

to pass the Mountains which divide Peru from Tucuman. But when I was arriv'd at Xuxui, I thought meet to make use of Waggon, which is much more Commodious, and thus I continu'd my Travels; and after a Journey of 4 Months happily arriv'd at the River of Lucan; which is 5 Leagues from Buenos Ayres; where I met with Ignatio Maleo, who was got thither before me; he came thither by the River in a little Boat, which we resolv'd to make use of, to convey most of the Silver I had brought with me, privately to our Ship; we thought meet to take this Course to avoid the risque we must have run of being Confiscated, if we had brought our Vessel by Buenos Ayres, because of the Prohibition of the Exportation of Gold and Silver, tho' this order is not always very regularly observ'd, the Governour sometimes, suffering it to be carried out privately, Conniving at it, for some present, or else not being very strict in taking notice of it.

I must not omit here to tell the reason why the Spaniards will not suffer the Silver of Peru, and of other Neighbouring Provinces to be Transported by the River of la Plata, nor all sorts of Vessels to go  
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