

such an effort would, doubtless, have been very much superior to that which France gave to guide an enterprize intended to eclipse the fame of the voyages of Cook. Except the nautical and geographical *notes* by FLEURIEU, no other part of these papers is distinguished by superlative excellence. The communication from the ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, is, in comparison with what was to be expected, contemptibly trivial and superficial.

LA PEYROUSE'S JOURNAL itself is written in a plain, manly manner, without much affectation. Its *nautical* and *Hydrographical* merit appears to be very considerable. But, it presents much less of new information, than one should have expected, concerning the different provinces of Natural History, and, in particular, concerning the features of savage and barbarian life—in the Isles of the Southern Ocean, or on the coasts of the the Asian or the American continent. The French voyagers seem to have been but ill-qualified for the observation of savage or barbarian