

deg. to the westward, and three and a half to the northward of the Streight of Magellan, having from the east entrance of the Streight, been 33 days in sailing round Cape Horn,

March 1st. we found ourselves both by observation and the log, in lat. 38 deg. 44 min. south, and 110 deg. 33 min. west longitude, a concurrence very singular in a run of 660 leagues; and which proved, that no current had affected the ship in her course; and it was likewise concluded, that we had not come near land of any considerable extent; for currents are always found at no great distance from the shore. On the 25th a marine about twenty three v himself overboard, on account of a quarrel about a piece of seal skin, which he took by way of a frolic; but being charged with it as a theft, he took the accusation so much to heart, that in the dusk of the evening he threw himself into the sea and was drowned.

On the 4th of April about ten o'clock A. M. Peter Briscoe, servant to Mr. Banks, discovered land to the south, at the distance of about three or four leagues. Captain Cook immediately gave orders to haul for it, when we found an island of an oval form, having a lagoon or lake in the center, that extended over the greater part of it. The surrounding border of land was low and narrow in many places, especially towards the south, where the beach consisted of a reef of rocks. Several of the natives were discovered on shore; they appeared to be tall, with heads remarkable large, which probably some bandage might have increased. Some of these people were seen a-breast of the ship, holding poles or pikes of twice their own height. They appeared also naked; but when they retired, on the ship's passing the islands, they put on a light coloured covering. Our Captain called this place Lagoon island,