

to St. Jago one of the Cape de Verd Islands, and anchor in Port Praya—Observations on the Island and Port—They make the coast of Brazil, and enter the Harbour of Rio de Janeiro—Observations—Departure from this Port, bound, as we thought, to the East Indies—Orders made known, which were to go on Discoveries to the South Sea—The Dolphin and Tamar make Cape Blanco, Penguin Isle, and the Harbour of Port Desire—The Dolphin in Danger of being lost at this last Place—Observations on the Harbour and adjacent Country—Departure from Port Desire in search of Pepy's Island—Anchor on the Coast of Patagonia, ten Leagues within the Mouth of the Straits of Magellan—An Account of the extraordinary Stature of some Inhabitants seen there—Proceed up the Straits of Magellan to Port Famine—An Account of the Harbour, Coast, and Inhabitants—A Description of the Country, particularly the Woods, and the beautiful Sedger—Favourable and pleasing Circumstances during our Stay here.

A. D. 1764. **H**IS present Majesty, very early in life formed a plan of distinguishing his reign, by patronizing the prosecution of New Discoveries in the unknown regions of the Southern Hemisphere; and we have been told, that he declared his intention, soon after he came to the crown, of appropriating a great part of his revenue for that particular purpose. In 1764, orders were given for carrying this laudable design into execution; in consequence of which, on the 18th of April, preparations were made to fit out the Dolphin ship of war, and the Tamar frigate, for a supposed voyage to the East-Indies. The Dolphin was a sixth rate, mounting 24 guns, and had three lieutenants, 37 petty officers, and 150 seamen on board; the Tamar mounted 16 guns, having on board three lieutenants, 22 petty officers, and 90 seamen. The honourable Commodore (now Admiral) Byron was appointed commander in chief, in the Dolphin, and the command under him, of the frigate, was given to Capt. Mouat. Both of these vessels were fitted out for