

CAPTAIN COOK'S

THIRD AND LAST VOYAGE.

Commenced in 1776, and finished in 1780.

BOOK I.

*Transactions from the Beginning of the Voyage till
our Departure from New Zealand.*

ON the 10th of February, 1776, Captain Cook went on board his Majesty's sloop the Resolution, having received a commission to command her the preceding day. The Discovery of three hundred tons, was, at the same time, prepared for the service, and Captain Clerke appointed to the command of her. It may be necessary to observe, that Captain Clerke had been Captain Cook's Second Lieutenant on board the Resolution, in his second voyage round the world.

Both ships being abundantly supplied with every thing requisite for a voyage of such duration, we sailed on the 29th of May, and arrived the next day at Long Reach, where our powder and shot, and other ordnance stores, were received.

On the 8th of June, while we lay in Long Reach, we had the satisfaction of a visit from the Earl of Sandwich, Sir Hugh Palliser, and others of the Board of Admiralty, to examine whether every thing had been completed pursuant to their orders, and to the convenience of those who were to embark.