

sal of changing the usual Way of carrying Goods, which are sent to *Peru*, and brought them by the Way of the Gallions; that it might be settled on the River of *Plata*, from whence he assur'd 'em, the Carriage of 'em by Land to *Peru*, would be more conveniently perform'd, and at a cheaper Rate, as well as with less Risque, than any other Way. But of all these Proposals the Council of *Spain* relish'd only that of sending to *Buenos-Ayres* Two Vessels laden with Commodities proper for the Country. And *Maleo* having obtain'd a Grant, and a Commission for this Purpose, upon the Assurance of it, we return'd to *Guipuscoa*, to make Preparation for this Voyage, and to set our Affairs in order; which we so well dispatch'd, that in a little time, we had a Vessel ready to set sail, which *Maleo* order'd to be bought at *Amsterdam*, and to be brought to the Port from whence we were to go, being partly laden with *Dutch*, and with other Commodities, taken up at *Bayonne*, *St. Sebastian*, and *Bilboa*, bought in gross at a Venture, in which Affair I was employ'd, having undertaken it by *Maleo's* Commission.

During these Preparations, and while we waited for the Dispatch of the Grant, that had been promis'd him by the Council of *Spain*, it happen'd that the Baron of *Vat*  
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