cape, or Island, to be found in this vast Extent of Land and Water, containing no less than one half of the whole Terraqueous Globe: This would require a Volume instead of a Pamphlet; which, as it is, has swelled too much. In regard I have altered nothing in his Charts, but where I thought I could either mend or improve them, I have made no Remarks but where I have made Alterations: They who defire to be farther satisfied, especially with Respect to the Parts which I have not altered, or animadverted on, may have recourse to Mr. Bellin's Memoirs, accommodated to his Charts; wherein he has entered into more Detail.

On this Occasion I must observe, that Mr. D'Anville in his elaborate Analysis of his Map of Italy, promised to publish Explanations with all his Maps: But none have appeared with any which he has published since, being those of Africa and America: neither has he produced any Vouchers in the Maps themselves; nor so much as marked the Places * whose Situations have been determined; which Precaution alone, would be a Means to prevent one Geographer varying from another, without substantial Reasons: If therefore I have varied from him in some Points, or not followed him oftener than I have done, it may possibly be owing to those

Neglects.

Mr. Bellin has indeed published Memoirs with his Charts, and marked the Places whose Longitudes or Latitudes have been determined by Astronomers: But he has neither given Tables of fuch Situations in those Charts, nor inserted them in his Memoirs; thinking it enough barely to name the Places, where Observations have been made †. 'Tis true, that in order to shew the Difference between his Chart and those of others, he sometimes specifies the Observations themselves, but this not frequently enough; being often content to say, that the Position of fuch and fuch Coafts, has been regulated by the Latitudes and Longitudes determined at fuch and fuch Places: That the Charts of Thornton, or Vankeulen err fo many Degrees in laying down fuch a Port, so much more East or West than the Observations place it; or that by the Observations made at one Port, another ought to have fuch a Longitude. But of what Use or Authority can such a vague, obscure and perplexed Way of stating Things possibly be, unless the Observations themselves were particularly specified? And there is the more Necessity for this, as often through some Mistake of the Draftsman or Engraver, Places are found feveral Minutes out of their due Latitudes or Longitudes: And often thofe

Instruction, and a Proof of Accuracy, to be preferred to Ornament?

^{*} Possibly for fear of injuring the Beauty of his Maps, which indeed, are Pinaca in a strict Sense: For my Part I think these Marks give an Embellishment; as all Marks do which distinguish Places on Account of their Rank, Opulence, or any other remarkable Occasion: But supposing such Marks did in some small Degree impair the Beauty of a Map, is not

⁺ He sometimes mixes the Places where only the Latitudes have been observed, with those at which both the Longitude and Latitude have been observed, without distinguishing one Sort from the other; thinking it enough perhaps, that he has done it in his Chart.

those Situations cannot be found by a Chart, within 15 of 20 Minutes, if not

more, on Account of the Smallness of the Scale.

In regard our Defign at prefent relates wholly to America, we shall confine our Remarks, as well as Tables to it; contenting ourselves only to distinguish the Places, whose Situations have been determined on the Coasts of Europe and Africa, which fall within this Chart; and which will be exhibited intire, with the fame Illustrations, in subsequent Productions.

For Sake of Method, I shall divide this Tract into Two Parts; the First re-

lates to North-America, the Second to South-America.



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NORTH-AMERICA.

EVERAL Astronomical Observations, both of the Latitude and Longitude, have been made in North-America, particularly at Churchill River, in Hudson's-Bay; Boston in New-England; New-York; New-Orleans, on the River Missippi, near its Mouth; La Vera-Cruz, in the Gulph of Mexico: and at Puerto-Bello, in the Isthmus of Darien, belonging to Tierra-Firma.

But, although these Observations serve to fix the general Situation of that Continent, yet they are not sufficient to regulate the Position of the several Coasts to that Degree of Precision which is requisite for the Security of Navigation: For Instance, we have not one Observation of the Longitude for the whole Western Coast of North-America, from Panama, Northward; nor more than Two, namely those made at Boston and New-York, for all the Eastern-Coast, extending the Space of 1600 Leagues from Cape Biscaino, the most Southern Point of Florida. to the utmost Extent of Greenland North-Eastward, as far as known. To supply the Defect therefore of those sure Fc. adations, I have made use of Surveys, where they could be had; and for want of such Materials, have had Recourse to estimated Measures.

North-America, with the Seas and Islands surrounding it, takes up Four of the Six Sheets, which include the whole Continent, namely, the First, Second, Third and Fourth; and as we shall go gradually round the Coast, beginning

Northerly, with the Parts nearest Europe, our Order leads us First to

The SECOND SHEET.

HIS Sheet comprises Bastin's, and Iludson's-Bays, with the Straits, Islands and Countries bordering on them, particularly Labrador, or New-Britain and Greenland. It is in the Parts contained in this Sheet that the Charts differ most among themselves; and we more from them, than they do from one another. However, pursuant to my Rule laid-down, not to make Alterations without an Occasion, I have given Iceland, the same Situation and Form, which it has in Mr. Bellin's Chart. It was taken from that of Andrew Velleius, which tho' published so long ago as 1585, is the best, and only one, at least, in any Detail, now extant. Its Latitude is adjusted by that of Hola*, observed about the same Time by Gundebrand of Thorlak, Bishop of that City; and its Longitude from the Estimation of Navigators.

The Eastern Coast of Greenland, from Cape Farewell, its most Southern Point, as far as Ollum Langri Frith, is laid down from the Chart of Egede, published in 1741, and that of Mr. Anderson of the Imperial Academy, in 1750; compared with the Old Maps published by Thormodeus Torseus, in 1706; and some Dutch Charts of Bleau and others, about his Time, to which Mr. Anderson seems to have been much beholden: From Ollum Langri Northward we have consulted the same Dutch and English Charts, besides the Journals of Hudson and other Navigators.

The West Coast of Greenland, from Cape Farewell, as high as the Isle of Waygats; with the Coast of James's Island, to the pricked Lines, is drawn chiefly from Egede's Map of Greenland, from which, in this Part, that of Anderson is chiefly taken: But those Maps are very defective for want of the Names given to most of the Bays and Sounds, by the first Discoverers, which we have added or restored; particularly all those whose Latitudes were observed, as in the Table inserted in this Second Sheet.

Our Chart in this Part differs greatly from all preceeding it. Among other Corrections, we have discarded the Two great Streights, one called Frobishers, the other Bear-Sound, with which almost all the Charts crossed the Southern End of this Peninsula, in different Places. Frobisher, places his pretended Streight in 63°. 3'. inwhich he is followed by Mr. Bellin: But some put it a Degree higher; others a Degree lower, as Mr. D'Anville, who places two Sounds to the North of Bear-Sound. Others, as Captain Middleton, make no Streights higher than Frobishers, but insert one or two lower, besides that of Cape Farewell. But all these Streights except the last are merely imaginary, if we may depend on Mr. Egede, who tells us, "That he travelled by Land along the Western Coast, to the Southern Point of Greenland, in quest of those Streights, but could find none." It is probable Frobisher mistook Erith's-Firth for a Streight, for he did not pass through it; or they were imaginations of his own, like Friezeland †, which he

^{*} See Angrim Jonas Descrip, Iceland. ap. Purchas Pilgr. vol. 3. p. 654.
† This Island had its Existence from the fa-

[†] This Island had its Existence from the fabulous Relation of the Zeni, Venetians, who in the Year 1380 pretended to have found a very potent Prince there; and to have ferved him

in feveral military Expeditions, in which he conquered feveral neighbouring Countries. This imaginary life has been inferted in the Charts, as low down as that of Captain Food, in 1670.

pretends to have seen, in 61 Degrees of Latitude, and 25 Degrees of Longitude, naming it New-England: For the Relation he has left is no regular Journal, but a rambling Account of his Voyage, which in some Places is to be suspected; without either Courses, Distances, Longitudes, or Latitudes, excepting those Two above-mentioned.

Mr. Betlin, in his Map of the World, has inferted the two Streights above-mentioned; and made the East Coast of Greenland, run North-Eastward in a Line from Cape Farewell, as far as Gaël's Bay; where it turns to the North: But in his Chart of the North-Seas he has reformed those Errors by following

Anderson's Map.

As to the Situation of Cape Farewell, the most Southern Point of Greenland, at the Entrance of Davis's-Streights, I place it in Longitude 26°. 30′. which is 30 M. more West then Mr. D'Anville places it; But 1°. 30′. more East than by Mr. Bellins's Map of the World, and 50 Minutes more East than by his Chart of the North Seas. Captain Middleton, puts Cape Farewell one Degree more East; and Mr. Egede 2°. 20′. more West than I have done.

The Streights of *Davis* extend from Cape *Farewell* Northward, as high as 72 Degrees, 30 Minutes, in all 13 Degrees; for fo far that Navigator failed up them: But Messieurs *Bellin* and *D'Anville* have contracted them unreasonably in their Charts, allowing them no more than 4 Degrees in length, viz. from 68 to

72 Degrees of Latitude, where Baffin's-Bay begins.

This Bay *, which so well deserves that great Navigator's Name, being one of the most noble Discoveries that ever was made, is laid down from his own Relation of the Voyage, performed by him under Captain Bilot, in 1616; not 22 and 24, † as some of the latest Charts, English as well as French, do mark it. No Part of the Ocean perhaps has been so erroneously, as well as differently, represented as this Bay, to which our Chart and Map-makers have ascribed almost all Sorts of Shapes and Dimensions. Some give it no sewer than 52 Degrees of Longitude, of which Number is Sanson and Mr. Bellin, with his Copist Brouckner; some, as Blean 44; Allard, and other Dutch, 40: De l'Isle, who in his first Maps, which Senex copied, made it 45, in his latter reduces it to 30 Degrees: Mr. D'Anville brings it down to 25: Captain Fox to 20; and Moll, thinking even that too much, reduces its Measure to 14 Degrees, which in that Latitude make but little more than 70 Leagues.

One may wonder from whence so great Variety and Uncertainty could have its Rise; since, although Baffin's Map and Journal, those Jewels, are lost by falling into the Hands of Purchas: Yet his Relation seems to require that it should have as much Extent as we have given it, that is, 41 or 42 Degrees, from East to West; and for the general, Foreigners have, in this Respect, sollowed

+ See Moll's and De l'Ife's Maps of America, Captain Middleton's Chart, &c.

i This Collector, who has inferted fo many

Paltry Maps, pretends he was hindred by the Expence, from publishing Baffin's Map and Journal. If there be any Remains of the Map or Chart extant, it is probably to be found in James's Chart; from which Fox feems to have copied, but without any Care

^{*} Some Geographers, and among the rest Mr. Del Isle, say, it was named Christian's-Bay, by Elenk, in 1619; altho' that Done never was farther than Hadjon's-Bey.

his Narrative more closely than the English. What I mostly admire at, is how Fox, who lived so near the Time of Bassin, came to contract it so unreasonably: This shews how much such Things have been neglected; and what Necessity there was, from the first, to have had an Office, for depositing the Charts and Journals,

made by our Foreign Navigators.

If Mr. Bellin has exhibited the Extent of Baffin's-Bay, from East to West, more exactly than Mr. D'Anville; with regard to the Extent from North to South, Mr. D'Anville's Map must heave the Preference to the other's Chart, which puts Diggs's Cape in the Latitude of 74°. 40°. instead of 76°. 35°. He likewise makes it stretch Westward, to the very Middle of the Bay, at least 26 Degrees from the Eastern Coast; which is 15 or 20 Degrees more West than it ought to be placed: In this he seems to have followed Sanson and the Dutch, from whom some of our English copied about the Middle of the last Century. Mr. D'Anville gives that Cape its just Latitude, agreeable to Mr. Del'Isle; but in placing it 20 Degrees more West than the East Coast, he seems not to have followed the Relation so exactly as his Predecessor, who makes the Distance but 10 Degrees. It is in order, if possible, to fix the Situation and Dimensions of this Bay, and prevent for the future such enormous Deviations, that I have added Bassin's Course round this Shore, with the Distances and Latitudes of the Places, which he touched at.

To return to Davis's Streights: I have placed Mount Raleg, conformable to the Relation of that Navigator's first Voyage, in 66°. 40'. Mr. Del' Isle has done the fame in his Maps: But the other Geographers have greatly deviated. Mr. D'Anville advances that Mountain to 67°. 20'. Messieurs Bellin and Brouckner to 68: Nor have the English followed the Observer much closer. Moll, for Instance, puts it in 67°. 20'. and what is still worse, on the West-side of Cumberland Streights: Captain Middleton, in 67°. 10'. Far from being placed higher than 66°. 40, Mount Raleg ought rather to be put more than a Degree lower, according to the Journal of Davis's Third Voyage: For the 19th of July 1587, at Noon, he was in 65°. 20'. At One o'Clock, [fleering Southward] he had Sight of Mount Ralez; and about Twelve at Night was athwart of Cumberland-Streights. Again, in his Second Voyage: "Standing over from the Green-" land Side, after running about 70 Leagues West, he fell in with the American "Shore, in 66°. 19. and then coasting it Southward, came to a fair Promontory, in 65 Degrees of Latitude, to the South of which there was no Land; " and here he had hopes of a thorough Passage. Sailing on, he at length dis-" covered Land; and some time after sound himself by Observation, in 64". 20." This Promontory feems to me to have been the Cape of God's Mercy (mentioned a little lower); and the Opening to the South, Cumberland Streights: For it tallies with the former Account; and from the Journals of Davis's three Voyages, it does not appear that there was any other great Inlet along the Coast, which he difcovered, till he came to Lumley's *. Hence I have been tempted to think, that in the Relation of his first Voyage, the Latitude of 66°. 40° might have been inferted by Mistake, instead of 65°. 40'.

However

^{*} Captain Middleton indeed places Lumley's Inlet in the Latitude of this Opening.

However that be; Messieurs D'Anville and Bellin, have erred still more enormously, with regard to the Places mentioned by Davis, in the Neighbourhood of Mount Raleg. Davis informs us, that he anchored near this Mount, in a Road, which he called Totness Road, encompassed with a Sound, to which he gave the Name of Exeter Sound: the North-Foreland, he called Dyer's Cape; and the South-Foreland, or Cheek of the Sound, Cape Walsingham. August the Eighth, he Sailed S. S. W. and on the Eleventh, came to the Southermost Cape * of this Land, which he named, The Cape of God's Mercy.

According to this Account, the Three Capes of Dyer, Walfingham, and God's Grace, lay in a Line, from N. N. E. to S. S. W. As for their mutual Diffance, the Second might have been Five Miles from the First; and the Third 30 or 40 Miles from the Second. Yet Mr. Bellin perverting this Order, not only makes Cape Walfingham the Southermost Point of the Coast; but places Dyer's Cape 2°. 24. to the North; and the Cape of God's Mercy, 5°. 15. to the West of it. Mr. Bellin sell into these enormous Errors, by following the Chart of Lawrence Feykes Haan, published by Van Keulen, which, tho' he affirms it to be the best extant, is, in reality, one of the worst, and made-up at Random from other Charts. 'Tis presumed Mr. Bellin, instead of taking-ill these Remarks, will be obliged to me for them; since, in his Observations on his Chart of the North-Seas, he seems to invite † Persons to criticise his Charts.

In Confequence of placing Mount Raleg erroneously, Cumberland-Streights are likewise placed more Northward than they ought to be: Or perhaps it would be more proper to fay Mount Raleg has been removed, in Confequence of removing Cumberland-Streights. To explain this, it must be observed, that although neither Davis, nor Baffin, saw any Land on the West-side of Davis's-Streights; from the 67th Degree of Latitude Northward | ; doubtless, because hindered by the Ice, which they always had to the West of them: Yet, about the Middle of the last Century, Land was discovered on that Side, from 68 Degrees, to about 72 or 73, with a great opening to the Southward. This is called, in some Charts. particularly those of Egede and Anderson, James's-Island; and the Geographers fancied the opening to be Cumberland-Streights. In Confequence of this, they placed Mount Raleg near the South-East Point § of James's Island, and accommodated the other Particulars found in Davis's Relation to those new Ideas. which they had conceived on the abovementioned Difcovery. But it is demonstrable, from the Premisses, that these cannot be the Streights in question, without supposing Davis to have erred to an Excess, in observing the Latitude, scarce to be imagined in so able a Navigator, who was twice or thrice upon the Spot. And this will, in some measure, justify me, in making Two Streights on the West-

* He flopt by the Way, or made but very flow Sail; for by the Journal of his Third Voyage, it appears that he was but from Noon till Midnight, in running from the Height of Mount Roleg, to the Cape of God's Mercy.

† Ce qu'on vient de voir, me paroit suffisant pour saire voir, les sources où nous avons puisé les parties de detail, & mettre les Sçavans & les Navigateurs en état de nous opposer une critique saine & judicieuse, à laquelle nous nous reudrons toujours avec plaisir. —— See also,

the Advertisiment to his Collection of Memoirs, tublished this Year, p. 2, 3.

They frequently attempted to get to the Western-Coast, but could not for the Ice; and tis likely there was Coast to the West of the Streight, so long as they had Ice-Banks on that Side. Bassin, found the Ice 20 Leagues from the East-Shore, in 75°. 50'. Latitude.

§ This Point should be Cape Bedford, by the Latitude of 68 Degrees, given to it in the English Pilot.

fide of Davis's Streights, one of them hitherto unknown, both to the Geographers and Navigators, tho' yearly frequenting those Seas; nay, in Effect, unknown to the Discoverer himself.

But more fully to support this double Alteration, it will be necessary to have recourse to Bassin's own Relation of this Voyage, on which chiefly it is grounded. That able Pilot informs us, that having run-down the West-side of the Bay, from Lancaster-Sound, to the Latitude of 71°. 16'. he perceived Land, as far (South) as 70°. 30'. but not being able to come at it for the Ice, he resolved to make his Way through that Obstacle; and then keeping without the Ice, till he came into 70 Degrees, to have stood-in again. But in this he found himself disappointed: For he was forced to sail above 60 Leagues before he could get-into an open Sea; and then was so embarrassed with Ice, between him and the Shore, that he could not get Sight of Land till he came into the Latitude of 68 Degrees: Nor then could come near it within 8 Leagues, for the Ice; which, in Three Days more, led him into the Latitude of 65°. 40. At which Time, perceiving he was in the Indraught of Cumberland-Sreights, he left the West-Shore, and stood-over for Cocken's-Sound, on the Greenland Coast.

Now, upon a Supposition that the Land, called James's-Island, is a Reality; (and of this there can, I think, be no room to doubt*), then from the Account of Baffin, it is plain, that he did not come-back out of his Bay, by the fame Streight he went-in at; although, by his Silence, it is evident that he thought he did: and this was the Reason of his Surprize, to find himself in the Indraught of Cumberland-Streights, when he leaft expected it; not dreaming of any other Streights thereabouts. When he had run 60 Leagues due East, and gotten-clear of the Ice, into an open Sea, he doubtless turned his Course to the South, as he had intended it, and found a Passage that Way. + But this could not possibly be Davis's-Streights: for before he could have reached the Top of that Streight, he must have failed, perhaps, Three Times 60 Leagues; and also, have steered his Course Northeafterly: Not only because the Northwest-side of that Streight, in all Probability, extends beyond 72 Degrees of Latitude §; but also because of the Ice, which so incumbered this North-WestCoast, that Baffin, in his Passage into the Bay, was in 75°. 40'. before he got-clear into an open Sea; having, till then, the Ice on the West. Whereas we do not find, that after Baffin had sailed 60 Leagues East, in

* Egede, fays, the Western-Shore has been discovered, upwards of 70 Degrees of Latitude; and that the Greenlanders of the Gulph of Disco, in 69 Degrees, fay, they have spoken with People of the same Language, beyond the Ice: So that Greenland is divided from America, by only a small Streight, so narrow, that Men on both sides are able to shoot the same Fish; and at the same Time. Natur Hist. of Greenland, P. 2. and in the Note.

† This appears from James's Chart, in which the Coast from Lancaster-Sound, runs South-East to Dawis's-Streights, in 68 Degrees of Latitude; and then South to Cumberland-Streights, as in our Chart; but without any Island, like James's, to the North, between it and the Eastern-Coast:

Which is a Proof in our Faveur: Since being fure that there is fuch an Island; and supposing James's Chart, to have agreed with Baffin's, that Navigator must necessarily have passed between it, and the West-side of Davis's-Streights. We could not procure James's Chart, till our Second Sheet was sinished; otherwise Baffins-Bay should have been represented more conformable to it.

|| Some old Dutch Charts, as those in e Lightening Column, make the Coast of what is now called James's-Island run North to about 71°. 30'. and then with a sweep inwards to the North-West. Captain Middleton, in his Chart, runs the Coast from Cumberland-Streights, N. N. E. as high as 75 Degrees of Latitude. the Parallel of 71°. 16'. that he turned at all Northerly; or past through any more Ice, as he must have done, had he gone either Northward, or continued his Course Eastward.

Baffin therefore must needs have returned by some other Streight than that of Davis. And as, from the Circumstances of his Relation, it could not be by Cumberland-Streights, what more likely than by that which I have traced-out, and named from him Baffin's-Streights? whose Eastern Entrance is exhibited distinctly, by the Opening, in Egede's Map, and some old Dutch Charts; but confounded with Cumberland-Streights, in those of others. That there is such a great Opening, in the Part where I place Baffin's-Streights, is evident, not only from the Charts before-mentioned, wherein the Land called James's-Island is inserted; but from the Relation of Davis, who in passing-up the Streights which bear his Name, informs us, that in the Latitude of 67 Degrees, he could see both Shores; but that in Latitude 68, the Passage enlarged, and he could not see the Western Coass, or that of America *.

It may be observed further, that from Lancaster-Sound, to 71°. 16'. Latitude, Baffin's Courte was Southward, with Ice to the West, between them and Shore. The Reason why they, in that Latitude, were surrounded with Ice, and were forced to run 60 Leagues before they got through it, was, because the Land thereabouts trended Eastward, or South-eastward, and stopped the Ice which was driven from the North, till it found the Passage abovementioned. Had that Coast been clear, they had possibly come-out through some other Streight, either the Nameless-Streight, or Cumberland's; which, if Paffages, must have their Northern Entrances in that Part of the Coast. The Account which both Janes and Davis himself give, of their Search of a Passage thro' Cumberland-Streights, is a very blind one; as if they had fludied Obscurity, and to keep us in the Dark. In faying there was no Passage through, must be understood only of Ships, fince he tells usWhales retreated beyond the Isles; and that to the Westward of the Isles he found a strong Tide from the South-West, meeting the Flood from South-East, by the Streights. So that Cumberland-Streights must communicate with some other Streights, (that of White-Bear-Bay, or Namele(s-Streight) if it does not immediately with Baffin's-

Should any be inclined to think it scarce possible, if there was really so wide a Streight, as we suppose Bassin's to be, but that they must have heard of it before; considering the Streights of Davis are every Year frequented by Ships of several Nations, on Account of the Whale Fishery: To solve this Objection, let them only redect, how little Regard commercial Navigators, as well as Factors, have to making Discoveries; that it does not appear, any European Ship ever entered Cumberland-Streights, since the Time of Davis; and that our Knowledge of Hudson's Bay, had advanced nothing from the Time of Captain Fox and James, in 1631, to that of Captain Middleton's Expedition, in 1743. The chief Objection against our Hypothesis seems to be from the Time in Sailing: For Bassin by his Relation was as long, within one Day, in putting from Latitude 71°. 16'. to Cumberland-Streights, as he was in making the Circuit of his Bay †, which is double

75°. 40'. the first of July; went round the Bay,

[•] See Hackluyt's Collection, Vol. III. p. to Latitude 71°. 16'. by July 14th; and the 27th was in the Indraught of Cumberland† He entered an open Sea, in Latitude Streights.

double the Number of Leagues. But the Difficulty will appear the less, if it be considered, that from Latitude 71°. 16. he had see to struggle with, which he was free from before: That the Relation thereeforward, ceasing to be particular, we know not what might have detained him; and that he was a whole Month in sailing between *Hope Sanderson*, in 72°. 30. and the open Sea abovementioned, (which is only the Space of 3 Degrees, 10 Minutes) from South to North, on Account of Interruptions from the Ice and Weather.

