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And on this Scheme Sir *Charles Wager* was so intent, that in a few days after this first conference, that is, on *November 18*, Mr. *Anson* received an order to take under his command the *Argyle*, *Severn*, *Pearl*, *Wager*, and the *Tryal Sloop*; and other orders were issued to him in the same month, and in the *December* following, relating to the victualling of this Squadron. But Mr. *Anson* attending the Admiralty the beginning of *January*, he was informed by Sir *Charles Wager*, that for reasons with which he, Sir *Charles*, was not acquainted, the expedition to *Manila* was laid aside. It may be conceived, that Mr. *Anson* was extremely chagrined at the losing the command of so infallible, so honourable, and in every respect, so desirable an enterprise, especially too as he had already, at a very great expence, made the necessary provision for his own accommodation in this voyage, which he had reason to expect would prove a very long one. However, Sir *Charles*, to render this disappointment in some degree more tolerable, informed him that the expedition to the *South-Seas* was still intended, and that he, Mr. *Anson*, and his Squadron, as their first destination was now countermanded, should be employed in that service. And on the 10th of *January* he received his commission, appointing him Commander in Chief of the forementioned Squadron, which (the *Argyle* being in
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