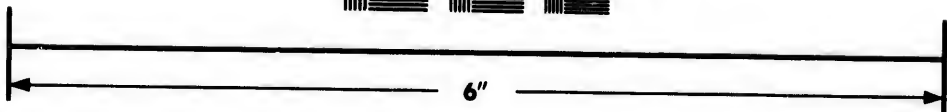
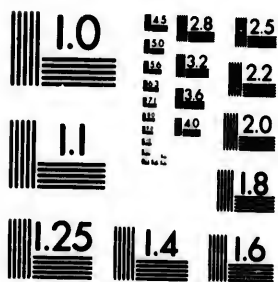


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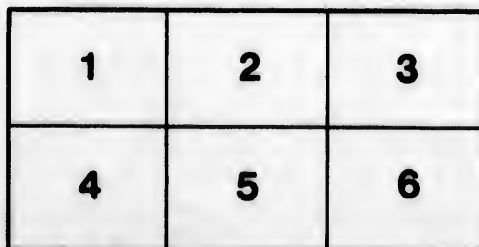
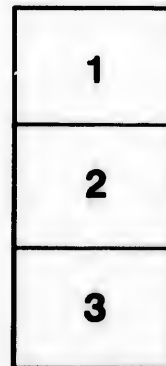
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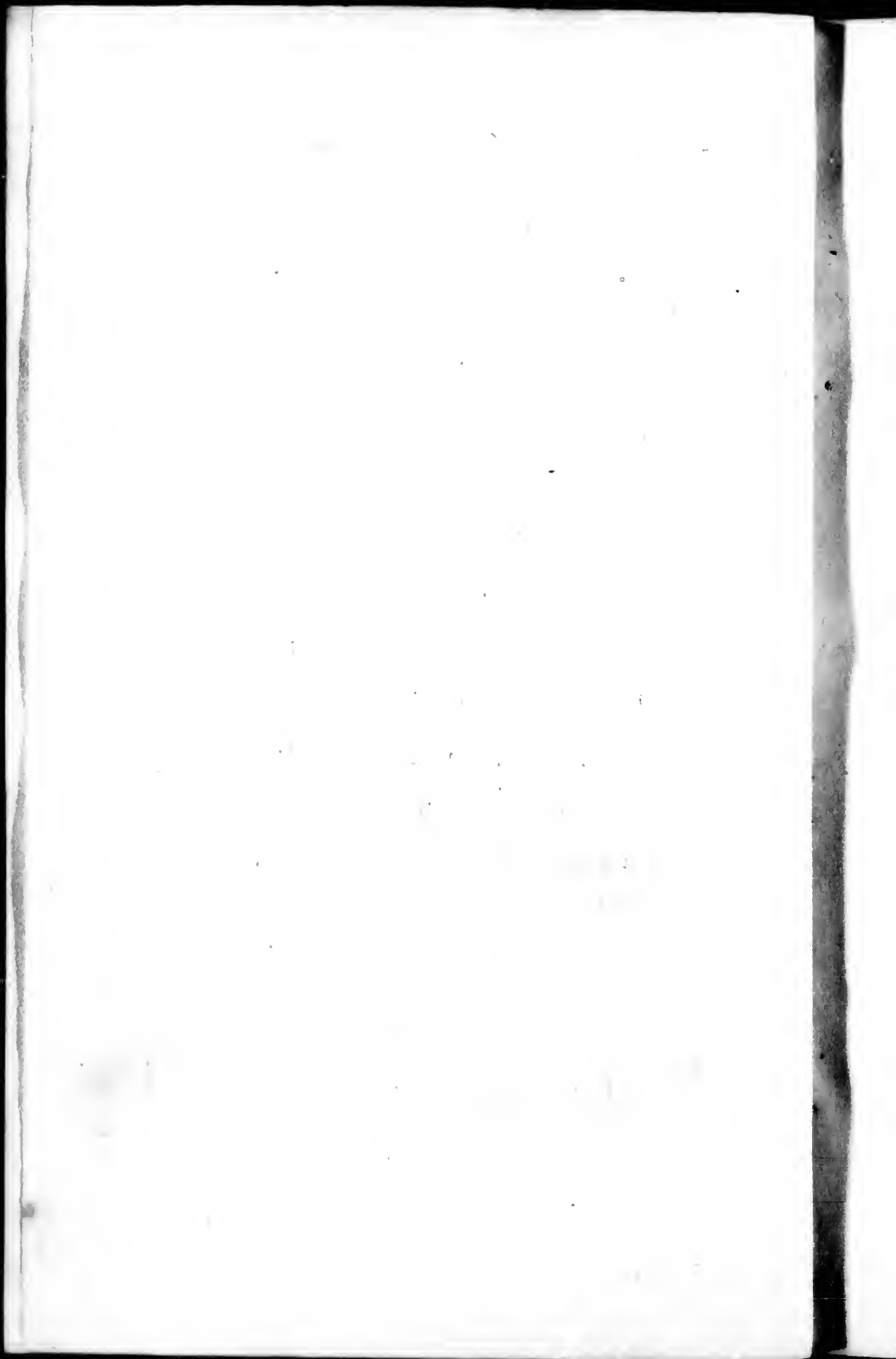
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The Murder of Capt Cook at O-Why-ee



A D V E R T I S E M E N T.

THE Editor of this Journal does not make himself answerable for all the facts that are related in it. There is certainly some allowance to be made to a man who has circumnavigated the globe oftener perhaps than once. And indeed there are many TRUTHS in nature, which till our ideas are enlarged by experience, appear to us incredible.

Thus much however the Editor may venture to affirm, that what immediately relates to the object of the Voyage, the places the ships visited, the distresses they met with, and the Discoveries of new Countries, new Inhabitants, new Customs Arts and Manufactures, so far as they could be learnt or apprehended during a short stay among people with whom the Journalist could converse only by signs; all these particulars are related with the strictest regard to truth, as is likewise the conduct and character of Omai, his reception and consequence at Otaheite, and the envy and jealousy which his riches and the favour shewn him by his patron and friend Capt. Cook excited among the Chiefs of his own country; these the Journalist seems to have noticed with particular attention.

