

## C H A P. II.

The departure of the Endeavour from Rio de Janeiro. Her passage from the entrance of the streight of Le Maire. The inhabitants of Terra del Fuego described. Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander ascended a mountain in search of plants. An account of what happened to them in this excursion. The Endeavour passes through the Streight le Maire. An account of her passage, and a further description of the inhabitants of Terra del Fuego. An account of Cape Horn, and the newly discovered islands. An account of their figure and appearance. The inhabitants described; with a narrative of the various incidents during the course, and on the Endeavour's arrival among them.

ON the 8th of December, 1768, having procured necessary supplies, we took our departure from Rio de Janeiro; and on the 9th an amazing number of atoms were taken out of the sea. They are of a yellowish colour, and few of them were more than the 5th part of an inch long. The sea was tinged in such a manner with these equivocal substances, as to exhibit broad streaks of a similar colour for near a mile in length, and several yards in breadth.

On the 11th we hooked a shark. It proved to be a female. When opened we took six young ones out of it, five of which were alive, and swam briskly in a tub of water. On the 30th we ran fifty leagues through vast numbers of land insects; some in the air, and others upon the water. At this time we judged ourselves to be nearly opposite to the bay called Sands Fond (with bottom) where it is supposed that the continent of America is divided by a passage.

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