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OF THE WHOLE OF
Capt. Cook's Voyages,

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Capt. C O O K's
FIRST VOYAGE Round the WORLD,
UNDERTAKEN and PERFORMED
By Order of his Present MAJESTY,
In His Majesty's Ship the ENDEAVOUR,
Principally for making Discoveries in the SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE, &c. &c.

Began the latter End of August 1768, and concluded the 12th of June 1771; containing a
Period of nearly THREE YEARS, in which was completed the Circumnavigation of the Globe.

I N T R O D U C T I O N.

VOYAGES being considered as the grand repository of useful and interesting knowledge, have justly engaged the attention of mankind in all ages. In this ample field the attention of curiosity is gratified by a vast variety of interesting scenes; and works of this kind are of national consequence, while, at the same time, they afford a rich fund of pleasure to all those who delight to spend each leisure hour in rational amusement. With respect to Captain Cook's *first Voyage* round the world, which was in the ENDEAVOUR, it has so much attracted the notice of the world, that it cannot be too particularly related, nor too nicely examined; and a principal advantage accruing from the following narrative is, that the same stories set in different lights as they strike the observer, cannot fail of being a source of fresh intelligence; of shewing former accounts through a new medium, and of placing them in a more striking point of accuracy, by judicious corrections, and additional improvements.

The voyage which is the subject of our present narra-

tive, was undertaken by order of his present majesty, for making discoveries in the southern hemisphere, &c. Captain Cook was appointed commander of the Endeavour; and with him embarked Mr. (now Sir Joseph) Banks and Dr. Solander, whose principal objects in this expedition were, to observe the transit of Venus, and to attempt afterwards farther discoveries. Mr. Joseph Banks and Dr. Solander were men of distinguished abilities. The first of these gentlemen was possessed of considerable landed property in Lincolnshire; and, upon his leaving the University of Oxford, A. D. 1763, he made a voyage to the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador. Notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that attended his first expedition, Mr. Banks returned undiscouraged; and when the Endeavour was equipping for a voyage to the South Seas, he determined to embark with the adventurers, from the laudable motive of enriching his native country with the knowledge of unknown productions, and new discoveries.

• It is unnecessary to point out the obvious imperfections of all publications which include only a *single voyage* of the very celebrated Capt. Cook; his *three different voyages* are so immediately connected together, that owing to frequent references from one to another, no person can form a satisfactory idea of his valuable discoveries, who does not read his *first, second, and third voyages* in the order in which they were performed and written: in the present very *complete, improved and genuine Edition* (for which numerous readers have been waiting with impatience) we therefore consider it as our indispensible duty to begin with a full account of his *First Voyage*; after which we shall record an authentic history of his *Second Voyage*; and then immediately proceed to a faithful and accurate relation of his much admired *Third and last Voyage* round the world, being that principally undertaken for new discoveries in the Pacific ocean, &c. &c. and in the prosecution of which he unfortunately lost his life.