But the Editor does not take upon him to say, that the Journalist has not upon some occasions exaggerated circumstances, nor that his
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prejudices have not sometimes prevailed over his candour in representing characters.

The Editor may have his errors too; but he hopes they are such as may be pardoned. Some have arisen from haste, and some from misunderstanding the Journalist's Orthography, who, being at a great distance, could not be consulted without retarding the Press. For these the intelligent Reader, he hopes, will accept of this apology. With respect to language, suffice it to say, that he has affected no ornament. It was a plain tale he had to tell, and he has told it in a plain way.

The Chart that accompanies the Voyage illustrates the course with as much accuracy as is necessary even for Geographers, and it afforded no small pleasure to the Editor, when he found on comparison, the latitudes and longitudes in the Journal corresponded with the observations of the late Spanish Voyagers, sent out on the same errand.

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- Page 186, Line 7, *instead of * * * * **, *add*, in Greece and Rome.
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INTRODUCTION.

TWO illustrious foreigners, Columbus and Magellan, rendered their names immortal, at an early period, by opening an immense field for discovery and the improvement of Navigation; but it has been reserved for a distinguished native of this country and of this age, to fix the boundaries, and to complete the *ne plus ultra* of the nautical art. The two last of these memorable Navigators fell in the prosecution of their interesting projects—the first survived only to experience the vicissitudes of Fortune, and to *feel* the resentment of an ungrateful Court.

Columbus, by a perseverance, of which there was then no precedent, very providentially surmounted every obstacle that opposed his progress, and astonished Europe with the production of a *new earth*; while much about the same time Magellan, inspired by a like spirit of enterprise, and animated by a magnanimity that despised danger while in the pursuit of glory, opened a passage to a **NEW SEA**.

A brief recapitulation of the attempts made to improve this latter discovery will shew the importance of the present Voyage, and furnish an idea of the vastness of the undertaking—no less than to fix the boundaries of the two continents that form the grand divisions, which, tho' separated to all human appearance, connect the Globe.

It was on the 6th of November, in the year, 1520 that Magellan entered the Straits, that have ever since born his name, and the 27th of the same month, when in a transport of joy he beheld the wished-for object of his pursuit, the GREAT SOUTHERN SEA. Elated with success, he proceeded cheerfully for several days, with a favouring gale; but the weather soon changing, and the sea growing boisterous, he altered his course from the high latitude in which he entered that almost boundless ocean, and directed his views to a more moderate climate. For 113 days he continued steering to the north-west, without seeing land or meeting with other supply except what water the sailors caught in the awnings, when the storms of thunder, which were frequent and dreadful, burst the clouds and let loose the rain. Having in that time crossed the line, he fell in with a range of islands, in the 12th degree of northern latitude, where with great difficulty he procured some refreshment for those of his followers who yet remained alive, most of them having perished by hunger and fatigue in that long run of tiresome navigation. Those who survived had fed some time upon tough hides, the leather of their shoes, and even that which surrounded the ropes, after having softened these dainties by soaking them in sea-water. Add to this, that many of them being attacked by the scurvy, the flesh of their gums had so enveloped

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ped their teeth, that unable to eat, they died famished in all the agonies of horror and despair. The thievish disposition of the tropical islanders in this ocean, to which Magellan now gave the name of *PACIFIC*, being new to the Spaniards, they were not at first apprised, that while they were abroad enjoying the sweetness of the refreshing air at land, the natives were employed in stripping the ships of their iron, and whatever else was portable. It was in vain to punish the delinquents, for where all were culpable those only could be made to suffer, who were taken in the fact; and such was their dexterity that few were detected.

From these islands, to which he gave the name of *Ladrones*, Magellan hastened his departure, and proceeding in search of the *Maluccas*, the chief object of his voyage, he found in his way many little islands, where he was hospitably received, and where a friendly correspondence was established, by which mutual civilities and mutual benefactions were reciprocally interchanged.

These islands were situated between the *Ladrones*, and what are now known by the name of the *Philippines*, in one of which, named *Nathan*, Magellan, with 60 men, encountering a whole army, was first wounded with a poisoned arrow, and then pierced with a bearded lance. His little squadron, now reduced to two ships, and not more than 80 men, departed hastily,

and after many disasters, in which only one, the *Victory*, escaped, she singly returned by the Cape of Good Hope, and was the first ship that ever went round the world. It may not be improper here to remark, that the death of our late gallant Commander Cook was not unfamiliar to that of Magellan, both originating from an over confidence in their own consequences, which could avail them nothing when overpowered by numbers.

Other adventurers were not now wanting to trace the steps that had been pointed out by this intrepid Navigator; but we may venture to assert, that they were not all actuated by the same passion for glory; the hope of gain was their prevailing motive.

Alvarez de Mendamo, indeed, in 1567, was sent from Lima on purpose for discovery; he sailed 800 leagues westward from the coast of Peru, and fell in with certain islands in 11 degrees south, inhabited by people of a yellowish colour, whose weapons were bows and arrows, and darts, and whose bodies were naked, but strangely punctuated. Here the Spaniards found hogs and little dogs, and some domestic fowls like those in Europe; and here likewise they found cloves, ginger, cinnamon, and some gold, but it has yet been a question undecided to what groupe of islands this discovery is to be placed; for it is said, that the Spaniards, *not seeking gold*, brought home, notwithstanding

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40,000 pezoës [dollars] besides great store of cloves, ginger, and some cinnamon; none of which have yet been discovered in the tropical islands in the pacific sea. Capt. Cook inclines to the opinion, that they are the cluster which comprizes what has since been called New Britain, &c.