After this long Digression, it is Time to proceed: I make Lumley's-Inlet, the great Opening into Mistake-Bay, between Cape Elizabeth and Warwick-Foreland, agreeable to the Situation given to it by Davis; who, in his Course Southwards from Cumberland-Streights, found it between the Latitudes of 63 and 62 Degrees: This is confirmed by what he says in another Voyage, where he makes Cape Warwick, which he puts in 62 Degrees, the Limit between two Gulphs or Inlets: For as the South Gulph appears * to be that which was afterwards named Itudson's-Streights, the Northern must be what he before called Lumley's-Inlet, from its Situation between the Latitudes beforementioned; yet many of the English, as well as foreign Charts, give it a different Situation. Captain Middleton places it above Mistake-Bay, in 64°. 40'. Latitude: Mr. D'Anville raises it to 66°. 30'. and Mr. Bellin mounts it to near 68; as if Davis could possibly have erred Six whole Degrees in his Observation.

On Occasion of the great Deviations, which have been instanced, I must observe, that although the Latitudes found in the Journals of Navigators, especially the early ones, are not always very correct, yet they ought to be strictly followed, till more accurate can be procured; unless some very good Reason appears for setting them aside, which cannot be alledged in the Cases above

fpecified.

The Bounds to which these Remarks are confined, will not permit me to take Notice of the Disagreement there is among the Charts, relating to the Situation of Mistake-Bay, Cape Elizabeth, and other Places at the Entrance and within the Streights of Hudson; I shall only say in general, that I have rectified them the best I could from the Journals Antient and Modern: For our Knowledge of these Streights, though so often frequented by our Ships, is still extremely imperfect; nor is it perhaps at all practicable to get an exact Information of those frozen Regions, of which Ice has taken such intire Possession, as to debar Access to the Shore in many Parts, throughout the whole Year, except by Boats; which may possibly, according to Mr. Egede's Observation, pass along the Coast, by a Channel lest between it and the Ice.

The Situation of *Hudson's-Bay*, is fixed by the Observations made at *Charlton-Island*, *Great-Bear-Island*, and the *Prince of Wales's Fort*, in *Churchill's River*. This last Place is laid down, according to Captain *Middleton's Observations*, in Latitude 58°. 56′. and Longitude 77°. 15′. which is 4°. 45′. more West than Messieurs *D'Anville* and *Bellin* put it; and 1°. 19′. more South than Mr. *Bellin*

places it.

This Bay was but imperfectly known before the late Expeditions of Captains Middleton and Smith, in 1743 and 1747, who examined the West-side pretty thoroughly, from Nelson-River to Repulse-Bay, and the Frozen-Streights, in quest of

^{*} For Davis at this Time named the Southermost Point of it Cape Chidley.

of a North-West Passage, to which groundless Notion, encouraged by the salse Evidence of some concerned in the Voyage, that good Effect is owing. The rest of the Coasts lie in about the same Condition, in which they were lest by Fox and James, as mentioned before; yet, in general, the whole is exhibited much more accurately in our Charts, than in those of the French, who have had very little Share in the Discovery, excepting towards the Bottom of James's-Bay.

The Part to the North of Cape Comfort is drawn from the Journal and Chart of Fox, who undertook to discover that great Opening, called the Nameless-Streight, but left it unfinished. He censures Captain Weymouth and others hardly enough for giving-over their Discoveries, when perhaps they had good Reason: But none seems to me more blameable than himself, for not making at least some little further Attempt to see if there was any other Coast to the North of Lord Weston's

Foreland; this being one of the supposed Passages into Bassin's-Bay.

The Observations abovementioned were of great Use in adjusting the Situation of Hudson's-Streights, and the East Coast of Labrador: the Winding of whose Capes and Bays in our Chart agrees nearly with Mr. D'Anville's Maps: But I have placed Cape Chidley, the most Northern Cape of this Coast, in 46 Degrees of Longitude, which is 1°. 35'. more West than Mr. D'Anville puts it, and 1°. 30'. more than Mr. Bellin: In like Manner I place Cape Charles, the most Southern Point of the Labrador Coast, at the Entrance of the Streights Bell-Isle, in 35'. 55'. of Longitude agreeable to Captain Middleton's Chart, which is 1°. 55'. more West than Mr. Bellin, and 1°. 5'. more East than Mr. D'Anville puts it. So that in preserving a Medium between them, they differ almost twice as much from one another, as I do from either:

By this Longitude affigned to Cape Charles, we make the Meridian Distance between it and the Prince of Wales's Fort 41°. 20′. whereas Mr. Bellin makes it only 38°. 20′. and Mr. D'Anville no more than 35°. 30′. so that the intermediate Country is contracted 3 Degrees in Mr. Bellin's, and 5°. 50′. in Mr.

D'Anville's Map more than in ours.

The FOURTH SHEET.

HIS Sheet contains all the remaining Eastern-Coast of North-America, with the adjacent Islands, from Cape Charles to Cape Biscaino, the most South-East Point of Florida; likewise, the Gulph of Mexico, with the Islands called the West-Indies: Not to mention the North Coast of South-America, and other incidental Parts, which more properly belong to the Sixth Sheet.

It has been already remarked, that we have only Two Observations that may be depended on, for all the Eastern Coast of North-America, including the British Colonies, namely those made at Boston and New-York, which are of the less Service, as those Places lie so near each other. However, as the Situation of Cape Biscaino, in Florida, just now mentioned is pretty well ascertained, by the Observations made at the Havanna, from which Place it lies not far off to the North;

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What is most wanting, is an Observation in Nova-Scotia, or Newfoundland, to fix the North-East Extremity of that Coast; the Knowledge of whose exact Longitude, is of vast Importance to our Northern Navigation. To supply this Defect, we are obliged to have the usual Recourse to the itinerary Measures, and the Estimation of Navigators: According to which I have put Cap. Race in 34 Degrees of Longitude, that is, 50 Minutes more Westward than it stands in Mr. Bellin's Chart; and 2°. 25'. more East than in Mr. D'Anville's Map.

I have from the same Authorities placed Cape Hatterask, the most South-East Point of North-Carolina, which is the most important Point to fix, in 58°. 29'. of Longitude: That is, Two Degrees more West than New-York; and this is the most I think that can be allowed. Mr. Bellin puts it Sixteen Minutes; and Mr. D'Anville Fifty-one Minutes more West than I have done, which must be con-

fiderably too much, as will appear prefently.

With regard to the Detail of this Eastern Coast of North-America: In delineating the Coast of Newfoundland, and Cape Breton, with the Gulph and River of St. Laurence, I have followed Mr. D'Anville rather than Mr. Bellin, who hath made less use of our Sea-Charts.

Nova-Scotia is laid down from the Map of Mr. Popple, compared with the

Survey of Captain Durel in 1749, and Charts of Mr. Bellin.

The Coast of New-England is drawn from several Charts, particularly those of Captain Southesk, published in 1731; and Captain Barnsley in 1751. In placing Boston in Longitude 52°. 57'. 15". in Consequence of the Observations of Mr. Brattle, at New-Cambridge: I give it a more Westerly Situation than Mr. Bellin of about 12 Minutes, but more Easterly than Mr. D'Anville by 23 Minutes.

New-York, New-Jersey, Pensilvania and Maryland, are laid down from the best Charts; but chiefly from the accurate Survey of the Three first Countries made in 1749, by Mr. Lewis Evans of Philadelphia. The City of New-York, being placed according to the Observations of Mr. Burnet, in Longitude 57.22. 30". lies 22 Minutes more West than in Mr. D'Anville's Map, and 37. more West than in Mr. Bellin's Charts.

The Coasts of Virginia are exhibited from several Surveys; and the Country itself from a general Survey, improved with particular and accurate Surveys of

the Rivers Rapabanok and Potowmak.

With regard to North Carolina, I have followed the Map of Surveyor-General Moseley, published in 1733, compared with the Coast-Survey of Captain Wimble, in 1738, as far down as Cape Carteret, and Santee River.

The Coast of South-Carolina and Georgia, as low as Fort Augustine, is

drawn from both a Land and Coast-Survey, made during the late War.

The Conveniency of employing so many exact Materials, has given this Eastern Coast a different Face from what it appears with in other Charts, with Respect as

* Mr. Bellin. in his Preface to his Collection of Memoirs before mentioned, informs us, that there has been an Observation of an Immersion of the Satellites of Jupiter, made the last Year [1751 or 1750] by which it appears, that Louisburg, in Cape Breton, is situate One Degree and some Minutes more West than he places it; which is in Forty-one Degrees of Longitude: Then that Port

will lie in Forty-two Degrees some Minutes over, near Two Degrees more West than I have put it. But as it does not appear from his Account, that this Observation is sufficiently precise to determine the Longitude of Louisburg; we must wait the Result of others, which he tells us are making at that Place.

well to the Windings of the Shores, as Situation and Distances. We shall not stay to Point out the Particulars which may be seen in the Tables inserted in the Chart itself. However we think it necessary to account for one considerable Alteration, which we have made in the Parts between Cape Hatterafk and San Matteo, on the Borders of Florida, by giving to it a great Sweep inwards. This is agreeable not only to the old Charts; but also, to our latest Maps and Surveys, particularly those of Carolina and Georgia; which affign a large Extent of Coast, from East to West, between the Limits before-mentioned: So that I judged I could not do less than place San Matteo in 64°. 50'. Longitude, which makes the Meridian Distance between those two Extremes 6°. 20'. whereas Mr. Bellin has placed San Matteo in only 63°. 10'. Hence, although that Gentleman agrees nearly with me in the Position of Cape Hatterask, yet by putting San Mattee 1°. 40'. more East than I have done, he makes the Meridian Difference no more than 4°. 25'. which is 1°. 55'. less than by my Chart: On the other Hand Mr. D'Anville places San Mattee in 640. 00', fo that puting it 50 Minutes more East, and Cape Hatterask 51 more West, he makes the Difference 4°. 40'. that is, 15 Minutes more than Mr. Bellin has done, but 1°. 40'. less than I have made it; which is a very considerable Contraction, near one Third, in so small an Extent of Coast.

Indeed Mr. De L'Isse makes the Difference 6°. 28'. which is 8 Minutes more than I make it. But if we agree in the Measure, we differ in the Situation: For he places San Matteo 1°. 5'. and Cape Hatterask 1°. 2'. more East than I have done. So liable are the best Geographers to vary, when Astronomical Observations are wanting to determine their Judgment: It could be wished cherefore that Two good Observations were made in the Neighbourhood of the Places in

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It may perhaps be thought that in extending the Coast of Carolina, I have too much contracted the Isthmus of Florida, between the North-Sea and the Gulph of Mexico: But I am of Opinion that it is not much, if at all, broader in that Part than I have made it in my Chart; which besides corresponds very well with the Itineraries.

A good Observation is wanted also to fix the Longitude of Bermudas, or Summers's-Isles, which lie at a great Distance opposite to the Coast of Carolina: For that reported by Street, which makes them no more than 64 Degrees West of London, or 46°. 25'. West of Ferro, seems to place them above a Degree and a half too much to the East: The Latitude which he gives them of 32°. 25'. may be near the Truth, since we meet with another, which makes them Two Minutes more;

probably as being observed in different Parts of the great Island.

The Situation and Extent of the Gulph of Mexico, with the Coasts of New-Spain, as far as Tierra-Firma, are regulated particularly by the Observations made at New-Orleans and LaVera Cruz: The Longitude of this last Place was found by a Lunar Eclipse, observed by Mr. Harris in 1727, to be 79°. 50′. at which it stands in our Chart, and with this Mr. D'Anville agrees within a few Minutes: But Mr. Bellin places it in 80°. 13′. that is, 23 Minutes more West: Which is more agreeable to an Observation made at St. John D'Vlloa in 1577, than Mr. Harris's, whom yet he pretends to solve in Nor can I conceive why for the Latitude he should think bimself obliged to follow the Pilot rather than the Mathematician; unless it be that he wrongly imagined Mr. Harris makes the Latitude Two Minutes less than

Carenza: Whereas in Reality he makes it 19°. 121. which is Two Minutes more than the other *.

I have made very few Alterations, and those not worth taking Notice of, in the Coasts of this Gulph, from the Map of Mr. D'Anville; however compared with Mr. Bellin's Chart thereof, as well as with the Journal and the Chart of Dampier relating to the Coast of Tahaseo and Jukatan, as far as Cape Catoche, where the Gulph properly ends. I have likewise lest the remaining Coasts of New-Spain, on the North side, nearly as I found them in Mr. D'Anville's Map, excepting the Gulph of Honduras, in which I have made some considerable Alterations, both from him and Mr. Bellin.

If as Mr. Bellin fays, his Chart differs much from Mr. Popple's Map, with respect to the Coast of Honduras +, I will venture to fay, that mine differs much more from his; whether we regard the Extent and Figure of the Coasts, the Situation and Distance of Places, or the Islands included in it. It will appear from the comparative Table, accommodated to this Part of our Chart, that I differ from Mr. Bellin, from 18 to 43 Minutes in the Longitude of Places: And what is still more extraordinary, from 20 Minutes to 1°. 5'. in the Latitude, as in the Latitude of Gracias a Dios: This is a greater Error by 5'. than what Mr. Bellin pretends to have found in Mr. Popple's Map.

Mr. Bellin charges that Gentleman with miftaking a whole Degree in the Latitude of Cape Cameron, which he places in 16°. 15'. whereas Mr. Bellin puts it, as he fays, in 15°. 15'. and from thence wou'd have it thought that Mr. Popple had erred fo egregiously: But, however faulty that Gentleman may be in other Respects (especially with regard to the Parts, which do not belong to the British Dominions) in all probability for once he is in the Right, and Mr. Bellin in the Wrong: Since, (to use Mr. Bellin's way of Reasoning) I place Cape Cameron in 16 Degrees of Latitude 1, so that he has erred. 45 Minutes in its Situation, and Mr. Popple only 15'.

Mr. Popple has erred still less than Mr. Bellin, in the Situation of the other Two remarkable Capes, Honduras and Gracias a Dios. I place the First in 16°. 5′. Mr. Bellin in 15°. 35′: Mr. Popple in 16°. 12′. I put the Second in 15°. 20′;

Mr. Bellin in 14°. 15. § Mr. Popple in 14°. 47'.

Mr. Bellin, whose Observations on his Chart of the Gulph of Mexico is a professed Critic's on Mr. Popple's Map, finds fault with him afterwards, for omitting the little Rockey-Key, or Isle near Cape Catoche, called by the Spaniards, Capodes Mujeres, or the Womens-Isle; and for inserting Three others, by the Course of Magara, which are not existing. Mr. Bellin might easily have perceived that Magara is only a Corruption of the Word Mujeres; and Mr. Popple's Fault, perhaps, is in making Three Islands of One, and not in the Situation which he has given to them. However that be, Mr. Bellin has omitted himself a more considerable

* See Mr. Bellin's Observations; sur le Carte du Golphe du Mexique, &c. p. 4.

Latitude of this Cape, and some other Places, whose Situations differ considerably from those in *Penhallow's* Table.

[†] Observations, & c. ubi supra, p. 5. "I's true Uring places Cape Cameron in Latitude 15°. 20'. only Five Minutes more North than Mr. Bellin; nor can we account for the Disagreement between him and Penhallow, but by supposing he neglected to take the

[§] Riccioli feems to have had more exact Memoirs; fince in his Table of Cities, in his Geographia Reformata, he places Cape Honduras in 16 Degrees, and Cape Garcias a Dios in 15 Degrees of Latitude.

siderable Isle, called Logger-Head-Key, by the English, about Five Miles East of Cape Catoche; and if Mr. D'Anville's with other Maps be right, Three Isles more near the Coast. But why do we dwell on the Omission of single Islands? If we look lower-down in the Bay we shall find that Mr. Bellin has omitted whole Scores of Islands, which lie in Clusters, with their Rocks and Sholes along the Coast of Jukatan, and stretch into it for the Space of Two Degrees. Mr. D'Anville indeed puts several large Islands before the Mouth of Ascension-Bay: But they are neither so many, nor ranged as they ought to be; as may appear from our Chart, though projected by too small a Scale to exhibit the Detail.

In short, all the East-side of the Coast of Jukatan is represented very differently in our Chart from those of Messieurs Bellin and D'Anville, whose original Draughts were nearly the same, and not very different from that used by Mr. Popule. Among the rest they make the Bay of Ascension to be inclosed on Three Sides, with the Coast of Jukatan; and represent the Laguna Bacular to the North of it, as having no Communication with the Sea: Whereas the East-side of that Bay is formed, not by a Peninsula, but by a long Island, called Ambergris-Key; and this Island extending about 20 Leagues Northward, covers the Mouth of the Laguna Bacular, which opens into a narrow Channel, lying between it and the Main.

Messieurs Bellin and D'Anville make the Bay of Honduras terminate in a great Sound called the Gulph of Higueros, or Guanacos, running deep into the Land: In consequence of which the Breadth of the Peninsula of Jukatan, where it joins New-Spain, is no more than 1°. 40′. according to Mr. D'Anville; and only 1°. 20′. according to Mr. Bellin. Whereas we make it at least 2°. 10′. more agreeable to Mr. De L'Isle's last Map of America; and as they have contracted the Islhmus of Jukatan, they have too much extended the Coast of Honduras. Mr. Bellin makes its Length from the Bottom of the Gulph, to Cape Gracias de Dios, 8°. 18′. Mr. D'Anville 8°. 00′. whereas, I make it only 7°. 22′: On this Occasion it may not be amiss to mention, that I place that Cape in 65 Degrees of Longitude, which is 30 Minutes more East than Mr. D'Anville; and 18 more West than Mr. Bellin.

Mr. Bellin to support his Chart in this Part, produces Two MS. Spanish Charts, which after much Search he found in his Office: And I oppose to them Two other printed Charts, one published in 1726, by Captain Uring, in the History of bis Voyages; the other about 1743, by Captain Penhallow. They for the general agree very well, but I chiefly follow the First for the Figure of the Coasts, as Uring examined great Part of them by Land as well as Sea; and the Second for the Latitudes, a Table of which Captain *Penhallow* has inferted in his Chart. He does not indeed fay they were observed (which is a very great Neglect) yet it may be prefumed they were, fince otherwise there could have been no Reason for inserting them, especially some, which do not fall within the Compuss of his Chart. On this Occasion I must observe, that considering Observations of the Longitude or Latiude, are the very Foundation of Charts, it is aftonishing how Navigators, who make any, can neglect to infert them (with an Account of their Accuracy) in some void Space of those which they publish; and it is still more surprizing that they should not so much as mention that essential Circumstance, upon the Authority of which the whole chiefly depends. This I take to be the Cafe of Captain Uring,

who I prefume did observe some Latitudes; but by not intimating so much, has lost the Merit of his Labour, and must yield Precedence to Penhallow; who yet

perhaps in reality does not deserve it so well as himself.

But to proceed. Passing over the Coast of Tierra Firma, which, as it belongs to South-America, will be considered in the Second Part of these Remarks; the next Object which demands our Attention, are the Islands in the North-Sea, commonly called the West-Indies. Cuba, the largest of the Four great Islands has Three Observations of the Longitude, made at the Havanna, Spiritu Sancto, and the Puerto del Principe, by Don Marco Antonio de Gomboa, in 1729, to ascertain its Situation; besides several of the Latitudes taken at the principal Capes by able Navigators. The Coasts stand nearly as found in Mr. D' Anville's Map. As for the Luccayes or Bahama-Islands, which lie to the North of Cuba, and with the Coast of Florida, form the Streights of Bahama, they are laid-down from Mr. Popple's Map, compared with Mr. D' Anville Map, and Bellin's Chart, who both for the general seem to have copied from him: But we have no accurate Observations to fix their Situation.

Jamaica is adjusted by the Observations of the Lunar Eclipse made at Port. Royal, by Captain Chandler, in 1722, although there wants a more exact one of a Sattelite; and the Coasts are laid down from the English Maps of that Island, which give it a Parallel Situation from East to West: Whereas Mr. Bellin, in his Chart of the Gulph of Mexico, makes it lie from North-West, to South-East, by placing Cape Negrillo, the most Western Point, in Latitude 18°. 30'. instead of 18°. 5.

The Situation of San Domingo, or Hispaniola, is determined by the Astrononomical Observations, made both of the Latitude and Longitude, at Petit Goave,
Cape Francis, and Fort St. Lewis: Besides those of the Latitude singly, at Leogane,
Port-Plata, Port of Peace; also at the Capes Cabrun, Samana, and Raphael the siles
of Saona, Altavela and Navaza. In definiating the Coasts, we have followed Mr.
D'Anville, compared with Mr. Bellin's Chart of San Domingo, published in 1750,
which differs from that of the Gulph of Mexico, made the Year before in a great
many Particulars. We have done the like with regard to the Island of Porto-Rico;
with respect to which we have no Astronomical Observation, either of the Longitude or Latitude.

For the Islands to the North of St. Domingo, with the Passages through them, we have had recourse to Captain Chandler's Chart of the Windward-Passage, which contains the other two; compared with Mr. Bellin's Chart of St. Domingo, in which he says he made use of Two Charts, one drawn by Mr. Frazier the Engineer, who was sent in 1724, as Captain Chandler had been Two Years before, to make a Chart of those Passages; the other by the Captain of a King's Ship,

in the Year 1736.

We have an accurate Survey of the Virgin-Islands, by Mr. Atkinson of Spanish-Town, and others, published in 1739. We have likewise Two Observations for those Islands, One of the Longitude for Virgin Gorda or Spanish-Town; the other of the Latitude for the Island of St. Thomas. That of the Longitude is deduced from a Lunar F.clipse, observed there the 16th of March 1717, by Captain Chandler: The Latitude was taken by Pere Feuillee, in 1705; and by comparing it with the Chart, as Mr. Bellin remarks, it is found to be placed right; yet through

a common Neglect, it does not appear from the Chart itself, whether the Author had observed the Latitude either of that, or any other of the Virgin Islands. Navigators and others in making their Charts and Maps, think it enough to tettle the Latitudes by the Scale, without giving them in Numbers, or so much as mentioning, which, if any, were observed; not considering that such Charts

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The Carribbee or Windward-Islands, which beginning to the East of the Virgin-Islands, range themselves in a Curve Southward, as far as South-America, are almost all laid down from pretty exact Maps or Draughts, made by the English or French, to whom they mostly belong; particularly those of St. Christopher's, Antigoa, Martinico and Barbadoes. But for determining their Situation, we have only the Observations made at Martinico and Guarda-Lupa, for the Longitude and Latitude; with those of St. Christopher's, Bridge-Town in Barbadoes, and the French Fort at Granada, for the Latitude only. Many Observations of Lunar Eclipses have been made in Barbadoes, to determine the Longitude of that Place, which would be of someImportance to Navigation; but none of them can be relied upon. If a good Observation for the Longitude could be procured, at Granada, as Mr. Bellin recommends, it would help much to settle the Situation of the East Point of the Coast of Tierra-Firma, as well as that of the Leeward-Islands, which

lie along it, as far Westward as the Gulph of Venezula.

