

FIRST VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD,

IN HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP, THE ENDEAVOUR.

The Departure of the Endeavour from Plymouth; Her passage to the Island of Madeira; A description of its natural curiosities and Trade; A particular account of Funchiale, the capital of Madeira; The passage from Madeira to Rio de Janeiro; An account of this Capital of the Portuguese dominions in South America, and of the circumjacent country; Incidents that happened while the Endeavour laid in the harbour of Rio de Janeiro.

THE Endeavour, a bark of three hundred and twenty tons, which had been originally built for the coal trade, was appointed to the service of Capt. Cook's first voyage round the world, having on board ten carriage, and twelve swivel guns. On August 26th 1768, we therefore got under sail, and took our departure from Plymouth. On the 31st, we saw several of those birds, called by seamen Mother Carey's Chickens, and which they think prognosticate a storm. On the 2nd of September we saw land between Cape Finisterre, and Cape Ortegal, on the coast of Galicia in Spain. In this course some marine animals were discovered, hitherto unnoticed by naturalists. One of these, described as a new species, is of an angular form, near three inches in length, and one thick. It has a hollow passage quite through it, and a brown spot at one end. Four of these animals appeared to adhere together by their sides; but when put into water, they separated, and swam about, shining with a brightness resembling the vivid colour of a gem. We also discovered another animal, exceeding in variety and brightness any thing we had seen; even in colour and splendour equal to those of an

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opal. At the distance of about ten leagues from Cape Finisterre, we caught among the rigging of the ship, several birds not described by Linnæus. On the 12th we discovered Puerto Santo, and Madeira; and, on the following day, moored with the stream anchor in the road of Funchiale. In heaving up the anchor, Mr. Weir, the master's mate, was unfortunately carried overboard and drowned.

Upon approaching the island of Madeira from the sea, it appears exceedingly beautiful, the sides of the hills being covered with plantations of vines, which are green when all kinds of herbage, except here and there, are burnt up, which was the case at this time.

On the 13th in the forenoon, the boat came from the officers of health, no one being suffered to land from on board a ship without their permission. When this was granted, we landed at Funchiale, the chief town in the island, and proceeded directly to the house of Mr. Cheap, a considerable merchant, and, at that time, the English consul there, who received us with a brotherly kindness, and treated us with a princely liberality. We continued on the island only five days, during which time the season was the worst in