Afterwards Mendamo discovered the Archipelago of islands, called the Islands of Solomon, of which great and small he counted thirty-three. He also discovered the island of St. Christoval, in 1575, not far from the above Archipelago, in 7 deg. south, 110 leagues in circuit.

Sir Francis Drake in 1577, was the first Englishman that passed the Streights already described, and though his views were not the most honourable, nor founded upon principles that could be strictly justified, yet his discoveries were no less important than if patronised by his sovereign, and encouraged by the highest authority. He discovered the Island of California, which he named New Albion, having sailed to the 43d deg. of northern latitude, with a design to return by a north-east course, but was stopt in his progress by the piercing cold. Other small islands he discovered in his route; but as his sole view was to return with his booty, he paid no regard to objects of less concern. He arrived in England by the Cape of Good Hope, in 1580.

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To him succeeded Sir Thomas Cavendish, who likewise passed the Streights of Magellan in 1586, and returned nearly by the same route pointed out by his predecessor, touching at the Ladrones, and making some stay at the Philippine Isles, of which on his return he gave an entertaining description.

In the mean time, namely in 1595, the Spaniards, intent upon discovery more than plunder, fitted out four ships, and gave the command to Alvaro Mendana de Neyra. This voyage proved unfortunate. The design was to have compleated the discovery of the Solomon islands, and to have made a settlement in one of the most plentiful. But most of those who embarked on this expedition either died miserably or were shipwrecked. His discoveries were the Marquesas, in lat. 10 south. Solitary Island, in 10 deg. 40 min. S. long. 178 deg. And lastly Santa Cruz, on which one of the fleet was afterwards found with all her sails set, and the people rotten. Soon after this miscarriage, it was resolved by the Spanish Court not to settle those islands, lest the English and other foreign adventurers, who might pass the Streights should in their passage home by the East-Indies be relieved by them. This resolution, however, we find soon after revoked in favour of Quiros.

In 1598, Oliver Van Noort passed the Straits; but his professed design being plunder, he made no discoveries. He touched to refresh, at one
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of the Ladrone islands, in his way to the East-Indies, and afterwards refitted his ships at the Philippines. It may here be necessary to note, that in this year the Sebaldine islands were discovered by Sebald de Weert, the same now known by the name of Falkland's Isles.

In 1605, Pedro Fernando de Quiros, conceived the design of discovering a southern continent. He is supposed by Mr. Dalrymple and others, to have been the first into whose mind the existence of such a continent had ever entered. He sailed from Calloa December 21st, with two ships and a tender. Luis Paz de Torres was entrusted with the command, and Quiros, from zeal for the success of the undertaking, was contented to act in the inferior station of pilot.

On the 21st of December, the same year, he set sail from Caloa, and on the 26th of January following, they came in sight of a small flat island, about four leagues in circumference, with some trees, but to all appearance uninhabited. It was just 1000 leagues from Calloa, and in the 25th deg. S.

Finding it inaccessible, they pursued their voyage, and in two days fell in with another island, which Capt. Cook supposes the same discovered by Capt. Carteret, and by him called Pitcairn's Island.

On the 4th of February they discovered an island, thirty leagues in circumference, that pro-

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mised fair to supply their necessities, which now began to be very pressing; but this, like the former, could not be approached. This island, situated in lat. 28. S. seemed to determine their course to the South; for on the 9th of February we find them in 18th deg. South, and on the 12th in 17 deg. 10 min. in conference with the inhabitants of a friendly island, from whence with difficulty, they procured some refreshment, and on the 14th, continued their course. On the 21st they discovered an island, where they found plenty of fish but no water. It was uninhabited, and the birds so tame that they caught them with their hands. They named this island St. Bernardo, and is probably the same which Capt. Carteret calls the Island of Danger, in lat. 10 deg. 30 min. S.

The next island discovered, they called *Isla de la Gente Hermosa*, or the Isle of handsome people. From thence they steered for Santa Cruz, already discovered, where they were kindly received; but could not leave it without quarrelling with, and murdering some of the innocent inhabitants.

From this island they steered their course westward, passing several straggling islands, till they arrived on the 7th of April, at an island, which by its high and black appearance, they judged a Vulcano. Here they found a friendly reception, and in return carried off four of their

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their people, three of whom afterwards made their escape by watching their opportunity and jumping into the sea, the fourth accompanied them to New Spain. This island the Indians called Taumaco. Another island in 12 deg. S. named Tucopia, they passed, after some friendly intercourse with the inhabitants, and on the 25th of April, came in sight of an island which they named Nostra Signora de la Luz, in 14 deg. S. and presently after observed four other islands, one of which presented a most picturesque appearance, diversified with every beauty which Nature could display; rivers, pools of water, cascades, and every grace to decorate and dignify the prospect. Here the inhabitants were frank, as their country was abundant; but here the Spaniards could not help discovering their natural jealousy. The first who approached their boat, was a youth of graceful stature, him they thought to have secured by slyly throwing a chain about his leg; but this the Indian snapt, and instantly made his escape, by jumping over-board; the next who came on board, they placed in the stocks, lest he too should make his escape in the same manner. Could it be wondered therefore, that the friends of these imprisoned youths should endeavour by fair appearances, to ensnare their enemies, and seek revenge. Making signs of peace, the Spaniards no sooner came within their reach than they let fly a volley of poisoned
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arrows, by which several of their company was wounded. Interpreting this as an act of treachery, without attending to the cause that had produced it, they quitted the island in the night, and directing their course to the South-West, came in sight of an immense country, which had every appearance of the continent of which they were in search. They perceived an open bay, and on the beach, men of a gigantic size, to which they made their approaches with inexpressible joy, imagining that they had accomplished their wishes, and that their labours would soon be rewarded with honour to themselves, and advantage to their country.