To finish this sheet, it remains only to account for the Coast on the West-side of New-Spain, in the South-Sea, from the Isthmus of Darien in Tierra Firma, to the Gulph of California. This we have let stand nearly as it is laid down in Mr. D'Anville's Map, b. cause he seems to have made use of the best Memoirs, many of them English: And befides there is such a Disagreement among the Charts, as well as Observations of the Latitude by Mariners, that our Choice is perplexed; and the Spanish Charts published by Cook and Rogers are not to be depended on more than others. Mr. Bellin is so much at a loss on this Occasion, that in his Charr of the Gulph of Mexico he informs us, That he has left the Coast in Question, as it is exhibited in the Common Charts; and that he will describe it with more Care and Minuteness, when he comes to make his Charts of the South-Sea. In the mean Time, Mr. Bellin might have given fomething better: For this Part feems to have been negligently Sketched by him. from the old Dutch Chart, which he fays Mr. Popple copied; or else from Moll's Map of the West-Indies. Among other Errors, the Gulph of Salinas, or Nicoya, is represented in his, as in theirs, to be a great Semi-circular Bay, above a Degree and a half wide: Whereas it is of a quite different Shape, and not a Third of that Breadth, as may appear from Funnel; who in his Account of Dampier's Voyage round the World, describes, and has given a Draught of it, which we have copied in our Chart.

As the rest of the Western Coast of North America, is contained in the first and third Sheets, we must pass to them, and in Consequence of our Method.

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The THIRD SHEET.

HIS Sheet contains part of New-Spain or Mexico, along the Vermilian Sea; California and New Albion, with the unknown Continent to the North, as far as 60 Degrees of Latitude: It likewise takes-in the Coast of Kamchatka, which is the Part of Afia, opposite to America on that Side, with the Pacific-Ocean and Islands therein; extending 95 Degrees from East to West, and 60 from South to North. With respect to this West-side of America, from Cape Corientes to Latitude 39°. 30', we have little more to fay than what is inferted in the Chart itself; namely, that the Coast with the adjacent Islands are laid down chiefly from the Spanish Chart, made use of on board the Manilla Ship, named Cabadongea, taken by Commodore, now Lord Anson, in 1743. As there is an almost irreconcileable Difference between that Chart and others, as well as the Journals of former Navigators, with regard both to the Names and Latitudes of many Places within that Space, I would not venture to mix the discording Accounts; for fear of making Two Places of One, or confounding Two different Places together: But, to supply the Deficiency, I have added Tables of Latitude from the early Navigators (for we have none Modern of any Note) who have been upon these Coasts. I shall only farther observe, that in Consequence of following the faid Charts, joined to other Estimations, I make the Meridian Difference between Cape St. Lucas the most South-East Point of California and Cape Mendozino, to the North-West, in 42 Degrees of Latitude, to be 18 Degrees: Which are Four Degrees more than Mr. Bellin reckons; and a Medium between his Charts and those of the English and Dutch, who make it Four Degrees more.

California was found to be a Peninsula by Francisco de Vloa, in 1539; and by Hernando Alarchon, in 1540. Accordingly it was represented as such by Mercator, and others, in their Charts: But on the Authority of a Spanish Chart, taken on board a Ship by the Dutch, in 1620, Geographers converted it into an Island; and so it was deemed to be till the Discovery of Kino the Jesuit, in 172, and even for some Time after: As may be seen, no. only by the Maps of Moul, Senex, and such like; but also those of Mr. De L'Isle, published before the Year 1720.

In 1578 Sir Francis Drake put into a Port, in Latitude 38°, where he continued for some Weeks, and had a Surrender made him of the adjacent Country, from the Indian King thereof, in behalf of the Crown of England. These Two Particulars were marked formerly in all foreign Charts, as well as English, not excepting those of Sanson: But within this Century the French Geographers have suppressed those Particulars, for they wholly omit New-Albion, and convert Port Sir Francis Drake, into Port San Francisco; dishonouring the Name of the Knight, by changing it into one of their spurious Saints. It is thus named in the latter Maps of America, by Mr. De L'Isle. Mr. Bellin in like Magner omits the Name of New-Albion; but gives none at all to the Port in Question: However his Copit Brouckner, calls it Carinda, and others the Port of Pines. What Part Mr. D'Anville would have acted in these Two Respects, had he given us California intire in his Map of America, we know not: For he omits the Western Coast of

that Peninsula. 'The Spaniards call this Port Puerto del Rey, or the King's-Port: But the Manilla Chart has only named the Cape at the Mouth, calling it Punta del Rey. However we have made no Scruple to give it the Name of Sir Francis Drake, not only because it is the nearest Port in that Chart, to the Latitude affigned by Sir Francis; but also, because it is observed in one of the Relations of his Voyage, that there were some Islands at the Mouth of his Port; and this Port is the only one on the North Coast, which has Islands before it according to the Manilla Chart.

Sir Francis Drake discovered beyond the Forty-Third Degree of Latitude; where we have marked the Bounds of New-Albion; and 'tis probable, as afferted in the Relation, that no Spaniard had been so far North on the Coast before him: For tho' Cabrillo is said to have proceeded as far as 44 Degrees; yet this Circumstance was probably invented only to distance our English Navigator: Since the Latitude of Cape Fortune in 41 Degrees is the highest which has been given by him. Besides he never landed any where beyond the Latitude of 37; and that only in Two Islands off the Coast, called by him St. Luke.

The Discovery of Cape Mendozino, to the North of Cape Fortune, is indeed ascribed to the same Cabrillo, but without any apparent Foundation, by John de Laet, who places it in Latitude 43°. 00'. Riccioli puts it in 42°. 30'. but Sebastian Biscaino, who sailed as far as Cape Blanco, in no more than 41°. 21'. so that its

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There are no Discoveries higher Northwards along this Coast, excepting that of large Opening or Inlet, ascribed to Martyn D'Aguilar, above Cape Blance, in about Latitude 44°. 30°. 'Tis true I have marked Two other Openings, one in Latitude 47°. 30°. through which John de Fuca, a Greek Pilot, pretended to have sailed, in the Year 1592, into the North-Sea, in Twenty-six Days: The other in Latitude 53°. 00°. into which it is said the Spanish Admiral De Fonte entered, in 1640, and sailed by Lakes and Rivers, till he found a Ship from Boston in New-England; while one of his Captains, named Bernardo, pass'd from one of the Lakes into the North-Sea, in 61 Degrees of Latitude; and, coasting as high as 79, sent one of his Sailors ashore, who was conducted by the Natives to the Head of Bassin's-Bay, which ended it seems in a Fresh-Water Lake.

Both these Accounts are such palpable Forgeries, that they carry their own Refutation along with them: And yet they who have written lately against, as well as sor, a North-West Passage, take them to be genuine. I shall only observe, with regard to the Account of De Fontes's Voyage, that it is highly improbable, there shou'd be Inhabitants in 79 Degrees of Latitude; since Bassin met with none higher than about 74. 'Tis still more improbable that the Sailor should have travelled from thence to the Head of Bassin's-Bass. Since, considering the vast Breadth of the Bay in that Latitude, to which perhaps the Head of it extends, it must have been a Journey of 4 or 500 Miles, over Mountains of Ice, to have reached it; though probably the Isthmus may be narrow directly North of its Head. I will not mention the farther Improbability, that the Bay should end in a Fresh-Water Lake; and that the North-Shore there should be inaccessible for the Ice, although he met with none in the Ocean, neither off nor on the Coast, Bessides Bassin sound no Ice, except in one Place, along all the Northern Shores of the Bay.

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The most surprising Thing of all is, that the Advocates for a North-West Paffage by Hudson's-Bay should introduce this spurious Narrative, invented probably to divert the Engli h from making an Enquiry in favour of their Hypothefis: fince De Fonte's Voyage is of no manner of Use to them; and that of Bernardo, supposing it Fact, absolutely destroys the Possibility of a Passage, by afferting a Continuation of Coast on the West-side of America, from \$3 to 79 Degrees of Latitude; as without doubt there must be, and for some Degrees more North. However, this Objection feems to have occurred at last to the Author of the Map, of the Countries about *Hudfon's-Bay*, who finding *Bernardo's Relation not* to favour his Purpose, rejects its Authority, and introduces the Ocean in place of the Continent *.

The Islands within this Sheet are almost all laid down from the Manilla Chart: and are in much greater Number than what one meets with in other Charts. Mr. Bellin and his Copift Brouckner mention only a few, which we suppose to be some of them, however differing both in Name and Situation. Thus I take their Barbus to be the Barbadoes of the Manilla Chart; aitho' placed by them fix Degrees more West, and one Degree more South. I likewise suppose the Sholey-Isle, to the North-West of Barbadoes, to be the Birds-Isle of Mr. Bellin; and Lagurfanes to be the Naduderos of De L'Isle, and the Nageures of Mr. Bellin, placed by them

2°. 30'. more South.

Indeed the Relations of Voyages thro' this Part of the Ocean are fo few, and their Journals so imperfect as well as inaccurate, that they are of but little Use for rectifying the Charts. They frequently omit the Latitudes of Places; and feldom mark the Longitudes or Distances. The Relations of the first Navigators, such as Magallan, Gaetan, Mendanna, and indeed all in general through these Seas, are fo confused as well as defective, that there is no plotting down the Course with any Certainty.

The FIRST SHEET.

HE First Sheet of North-America, with which we end, contains the remaining Part of the Western Coast, as far as it is known Northward; with a Continuation of the North-East Coast of Asia

opposite thereto.

The American Coast is exhibited without any Alteration from the Charts of Messieurs Bellin and Brouckner, as far North as 75 Degrees; containing the Discoveries made by Captain Behring, by order of the Russian Court, in 1743. But nothing yet has appeared to warrant the Situation given to it, either as to Latitude or Longitude; in the Whole or in Part. I have continued the

he introduces the Tartarian-Ocean, and there fupposes that De Fonte met with the Boston Ship. A very wild Conjecture, and Contradictory toboth De Fonte's and Bernardo's Account.

^{*} The Author of Captain Smith's Voyage in 1747, for the Discovery of a North-West Pasfage, has also given a very wrong Map of De Fonte's Voyage. He carries the Coast no farther than the Latitude of 66 Degrees, in which Parallel

Coast Northward, by a pricked Line, in the Direction, which I judge it may trend, in order to inclose Baffin's-Bay, as exhibited in the Second Sheet.

The Coast of Asia is laid down as it was surveyed by the same Captain Behring in 1738, and is exhibited in the Russian Atlas of that great Empire, published at Petersburg in 1745. This is all I need say with regard to a Part which come-in by Accident, and does not properly fall within my present Design.

The most remarkable Object within this Sheet is the Streight or Passage, between Asia and America, which separates those two Continents (generally believed till of late, to have been contiguous) and joins the Northern Ocean to the Pacisic Sea. This is the samous Streight so long looked for by the Geographers of Europe, (tho' known for Ages perhaps to those of Japan *) under the santastic Name of Anian; and as it owes its Discovery to the above-mentioned Captain Behring, I

have made no Scruple to denominate it from him.

Supposing the Situation of the American Coast to be near the Truth; for that of Mia is tolerably well ascertained (in Consequence of the Longitude of Kamchatka, determined by the same Gentleman) the Distance between the Two Continents in this Part will not exceed 200 Leagues +. This great Opening from the South into the North-Sea is nearly opposite to that on the side of Europe, between Greenland and Norway: Through both which a Passage may be sought, either along the Coasts of Asia or America; or else, which seems most easy and secure, by sailing through the Middle, directly across the Pole. A Course so commodiously offering itself to the View of Navigators, that it is surprizing to find it was never yet attempted.

The Inland-Parts of North-America.

E have now finished our Remarks on the Chart, so far as relates to North-America: But before we quit this Part of the Continent, it will be proper to take a slight View of the inland Countries, of which we have given a Sketch; particularly with regard to the Extent and Bounds of the French and British Dominions.

I have placed Ofwega, on the Lake Ontario, where the English have a Fort and Mart for the Indian Traders, in I ongitude 58°. 41'. according to its Distance from New-York, by Evans's Map or Survey of Pensilvania, before-mentioned. This gives 2°. 12'. in Longitude between Ofwega and New-York; which enlarges the intermediate Country 1°. 12'. more than Mr. D'Anville and 1°. 27'. more than Mr. Bellin have allowed to it.

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^{*} See Kempfer's Hist. Japan Cap. 4. + According to later Informations, the Distance is Twenty four Leagues scarce from the

most East Part of Siberia, to the nearest Land opposite: But whether it be America, or an Island, is yet uncertain,

In consequence of the Position of Oswega, we have fixed that of the Lake of Ontario, placing it so much more Westward than Messieurs Bellin and D'Anville have done; and likewise given to Quebek, the Capital of French Canada, the Longitude of 53°. 40′. conformable to Mr. D'Anville's Map, rather than that of 52°. 13′. resulting from the Observation of a Lunar Eclipse, made at that

Place by the Jesuit Bressani, in 1649.

By the Polition given to the Lake Ontario, we have regulated in some Meafure, that of the other Four great Lakes; Erie, the Hurons, Michigan, and the Upper-Lake: In placing which I have more nearly sollowed Mr. D'Anville than Mr. Bellin, who seems to have set them too far to the West, as well as North, in order perhaps to savour his Communication with the Pacific-Ocean. I have kept a Medium likewise in placing the Lake of Wood or Isles; and removed that Communication lower, by the Inlet of D'Aguilar, to avoid making an Opening without Necessity, and in a Place where there is no Evidence of any. What is inserted of Rivers, Lakes and Nations, to the North and West of the Five Lakes, is in a great Measure Guess-Work; being laid-down from the Report of Indians: And as that of Joseph le France seemed to me as credible as any other, I have therefore made-use of it among the rest.

The British Dominions are exhibited from the Materials employed in delineating the Coasts, joined to some others, which relate to the Inland Parts. With regard to the Course of Mississippi, and Rivers falling into it, Louisiana and the Countries to the West and South-West, we have laid them down partly from Mr. D'Anville, and partly from Mr. Bellin: But our Readers are not to expect

the utmost Exactness, in what we intend only for a general View.

However, imperfect as this Sketch of the European Acquisitions and Settlements may be, I have taken Care to avoid that Partiality, with which some of our Neighbours feem not unjustly to stand-accused. I have been so far from curtailing, or increaching on the just Bounds of French Canada, that I make the Meridional Distance between Quebek and the Streights of Bell-Isle 17°. 30'. which are 50 Minutes more than Mr. D'Anville gives it. On the other Hand I have drawn the Line, which parts the French from English Canada, by beginning it at Davis's-Inlet, on the East Coast of Labrador or New-Britain, (in the Latitude of about 56 Degrees) and drawing it with a Curve through the Lake Abitibis, down to the 49th Degree of Latitude; from thence to be continued to the North-West Ocean, as it was fettled by Commissioners after the Peace of Utrecht: Whereas Mr. D'Anville running the Partition-Line, along the Parallel Fifty, and to the South of *Hudfon's-Bay*, makes it turn-off with a fweep Northward; and continues it in that Direction, at the Distance of about 20 Leagues only, from the Eastern-Coast of this Bay, to the Latitude of 54 Degrees, where he terminates it, as if at a loss whither to carry it farther.

I have likewife rectified the Limits of New-Scotland or Acadia, which according to the above-mentioned Treaty, are the River St. Lawrence on the North, Penobscot River on the West, and the Gulph of St. Lawrence on the East: Whereas Mr. D'Anville marks the Bounds, by a Line drawn through the Continent, from the Lake Ontario to the Gulph of St. Lawrence, a little to the North of Bay-Verte, or

Green-Bay in Aceaia, by which Misrepresentation he cransfers above one half of the Province to his own Nation.

Mr. D'Anville has by another partial Mistake included within the Bounds of Gallie Canada to the South and East of the Lake Ontario, the Country possessed by the Five Indian Nations, called by the French Jroquois: Whereas they are known by all the World to be Allies, and under the Protection of the Crown of Great-Britain, by actual Treaties of a long standing: So that in right of them the English have a Claim, not only to all the Lands South of the River St. Lawrence, (including the French Settlements about the Champlain, and other Lakes) which were the original Property of those Indians and their Dependants; but also all the Lands in and about the Five Great Lakes, which the said Five Nations have subdued or made tributary.

!VIr. D'Anville feems to be no less unacquainted with the Bounds of our other Settlements: Since he has encroached upon them unreasonably, by a Line drawn at some Distance Southward of the Obobio, or Fair River, from the Country of the Five Indian Nations, to the Borders of Georgia. We have therefore restored the English Settlements to Part of their just Pretensions, by extending their Bounds, as far only as the River Wabash, or St. Jerom, to the North, and the River Mississippi to the South, taking-in the Countries of the Creek-Indians, and the Chikasas. Although by the Grants of our Kings we might perhaps have carried them through Louisiana, Westward to the South-Sea: Without being guilty of encroaching on the just Rights of the French, as the French have been of encroaching on ours.

In the Year 1728 the Bounds between Virginia and Carolina were agreed to be fettled by a Line, beginning at Kuratuk-Inlet, and extending Westward from thence, between the 36th and 37th Degree of Latitude, with a Design to continue it to the River Mississippi; which Resolution we hear was put in Execution last Year, by a Journey made for that Purpose: And it is hoped the Inhabitants of those Countries will preserve their Limits in the sull Extent against all Invaders.

A great deal more might be added on this Head; but we must defer it till we come to give the Public particular Maps of the British Plantations, which we have had in View for some Time past.



PART II.

SOUTH-AMERICA.

The SIXTH SHEET.

LL which relates to the Southern Continent of America; with the Oceans on each Side to the South of the Line, and the Islands dispersed through them, is comprised in the Compass of Two Sheets, marked 5 and 6. This last contains the whole Peninsula; the Situation of whose Coasts has been pretty accurately determined by the Observations of Astronomers, excepting the South Point, called Cape-Horn, and Part of the South-East or South-West side; as will be made appear in the Course of our Remarks: Which we shall divide as they relate to the Northern, Eastern, or Western Coasts; and the Islands adjacent to each.

I. NORTH COAST.

HIS Part, including the Coast of Tierra Firma, and Guiana, with Part of Brasil, is regulated, in our Chart, by the Observations both of the Latitude and Longitude, made at Puerto-Bello, Cartagena, Santa Martha, and Puerto-Cabeillo, or Golso Triste, in Tierra-Firma; at Cayenne, in Guiana, and Para, near the Eastern Mouth of the River Marannon, or the Amazons, in Brasil. Besides those of the Latitude only, taken at Paramaribo, in Surinam; Cape Orange and Cape North, in Guiana; as set down in the Tables inserted in the Chart itself.

The Longitudes are the more to be relied on, as they result from Observations of the Eclipses of Jupiter's Satellites: But it could be wished they had been more equally distributed along the Coasts. For Puerto-Bello, Cartagena, Santa Martba, and Puerto-Cabeillo, lying within the Space of 12°. 18'. we have no other Observations for the rest of the Coast Eastward, 'till we come to Cayenne in Guiana; which is 14°. 22'. distant.

However,

However, these Observations are of great Use to six the Situation of this North Coast in general; with respect to which our best Charts have egregiously erred. For Instance, Puerto-Bello and Cartagena are placed by the Observations from 3 to 7 Degrees, and Santa Martha from 6 to 9 more Westward than they are exhibited in those Charts; which likewise give the Latitudes above 20 Minutes in excess. The Maps of Senex, Moll, and Popple, do the same: By which Means the Coast of Tierra-Firma is advanced so many Minutes too Northerly; and Cape Tres Puntas, near its East-End, 3 Degrees in some, and 7 in others, more Easterly than it ought to be. So that although those Charts may be exact enough as to the Distance between Puerto-Bello and Cape Tres Puntas, yet by setting them so much out of their true Longitudes, they create an Error, very dangerous to Navigators; whose Sasety intirely depends on the Coast to which they are bound, being laid down in the Charts they make-use of, neither at a greater nor a less Distance than it ought to be.

Besides the Observations above-mentioned made by Astronomers, Mr. Bellin marks the Latitudes of Cape De Vela, Cape Coquibacoa, and la Guaira, on the Coast of Tierra-Firma; with those of the Isles Buon Ayre, and Aves: Which help to adjust the Situation of the Leeward-Islands, ranged along this Coast, whereto those Two Isles belong. Mr. Bellin says, those Latitudes, though taken at Sea, were observed with great Care: But he mentions only that of the Two Capes; to both which he gives

the same Situation of 12°. 13' *.

In laying down the Course and Windings of the Shores from *Puerto-Bello*, to Cape *Roque*, the most North-East Point of *Brasil*, I have followed Mr. *D'Anville* more than Mr. *Bellin*: Who, missed by *Fritz* the Jesuit, has erred exceedingly in exhibiting the Mouth of the River *Amazons*; which I have represented, with the River itself, from Mr. *Condemines*'s Map of it.

II. EAST COAST.

OR the Eastern Coast of America, we have five Astronomical Observations of the Longitude as well as Latitude: Namely, those made at Olinda or Pernambuk in Brasil; the Island of St. Catherine, on the same Coast; Buenos Ayres, in the Mouth of Rio de la Plata; with Cape Blanco and Port Desire on the Patagon Coast: To which we may add that ascribed to the Rio Gallego, on

the same Coast, a little to the North of Cape Virgins.

The Longitudes above-mentioned, although refulting only from Lunar Eclipses, might serve tolerably well to determine the Situation of the whole Eastern Side of this Southern Peninsula, as far down South as the Magallanic Streights, near which the Rio Gallego is situate, were they all to be depended on: But that ascribed to the last mentioned River, as well as those made at Port Desire and Buenos Ayres, are known to be very erroneous; and it is to be feared, that the Longitude of Olinda, has not been observed with due Accuracy, since we find a Difference of more than a whole Degree among the Astronomers in computing it.

Mr. De L'Isle, in his Geographical Determination of the Situation and Extent of the several Parts of the Earth, makes it 36°. 20'. West of Paris; De la Hire 37 Degrees, the Connossance de Temps 37°. 30'. Which of these, or whether any of them is right, Time must discover; for the Observations of Margraf, in 1638 and 1642, from whence those Results are drawn, have not been verified by any since.

In the mean Time I have placed Olinda according to the last Supputation of the Academy in 37°. 30'. as Mr. Bellin has also done; but Mr. D'Anville puts it one Degree more Easterly. By this Longitude I have adjusted the Position of the Eastern Coast of Brasil. In Consequence thereof it is placed from Three to Six Degrees more West, than found to be in the English and Dutch Charts, which we have confulted in conjunction with those of Messieurs Bellin and D'Anville, in exhibiting the Coast from Tierra-Firma, as far South as Cape Frio. In this Part we have been affifted also with the Latitudes of that Cape, of Cape St. Augustin, and Cape Dello or Ledo, at the Mouth of the River Paraiba*, observed by Dr. Halley, in his Voyages. Mr. Bellin liftewife, befides Cape Frio, marks Cape Una more to the North, and Ilba Grande fome Leagues to the South-West: Whose Latitudes he favs were taken by skilful Pilots, belonging to the King's Ships, but does not fpecify either in Figures. The fame Hydrographer gives Notice farther, that the Abrolhos-Sholes on this Coast, so much dreaded by Ships for their supposed great Extent, do not stretch from the Shore above 20 or 25 Leagues +, instead of 50 or 60; at which Diffance they are marked in the Dutch Charts of Peter Goos and Vankeulen. They are laid down in the old English Charts, agreeable to Mr. Bellin's Instructions; and these our Navigators have confirmed.

The Brasil Coast, from Cape Frio to the Rio de la Plata, is exhibited with very little Alteration from Mr. D'Anville's Map; only with some Difference as to the Latitude of St. Catherine's-Island, which I have regulated according to the Journal of Lord Anson's Voyage in 1740. The Longitude of that Island I make to be 31°. 37'. being the Result of the Observation of a Lunar Eclipse, made there by Captain Legg, aboard the Severn in 1741. This is one Degree more West than

Mr. Bellin places it, after Frazier and other French Navigators.

In consequence of the Situation given to St. Catherine, I put Buenos Ayres in Longitude 42°. 5'. that is 1°. 45'. more to the West than Mr. Bellin places it; and almost Ten Degrees more to the West than results from the Observation of Pere Feuillée in 1709; which makes its Longitude no more than 32°. 25'.

