

Barentsz, who commanded this vessel. On the 21st of July the two vessels perceived a land, which, according to their opinions, should be Waeigatz Island or land, and on the 22d an opening which they took for a strait of the same name. They entered and called it Nassau Strait. They encountered great danger here from the ice. Leaving this they entered the Sea of Tartary, and found it so beautiful that they had no doubt but that it must lead them to China and Japan. They advanced beyond the mouth of the river Oby; then retracing their course, and repassing Nassau Straits, they anchored on the 16th of August north of an island which they called Maurice Island. Here Barentsz joined them, having run up to 78°, and explored most of the Nova Zembla coast. Ice had prevented his further progress, and he was seeking a southern passage. Cornelis told him that he believed he had discovered one by Nassau Strait. North of Maurice Island was another, which was named Orange Island. These islands are at about 69° 30'. The land beyond the gulf, eastward, was styled New West Friesland, Waeigatz Island was called Enchuysen Island, and the whole country south of the Straits of Nassau, as far as the Oby, was called New Holland. On the 15th of September they anchored at Texel.

Maurice  
Island.

## 1595.

Alvaro de Mendaña sailed on the 11th of April from Callao in four vessels for Solomon's Islands, bearing as first pilot Peter Hernan de Quiros. After sailing more than 1,100 leagues west, they discovered at about 10° several inconsiderable islands, which they named the Marquesas de Mendoza; holding still west, they came to more small islands, and at last, on September 7th, reached a large one, where they landed in a bay, and called it Graciosa. During their stay on the island they explored the coast. It seemed to them about 300 leagues in circuit. They discovered several islands near the large one, which they styled Islands de Santa Cruz.

Marquesas.  
Graciosa.  
Islas de Santa  
Cruz.

Sir Walter Raleigh's expedition to Guiana and discoveries.

Guiana.

The three officers named in the article 1594 sailed from Texel July 2, in seven vessels, to continue their explorations, but meeting much ice, they returned to Holland with fainter hope of finding what they sought.