

and Trade there without Permission: It is from this Consideration, that if they should give way to a free Trade on that side, where the Country is good and Plentiful, the Earth Fruitful, The Air wholesome, and Carriage Commodious; the Merchants that Trade in *Peru*, *Chili*, and *Tucuman*, would soon quit the way of the Gallions, and the Ordinary Passages through the North and South-Seas, and through the Continent, which is difficult and Incommodious; and would take the way of *Buenos Ayres*: And this would infallibly cause most of the Cities of the Continent to be deserted, where the Air is bad, and the Necessaries and Accommodations of Life are not to be had in such plenty.

When we had secur'd our Silver by the precaution we had us'd, I came to *Buenos Ayres* with the rest of our Goods; where I was no sooner Arriv'd, but our return to *Spain* was resolv'd on. But least any thing should be found on board us to give occasion for any Seizure, when the Kings Officers should make their usual Visit on our Vessel, before it went out of the Port; we thought convenient at first to Embark only those Commodities that