With regard to this Place Mr. Bellin tells us, "That the River De la Plata" (whose Mouth is laid down from several accurate Plans) is settled in his Chart, in consequence of the Situation given by him to the Coasts of Brasil." It may be presumed also, that in adjusting these Parts, he called in to his Assistance, besides the French Marine Journals, the Longitude of Buenos Ayres above-mentioned,

be observed by Mr. Couplet le Fils, the Year before, must be very erroneous.

^{*} From the Latitude of 6°. 55'. observed at Fort Ledo, at the Mouth of the River of Paraiba, by Dr. Halley in 1699, it appears, that the Latitude of Paraiba, which is 3 Leagues more South, must be more than 7 Degrees; and confequently that 6°. 38'. 18". the Latitude said to

[†] Yet the Squadron under Commodore Anjon, judged themselves to be from 90 to 60 Leagues off Brofil, when they came upon the Edge of the Abrolhos.

tioned, corrected by Dector Halley: Since he has placed that City in 40°. 20'. exactly conformable to the Doctor's Correction; and contrary to the Authority of his principal Guide Frazier, who puts it in about 42 Degrees, as laid down in our Chart—On this Occasion I must observe, that it Mr. Bellin had no Mind to own the Obligation of rectifying his Chart to Doctor Halley, he might at least have taken Notice how exactly he had found the Doctor's Correction to tally with the Estimations of the French Navigators.

The Defert Coaft, from Rio de la Plata, to Cape Blanco, is but little known. The Situation which I have given to this Cape, and by which indeed, that of the whole Coaft, from the Isle of St. Catherine to Cape Horn, has been regulated results from the Observation of a Lunar Eclipse, made at that Place by Captain (afterwards Sir John) Narborough in March 1670, compared with his Reckoning by Sea: Or rather I have laid down that Cape according to his Estimation, confirmed by the Result of that Eclipse; which Situation preserves a Medium between the two Extremes, hereaster mentioned, found in the Charts. By that Eclipse, Captain Narborough determined Cape Blanco to be situated 4 Hours, 41 Minutes, or 70 Degrees West of London; and by his Reckoning at Sea, 61°. 56'. West of the Lizard: To which adding 5°. 38'. *, you have 67°. 34'. from London; and 2°. 25'. more reduces it to the Metidian of Paris: Which makes its Longitude from thence 69°. 59'. or 49°. 59'. from Ferro, by subtracting 20 Degrees, for the Difference of Meridians.

In this Situation therefore I have placed Cape Blanco, as Mr. D'Anville, probably from the fame Authority †, had done before me: Whereas Mr. Bellin (and after him Mr. Brouckner) the better to conform himself to the Longitude given by him to Buenos Ayres, puts it in 46°. 30′. But altho' this is less by 3°. 29′. than the Longitude determined by Captain Narborough; yet having suppressed that Determination, which he ought to have divulged for the Benefit of Navigation, he even undertakes to support his own, though so contrary to it, from that Navigator's reckoning of the Distance run between St. Jago, one of the Cape de Verd Islands, and Cape Blanco, which he makes to be 735 Leagues. I cannot forbear reciting the extraordinary Method, which Mr. Bellin takes to compass his Design. "These 735 Leagues, says he, amount to about 44 Degrees of West Longitude: But the Island of St. Jago being by our first Chart soft the Western-"Cocan in 24°. 30′. and Port Desire being in 68°. 15′. there are then 43°. 45′. between these Two Points, which are within 15 Minutes of what that

" able Navigator found them."

Here Mr. Bellin, to ferve his Turn, has ftrangely mifreprefented Things: First, he lessens the Difference of Longitude given by Captain Narborough, above half a Degree: For what he calls about 44 Degrees, should be 44°. 38'. Secondly, to widen the Space, he assumes two Extremes very different from his Author. He fixes his first Print at the East-End of St. Jago, whereas, the Captain begins his reckoning from Porto-Praya, at the West-End, 50 Minutes more Westward by the same Chart; and makes Port Desire his fecond Point, which he has placed

^{*} Narbororgb reckoned 7°. 10'. for the Meridian Diffance between the Lizard and London.

[†] Joined perhaps with the Observations made by the Spaniards along the Coast in 1746.

near one Degree more West than Cape Blanco itself, which is Captain Narborough's second Point. Lastly, after this Curtail of near two Degrees and a halt, finding the Space between his two Points too narrow still to admit the 44 Degrees, he has the Address to tell his Readers (who, he imagines will take his Word without examining farther) that Port Desire, by his Chart of the Southern Ocean is in 68°. 15'. of Longitude from Paris, although it is only in 67°. 15. or 30'. at most.

That Mr. Bellin has shewn much Dexterity on this Occasion cannot be denied: But how far his Calculations, or his Proofs, are to be depended on, after such an Instance of his Insincerity as this, must be left to Navigators to determine. Had he stated the Case fairly, for the Benefit of the King's Ships, as he ought to have done, it would in a surprizing Manner have shewn the Accuracy of Captain Narborough's Reckoning: For, if you add 44°.38′. the Distance run between Porto Praya, and Cape Blanco, to 25°. 20′. (the Longitude of that Port from Paris, by Mr. Bellin's Chart) the Sum will be 69°. 58′. which is but one Minute less than what results from that able Navigator's Reckoning from London. So that he may be faid to have determined the Longitude of Porto Praya, as exactly from London, as it has been since determined, by it's known Distance from Cape Verd, or the Meridian of Ferro, which is not above Five Degrees; and the exact Agreement of his Reckoning in this Respect is a strong Presumption, if not an absolute Proof, that it is right also with respect to Cape Blanco.

These Things considered, I am surprized that Mr. Bellin was not struck with such convincing Evidence; or how he could find in his Heart, to stifle and prevent, as he has done, a Calculation accompanied with so many Criterions of Certainty, to support so glaring an Uncertainty, as from his Manner of Proceeding, his own Hypothesis must have appeared to himself. Let that be as it will, I have for the Reasons aforesaid chosen to place Cape Blanco in the Longitude resulting from Captain Narborough's Reckoning from the Lizard, rather than that resulting from his Observation of the Moon's Eclipse, or his reckoning from London, which he makes 69°. 16 (by adding 7°. 20. to the Lizard reckoning, for the Meridian Distance) and according to which, within 16 Minutes, it is placed in the Voyage

of the Centurion, in 1740.

As to the Longitude of *Port Defire*, about Ten Leagues to the South of Cape Blanco, refulting from the Observation of a Lunar Eclipse, made at that Place the 18th of September 1670, by Mr. Wood, Mate to Captain Narborough; which puts that Port 73 Degrees West of the Meridian of London, or 55°. 35. from that of Ferro, it appears to be wrong: Not only as it differs above Five whole Degrees and a half in Excess from the Captain's Observation, confirmed by his accurate Reckoning; but alfo, as it is incompatible with all the Estimations of skillful Navigators, and therefore is rejected by the Geographers. And, here it may be proper to observe, that Doctor Halley's placing this Coast Four Degrees ftill more Westward, was owing to a wrong Information in two Respects, which he received of Wood's Observation, several Years before either his or Captain Narborough's Relation of the Voyage was published: For, the Result of that Observation was represented to him to have been , 6 Degrees instead of 73; the Observation was faid likewise to have been made at Port St. Julian, instead of Port Desire, which being 1. 13. more East than St. Julian, refers this latter to 77°. 13°. as Doctor Halley has placed it in his Chart. Hence arose a Difference of no sewer than 14 Degrees

Degrees between that Chart, and those of De L'Isle and Frazier, in the Longitude of Cape Horn, they placing it as much too Eastward, by following the Rio Gallego Longitude, as the Doctor did Westward by the Misguidance of his wrong Information.

But to return to Cape Blanco. Supposing then the Situation of this Cape as I have placed it to be tolerably exact, the remaining Part of the Coaft as far as Cape Virgins must be admitted to be so of Course. For Capt in Narborough after staying a whole Winter in the Parts about Port Julian and Port Defire, in his Paffage from thence to the Streights of Magallan, carefully observed the Bearing and Distance. The like was done before by Fuller, Master of the Defire, in which Candish failed round the Globe, in 1586; whose Journal is very particular, and agrees exactly as to the Bearings with Narborough's Chart: So that it may be prefumed, that in placing Cape Virgins in 53°. 45. conformable to his Reckoning, we have given it the right Situation. If fo Mr. Bellin has in his Chart erred Seven Degrees, De L'Isle and Frazier 7°. 45'. in the Meridian Distance between it and Olinda in Brafil, by placing that Cape fo many Degrees more East than I have done.

But whether that be the true Situation or not of Cape Virgins, with respect to the Meridian of Ferro; yet it must be allowed to be to at least as to that of Cape Blanco, from which it stands 3. 46'. more to the West. For all this Mr. Bellin, and after him Mr. Brouckner, place it no more than 15 Minutes more Welt than that Cape; which makes a Difference of 3°. 31. A most enormous Difference in fo fhort a Space of Coast; and such an Error as it can scarcely be conceived that so experienced a Navigator as Captain Narborough could be guilty of, supposing his Reckoning was not confirmed by that of Mr. Fuller before-mentioned. However that be, Mr. D'Anville differs from us little more than half a Degree in the Longi-

tude of Cape Virgins.

Mr. Bellin has in this Particular facrificed, or rejected the strongest Evidence of Nautical Reckonings; which upon other Occasions he lays great Stress upon, on far lefs Grounds, to conform himfelf to the Longitude of the Rio Gallego *: Which is from the Nature of it very uncertain, as being no other than the Refult of the Distance of the Mouth of that River, to the North of Cape Virgins, from a Place in the Valley of Bucelena or Bucalan, near St. Jago in Chili, Eighteen Degrees more to the North; whose Longitude is deduced from the Time of a Lunar Eclipse, observed by Pere Maseardi, the 13th of March 1653, and whole Distance from Gallego River is faid to be known. But neither has that Observation been verified, nor does it appear that the Distance is known, or can with any Certainty be known; confidering the Circumstances of the intervening Country, joined to the great Length of the Way.

In support of this I might quote Mr. Bellin's own Authority: For he makes the Longitude of Bucalan itself almost 55 Degrees: Whereas, according to Pere Mascardis's Observation that Place should lie in 52°. 30'. West of Ferro; and Rio Gallego having been computed to be 4°. 30. more East than Bucalan,

hence the Longitude of Forty-eight Degrees comes to be afcribed to it.

this; fince in the late Advertisement to his lan, from the Remarks made in 1746, by tome Memoirs, he acknowledges p. 4. that he has fome Corrections to make in the Coall between to vifit that Coast.

^{*} Mr. Bellin is probably now convinced of the Rio de la Plata, and the Streights of Megal-Jesuits and Officers, fent by the King of Spain

Will Mr. Bellin contend that the Longitude of Rio Gallego is right; and yet put Bucalin, from whose Meridian that Longitude is deduced, 2°, 30, more West than it ought to be by the Observation? This Mr. Bellin doubtless did to make the Stuation of Bucalin Valley quadrate with the more accurate Observations of the Longitude made at La Conception; and in that to be sure he did right: But then ought not he, in consequence of removing Bucalin 2°, 30. Westward, to have also removed Rio Gallego so much Westward in order to preserve the Meridian Distance of 4°, 30, on which the Longitude assigned to it is grounded? For I cannot suppose that this Circumstance could have escaped Mr. Bellin's Penetration. However that be, he makes the Difference of Longitude between those Places Seven Degrees, which yet seems to have been a great deal too much before; since according to Mr. D'Anville's, as well as our Chart, it is not above One Degree Ten Minutes.

For the above Reasons, Mr. Bellin ought to have concluded, that the Longitude of the Rio Gallego was erroneous, and regulated its Situation by that of Cape Blanco. What is still more extraordinary, Mr. Bellin has paid so little regard to Captain Narborou b's Journal and Chart, (which in this Part of the Coast, and the Magallanic-Streights at least, must be allowed to be for the general very accurate) that he has removed Port Desire, one whole Degree more West than Cape Blanco, instead of one Mile, or Minute only, as that Navigator computes it; and at the same Time places Port St. Julian no more than Five Minutes to the West of Port Desire, which yet according to Captain Narborough ought to be 1°. 15. In a Word, Mr. Bellin has put Cape Virgins 1°. 15. more East than the Rio Gallego, whose Meridian Distance by Narborough's Chart, is not above Four Minutes to the West of that Cape; which I have placed in 53°. 30. of Longitude, only Two Minutes more East, than it is computed in the Journal of Lord Amson's Voyage on board the Centurion.

To leave Cape Virgine, which Mr. Bellin puts 7 Degrees more East than it is in our Chart; I have placed Le Maire's Streights about 2°. 40. East of that Cape, nearly agreeing with Mr. Bellin*, who after Frazier makes the Meridian Distance 2°. 45. not 4 Degrees, as by Mistake, I dare say, not Design, is charged by the Author of Lord Anson's Voyage in 1740; yet with regard to the Situation of Cape Hen, and the Islands along the South Coast of Tierra del Fuego, we differ greatly. But before I pass to them, I must observe that these Streights, (which more properly ought to bear the Name of Schouten) have produced Two otlers, that of the Henrich Brower in 1643, and that of Le Roch, discovered as pretended, in 1675, both which are inserted by De L'Isle in his Map of the South

of Magallan) as examined in 1746, by the King of Spain's Order. Here he allows on Error of 4 Degrees in the Situation of the Streights of Le Maire; and possibly at length may be obliged to allow the other Three, notwithstanding his being prepared with strong Objections against the Longitude given to that Coast in Lord Anson's Voyage, with which our Chart agrees within 2 few Minutes.

^{*} Consequently Mr. Bellin places these streights near 7 Degrees more East than they lie in our Chart. But in the Advertisement to his Memeirs p. 6. 'e fays, they ought to be placed 40 or 45 Leagues, (which amount to about 4 Degrees in that Latitude' more West than in his Chart of the Southern-Ocean; in Consequence of the Winding of the Coast from the Rio de la Plata, to the Streights

Part of America in 1703; but both are excluded in his Map of 1702, as well as the Island discovered by Le Roch in Latitude 45, which was inserted in the former Map.

To return now to Cape Horn. First I put that Cape but 2°, 40'. West of Streights Le Maire, which is 1°, 50', less than Mr. Bellin places it. This brings it to near the same Longitude with Cape Virgins; whereas, Mr. Bellin with Mr. Frazier, places it about 1°. 40'. more West. Hence, with us it is in the Longitude of 53°. 40'. and with Mr. Bellin, of 48°. 30'. the Difference is 5°. 10'. by which Cape Horn is placed more West in our Chart than those of Messieurs Bellin and Brouckner. So that although Doctor Halley, misled by the wrong Report of Wood's Observation at Port Desire, differs in his Chart 13°. 25'. from Mr. Bellin; 14°. 28'. from Mr. Frazier; and 15°. 55'. from De L'Isle, in his first Maps; yet he has not deviated Westward from our Account, above three Degrees more than Mr. Bellin; or two Degrees more than Meffieurs Frazier and De L'Isle have deviated Eastward. Altho' the last mentioned Geographer charged him with erring above ten Degrees; which must be understood with respect to his own erron ous Reckoning. But, if we deduct 4°. 13' in which the Doctor was imposed on by the aforesaid wrong Information, his Chart will vary from ours one Degree less than Mr. Bellin's. However, in order effectually to settle this important Point, and put an end to the Disputes among Geographers, it will be necessary to procure a good Observation of Jupiter's Satellites, to be made fomewhere towards the Mouth of the Magallanic-Streight, if it cannot be made at the Cape itself.

Secondly, my Chart differs from Mr. Bellin's in several other Particulars relative to Cape Horn, no less than with respect to the Longitude. I make that Cape to be the South Point of L'Hermite's Island; he makes it a Part of Tierra del Fuogo: He represents L'Hermite's Isle to be a small one, and puts it 24 Leagues from thence to the East; I make it a large Island, at the Distance only of Two Leagues from Tierra del Fuogo: I place Barnevell's Isles about Six Leagues East-by-North of Cape Horn, on L'Hermite's Island; he places them about Twenty Leagues South-South-East of his Cape Horn in Tierra del Fuogo, and the same Distance South-West of L'Hermite's Isle: In all likelihood mistaking for them Isles of Diego Ramires, which he has again mistaken for that ci Diego Roc, lying near the Coast of Tierra del Fuogo; both mentioned in Don Juan's Chart of the

West Coast of America, published in 1744.

To support our Alterations from Mr. Bellin, and account how so strange a Difference came to be introduced in the Charts, it must be observed, that in the Voyage of Schouten, and Le Maire, who in 1616, first past round that Coast; the Isles of Barnevell are put in 57 Degrees of Latitude, and Cape Horn about 10 Leagues to the Westward, in 57.48: In the Chart also belonging to that Voyage, this Cape is made a Part of the main Land of Tierra del Fuogo. In the Voyage and Chart of Jaques L'Hermite, who took the same Rout ten Years after, we find Things quite different. Barnevelt's Isles are placed in about 56°. 4′. Cape Horn is 56°. 10′. and this latter instead of being joined to the main Land, is found to be the South Point of a large Island near Forty Miles long and Twenty broad, which his People stailed round; having to the North a large Passage for thips between it and Tierra del Fuogo, interspersed with Islands, and surnished with large Bays and Harbours.

Harbours, to which they gave Names. The imperfect Accounts of subsequent Voyages introduced more Consussion amongst the Geographers. Sanson seems to have adhered to Schouten's Report; but the Dutch attempting to unite the several different Accounts together, formed a confused Medley. De L'Isle in his Map of the South Part of America, published in 1703, follows neither of those first Navigators: Placing Cape Horn (which he joins to the Main) much nearer to the Streights Le Maire; and Barnevels's Isles to the South-West of it, quite contrary to both.

Frazier seeing the Consusion which Things lay in, and being affisted by some Journals of French Pilots, in 1712 undertook to draw a correct Chart of these Coasts: But in doing this he seems to have taken the Dutch Charts above-mentioned for his Ground-Work, without having recourse to those, either of Schouten or L'Hermite. However, this Chart was received as a very accurate one, on the Credit of its Author; and has been generally followed ever since by the French, and even English Hydrographers. De L'Isle seems to have adopted it in his Map of America, published in 1722; and Mr. Bellin has likewise copied from him in his Charts: But Mr. D'Anville has in his Map given this Part of the Coast in Question, with the adjacent Islands, agreeable to L'Hermite's Chart, and Journal (only altering the Latitudes a little) and that with very just Reason; for if we cannot depend on what is so circumstantially related and described, we can depend on nothing.

We see here a great Difference in the Latitude of Cape Horn and Barnevelt Isles, between the first Discoverers, Schouten and L'Hermite. Garsia de Nodal, who past it Two Years after Schouten, places it in 56°. 22. or rather more South. Frazier is not consistent with himself on this Occasion: In one Place *, he affirms it is in reality no more than 55°. 45′: In another †, he says, it is in 55°. 50′ or 56 Degrees at most. 'Tis true according to De L'Isle †, the Latitude was found to be 55°. 40°. by Mr. De la Verune; and so Mr. Bellin says it ought to be placed, conformable to several Observations in those Parts by several Navigators §; but does not say it was actually observed. Thus indeed he puts it in his Chart of the Southern Ocean; but in his Map of the World it stands as low as 57 Degrees of

South Latitude.

There are other Differences to be found relating to Cape Horn: For Schouten places it about 40 Leagues from Streights Le Maire; L'Hermite not above 26 Leagues; Frazier says the Distance is 40 or 50 at most 11; and Bellin that it is not

above 55 or 60.

For all this Difagreement among Navigators with respect to this Cape, I am of Opinion they all design the same Point, for the following Reasons. First, 'tis agreed that Cape Horn does not lie more South than about 56 Degrees. Secondly, neither L'Maire nor L'Hermite sound any Land more Southerly, or indeed so far South as what each calls Cape Horn. Thirdly, because to come at it from Le Maire's-Streights, they seered South-West; and that as soon as they had doubled it they sailed North-West. Fourthly, That Garsia de Nodal in 1618, having

^{*} Pag. 235.

[†] Pag. 40.

¹ Mem. Acad. tome 24 p. 473.

[§] Pag. 13 of his Remarks on his Chart of the Southern-Ocean.

Pag. 285.

having doubled the Cape, put into a Bay just behind it, which was was in 56. 22. * and thence failing into 56. 30. which was the farthest he past Southward, flood North westward, continually lessening his Latitude till he got to the West Mouth of the Magallanic-Streight, thro' which he returned to

Brasil.

However, fince then, later Navigators may possibly have mistaken some other Point for Cape Horn; and this feems to have been the Cafe with Captain Joaquin Darquistade, who in 1715 is faid to have discovered a large Bay on the West of Cape Horn, which makes the most Eastern Point. A Draught of this Bay, called by him San Francisco, is inserted in Don Juan's Map of the West-Coast of South-America, published in 1744. 'Tis true both De Nodal and L'Hermite found a large Bay behind Cape Horn, which they entered; and the latter observed its Latitude to be 56°. 22'. But, it cannot be the same with that of San Francifco, which is Twenty Leagues long; whereas L'Hermite's Island, in which the other Bay lies, is not above twenty Miles broad, in that Part where the Bay enters. The Bay of San Francisco therefore is more like that of Naslaw to the West of I'Hermite's Isle, whose Western Point makes the Eastern Point of the Bay; and bears South-East from the Western Point of the Bay, like the Eastern Point of San Francisco. It is also of the same Extent, that is about 40 Leagues in Length. The Western side likewise of Nassaw's-Bay resembles that of San Francisco in its Windings, and Points shooting from it. The chief Difference is that the Bay of Nassaw is all open to the Sea on the East-side: Whereas that of San Francisco is represented as bounded by the main-Land, with only Two or Three Openings like the Mouths of Rivers, as they appeared at a

Before I leave this famous Cape and Bay, I must take Notice of two other Variations in these Quarters, found in the Charts. In that of L'Hermite's, a little to the West of Streights Le Maire, is a deep Inlet, with an Island in the Mouth of it. The like appears in Frazier's Chart, and is named by him Windon's-Bay. This Name feems to be a Corruption of Winthonds, that is, Grey-Hound's Bay, which has in the Middle of the North Coast of Bay Nassaw, and to have been transferred from thence by Frazier to the former. Mr. Bellin has inferted the fame Bay after Frazier, but distorts the Name still more (a Thing frequent with him)

calling it Widen's-Bay.

The other Variation relates to two Islands which L'Hermite found near Bay Naffaw, 14 or 15 Leagues from Cape Hern; and were not laid down in the Charts of his Time. These are they which after Don Juan's Chart I name Diego Roc. Mr. D'Anville names them Ildefonso: But in De Laet's Map the Ildesons's are placed to the East of Cape Hern; and beyond them the Isle of Gonsalvo, which seems to be the Tebalten of L'Hermite's.

Of the first Navigators, Schouten only describes Cape Horn. He says, he found the Coust to the North of it ranged with high Mountains covered with Snow,

which terminated in a pretty sharp Point, which is that of the Cape.

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^{*} It was ranged on each Side, with very high Mountains; and had Islands in it, which were mere barren Rocks.

III. Islands in the Southern-Ocean.

THE Situation of the States-Island is adjusted by that of Streights Le Maire, on the East-side of which it lies.

