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VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY.

CHAP. XI.

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS TO RADACK.

THE 17th of December, latitude $19^{\circ} 44'$, longitude $160^{\circ} 7'$. Since we left the island of Woahoo, we have always had either calm, or a very faint wind from S.E.; besides this, the strong current from S.W. has carried us in three days 45 miles to N.E.; but it has now taken its direction to S.W.

On the 21st, at six o'clock in the evening, we were in latitude $16^{\circ} 55'$, longitude $169^{\circ} 16'$, consequently on the same parallel, and 15 miles distant from Cornwallis Island. A sailor sat constantly at the mast-head without descrying land, which, however, we could not doubt to be near at hand, on account of the great number of sea-fowl which hovered round us. As soon as the sun sunk into the ocean, I kept the ship against the wind, and tacked during the night under few sails,