

When Captain Cook first came to these islands, he had some thoughts of visiting Tupia's famous Bola-bola. But having obtained a plentiful supply of refreshments, and the route he had in view allowing him no time to spare, he laid this design aside, and directed his course to the west. Thus did he take his leave, as he then thought, for ever, of these happy isles, on which benevolent nature has spread her luxuriant sweets with a lavish hand; and in which the natives copying the bounty of Providence, are equally liberal; being ready to contribute plentifully and cheerfully to the wants of navigators*.

* From Mr. Wales's observations it appeared, that, during five months, in which the watch had passed through the extremes of heat and cold, it went better in the cold than in the hot climates.

END OF VOLUME I.