

*one very convincing testimony of Royal Genius. And unless this incomparable Prince, this acute Discoverer of talents, this Learned, and gracious Protector of literature, and the fine arts, had exalted that adventurous Seaman from the humble situation in which he was placed by fortune, the name and merit of Cook would never have extended beyond the shores of Great Britain. Nor would his reputation have risen to its present height, had not the Royal Society, formed such projects as, were worthy of his execution; and by so doing, seconded the intention of his Majesty, from whom that Society received its wise regulations, as well as vigour, and activity. Yes, the most interesting expeditions have been directed by the wisdom of a King, who*