

THE LIFE OF

CAPTAIN JAMES COOK.

SINCE the printing of the following sheets, some new and authentic particulars of the life of this great navigator, having come to our hands, we shall here give them as a separate article, which may be read instead of what we have inserted immediately after the account of Captain Cook's death.

James Cook was born at Marton, in Cleveland, near Great Ayton, in Yorkshire, in Nov. 1728. His father was a day labourer to a farmer, and lived in a small village surrounded with mud walls. His father afterwards removed to Great Ayton, where he was employed as a hind by the late Thomas Scuttowe, Esq. assisted by his son in the different branches of husbandry.

At the age of thirteen, he was put under the care of Mr. Pullen, a schoolmaster who taught at Ayton, where he learned arithmetic, book-keeping, &c. and is said to have shewn a very early genius for figures. About Jan. 1745, at the age of seventeen, his father bound him apprentice to learn the grocery and haberdashery business, at Snaith; but after a year and a half's servitude, having contracted a strong propensity to the sea, his master was willing to indulge him in following the bent of his inclination, and gave up his indentures.

In July, 1746, he was bound apprentice to Mr. J. Walker of Whitby, for the term of three years, which time he served to his master's full satisfaction. He first sailed on board the ship *Freelove*, chiefly employed in the coal-trade from Newcastle to London.