On the 3d of May, they entered the harbour, having the day before given the name of ST. PHILIP and ST. JAMES to the *bay*, with the fair appearance of which, they had been so highly delighted. To the *port* they gave the name of LA VERA CRUZ, and to the *country* AUSTRAL DEL ESPERITA SANTO. The harbour, situated between two rivers, to which they gave the names of Jurdan and Salvador, was equally convenient and beautiful; the margin of the shores was most romantically interspersed with flowers and plants odoriferous and splendid; nor was the country less fruitful than it was pleasant. It abounded in all those delicious fruits which render the countries between the Tropics the happiest in the world; and there were besides great plenty of hogs, dogs, fowls
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and birds of various kinds and colours. The inhabitants, indeed, were jealous of their approach; and discovered great uneasiness at their attempting to land. The Spaniards, however, rather chusing to intimidate than conciliate the natives, made an excursion into the country, surprized the unsuspecting people of a little village, and brought off a supply of hogs; but not without imminent danger to the party employed on that service, who were pursued to the waters edge, and some of them wounded.

As Nature had dealt her bounty with a liberal hand to the inhabitants of this happy country, she had enriched her coasts with fish as well as her land with fruits. In pursuit of the former, the Spaniards met with no interruption, but their success, which was very great, had like to have proved fatal to them. They caught large quantities of a most beautiful fish, which, though of a delicate flavour, was of so poisonous a quality, that whoever eat of it was suddenly seized with sickness and pain, for which there appeared no remedy. Every soldier and every sailor was grievously affected; the whole ships companies were rendered incapable of their duty, and officers and people were alike alarmed with the apprehensions of approaching death, till by degrees, the violence of the disorder began to abate, and in six days all were restored. It is worthy of note, that some of the crew of the Resolution, in Capt. Cook's former voyage, who had

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had eaten of this fish, were seized in the same manner, and that some hogs and dogs, that had eaten the entrails and the bones actually died.

Quiros, for what reason does not appear, very soon quitted this *promised land*, and the two ships separated as soon as they cleared the bay; Quiros with the Capitana, his own ship, shaped his course to the N E; and after suffering the greatest hardships, returned to New Spain, while de Torres, in the Almiranta and the Tender, steered to the West, and was, as Captain Cook observes, the first that sailed between New Holland and New Guinea.

Quiros, soon after his return, presented a Memorial to Philip II. of Spain, in which he enumerates twenty-three islands that he had discovered, namely, La Encarnacion, St. Juan-Bautista, Santelmo, Los 4 Coronades, St. Miguel Archangel, La Conversion de St. Paulo, La Dezena, La Sagitaria, La Fugitiva, La del Peregrino, Nostra Signora del Soccoro, Monterey, Tucopia, St. Marcos, El Vergel, Laz Lagrimas De St. Pedro, Los Portales de Belen, El Pilar de Zaragoza, St. Raymunda, and La Isla de la Virgin Maria, and adjoining to it the three parts of the country called Australia del Espiritu Santo in which land were found the Bay of St. Philip and St. Jago, and part of Vera Cruz, where he remained with the three ships thirty-six days.

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As this Memorial is very curious, and but in few hands, an extract from it, we are persuaded, will be highly acceptable to the intelligent reader.

“ It is conceived,” says Queros, “ that the three parts, last mentioned, are only one large country, and that the river Jordan, by its greatness, seems to confirm this conjecture, as is evident by an information made at Mexico, with ten witnesses of those who were with me, to which I refer.

“ I further say, Sir, that in an island named Taumaco, 1250 leagues distant from Mexico, we continued at anchor ten days, and that the Lord of that island, whose name is Tumay, a sensible man, well made, of good presence, and in complexion somewhat brown, with beautiful eyes, sharp nose, beard and hair long and curled, and in his manner grave; assisted us with his people to get wood and water, of which we were then in great want.

“ This person came on board the ship, and in it I examined him in the following manner :

“ First, I shewed him his island in the sea, and our ships and people; and pointed to all parts of the horizon, and made certain other signs, and by them asked him, if he had seen ships and men like ours, and to this he replied, *No*.

“ I asked him, if he knew of other lands far or near, inhabited or uninhabited? and as soon as he understood me, he named above 50 islands,

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islands, and a large country, which he called Manicolo. I, Sir, wrote down all; having before me the compass to know in what direction each lay; which were found to be from this island to the S E; S S E; W; and N W. And to explain which was small, he made small circles; and for the larger, he made larger circles; and for that vast country he opened both his arms, without joining them again, shewing that it extended without end. And to make known which were the distant, and which were near, he pointed to the sun from E to W. reclined the head on one hand, shut his eyes, and counted by his fingers the nights which they slept on the way; and by signs shewed which people were white, negroes and mulattoes, and which were friends and which enemies; and that in some islands they eat human flesh; and by this he made signs by biting his arm. And by this, and by means of other signs, what he said was understood; and it was repeated so often that he seemed to be tired; and pointing with his hand to S. S. E. and other points, gave them fully to understand what other lands there were. He shewed a desire of returning to his house. I gave him things that he could carry, and he took leave, saluting me on the cheek, with other marks of affection.

“Next day I went to his town, and to be better confirmed of what Tumay declared, I carried with me many Indians to the shore, and
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having a paper in my hand, and the compass before me, asked all of them many times about the lands, of which Tumay gave the names; and in every thing all of them agreed, and gave information of others inhabited, all by people of the colours before mentioned; and also of that Great Country, wherein by proper signs, they said, there were cows or buffaloes; and to make it understood there were dogs, they barked; and for cocks and hens they crowed, and for hogs grunted: and in this manner they told what they wanted, and replied to whatever they asked. And because they were shewed pearls in the top of a rosary, they intimated that they had such. All these questions and enquiries others of my companions made this day and other times of these and other Indians; and they always said the same; from whence it appeared they were people who speak truth.

