

He therefore selected D. Dionisius Alcalá Galiano and D. Alexander Belmonte, lieutenants in the navy, who, without in the least excusing themselves from the strict performance of the ordinary duty of the ship, took the charge of all observations, astronomical and geographical; as also of the marine watches or time-pieces, and other instruments which were put on-board, as requisite for the due performance of the expedition.

Of this charge they acquitted themselves, to the entire satisfaction of the commander: and the following account of the voyage, together with the directions and instructions for navigating the Strait of Magellan, entirely drawn-up by these officers, is almost wholly compiled from their journals, formed and kept with the greatest skill and attention, and well deserving to be used as models for other voyages of a similar nature.

D. Antonio de Córdoba also appointed D. Joachin Camacho to be his chief pilot, or master; and to him entrusted the operations necessary for taking separate draughts of the harbours, bays, and roads of the strait, and which we can affirm to have been executed with all the care and precision to be expected from the eminent knowledge and experience of that officer.

The following List shows the exact state of the whole officers and crew of the frigate, as she sailed from Cadiz:

Commandant.	Don Antonio de Córdoba.
Second.	Don Ferdinand de Miera.
Lieutenants.	Don Miguel de Zapiain.
	Don Tello Mantilla.
	Don Dionysius Alcalá Galiano.
	Don Alexander Belmonte.
Midshipmen.	Don Pedro de Mesa.
	Don Joachin Blanco.
	Don Francisco Villegas.
	Don Philip Perez de Acevedo.
Officers of Marines.	Don Joachin Fernandez Salvador.
	Don Eugenio de Cardenas.
Chaplains.	Don Remigio Bobadilla.
	Don Julian Martiano.
Surgeons.	Don Joseph Riquero.
	Don Juan Luis Sanchez.
Pilots, or Masters.	Don Bartholomew de Rivas.
	Don Joachin Camacho, 1st.
Pilotines, or Mates.	Don Antonio Castellanos, 2d.
	Don Antonio Rico.
	Don Antonio Castro.
	Don Pedro Sanchez.

As the season was now far advanced for the nature of this voyage, (17th Sept.) no time was lost in getting ready the frigate; so that, on the 27th of the same month, she came out