

name, viz.: Bumkay's, Quekin's, &c., and their existence and position remain to be ascertained. 6. The island of Arrecifos has, so far as my knowledge extends, been seen only by the ship Providence, in the year 1811. Not knowing much respecting it, it is to be wished that it should be surveyed.

XXI.\* *The Island of Gilbert*.—At the end of my supplementary volume, I have pointed out what remains to be done in order to have a perfect knowledge of all the islands belonging to this archipelago.

*Remark*.—Independent of the American Exploratory Expedition, there are to be at the same time three others in the South Seas: two English and one French expedition. Many of the islands will of course be visited by all the expeditions; and it is to be apprehended that their longitudes, determined by the different astronomers of the expeditions, will, perhaps, not agree so well as might be wished. This difficulty will of course be obviated, by referring their astronomical observations to the longitudes of such places as are determined by absolute astronomical observations with the greatest precision, and those most likely to be visited by the ships of the expeditions. The positions we have in the South Seas, are *Point Venus*, in longitude  $149^{\circ} 29' 17''$  W., determined by the passage of Venus over the disk of the sun; *Port Honolulu*, in the island of Oaho, by occultation of several stars, in  $202^{\circ} 10'$  E.; and *Port Jackson, Sydney Cove*, in  $151^{\circ} 17'$  E., by an eclipse of the sun. In the northern part of the Pacific, *East Cape*  $190^{\circ} 16' 10''$  E., may be adopted as a well-fixed point, although not determined by absolute astronomical observations. With respect to the coast of South America, *Talcahuana*, the longitude of which was determined by Captain Beechey, to be in  $72^{\circ} 56' 59''$  W., seems to me a well-determined point. Captain Duperrey is not of that opinion; and it remains to be settled whether the longitude of Talcahuana, or Valparaiso, in  $71^{\circ} 33' 34''$  W., deserves the preference.

KRUSENSTERN.

St. Petersburg, January 26, 1837.

## VI.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Hampton Roads, August 14th, 1838.

SIR,—

I have the honour to state, that since my arrival here, I have examined the General Requisition, complained of by Commodore Warrington and the Commissioners of the Navy, and find (as I was well aware was the case) it duly approved by me.