“ When I sailed from this island of Taumaco I made them seize four very likely Indians; three of them swam away; and the one who remained, and was afterwards named Pedro, declared at Acapulco, in the voyage, and in the city of Mexico, where he died, in presence of the Marquis de Montesclaros, what follows:

“ First, Pedro said, that he was a native of the Island Chicayana, larger than that of Taumaco, where we found him; and that from one to the other is four days sail of their vessels; and that Chicayana is low land, very abundant in fruit;
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and that the natives of it are of his good Indian colour, long lank hair; and they punctuate themselves, as he was, a little in the face, arms, and breast; and that there are also white people, who have their hair red and very long; and that there are mulattoes whose hair is not curled, nor quite strait; and that he was a weaver and a soldier-archer; and that in his tongue he was called LUCA, his wife LAYNA, and his son LEV.

“ He further said, that from the island of Taumaco, at three days sail, and at two from Chicayana, there is another island, larger than the two above-mentioned, which is called Guaytopo, inhabited by people as white as ours are in common; and that even some of the men have red hair more or less, and also black; and that they also punctuate their bellies, and at the navel, all in a circle; and that all the three islands are friends, and of one language; that from this last island a ship, with more than fifty persons, sailed to another inhabited island, named Mecayrayla, to seek tortoise-shell, of which they use to make ear-rings and other toys; that being in sight of it, they met a contrary wind, which obliged them to steer for their own island; but when near it, the wind again became contrary; and that in going backwards and forwards they spent all their provisions, for want whereof forty persons died of hunger and thirst; and that he was in the
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Island Taumaco, where this ship arrived there with only seven men, who were very white, except one who was brown; and with three women, white and beautiful as Spanish, who had their hair red and very long; and that all three came covered from head to foot with a kind of veil, blue or black, and very fine, to which they gave the name of Foa-foa; and that of all these ten persons only remained alive the Indian Olan, who related to him what he had said of that island GUAYTOPO. And that he also saw come to his Island Chicayana, another ship of theirs of two hulls full of people, white and beautiful, and with many very handsome girls; and counting on his fingers by ten and ten, he intimated they were in all 110 persons.

“ He farther said, that from another island called Tucopia, (which is where the two Indians swam away,) at the distance of five days of their sailing, is that great country, Manicolo, inhabited by many people, dun-coloured and mulattoes, in large towns; and to explain their size, he pointed out Acapulco, and others larger; and on this, I asked him if there were towns as large as Mexico. He replied, *No*; but many people: and that they were friendly, and did not eat human flesh; nor could their languages be understood; and that it was a country of very high mountains and large rivers: some of them they could not ford, and could only pass in canoes; and that to go from the island of

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Tucopia, to that country when the sun rises, they keep it on the left hand, which must be from South towards South East.

“ I must add, that if this is as he says, it agrees well with the chain of mountains seen running to the Westward as we were driving about.

“ Pedro much extolled the magnitude, populousness, fertility, and other things of this country; and that he and other Indians went to it in one of their embarkations, in quest of the trunk of a large tree of the many which are in it, to make a Piragua; and that he saw there a port, and intimated it was larger, but the entrance narrower, than that of the Bay of St. Philip and St. Jago; and that he observed the bottom was sand, and the shore shingles as the other I have described; and that it has within it four rivers, and many people; and that along the coast of that country they went to the Westward a greater way than from Acapulco to Mexico, without seeing the end of it, and returned to his island.

“ By all that is above-mentioned, it appears clearly that there are only two large portions of the earth severed from this of Europe, Africa, and Asia. The first is America, which CHRISTOPHER COLON (Columbus) discovered; the second and last of the world is that which I have seen, and solicit to people, and completely to discover to your Majesty. This great object ought to be embraced, as well for what it promises

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mises for the service of God, as that it will give a beginning to so great a work, and to so many and so eminent benefits, that no other of its kind can be more, nor so much at present nor heretofore as I can shew, if I can be heard and questioned."

Upon the authority of this Memorial, and others to the like purport, presented by Quiros to Philip III. of Spain, future geographers have grounded their opinion of the reality of a Southern Continent, to the discovery of which that vain Navigator boldly asserted an undoubted claim. "The magnitude of the countries newly discovered," says he to his Sovereign, "by what I saw, is as much as that of all Europe, Asia Minor, the Caspian Sea, and Persia, with all the Mediterranean included." That an assertion like this should gain credit, at a time when nearly one quarter of the globe lay undiscovered, is not to be wondered; but that a man could be found, upon such slender ground as the discovery of a few insignificant islands, lying, as it has lately appeared, within the narrow limits of six degrees of latitude, and less of longitude; to impose upon an enlightened Prince, and engage the attention of men of learning in every country throughout the globe, is matter of astonishment that, like other mysteries when they come to be disclosed, surpise only by their insignificance.

To this ideal object, however, every mari-

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time power cast a jealous eye. No sooner was France apprised of the intentions of the British Court, to engage in earnest in the business of discovery, than she sent a Navigator of her own to pursue the same tract, who was soon after followed by another on the part of Spain. As the success which attended these first enterprises by no means answered the expectations of those by whom they were set on foot, the two latter courts, who had profit only for their object, relinquished the project when they found themselves disappointed in sharing the prize. The perseverance of our amiable Sovereign, in the prosecution of his liberal designs, as it has enlightened, so it has inspired every lover of Science at home and abroad, with a reverential regard for his princely virtues, in promoting and patronising useful arts. But to return.

In 1614, George Spitzbergen, with a strong squadron of Dutch ships, passed the Streights of Magellan, and after cruising for some time with various success against the Spaniards, set sail from Port Nativity on the coast of Peru, on his return home. In his passage, in 19 deg. of North lat. and about 30 longit. from the Continent, he discovered a mighty rock, and three days after, a new island with five hills, neither of which have since been seen. The first land he made was the Ladrões, already described.