The Three Islands of Sebald de Weert, and Faukland's Islands have the same Position as in Mr. D'Anville's Map. I place the most Eastern Point of the latter in about 45°. 20′. of Longitude, which is above Three Degrees more West than it lies in Messieurs Bellin and Brouckner's Charts. This Island or Islands (for it seems to be divided in the middle by a Channel of the Sea from North to South) were discovered by Sir Richard Hawkins; who, in his Voyage to the South-Sea in 1593*, coasted all the Northern-Shore, and describes the Country†, giving it the Name of Hawkins's Maiden-Land, in Honour of Queen Elizabeth. The next who touched at them was Captain Strong, who went into the South-Sea, in quest of a Plate-Wreck, and called them Faukland's Islands. This Intelligence we have from Doctor Halley, who perused the Captain's Journal, but mentions not the Time of his Expedition, which we suppose was between the Years 1670 and 1680.

For all this Mr. Frazier, and after him Bellin, ascribe the Discovery of these Islands to their own Nation. A Claim the more extraordinary, as at the same Time they confess that they were not known to the French the Year 1700; and that they must be the same discovered by our Hawkins so the Year 1700; and that they must be the same discovered by our Hawkins so they before: But they seem unacquainted with the later Visit of Strong. However, they have given them the Names of the New-Isles and the Malouines; from the Ships of St. Malo, which first lighted on them: Also, that of Anican, to a Cluster of Islands on the South-East Coast. As to the Name of Assumption, which the Western of the Two great Islands bears, it was imposed by one of the St. Malo Men, who mistook it for a New-Land, much to the Eastward of the rest. To the South of these Isles, is that

of Beuchene, lately discovered by the French.

Pepys's-Island, discovered by Captain Cowley in 1683, we place about 3°. 20'. to the East of Cape Blanco. Messieurs Bellin and Brouckner have omitted this Isle in their Charts. Here is a very spacious Harbour; and altho' the Island is uninhabited, yet it is very commodious, as surnishing Wood, Water and Fowl.

I have put the Island of Triniada, or the Trinity, in the Longitude of 12°. 25'. agreeable to Doctor Halley's Determination, about 220 Leagues East of the Brasil Coast. I have likewise marked the suppositious Isle of Ascension in the same Latitude, and about Five Degrees to the East of the other. The Trinidada being laid-down in the Charts, by the first Discoverers, in 19 Degrees of South Latitude; subsequent Navigators, who sound it in upwards of 20 Degrees, took it for a different Island, and called it Ascension. Hence, two Islands came to be inferted in the Charts under different Names and Longitudes; being placed about Five Degrees asunder. But in the Year 1670 Doctor Halley in his Passage from

^{*} It feems to have been feen the Year before, by Candiff in his Voyage round the World.

† Sir Richard liked it fo well, that he was Rogers failed along the North-Shore in 1708.

the Isle of St. Helena to that of Trinidada, had an Opportunity of discovering this Error; and that the Island which the French called Ascension, was no other than the former. Accordingly he omitted it in his Map of Variations, which he pub-

lished in the Year 1700.

Upon this Occasion, Mr. Frezier in his Voyage to the South Sea in 1711, accules the Doctor with suppressing the Island of the Trinity, and giving that Name to the Isle of Ascension, which yet he allows had been mistaken for the other; on Account of its lying in about the fame Latitude, and having Three fmall Isles or Rocks at some Leagues Distance to the East of it. Doctor Halley, in Answer to this Charge, in a Postscript to the English Translation of Frezier's Voy. ge, declares that he is certain to a Demonstration: That, to the Eastward of the Isle which he calls Trinidada, there are no other Islands to be found, excepting the Three Inlets or Rocks, which are about 7 or 8 Leagues to the Eastward of this Island; and which having been feen from the East, have been named by some the Isles of Martin Vaz. He affirms, that in the Year 1700 he kept the Parallel of 20°. 20'. South, with a West Course for above 200 Leagues to the Eastward of the Place in Question; and met with no Land or Sign of Land, by Birds or otherwise, 'till he first made the said Three Rocks: Which lie nearly in a Line from North to South, and are not above One Mile afunder, the middlemost being the biggest. From hence the Doctor concludes it is evident, that, if the Island in Question was Ajcension, there can be no such as Trinidada East therefrom; and challenges Mr. Frezier to produce any Authentic account of Mands feen thereabouts, which were not in the said Latitude of 20°. 20'.

To put the Matter quite out of Doubt, Doctor Halley adds: That this Latitude has been often examined by (English) Ships, which have miffed the Island of St. Helena, and been obliged to look for these Islands in hopes to find a Watering-Place; particularly in 1696 by Commodore Warren, destined to Convoy Home the English East India Fleet from St. Helena. " This Officer not being fure of the " Situation of these Islands, marked in the Charts between the Latitudes of 20 and " 210. fpread his Ships in fuch a manner that nothing between those Two Parallels " could be pass'd-by unobserv'd. But after he had followed a due West Course, " almost home to the Main of Brasil, for near 420 Leagues, he found no other " than the fingle Island, which we call Trinidada, and the French Ascension; which " after-all afforded him no fufficient Water-Place. Moreover, continues the Doctor, " all the Islands there-about being by Letters Patent of his late Majesty King Wil-" liam, granted to Sir John Hoskins, late of Harwood in the County of Hereford, " Bart, and to his Heirs; the faid Proprietor has actually caused Possession of the

" fail Trinidada to be taken for his Use, in the Name of the Crown of England, and " has put live Stock thereon: Having found himself disappointed of all the rest that

" are laid down in the Charts, which upon the Search, he was fatisfied, were not in

" rerum Natura."

Notwithstanding these convincing Arguments, Mr. Bellin has inserted Two Islands *, calling that Ascension, which Doctor Halley names Trimdada; without

* Nay Mr. Bellin continues inflexible in cularly those of the Companies Ships the Eagle his (pinion; although he acknowledges elfe- and Mary, which in 1739 went in quest of those where, that some [French] Nav gators maintain Islands. See Advertisement to his Memoirs,

theie Two Islands are one and the same: Parti- Pag. 4.

taking the least Notice (as is usual with him) of the Proofs alledged to the contrary, or producing any other kind of Argument than what Mr. Frazier had done before, That is, inflancing the Report of Navigators. Not of any who failed as Dr. Halley did, and those employed by the Proprietor, in the same Parallel purposely on the Discovery: But of such only as touched at the Island in their Way to or from America, whose Mistakes in Reckoning might easily countenance the other: Nor does he offer to produce the Rout of any Ship which had touched at both in the fame Voyage. Nay feeming to conceal the Evidence which arifes from a Parity of Latitude, instead of telling us, as Frezier does, that Ascension lies in 20°, 25', he only fays, he puts it One Digree more South than the Dutch Charts, (which is faying nothing). Hence possibly with the fameView he purs bis Trinidada in only 20°, 20', five Minutes less than Frazier; and Ten less than Dr. Halley. It may be likewife fupposed that he has given Trinidada Four Isles instead of Three, contrary to Frezier: For, the forme careless Mariners might make Two such Mistakes, yet 'tis scarce possible that any exact Observers, as he represen s his Navigators to be, should differ so much from two such experienced Observers, as Dr. Halley and Frezier. Mr. Bellin by taking no Notice of Dr. Halley's D. fence, gives room for these Conjectures.

As to the Island of Fernando de Noronba, which Mr. Bellin in his Map of the World, calls Dauphin, lying-off the most North-east Part of Brafil; it has the

fame Situation in our Chart as in his.

West-Coast of South-America.

O begin our Remarks at Cape Ilorn, where we left off. The Coasts from thence to the West Entrance of the Streights of Magallan are very little known, Ships never touching at them unless driven thither by contrary Winds. By such an Accident the Streights both of Jalouche and Sarmiento were found to have a Communication with those of Magallan; the South-side of which, called Tierra del Fuogo, is probably divided into Islands.

The Extent of Coast from Cape Horn to the Western Entrance of the Magallanic-Streights, is adjusted by the Situation given that Cape, and the Extent of the Streights themselves from East to West, as laid down in Captain Narborough's

Chart; containing about Seven Degrees in Longitude.

Several exact Astronomical Observations have been made on the West-side of this Southern Peninsula, particularly at Panama, Lima, Ilo or Hilo, Arica, Coquimbo, Valparaiso, and La Conception, for both the Latitude and Longitude: Besides several others for the Latitude only, some of which are inserted in the Chart. By these Observations the general Position of all the Western Coast, so far South, has been determined; so that all which remains unsettled of it is from La Conception Southwards to the Magallanic Streights: But for want of an Observation to fix the Situation of that important Point, a great disagreement is found among the Charts.

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The Western Entrance of those Streights being in our Chart laid-down in Confequence of the Position given to the Eastern Entrance; this Coast from thence to La Conception lies about North by East. This bearing of the Coast is conformable to the Observation of Sir Francis Drake, and other early Navigators, who found the Coast of Chili to trend toward the North-East, and not to the North-West, as the Charts represented it. Succeeding Geographers for the general gave it that Direction; and Mr. De L'Isle followed their Example in his first Maps: But in his last Map of America, the Coast between the Streights and La Conception, lie near due North and South*. This Position that eminent Geographer seems to have given on the Authority of Frezier, whom Mr. Bellin has likewise copied; and thus ascribes nearly the same Longitude to those two Extremes: Whereas I make a Difference of 4°. 20′. by how much La Conception lies more East in our Chart than the West Entrance of the Streights of Magallan.

Our Chart differs likewise considerably from Mr. Bellin's in the Disposition of the Coast between those two Places: Which we have laid down conformable to the Chart of the Southern Part of North-America, instred in Lord Anson's Voyage, as improved from the Draughts and Observations made by Captain Cheap, on board the Wager; which give a considerable Rounding or Projection to the Coast; from Cape Victoria to the Bay of Ancud, between Chiloe and the Main. According to the Astronomical Observations inserted in the Chart, the Difference of Meridians between La Conception and Lima, is nearly the same as between La Conception and the Magallanic-Streights; that is, 4°. 13'. In this we agree with Mr. Bellin, who follows the same Observations, and sets forth the Errors of the

Dutch and English Charts.

Vankeulen in placing those Cities under the same Meridian, as Mr. Bellin had done the Streights and La Conception, commits a no-less Error of above Four Degrees: And Peter Goos makes the Difference of Longitude no more than One Degree. On the other Hand the Charts of Thornton, in the English Pilot, put Lima Four Degrees more East than La Conception; and that of Dr. Halley Three Degrees, instead of placing it so many Degrees more West: Whence arises an Error of Seven or Eight Degrees, which makes a considerable Alteration in the Bearing or Trending of the Coast. I know not how to excuse Thornton: But the Error of Dr. Halley is a Consequence of the Position given to the Streights of Magallan; by following the spurious Account of Wood's Observation at Port Julian, as before-mentioned.

By the same Observations the Difference of Meridians between Lima and Panama, is 1°. 21': But Vankeulen's Charts make it Five Degrees; Thornton's Three; and Dr. Halley's Six. Such considerable Errors committed in so small a Space of Coast, demonstrates that the Routs of Navigators are very precarious Means whereby to determine the Longitude of Places, without Astronomical Observations to regu-

† The Difference which this Correction makes, in this Part is very Confpicuous in the

Chart of Don Juan, who exhibits the Coast both Ways: For that drawn according to Capt. Cheep's Observations, runs-out more Westward above Three Degrees and a half in Longitude, than the other drawn after the best Spanish Charts.

The Stanife Charts, published by Captain Cook, in 1712; and that of the West-Coasts of South-America, by Don Juan Juan, in 1744, lay them down nearly in the same Position.

late them; and that a small Number of Observations is not sufficient to settle the

Position of the Coasts, which are of any great Extent.

It would be difficult as well as tedious to give an Account how the Coast from La Conception Northward to Panama was drawn, the Charts differ so-widely; and the Coasts are so-little known even to the Spanards themselves, that one is at a loss what to depend on. The Spanish Charts published by the Captains, Rogers and Cook, disagree extremely with each other; as well as with the Journals annexed to them, and the late Chart published by Don Juan, above-mentioned. It shall suffice then to say, that Part was taken from one Chart or Map, Part from another; and put together in the best Manner we were able, with such Helps as we could gether from the Spanish and other Journals, which have been published.

Let us now come to the Islands on the West Coast, which fall within this

Sixth Sheet.

I have placed the Port and Isles discovered by Sir Francis Drake in 72 Degrees of Longitude, which is more than 10 Degrees more West than they are found in Mr. Bellin's Map of the World, and at the Distance of 160 Leagues from Cape Pilares at the West Entrance of the Magallanic-Streights: whereas Mr. Bellin puts them at not much above half that Distance. I likewise insert other Islands between the former and the said Cape, which Mr. Bellin has omitted. He has likewise on itted other Isles particularly the Duke of York's Island in 50°. 37'. South, discovered by Captain Sharp in 1681, about 60 Leagues from the Patagon Coast.

The Islands of Juan Fernandez are situated according to the Observations made aboard the Centurion, in Lord Anson's Voyage, compared with those of Sharp,

Cowley, and other English Navigators.

The Gallapagos, or Inchanted Islands, as the Spaniards call them, which lie under the Line, feem to be better known to the English than any other Nation, as they ferved for lurking Places to their Bucaniers or Cruizers. In 1684 Capt. Cowley, who then ferved as Pilot to Captain Eaton, was at most of them in fearch of Water, and gave Names to them. He makes them in all Fifteen, exclusive of Two Rocks; whereas the Spanish Chart of Don Juan, exhibits no more than Fourteen.

As Cowley examined most of these Isles, and named several Harbours in them, I have followed the Draught inserted in his Voyage, rather than the Spanish Chart, which hath very little Agreement therewith, either as to the Situation or Names of Places; only Don Juan's Islabella, seems to be Cowley's Albemarle. This is a long sole, and the most outward in the Spanish Chart; in which Chart, that and York-Isle are joined in one: For being very close together at the Ends, the Spaniards, who perhaps viewed them only at a Distance, took them to be the same; but then they ought to have given it a Breadth almost equal to the Length. For all Mr. Bellin refers to Eaton's (or Cowley's) Chart, in his Memoirs, yet it does not appear that he made the least Use of it, in his Chart of the Pacific or South-Sea, any more than of Don Juan's.

The Islam s situated under the Line, about 150 Leagues to the West of the Gallapagos, were according to Mr. Bellin, discovered in the Year 1668; and that named Gallego lying still more Westward, and about One Degree North of the Equator, in 1695.

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The FIFTH SHEET.

HIS Sheet exhibits Part of the South-Sea, containing in Extent from North to South 60 Degrees of Latitude, and from East to West 185

Degrees of Longitude.

As the Way to the East-Indies, across the South-Sea to the South of the Line, is not much frequented, this eart of the Ocean is very little known, and that only to about the 25th Degree of Latitude. Most of those likewise who sailed in this Tract, performed the Voyage without seeing any Islands*; as Magallan, Drake, Candish, Van Noort, Spilbergen, Dampier, Woodes Rogers and Shelvocke. On the other Hand, they who saw any, as the first Discoverers, have left such imperfect Accounts that they are scarce of any Use: For they seldom mention the Longitude or Distances; and rarely the Latitude with any Accuracy; contenting themselves to say they saw such an Island about the 16th Degree of Latitude, or between 10 and 12 Degrees. As if they thought so vague a Direction sufficient; or that the Places might be sound again by the capricious Names which they imposed on them.

Hence it is, that there are in the South Sea many Islands, which may be called Wandering Islands; that is, such whose Situations cannot be fixed by Geographers. Of this kind is the Island of St. Peter, placed by some in Latitude 21°. 20°. Longitude 130°. by others in Latitude 13°. 00′. Longitude 118. In short we are told its very Existence is disputable. The Islands of St. Paul, of the Nageurs, the Piscadores, the Jardines, King's-Islands, and several others are of this Sort.

After what has been faid on this Occasion, it may suffice to add in general, that I have placed those Islands the best I could according to the Journals of the Navigators, who touched at them. In consequence of this I have been obliged often to differ from the Charts of Messieurs Bellin and Brouckner, from 20 Minutes to near Two whole Degrees in the Latitude; which is the more remarkable as we never disagree above 30 Minutes with respect to the Longitude, excepting in one Instance, where the Difference between us amounts to Three Degrees.

I have conformed myself to Mr. Bellin's Ideas concerning the Situation of the Islands of Solomon; and have supposed with him the Islands of Guadeleanar, and Santa Cruz, to be the same: Although I am far from being sully satisfied as to that last Article, there is so great a Disagreement among the Accounts given by dis-

ferent Authors relating to these Discoveries.

Herrera, by fome Mistake, gives Two different Situations to the Islands of Solomon, placing them first 800 Leagues, and afterwards 1500 Leagues from Lima in Peru +. As this Diversity created an Uncertainty among the Geographers, some have given them the first kind of Situation, as Dudley in his Del Arcano del Mare, joining them with the Islands of the Marquis of Mendoza, above 45 Degrees more to the East: Others, as Sanson, assign them a Situation, conformable

* This may be applied also to their Voyages to the North of the Line,

+ Agreeable to the Computation of Ferdinand de Gallego, Pilot to Mendanna, in his first Voyage.

as De Quiros was in his second,

able to the fecond Account. Hence, Mr. De L'Isle, in his Map of the Southern Hemisphere, published in 1714, exhibits them in both Sorts of Situations.

I have placed the East-Coast of Terra Australis de Spiritu Santio (Part of which though lying in the Eastern Hemisphere, falls within this Sheet) about 186 Degrees West of the Meridian of Ferro, which is three Degrees more Eastward than Mr. Bellin puts it; and consequently give to New Guinea, to which it probably belongs, a so-much greater Extent, as it seems to require. There are doubtless many large Countries or Islands in this Part of the South-Sea: But the published Account of De Quiros is so impersect, that there is no laying-down any Thing from it with Certainty; only I have placed the Port of La Vera Cruz, in the Latitude of 15°. 40'. and marked it as observed. I have likewise inserted the Names of the

Bays and Rivers mentioned by him.

The Situation given to the Isles along the Coast is Guess-Work. On no better Authority have I assigned the Name of Tukopia to the most Southerly of them; only it is the Name of one of those Twenty which De Quiros mentions as lying on that Coast, and nearest to the Country of Manikola, five Days distant. I should likewise have added the Name of El Pilar de Saragossa, to one of the most Northern Islands; could I have been certain, that it was the Island of Pilar, mentioned also among the Twenty, which that Navigator places near Fanosano, a great and populous Island, three Days Sail from Taumako. As these Names, besides those of Sbikayana, Guatopa and Nupon (Three other great Islands) are the Indigenous, they may be found by suture Voyagers; and the other Islands by Means of them: But it will be impossible to discover to which of them belong the Names imposed by De Quiros himsels. For this Reason I would recommend it to Navigators upon every New Discovery, if possible, to get the Names given to Places by the Natives, which will be a sure Means of finding them again.





POSTSCRIPT.

INCE the preceding Remarks went to Press, there has come to Hand Mr. Buache's Map, just published, of the New Discoveries in the North Parts of the South-Sea, drawn from the Memoirs of Mr. De L'Isle, De la Croyere. In this Map Mr. Bu..che has inferted a long Advertisement, concerning the Projection he makes use of, for which there was no manner of Occasion; instead of a Table of Observations, or an Account of the Authorities, whereon fuch confiderable Additions and Alterations are grounded: A thing which feems to have been absolutely necessary; since without such Vonchers the New Discoveries have nothing to support them, or intitle them to the Credit of the Paolic. In Effect it does not appear from the Map itself, that any of the New Discoveries can be absolutely depended on, as real, excepting Two or Three Islands and Pieces of Coast: Whose Existence is in some Measure ascertained by the Routs of Navigator, delineated therein; which, with those Discoveries themselves, we have inferted in our Chart from the faid Map. These are, First, A great Tract of Land to the North of Siberia, opposite to the Mouth of the River Kowima: Secondly, The Piece of Coast adjacent to the North-East Part of Siberia, extending from 63 to 67 Degrees of Latitude: Thirdly, The Coast to the East of Kamebatka in Mr. De L'Ille's Rout from thence to America: And Fourthly, The Pieces of American Coast between 55 and 58 Degrees of Latitude, discovered by Mr. De L'Ille and Captain Tchirkow.

The other Additions or Improvements, introduced by those Gentlemen, consist of a vast Inland-Sea, or Bay, to the North of the Country named in our Chart Newalbien; and the Discoveries of Admiral De Fuentes, or De Fonte, in 1640. This Sea, or Lake, is represented of a vast Size, no fewer than 15 Degrees in Extent from South to North; and its Breadth about Two Thirds of its Length, with some Islands towards the Middle. It is made also to communicate with the South-Sea, by the two Inlets or Streights of D'Aguilar and De Fuca: Which last, as already mentioned,

tioned, I take to be fictitious. If there be fuch a Sea or Lake (for Mr. De L'Ille is quite filent as to Proof) 'tis probably no other than the vast Lake mentioned by La Honton and other, from the Report of the Indians in those Paris; and

called by some the Lake of Tabugluk, Thoyago, and the like.

With regard to the Discoveries ascribed to Admiral De Fonte, and his Caprain Bernardo, I ought no longer to wonder that Two or Three of my Countrymen, who do not make Geography their Profession, sloudd be missed by the Journal of that Admiral's Voyage *; since I find the Premier Geographer of the King of France, and one of the most eminent Astronomers of the Academy of Sciences, so far imposed on by it, as to take it for genuine, notwithstanding it carries so many glaring Marks of Forgery on the Face of it: Some of which I have already pointed out †.

What f ems still more surprizing is, that, although they take the Relation of that Voyage to be genuine, yet they scarce follow it in any one Particular; but represent the whole in a Light quite contrary to it, as well as inconsistent with its Design: So as to induce one to think that they gave no Credit to it themselves, at the same Time they adopted it; and only made use of it to set-off their own minute Discoveries, by connecting them with those considerable ones afcribed to the Spanish Admiral: In short, to dazzle the Eyes of the Public with a grand Appearance of Rivers, Lakes, and Towns; which are in reality,

for the general, merely imaginary.

If Melfieurs Buache's and De L' Ille's varying from the Journal, does not flew that they thought it spurious; yet the bad Light which that Variation sets it in, would cause it to be looked on as spurious, even though it was in itself perfectly genuine: For Inflance, in the Map, Rio del Reyes is placed in about 63 Degrees of Latitude, though in the Journal it is laid-down in no more than 53. In confequence of this enormous Difference, the Lakes, Rivers and Places, mentioned in the Journal, are raifed in the Map Ten Degrees more North than they ought to be. Accordingly the *Indian* Village, at the End of *De Fonte's* Voyage, is inferted, no. towards the Coast of Hudson's-Bay, which about the Year 1640 Ships from Boston did frequent, and where possibly they might have been met with; but so far North as the Latitude 72°. 20'. towards the West-Coast of Baffin's-Bay, where we may venture to affirm, never any Ship, excepting one, namely Bilot's, ever was; where no Vessel probably ever can arrive on account of the Icc, which makes that Shore inacceffible, as has been observed above §: and where it is fcarcely to be supposed that there is any Opportunity for Trade, or even that Inhabitants are to be met-with.

Again the Lake *Valesco*, which ought to lie between the Latitude of 55 and 60 Degrees, is placed beyond $65 \parallel$: And Captain *Bernardo* is made to fail out of it South West, instead of North-ward, by a River or Opening into the *Tartarian-Sea*; in order, as it should seem, to correspond with the Journal, which

places

North, and 30 Degrees in Longitude from East to West: Without the least Authority from the Journal for either the Shape or Dimensions which are given to it in the Map.

^{*} See before, Page 23 and 24.

⁺ Ibid.

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It is made to extend beyond the 77 Parallel, that it 12 Degrees in Latitude from South to

places that Opening in Latitude 61. This is the only Point in which the Repreentation of this Discovery agrees with the Journal, as to the Situation of Places,

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as with the Journal fo far as relates to the Course or Bearing.

