

with it's bays, rivers, and creeks, and there beheld a most extraordinary race of men, who fierce, imperious, and forbidding in their aspect, possess the mildest dispositions, the gentlest manners; and who seemed the reverse of what might have been expected from the expression of their countenance. He opened a commerce with them of costly furs, wherewith that rich Country principally abounds; He then visited the immense western coast, passed the Arctic Circle, and pushed forward towards the Pole. He now traversed the track that Behring had pursued, and at length came to an immense, and majestic theatre, bounded by the two continents of Asia, and America. He penetrated through the straits which divide them, at the distance of only six leagues asunder; and continued his progress, till it was obstructed by a solid plain of indissoluble ice. Being now convinced of the impossibility of finding the so much desired passage, he returned along the coast of Asia, and having made but few deviations, arrived at the Russian Settlements, and from thence proceeded a second time to the Sandwich Islands. O fatal return! O cruel Destiny! for now the world was to sustain a loss, that centuries shall not be able to repair. O! that the rough tempest which assailed him in his course, had raged with ten-fold fury, and driven him afar off for ever from those inhospitable shores. Alas! how useless is the wish! for his doom is eternally sealed.

Cook landed on the Island of O-why-hee where various appearances of Friendship conspired to deceive him. An immense number of the natives in above 200 Canoes came forth to meet him, bringing