In 1615, *Schouten* and *Le Maire*, in the *Unity* of 360 tons, and the *Hoorn* of 110, sailed from the *Texel* on the 14th of June, professedly for the

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the discovery of a new passage to the South Seas. The subjects of the States of Holland being prohibited, by an exclusive charter to the East-India Company, from trading either to the Eastward by the Cape of Good Hope, or to the Westward by the Magelanic streights, some private merchants, considering this prohibition as a hardship, determined, if possible, to trade to the Southern countries by a tract never before attempted. With this view they fitted out the ships already mentioned, one of which, the *Hoorn*, was burnt in careening, at King's Island on the coast of Brazil, and the other left singly to pursue her voyage. Having saved what stores they could rescue from the flames, they proceeded, directing their course to the South West, till in lat. 54 deg. 46 min. they came in sight of an opening, to which (having happily passed it) they gave the name of *Strait le Maire* in compliment to the principal projector of the voyage, though that honour was certainly due to Schouten, who had the direction of the ship. Having soon after weathered the southernmost point of the American Continent, they called that promontary Cape Horne, or more properly *Hoorn*, after the town in Holland where the project was first secretly concerted; and two islands which they had passed, they named *Bernevelt Isles*. They had no sooner cleared the land, than they changed their course

to the Northward, with a view to make some stay at Juan Fernandes to refit; but finding both islands inaccessible, by reason of the great swell, they were obliged to continue their voyage till a more favourable opportunity should offer to refresh the crew. The first land they made was a new discovery in lat. 15 degrees, 15 min. long. 136 deg. 30 min. W. and happened to be a small low island, which afforded them no other refreshment, except a scanty portion of scurvy-grass, but no water. They named this Dog Island, from a singular circumstance of finding in it dumb dogs that could neither bark nor snarl. About seven degrees further west, they fell in with another island, which they called *Sondre Ground*, because they sounded, but found no bottom. Still continuing their course to the Westward, they came to an island, to which they gave the name of *Waterland*, as it afforded them a fresh supply of water, of which they stood in much need. They likewise procured plenty of fresh herbs; but not being able to come to an anchor, they kept their course, and soon came in sight of a fourth island, in which they could perceive a stream of water, but, like the other islands which they had passed, it seemed difficult of access. They hoisted out their boat, and filled it with empty casks; but instead of water, the people in it returned covered with insects, which, though not so large as Musketoes,

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Musketoos, were by their numbers and their venom a thousand times more troublesome. Such swarms came from the shore as covered the ship as with a case, and it was more than three days before the crew could free themselves and the vessel from these tormentors. This they named *Fly Island*.

In their course from this island an incident happened that is a reproach to humanity; an Indian bark fell in their way, to which, instead of making signals of peace to conciliate them, they fired a gun to bring them to. The bark was full of people male and female, who, frightened at the report, instead of guessing the intent, hastened to make their escape. Presently the pinnace was hoisted out, manned, and a pursuit commenced; the unhappy Indians, finding it in vain to fly, several being wounded in their flight, rather chose to perish in the ocean, than trust to the mercy of their pursuers; most of the men, just as the Dutchmen were about to board their bark, jumped over-board, and with them they took their provisions; those who remained, chiefly women and children, and such as were wounded, submitted, and were kindly used, had their wounds dressed and restored to their bark; but surely nothing could excuse the brutal proceedings of the Dutch at their first onset, nor compensate for the lives of the innocent sufferers.

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Cocos and *Traitors Islands* were the next they fell in with in their run from *Fly Island*. These were adjoining islands, and seemed to be composed of one people, and by joining cordially together to revenge the death of their unfortunate friends, they appear to have been of one mind. The Voyagers now began to feel distress, and to repent of their rash adventure; they held a consultation in what manner to proceed, being in want of almost every necessary. Fortune, however, did more in their favour than their own prowess; for after having passed the *Island of Hope*, (so called to express their feelings) where they were very roughly received, they arrived at a most delightful island, abounding with every blessing that nature could bestow; and inhabited by a people who seemed sensible of their own happy state, and ready to share with those who were in want of the good things which they themselves possessed, and which they so generously bestowed even to profusion. Here the Voyagers refitted their ships, recovered their sick, recruited their almost exhausted stock of provisions, by a plentiful supply of hogs, and with as large quantities of the delicious fruits with which the island was stored, as they could conveniently stow. This proving a second home to them, they gave it the name of *Hoorn Island*, for the very reason already assigned. It is situated in lat. 14 deg. 56 min. South, long. 179 deg. 30 min. East,
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and in every respect resembles the island of Otaheite, except in its naval strength, in which there is no competition.

Being now plentifully relieved, and the crew in high health, and having no hope of discovering the Continent of which they came in search, they determined to return home by the nearest tract: accordingly they altered their course to the North West, till they approached the line, and passing many islands, to which they gave names, as appearances or circumstances presented, as Green Island, St. John's Island, &c. they coasted the North side of New Britain, and arrived at Bantham, in the East Indies, where their ship was seized, and their cargo confiscated at the instance of the Dutch East-India Company, under pretence of being engaged in contraband trade. It is remarkable that hitherto they had only lost four men, one of whom died on their landing.

In 1623, Prince Maurice and the States of Holland, fitted out a fleet to distress the Spaniards in the South Seas, and gave the command to Jaques Hermite: but as these returned by a direct course from Lima to the Ladrones, without making any discoveries in what is called the Pacific Sea, it would be foreign to the design of this Introduction to detain the reader by an unnecessary digression.