However that be, by connecting that Opening with the American-Coast opposite to the most Eastern Point of Siberia, the Map places it 15 or 20 Degrees more West than the Journal authorizes or requires; and makes the Distance between the Place where Bernardo is pretended to have landed on that Coast, in 79 Degrees, and the Head of Bassin's-Bay above twice greater than I make it by my Chart, viz. above 80 Degrees in Longitude, which in that Parallel amount to at least 850 Miles. So that Messieurs Buache's and De L'Isse's Map furnishes a stronger Argument against the Probability of the Sailor's pretended Journey over-Land, that is, against the Veracity of the Journal, than the Journal itself; which I shall not scruple to repeat, is as palpable a Forgery, as that Map is a palpable Perversion of it.

It is easy to see that the Reason of Mr. De L'Isle, approved of by Mr. Buache, for departing from the Journal, was to connect the Discoveries attributed to the Spanish Admiral De Fonte, with the later Discoveries made by himself and the Russians. But whether such a Motive can justify his deviating so extravagantly from the Journal which he takes to be genuine; or whether he ought to have considered as genuine a Journal, which he judged to be false or incorrect in so many essential

Points, must be left to the Decision of the Public.

If there was a Necessity for placing Bernardo's Entrance into the Tartarian-Ocean, in 61 Degrees of Latitude, there was much more Reason for putting the Rio del Reys in 53 Degrees; fince the Defign of the Voyage was to fearch if there was any Passage for Ships from Hudson's-Bay to the South-Sea; and the placing it -higher, especially so far North as 63 Degrees, is utterly inconsistent with that Defign: Hence it is evident that there can be no Mistake or Corruption in the Number 53, which is doubtlefs that inferted by the Author of De Fonte's Voyage. This Mefficurs Buache and De L'Isle must need shave been sensible of: But, the Truth is, they faw themselves under a Necessity of either placing that River 10 Degrees more Northerly than it ought to be by the Journal, or elfe rejecting the great Inland-Sea, which they make to extend to the Laritude of 60 Degrees. It is plain then that either the Inland-Sea must be a Fiction, or the Journal a Forgery. And if they have any good Authority for inferting the former, it may be asked how they came to exhibit in a Map as genuine, the pretended Discoveries of De Fonte, which from that fingle Circumstance only they must have been confcious were spurious?

Yet to make this chimerical Representation pass the better, they lay-down the Coast and Islands which Mr. De L'Isle saw, as the beginning of the Gulf of St. Lazarus: Although they have no Evidence, but from the Journal, that there is such a Gulph; or if they had, yet they have no Ground.

Ground to suppose those Isles to be Part of it. For, by the Route of his Voyage, traced in the Map, he saw but Two or Three at most: And can there be no Islands

on that Coast, but what are in the Gulph of St. Lazarus?

I referve what more I have to fay against both the Journal of De Fonte's Voyage, and Mr. De L' Isle's Map of his Discoveries, for a Memoir to support a Chart which I have prepared of the Countries round the North Pole: In order to show the Probability of both a North-East and North-West Passage; either by going round the North-Coass of Asia and America, or else, failing directly across the Pole itself. In the mean Time I shall venture, upon the whole, to say, that the Discoveries ascribed to Admiral De Fonte have no real Existence in Nature; and that however commodiously they may help to fill-up a Map of the North-West Part of America, they ought in reality to have no Place there.

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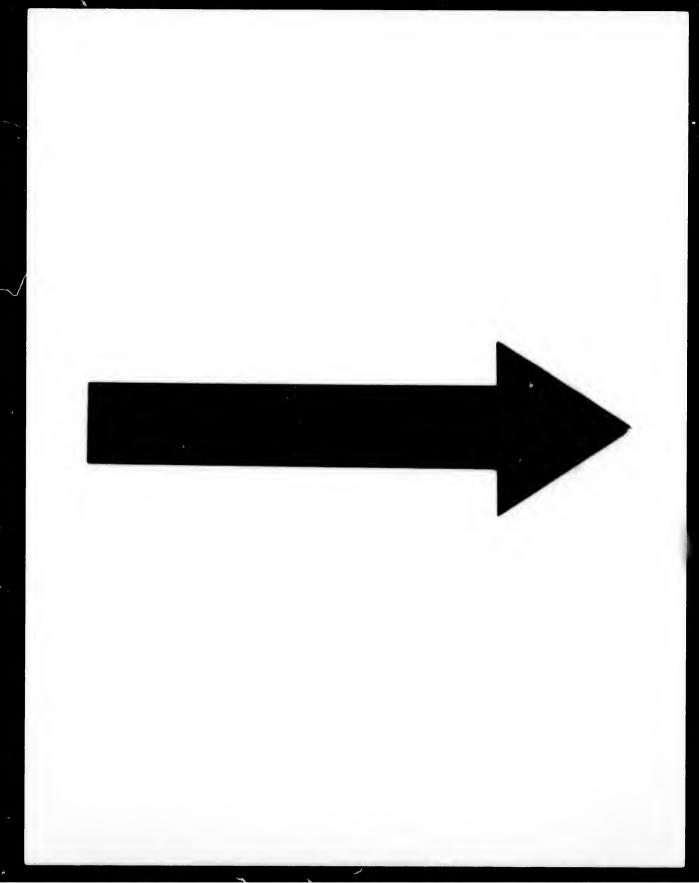
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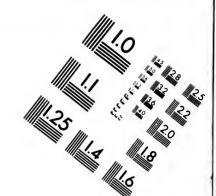
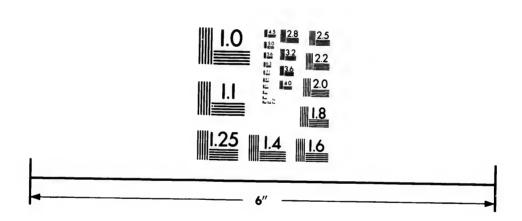


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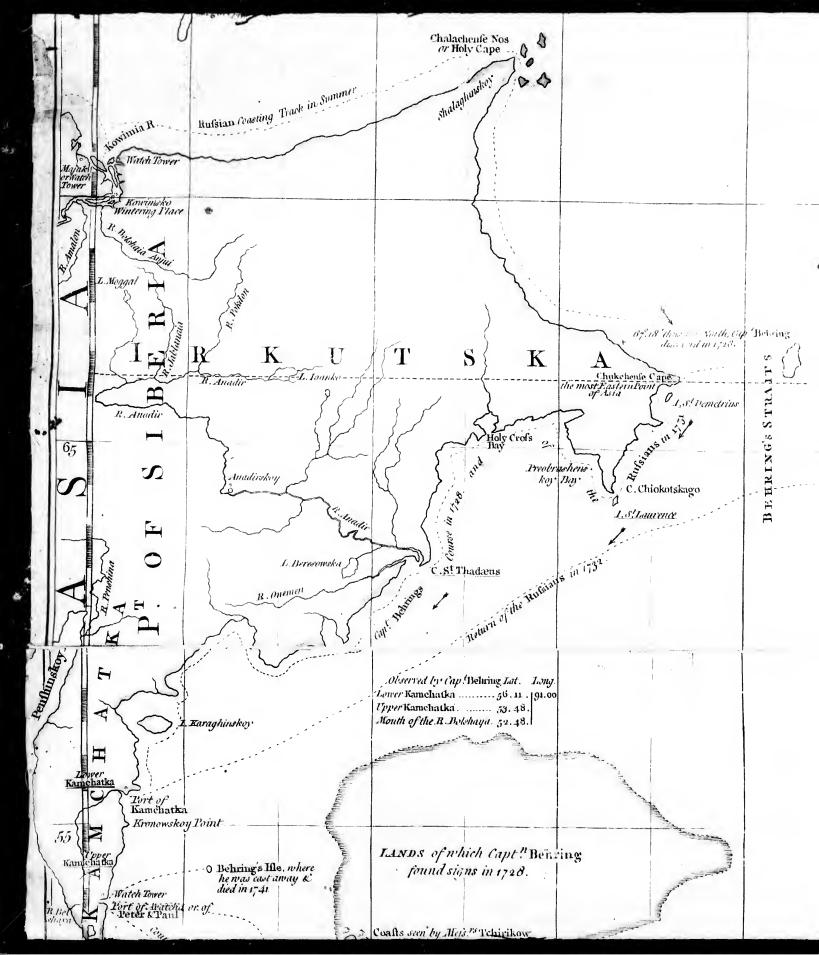
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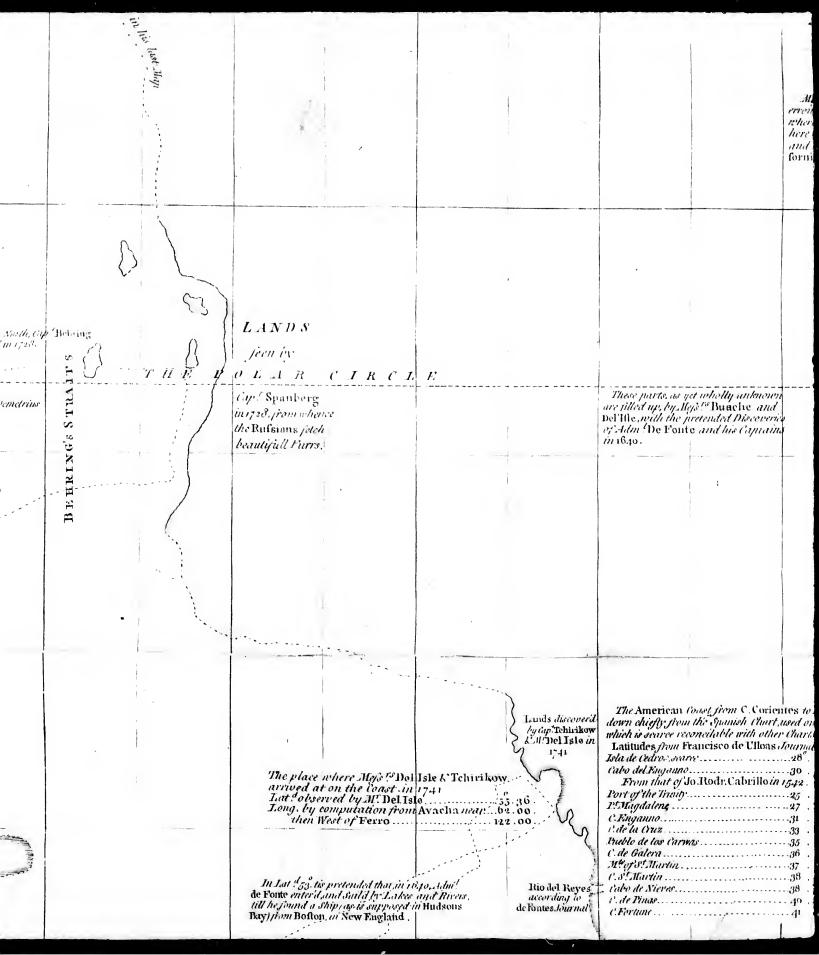
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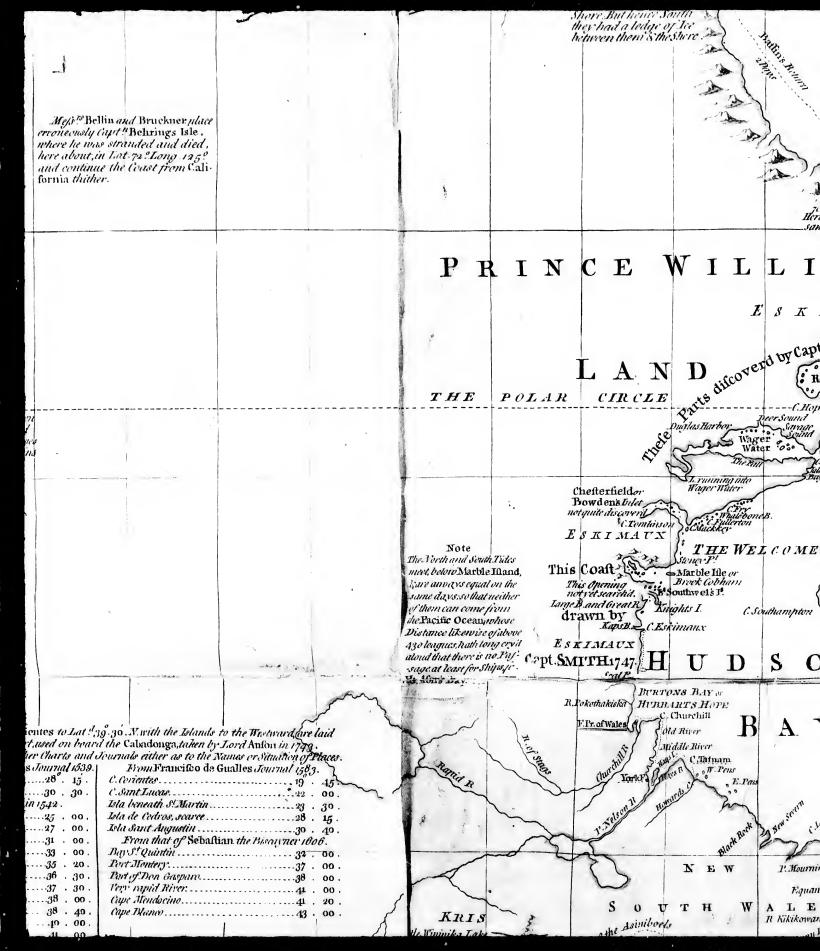
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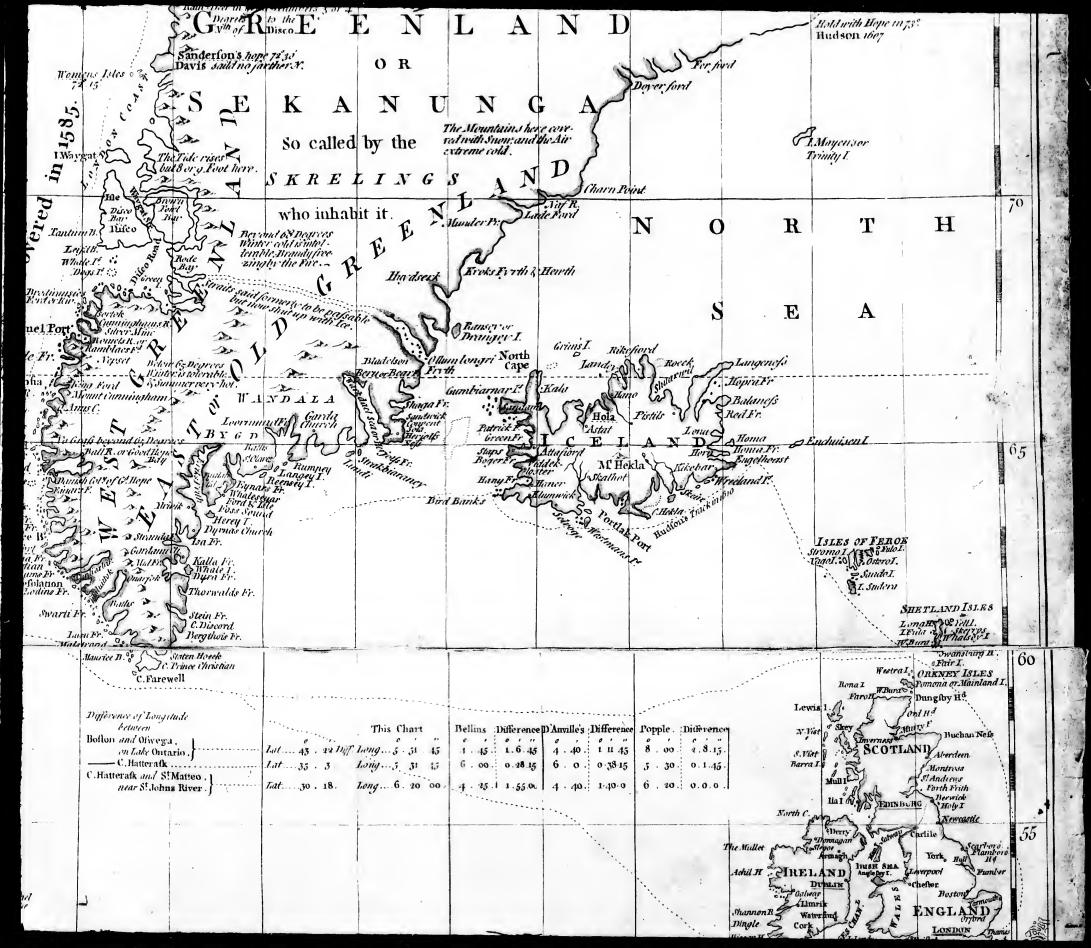
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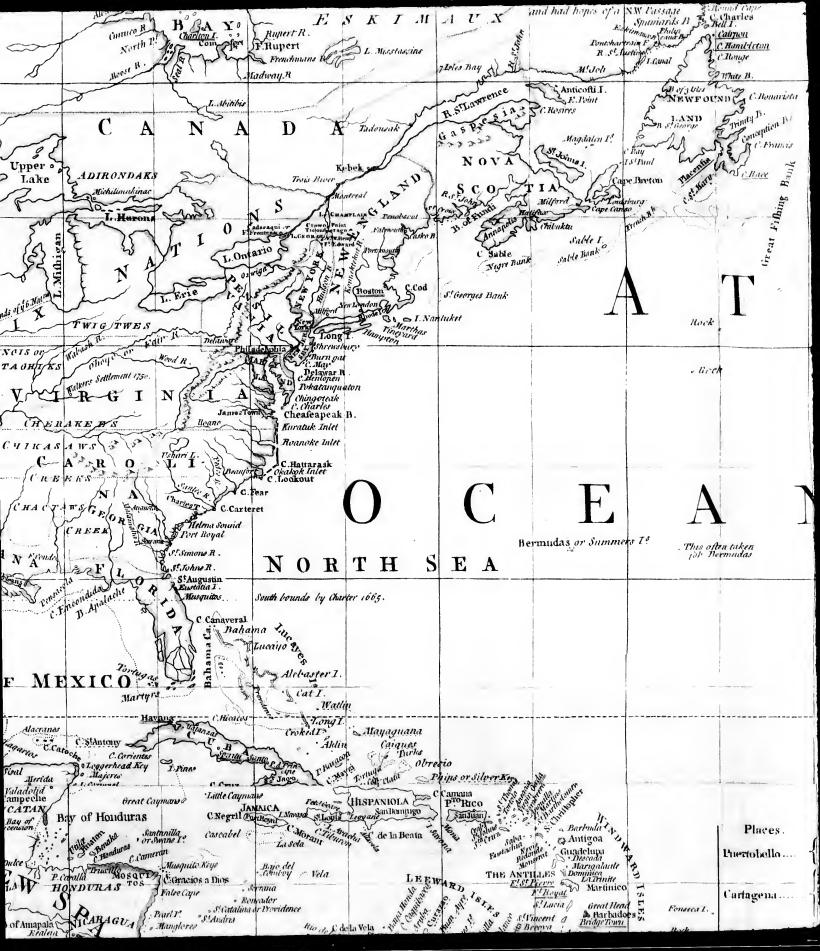


