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And, in the geographical part of Captain Cook's voyages, we have availed ourselves of the labours, and made a free use of the discoveries of those eminent writers, as may plainly be seen in our descriptions of the several islands in the Atlantic, Southern, Pacific, and Indian seas; containing an historical relation, not to be found in any publication of the like kind. A thorough knowledge of the islands and harbours, where ships may safely repair for refreshments, and other purposes, is of the utmost consequence to navigators in their pursuit of discoveries; and geography has a peculiar claim to the attention of mankind in general, seeing this useful science

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