In 1642, Abel Tasman sailed from Batavia in the Heemskirk, accompanied by the Zee Haan

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Haan pink, with a professed design of discovering the Southern Continent. He directed his course to the Mauritius, and from thence, steering to the Southward, the first land he made was the Eastern point of New Holland, since known by the name of Van Dieman's Land, in lat. 42 deg. 25 min. long. 163 deg. 50 min. In this high latitude he proceeded to the Eastward, till he fell in with the Westernmost coast of New Zealand, where the greatest part of the boat's crew of the Zee Haan were murdered by the Savages in a bay, to which he gave the name of *Murderer's Bay*, now better known by that of *Charlotte's Sound*, so called by our late Navigators. From *Murderer's Bay*, he steered E. N. E. till he arrived at *Three Kings Island*, between which and the Continent he passed, and run to the Eastward, as far as the 220th degree of longitude; then turning to the Northward, till he came into the 17th degree of Southern latitude, he veered again to the Westward, with a design to reach *Hoorn Island*, discovered by Schouten, in order to refit his ship, and refresh his men. But in his passage he fell in with the isles of *Pylstaert*, *Amsterdam*, *Middleburg*, and *Rotterdam*, at the latter of which islands he found every accommodation which he expected to meet with at *Hoorn Island*, and embraced the present opportunity of supplying his wants. This necessary end accomplished, he relinquished his design

sign of visiting Traitors and Hoorn Islands, and directing his course to the N W; discovered eighteen or twenty small islands, in lat. 17 deg. 19 min. S. and . 19. 201 deg. 35 min. to which he gave the name of Prince William's Islands, and Hemskirk's banks. From thence pursued his course to New Guinea, without either discovering the continent he sought, or visiting the Solomon Isles, which were judged the key to the grand discovery. Thus leaving the whole in the same state of uncertainty as before, Tasman returned to Batavia on the 15th of June 1643.

In 1681, Dampier passed the Magellanic Straits; but in his return sailed 5975 miles in lat. 13 N. without seeing fish, fowl, or any living creature but what they had on board.

Next to him succeeded in 1683, Captain Cowley, who sailed from Virginia to the South Sea, but made no discoveries after he left the Western coasts of America; returning by the old tract to the East-Indies.

In 1699, Dampier made a second voyage on discovery, which was chiefly confined to New Holland, New Guinea, New Britain, and the islands adjacent. His discoveries were of infinite importance, but do not properly come within the limits of our enquiry.

In 1703, Dampier made a third voyage to the South Seas, but without making any new discoveries. He was accompanied in this voyage,

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voyage, by Mr. Funnel to whom the circumnavigation of the globe is ascribed.

In 1708, the Duke and Duchefs sailed from Bristol to the South Seas; but returned as all the Freebooters did, by the common tract.

In 1719, Captain Clipperton passed the Straits with a view to enrich his owners by the spoil of the Spaniards. He returned likewise through the Ladrone Islands, consequently could make no discoveries in the Pacific Seas.

In 1721, the Dutch East-India Company, at the instance of Captain Roggewein, fitted out a respectable fleet, for the discovery of that continent, which lay hitherto undiscovered, though universally believed to exist. Three stout ships were appointed, and well provided for this service; the Eagle of 36 guns and 111 men, on board of which embarked Roggewein as Commodore, having under him Capt. Coster, an experienced navigator; the Tienhoven of 28 guns, and 100 men, of which Capt. Bowman was commander; and the African Galley, commanded by Capt. Rosenthal. From this voyage every thing was hoped. The equipment of the ships, the appointment of the commanders, and above all, the hereditary zeal of the Commodore which he inherited from his father, for the service, all contributed to raise the expectations of Europe to the highest pitch. Before they arrived at the Straits of Magellan, they had encountered the most boisterous seas, and
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endured the most intolerable hardships. They had sooner entered the Straits, than they were again attacked by tempestuous weather; the storm was scarce abated, when they were alarmed by the sight of a vessel, which they took either for a pirate or a Spanish ship of war, and as she seemed to approach very fast, were preparing for an engagement, when, to their agreeable surprize, they discovered it to be the Tienhoven's shallop, on board of which was Capt. Bowman, who had been separated three months before, and it was concluded had been engulfed in the hurricane that happened when the Tienhoven lost her main-top and mizen masts, and the Eagle her mainsail-yard. They mutually rejoiced at each others escape. Capt. Bowman thought they had perished in the storm, and they had given him over for lost. But their joy was of short continuance; they had other dangers to encounter, and other hardships to undergo; they found the Magelanic Straits impracticable, and entered the Southern Ocean with difficulty, by the Strait le Maire. After recruiting their water at the Isles of Fernandez, their first attempt was in search of Davis's Land; which, it was imagined, from the description given by the discoverer, would prove an Index to the continent of which they were in search. They missed it where they expected to find it, but accident threw it in their way. It proved a small island which they thought a new discovery,

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and because they fell in with it on Easter-day, they called it *Pasch*. We have just to remark of this island, that as it was then full of people, and but few seen when last explored, and among them only FIFTEEN women, it is more than probable that in less than another century, the whole island will be depopulated. From this island Raggewein pursued nearly the same tract with that which Schuten had pointed out, till veering more to the North, he fell in with the islands at which Commodore Byron first landed, and where some of the wreck of the African Galley was actually found. Here five of the crew deserted, and were left behind; and it would have been an object of curious enquiry for the Naturalists who accompanied that voyage, to have endeavoured to trace a similitude of European features among the inhabitants of George's Island, as there is reason to believe *that* to be the island on which the five Dutchmen chose to fix their residence. This island, which they place in the 15th degree of Southern latitude, they named Mischievous Island, owing to their late disaster.

Eight leagues to the West of this island, they discovered another, to which they gave the name of Aurora, from its splendid appearance, gilded by the rays of the rising sun. Another island discovered in the evening of the same day, they called *Vesper*. Pursuing their course to the Westward, they discovered a cluster of
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islands, undoubtedly the same now called the *Friendly Isles*, to which they gave the name of the Labyrinth, because it was with difficulty they could clear them.