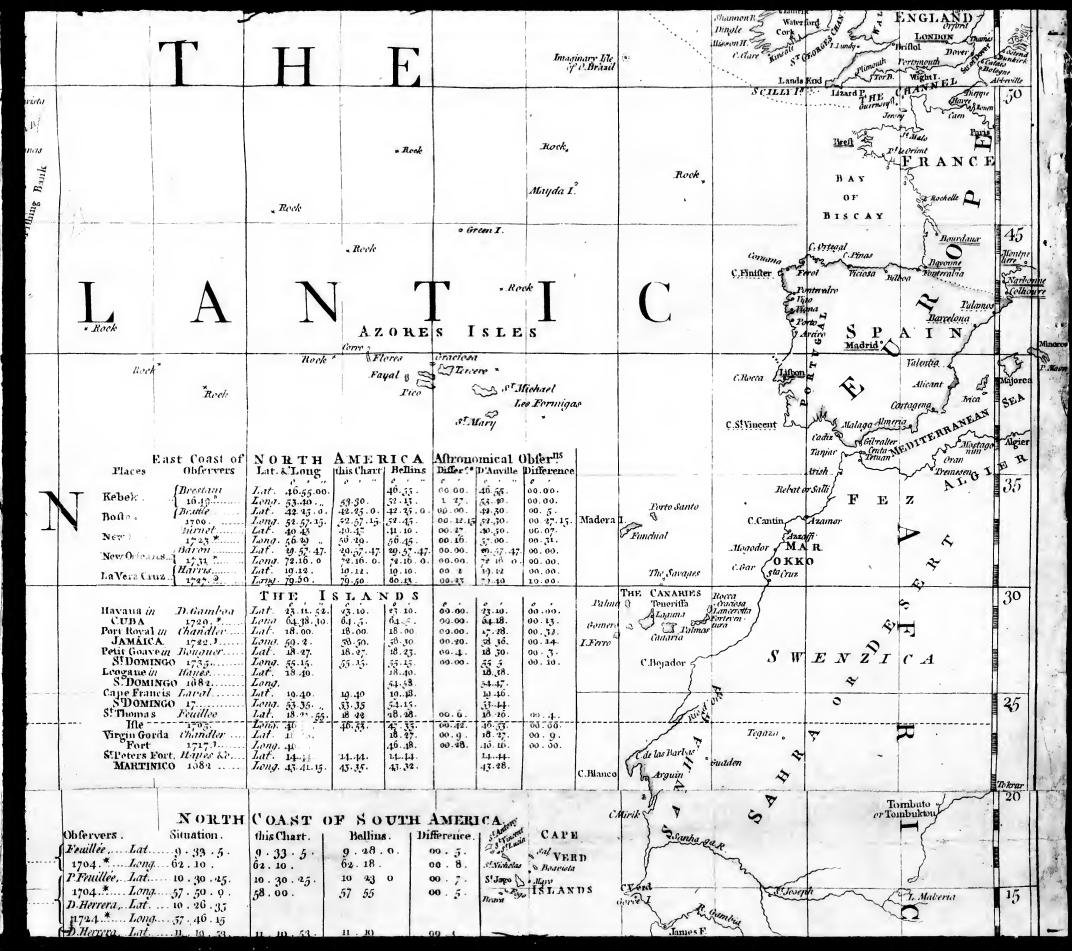


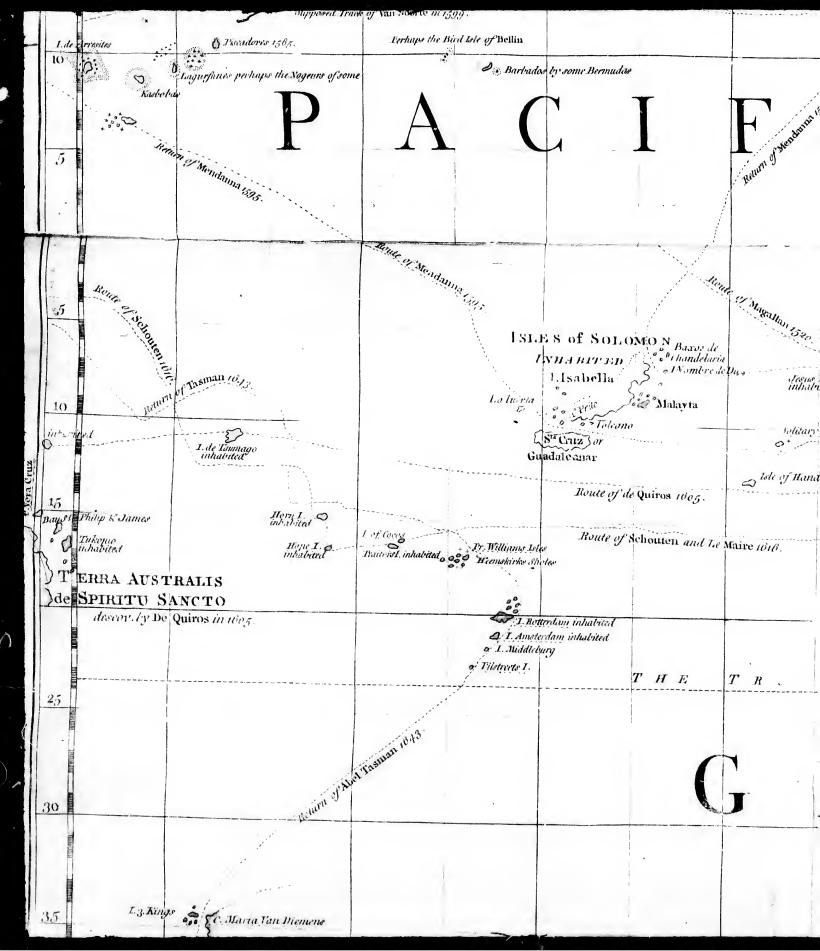
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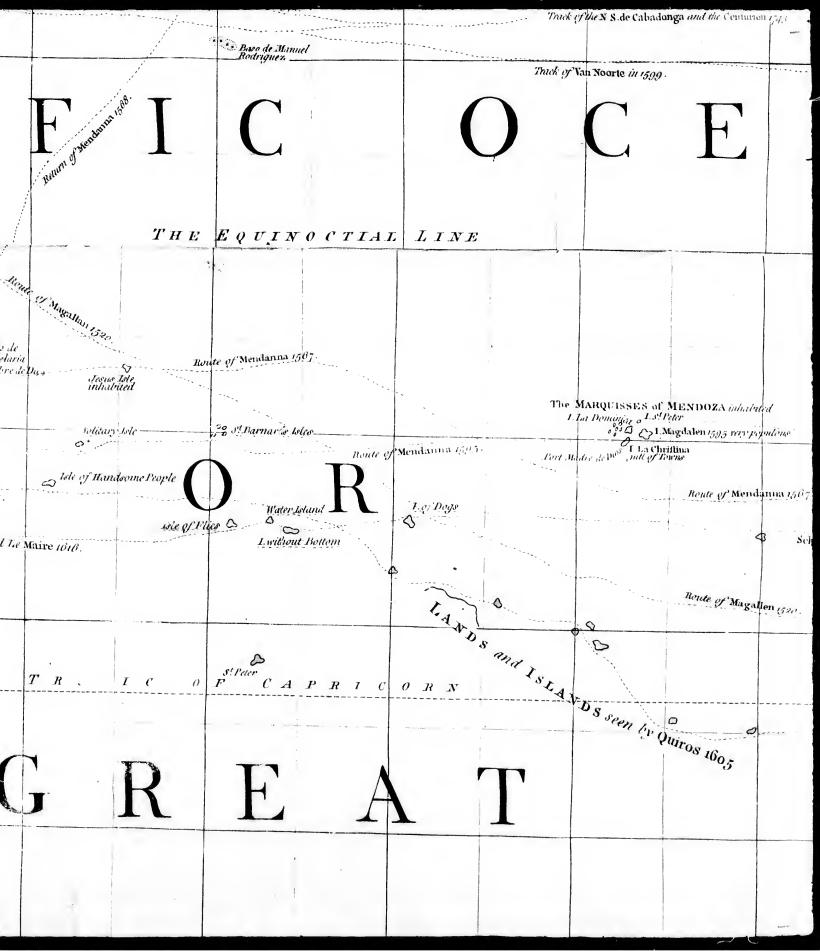
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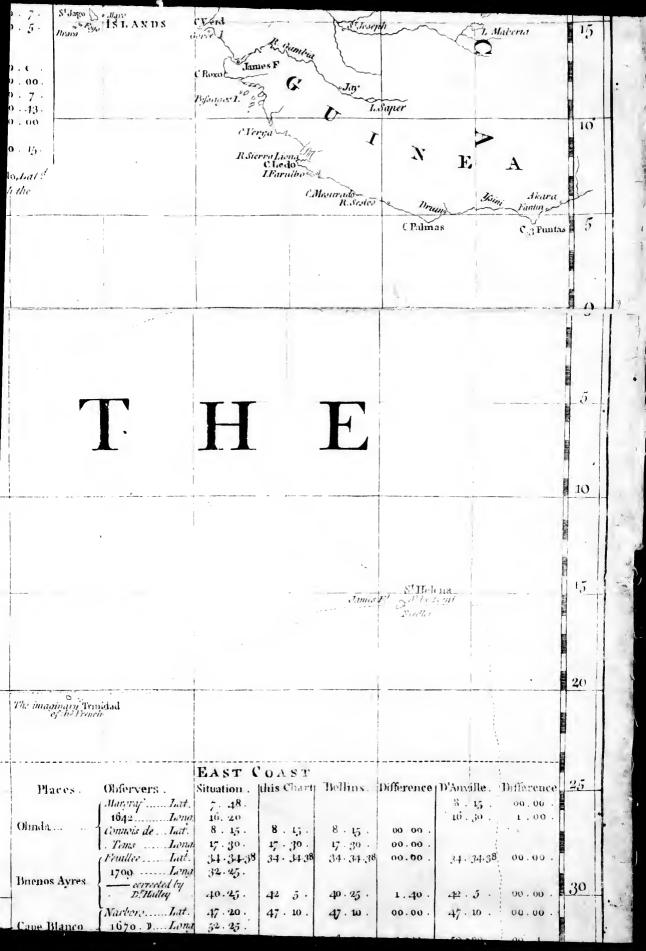




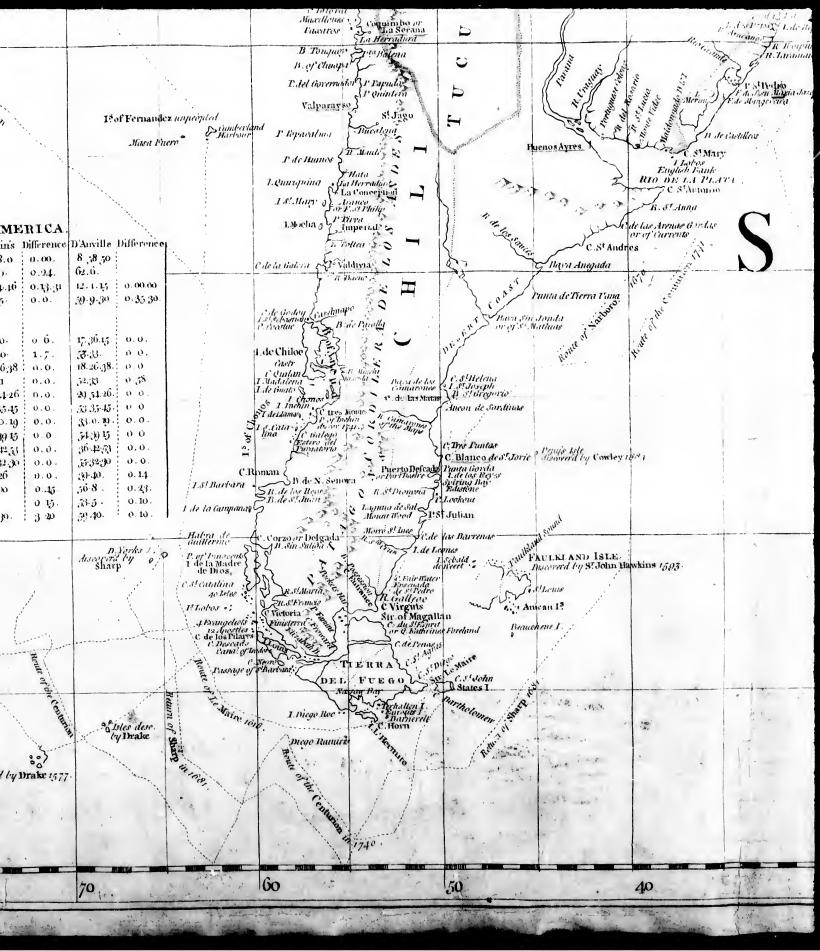
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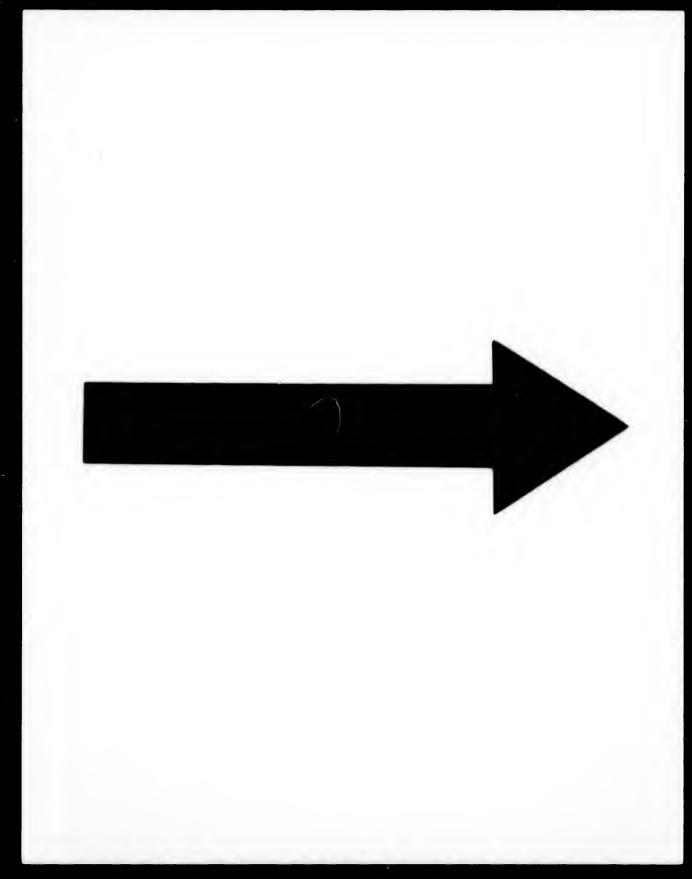
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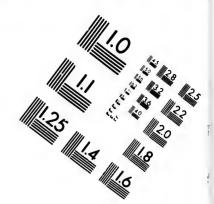
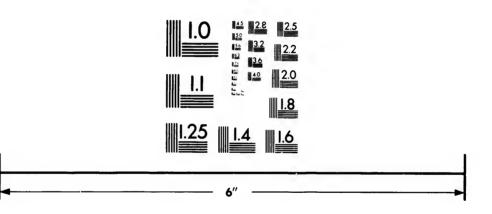


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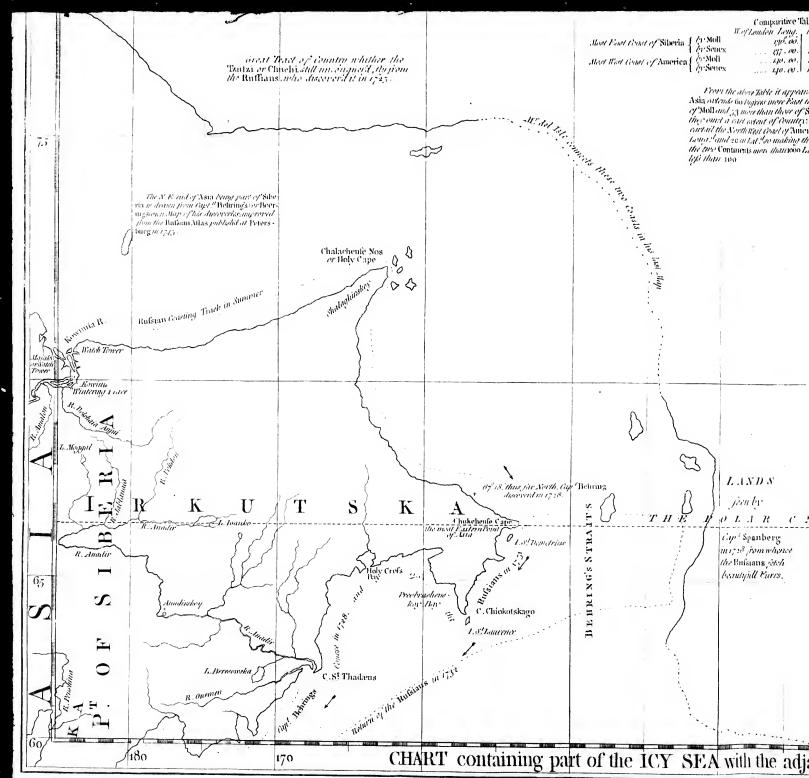


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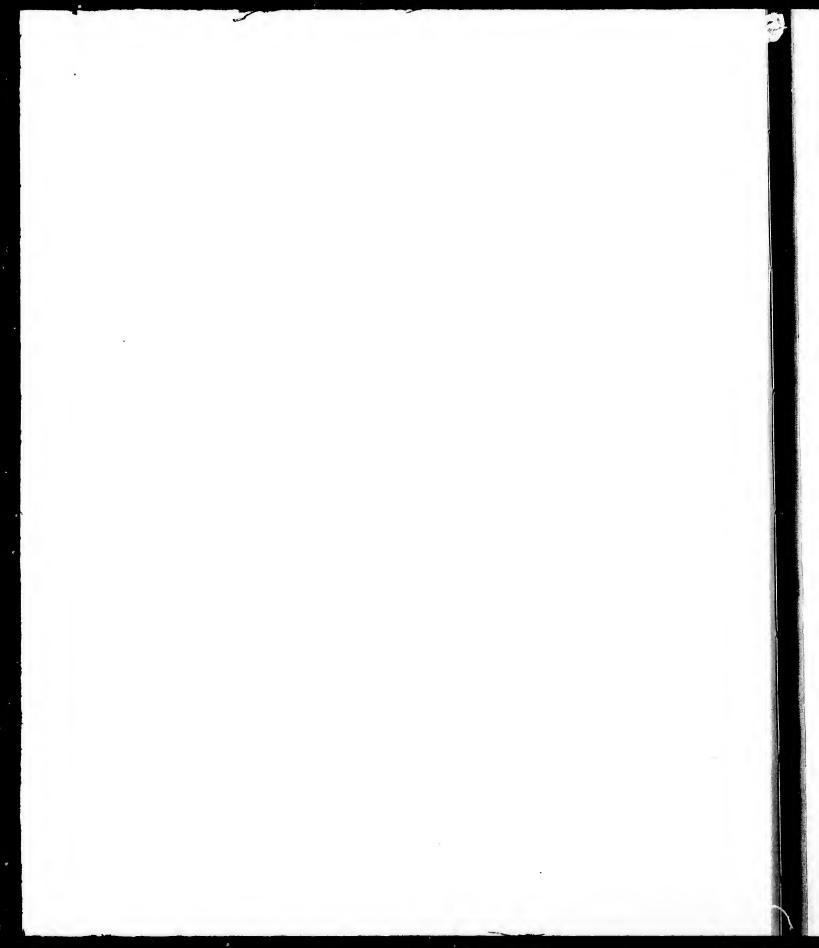
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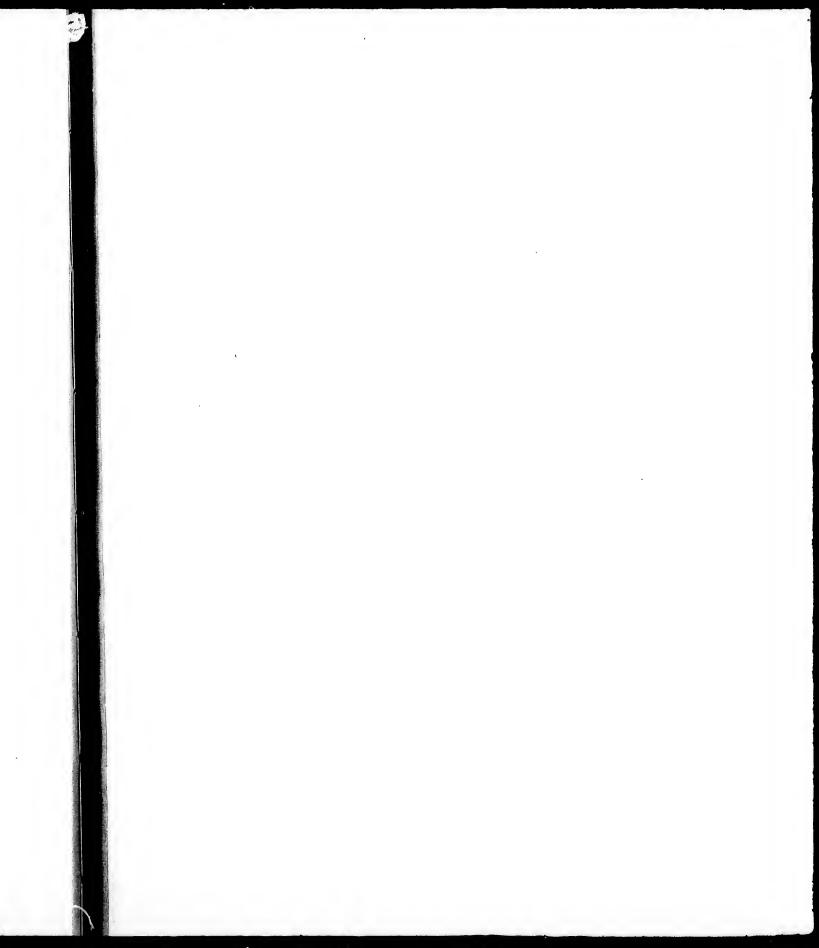
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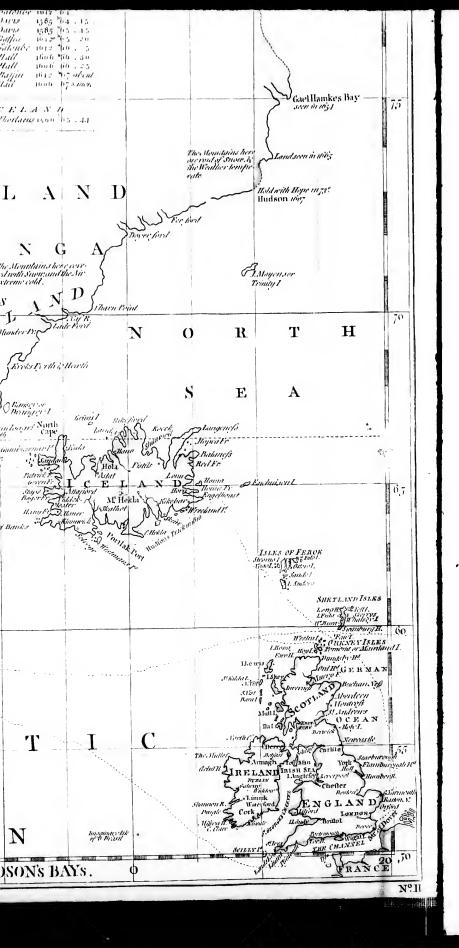


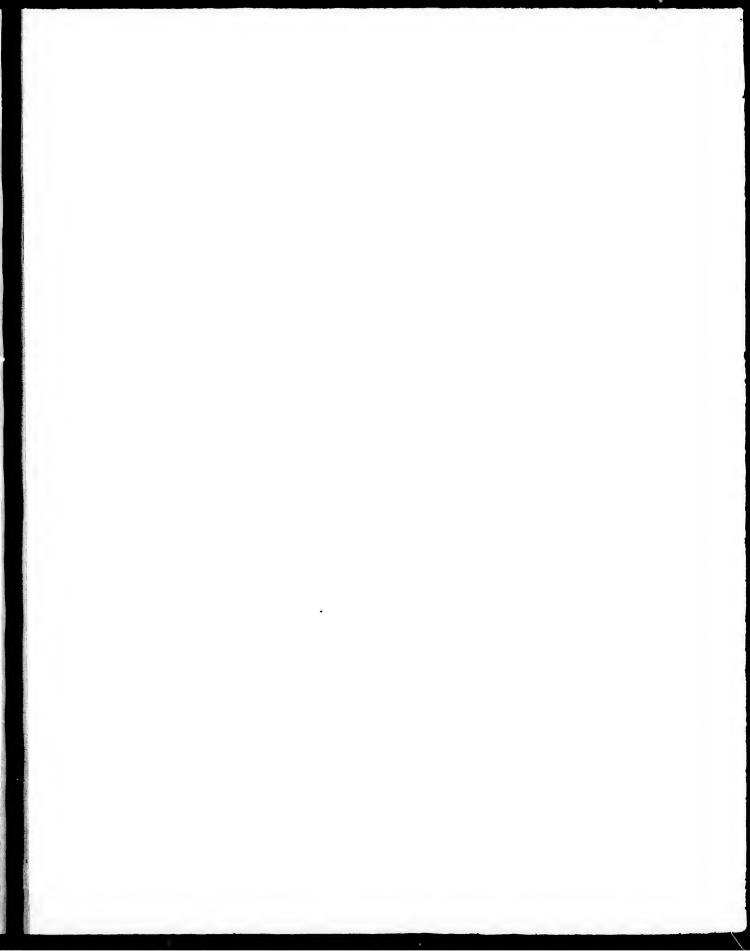


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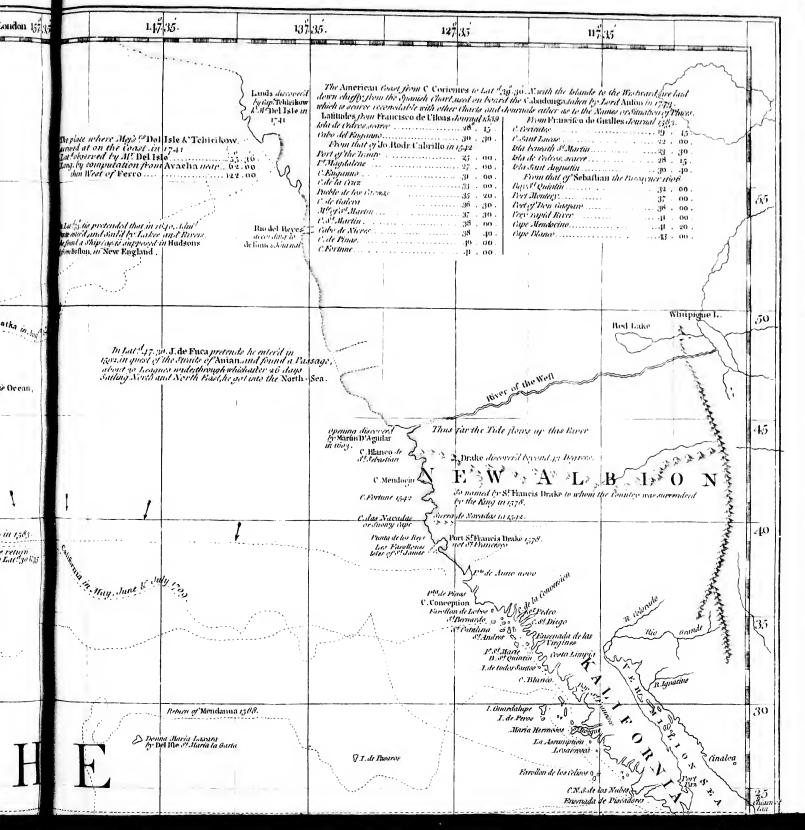


