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BREAD FRUIT-TREE EXPEDITION.

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BY the 10th of July, the purport of our voyage being completed, we failed on that day, having on board 2,630 Bread Fruit-Trees, and other plants, in the higheft perfection. We found that the Pandora had iailed from Matavai Bay, on the 9th of May, 1791, with leveral of the Bounty's mutincers on board who had parted from Christian, who, with the remaining part of the crew, and fome natives, had failed from thence, with an intent of forming a fettlement:-we also learnt that the Discovery and Chatham had failed from the same Bay on the 24th of January, 1792. Thus, during a relidence of more than three months in this illand, our friendly intercourfe with these good people was never once suspended by any untoward accident. Nothing material took place, from our leaving Otaheite, until the 25th of July, 1792, when we faw the island of Whytoot-. aky, difcovered by Captain Bligh, in the Bounty-it exhibits a most dclightful prospect, being agreeably diversified-it has a gentle slope from the hills, which are of a tolerable height, down to the fea coaft. This is guarded by a chain of breakers, preventing its being approached by boats; and the water is too deep to allow thips to anchor, we found no bottom with an hundred and eighty fathoms of line. It lies in latitude 11. 49. S. longitude 200. 18. E. -On the fecond of August we fell in with three islands, discovered by a Spaniard in the year 1784, and by him called Myawger, the account of which is in the hands of Mr. Dalrymple, and by him communicated to Captain Bligh: they lie in latitude 18. 29. S. longitude 181. E. and on the 5th we fell in with a group of illands, which extend from east to west, from longitude 182. to 178. E. and between latitude 170 and 19. S. they confifted of about forty, part of which were feen by Captain Bligh, in the Bounty's launch, and called after his name. The perfons of the natives, their language, canoes, and weapons, being hearly the fame is the Friendly Islanders, together with their vicinity, they may be confiderd as part of the fame group. Some of these were the most romantic and victuresque that the human mind can form: and we regretted much our hort flay amongst them. From this time, until the 1st of September, we *xperienced pleafant weather, without any thing particular occurring, <u>11 - -</u>