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The Endeavour arrives at Otaheite, or George the Third's island—An account of several incidents during his stay in this island—Excursions into the woods—Visits from several of the chiefs—The music of the natives, and their manner of burying their dead—Other excursions and incidents, both on board and on shore—First interview with Oberea, the supposed Queen of the island—The quadrant stolen, and the consequences—A visit to Tootahah, an Indian chief—A wrestling match described—European seeds are sown—The Indians give our people names

ON the 11th we made Otaheite, or, as Captain Wallis had named it King George the Third's island. The calms prevented our approaching it till the morning, when a breeze sprung up, and several canoes were seen making towards the ship. Few of them, however, would come near, and those who did could not be persuaded to come on board. They had brought with them young plantains and branches of trees, which were hauled up the ship's side, and, by their desire, were stuck in conspicuous parts of the rigging, as tokens of peace and friendship. We then purchased their commodities, consisting of cocoa-nuts, bannas, bread-fruit, apples and figs, which were very