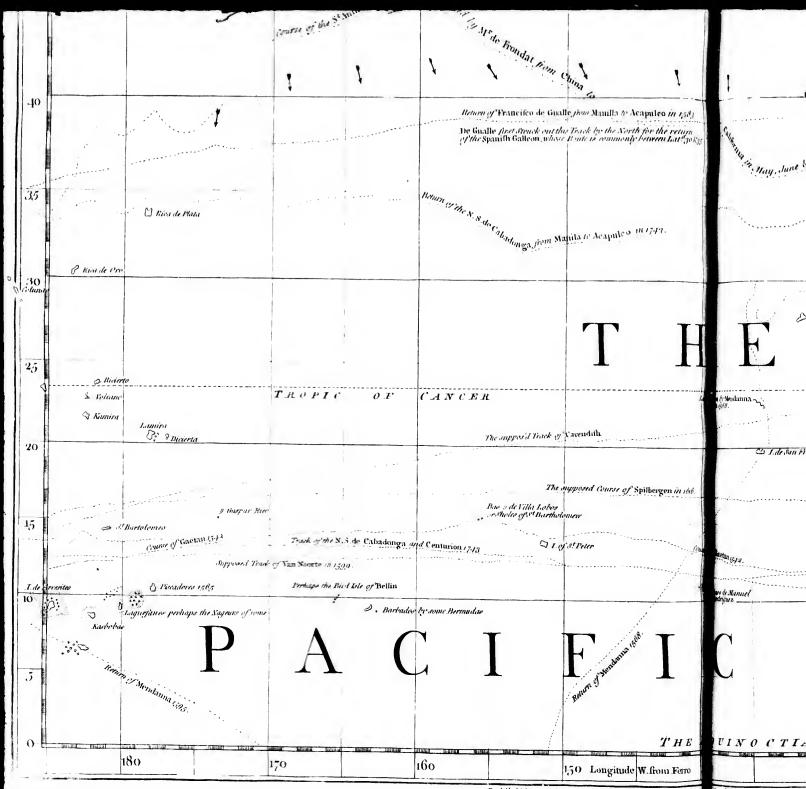
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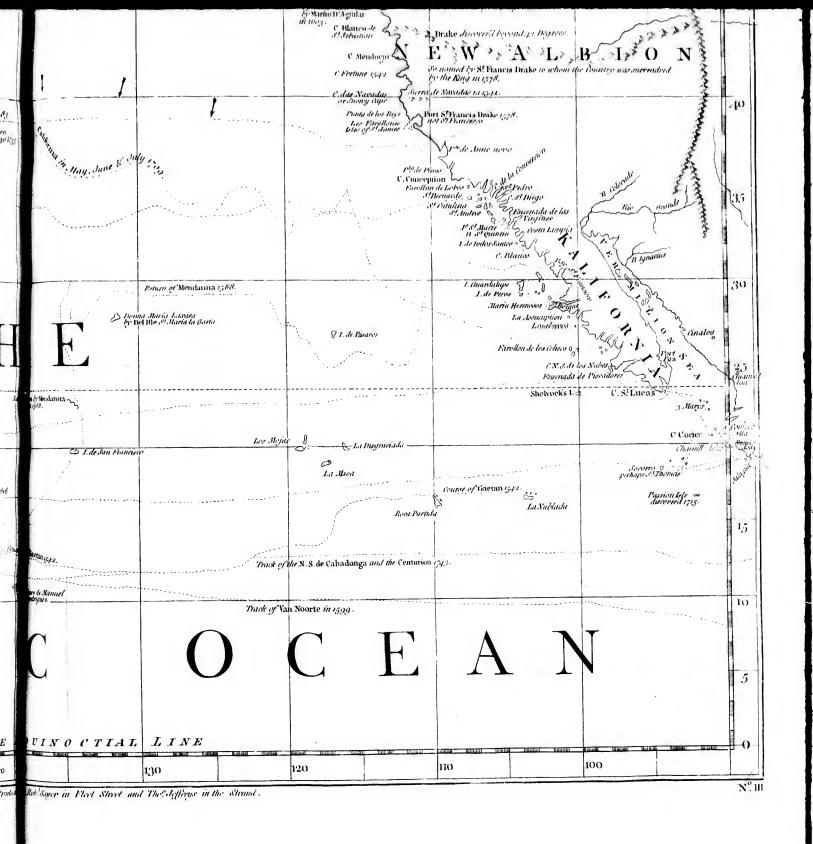
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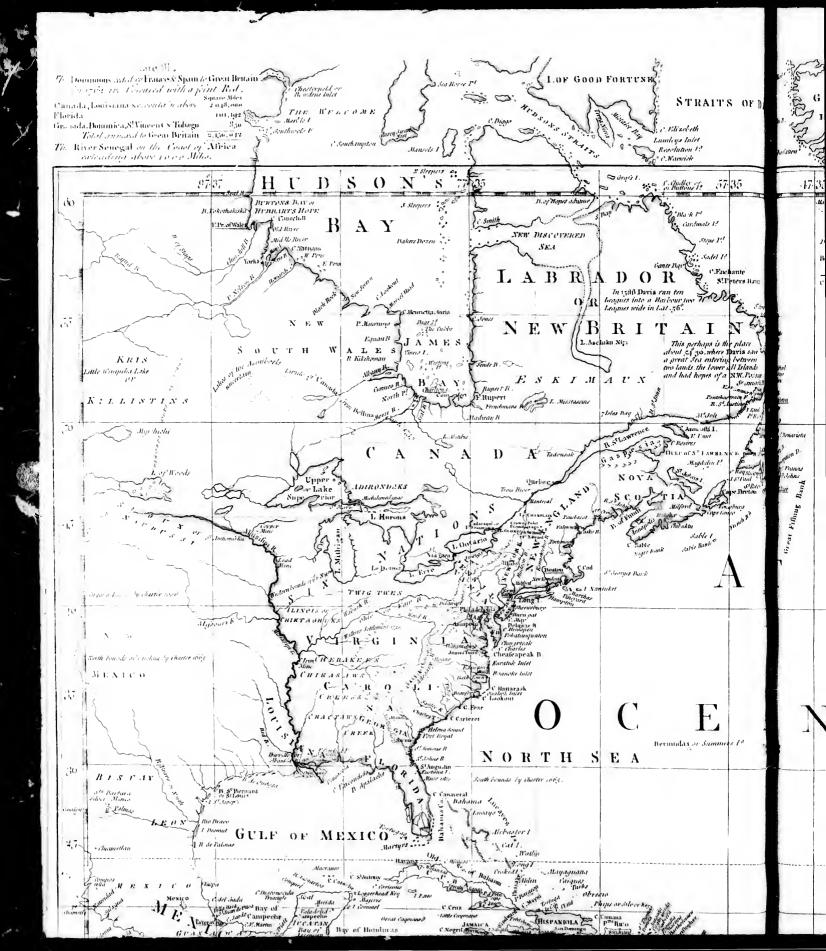
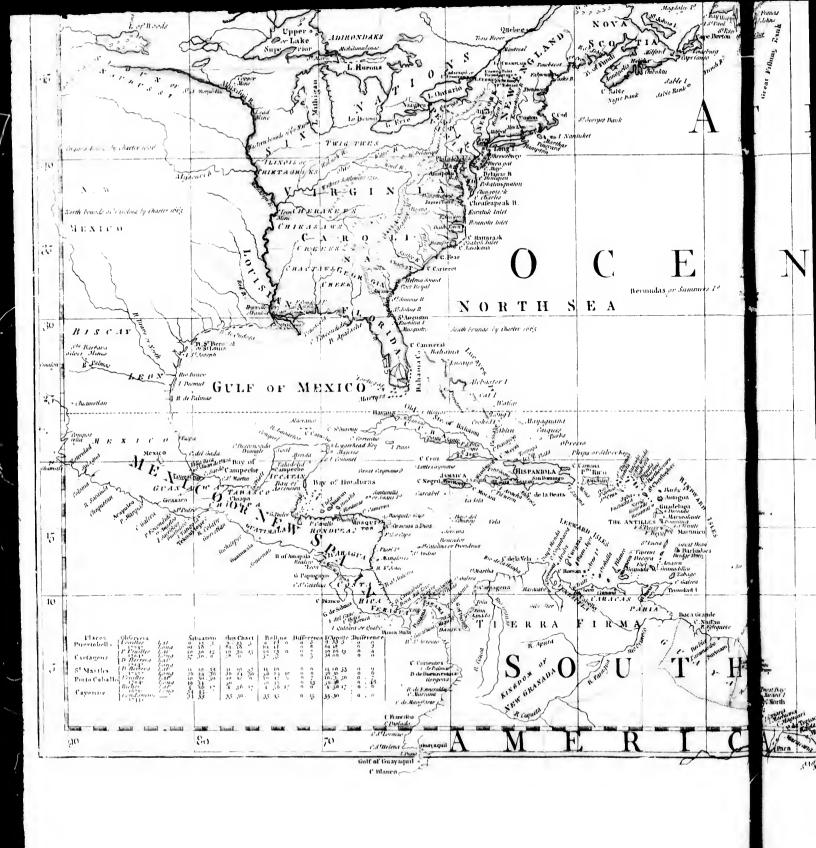
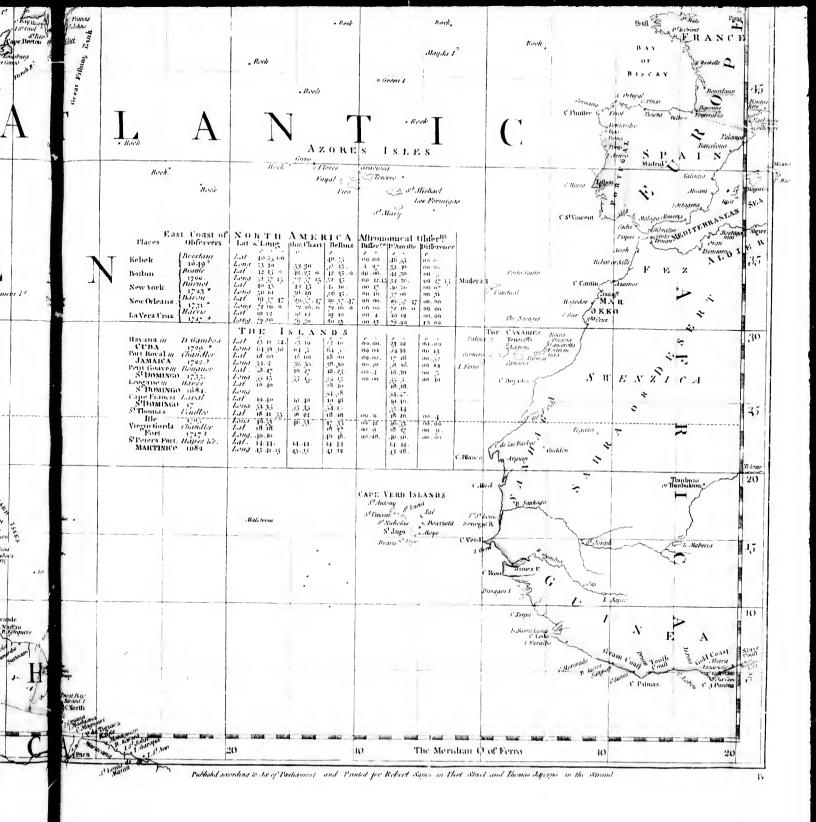
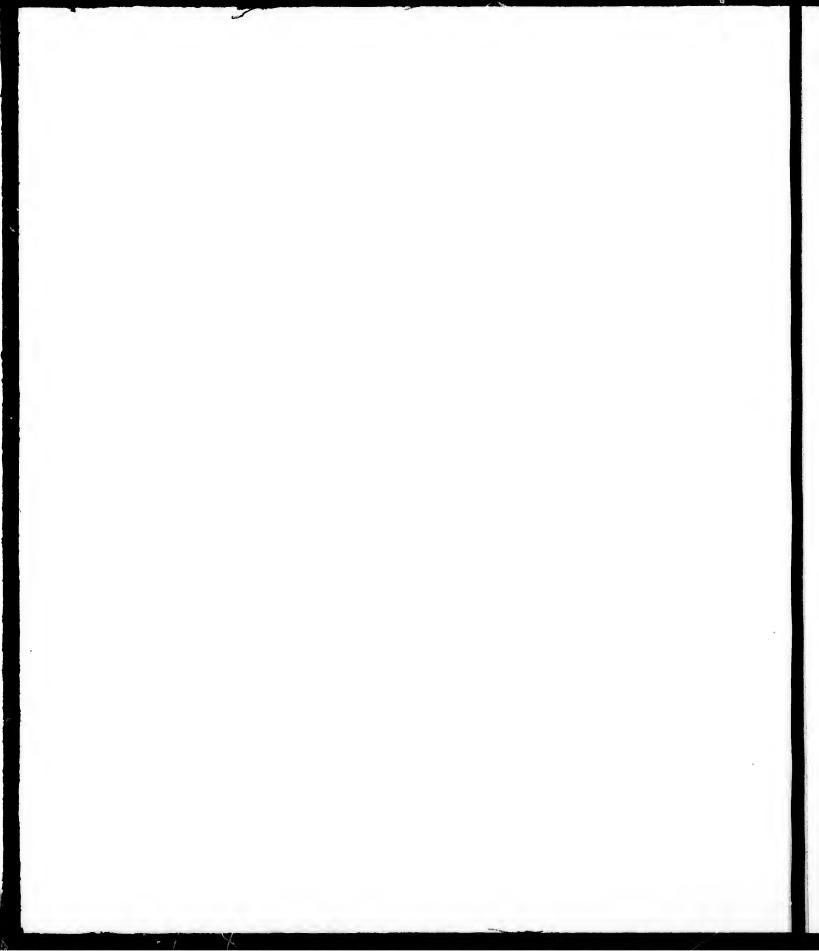


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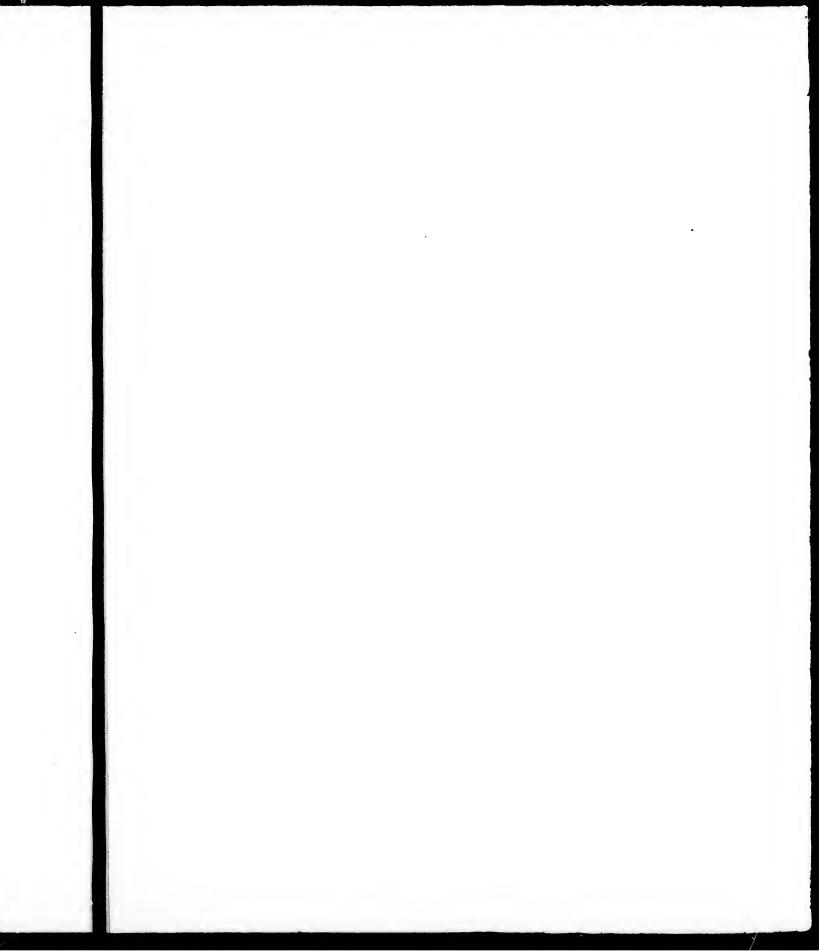


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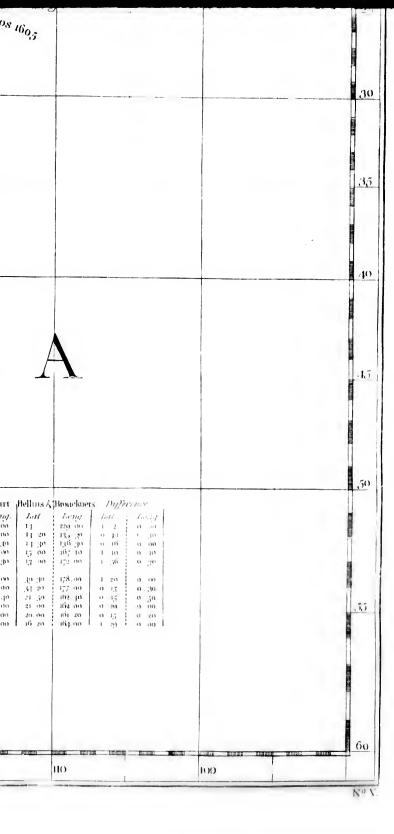
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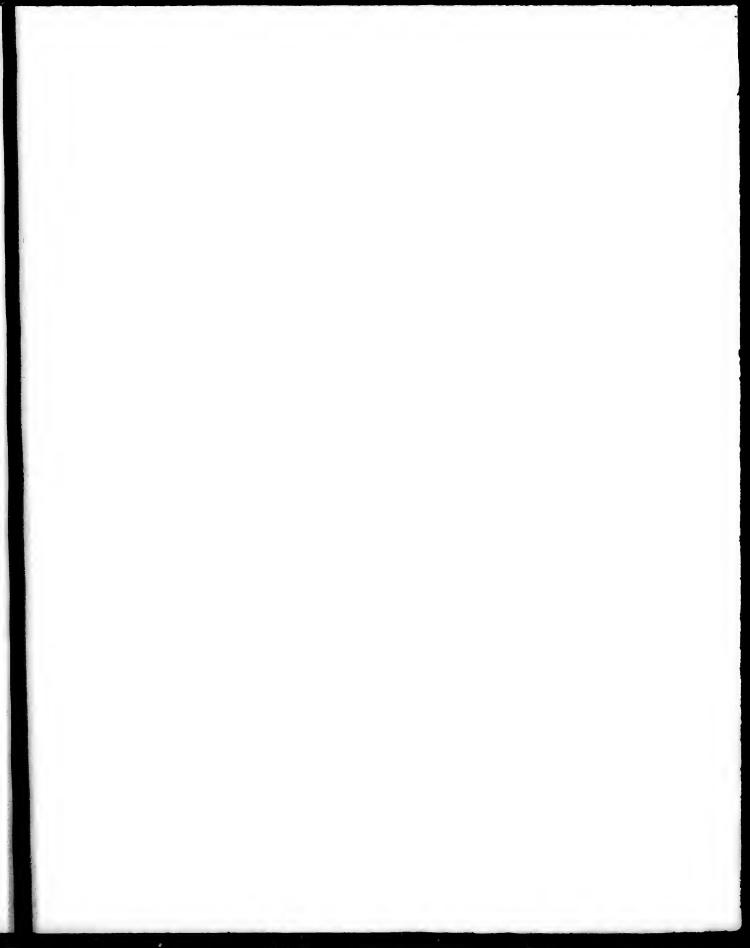
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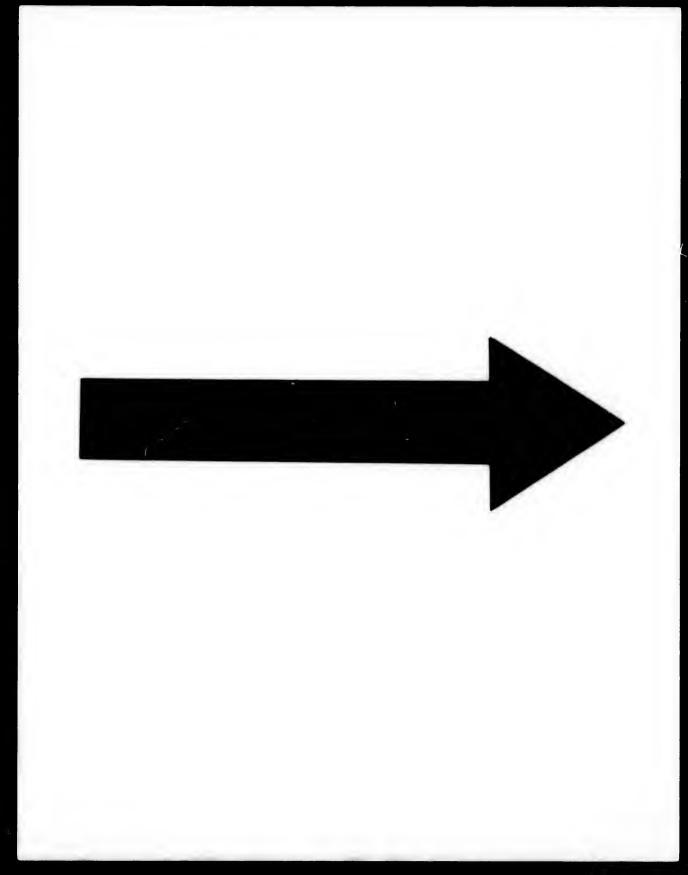
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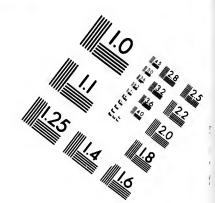
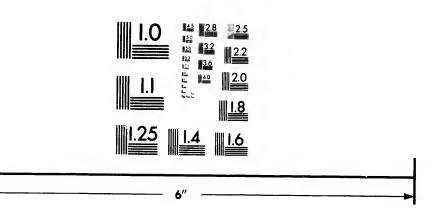


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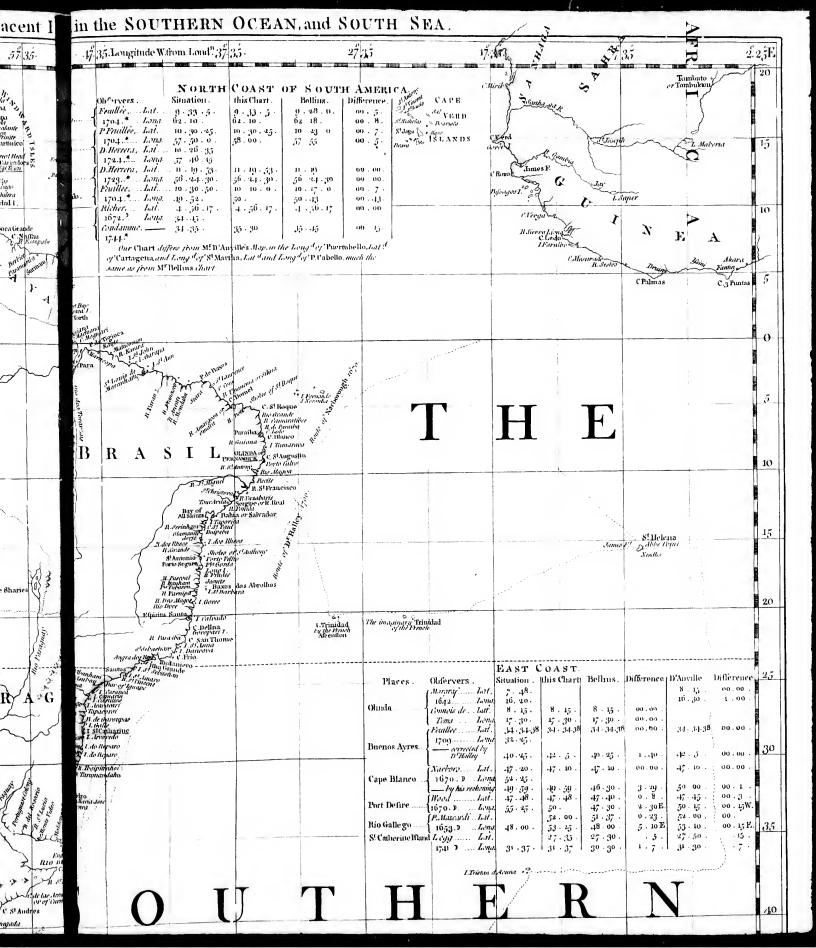
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