

the second Thibet, March 18, 1716. There is, in fact, but one Thibet, called also Toubet, Tangout, Barantola, and Boutan. When Father de Andrada entered it in 1624, the country was subject to a very powerful king, supposed to be of the race of the famous Prester-Jean, or at least his successor. Since then the Grand Lama has been, as it were, sovereign of Thibet, and makes his residence at Lassa, or Lasa, the most sacred spot in the land, from its grand pagoda, which is visited from all parts. Thibet now depends on China. It is also sometimes called the kingdom of the Eluths.

Thibet.

1718.

The following discovery has every look of being imaginary. A merchantman, commanded by the Sieur Perrin, sailing this year from Rochelle for Quebec, was wrecked; one John Baptist Loysel, of Rennes, in Brittany, escaped to an unknown island, where he was well received and treated by the inhabitants, and died about 1732. An English ship, it is added, sailing from England in 1733 for New Georgia, was also driven by a storm on the same island. Lewis, the captain, was taken to a cabin, where an inscription cut with a knife informed him of the adventures of Loysel, whose clothes and grave were shown him. Nothing is said of the position of this island, to which Captain Lewis gave his name after taking possession. Loysel, in the inscription of which I have spoken, says that it seemed to him to be about twenty leagues in extent; that he believes mines will be found there; that it produces several precious plants, and has a very fertile soil.

Lewis Island.

1720.

Two vessels, full of unknown Indians, landed on Guahan, the largest of the Ladrone Islands, at two different points, one on the 19th, the other on the 21st of June. They had started together from an island which they called Sarreslop, to go to another, called Ulée. After a leisurely examination, it was found that their country was a considerable archipelago, which included the island named Caroline in 1686, and the island of St. Barnaby, and that the group is divided into five provinces. Father de Cantova, a Spanish Jesuit, drew up a map, which is

Caroline
Islands.