In a very few days sail after passing the Labyrinth, they came in sight of a pleasant island, to which, from its fair appearance, they gave the name of the *Island of Recreation*. They were at first hospitably received; but in the end the natives endeavoured to surprize them by stratagem, and to cut them off. They had supplied the strangers with provisions, water, and wood, and they had assisted them in gathering greens, and in conveying them to the ships; but one day seeing a party of them unarmed, and walking carelessly the field, charmed with the delights of the country, in a moment some thousands of the natives rushed suddenly upon them, and with showers of stones, began an assault. The Dutch, from the ships observing a tumult, and suspecting the worst, came hastily to the support of their comrades, when a general engagement ensued, in which many natives were shot dead, some of the Dutchmen killed, and not a few wounded. This proved baneful to the voyage. Few of the crews of either ship, after this, would venture to go ashore for pleasure; most of them became discontented, and some mutinous. It was therefore concluded at a general council of officers, to continue their course towards New Britain and New Guinea; and thence
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by the way of the Moluccas to the East Indies, which was accordingly carried into execution: and thus ended, like all the former, a voyage which was expected at least to have solved the question; but in fact it determined nothing. They who argued from the harmony that is observable in the works of Nature, insisted that something was wanting to give one side of the globe a resemblance to the other; while those who reasoned from experience, pronounced the whole system the creature of a fertile brain.

In 1738, Lozier Bouvet was sent by the French East-India Company, upon discovery in the South Atlantic Ocean. He sailed from Port Le Orient on the 19th of July, on board the *Eagle*, accompanied by the *Mary*, and on the 1st of January following, he discovered, or thought he discovered land in lat 54 degrees South, long. 11 min. East. But this land being diligently sought for by Capt. Cook, in his voyage for the discovery of the Southern Continent in 177, without effect, there is reason to doubt if any such land exists; or, if it does it is too remote from any known tract to be of use to trade or navigation. Bouvet pursued his course to the Eastward, in a high latitude, about 29 degrees farther, when in lat. 51 deg. South, the two ships parted, one going to the island of Mauritius, the other returning to France.

In 1742, Commodore Anson traversed the Great Pacific Ocean; but his business being
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war, he made no discoveries within the limits of our Review ; and his story is too well known to need recapitulation.

Come we now to the Æra when his Majesty formed the design of making discoveries, and exploring the Southern Hemisphere, and when in the year 1764, he directed it to be carried into execution.

“ Accordingly Commodore Byron having under his command the Dolphin and Tamar, sailed from the Downs on the 21st of June the same year, and having visited the Falkland Islands, passed through the Streights of Magellan into the Pacific Ocean, where he discovered the Islands of Disappointment, George’s, Prince of Wales’s, the Isles of Danger, York and Byron’s Islands. He returned to England the 9th of May 1766.

“ And in the month of August following, the Dolphin was again sent out under the command of Captain Wallis, with the Swallow, commanded by Capt. Carteret:

“ They proceeded together, till they came to the West end of the Streights of Magellan, and in sight of the Great South Sea, where they were separated.

“ Captain Wallis directed his course more westerly than any Navigator had done before him in so high a latitude, but met with no land till he got within the Tropic, where he discovered the islands Whitsunday, Queen Charlotte, D Egmont,

Egmont, Duke of Gloucester, Duke of Cumberland, Maitea, Otaheite, Eimeo, Tapananou, Howe, Scilly, Boscawen, Keppel, and Wallis; and returned to England, May 1768.

“ His companion, Captain Carteret, kept a different route, in which he discovered the islands Osnaburg, Gloucester, Queen Charlotte’s Isles, Carteret’s, Gower’s, and the Streight between New Britain and New Ireland; and returned to England in 1769.

“ In November 1767, Commodore Bougainville sailed from France, in the frigate *La Boudeuse*, with the store-ship *l’Etoile*. After spending some time on the coast of Brazil, and at Falkland’s Islands, he got into the Pacific Sea by the Straights of Magellan, January 1768.

“ In this Ocean he discovered the four Farcardines, the Isle of Lanciers, and Harpe Island, (the same afterwards named by Cook, Lagoon Island) Thrum Cap, and Bow Island. About twenty leagues farther to the West, he discovered four other islands; afterwards fell in with Martea, Otaheite, Isles of Navigators, and Forlorn Hope, which to him were new discoveries. He then passed through between the Hebrides, which he calls the Great Cyclades, discovered the Shoal of Diana, and some others; the land of Cape Deliverance, several Islands more to the North; passed to the North of New Ireland, touched at Batavia, and arrived in France in March 1769.

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“ In 1769, the Spaniards sent a ship to trace the discoveries of the English and French. This ship arrived at Otaheite in 1771, and in her return discovered some islands, in lat. 32 deg. S. and long. 130 deg. W. This ship touched at Easter Island; but whether she returned to New or Old Spain remains undecided.

“ In 1769, the French fitted out another ship from the Mauritius, under the command of Capt. Kergulen, who, having discovered some barren islands between the Cape of Good Hope and Van Dieman's Land, contented himself with leaving some Memorials there, which were found by Captain Cook in the voyage which we are about to narrate.

“ This year was rendered remarkable by the Transit of the planet Venus over the Sun's Disk, a phænomenon of great importance to Astronomy, and which every where engaged the attention of the learned in that Science.

“ In the beginning of the year 1768, the Royal Society presented a Memorial to his Majesty, setting forth the advantages to be derived from accurate observations of this Transit in different parts of the world, particularly from a set of such observations made in a Southern latitude, between the 140th and 180th degrees of longitude West from the Royal Observatory at Greenwich; at the same time representing, that vessels, properly equipped, would be necessary to

convey the observers to their destined stations ; but that the Society were in no condition to defray the expence."

In consequence of this Memorial, the Admiralty were directed by his Majesty to provide proper vessels for that purpose ; and the Endeavour bark was accordingly purchased, fitted out, and the command given to Capt. Cooke, who had already signalized himself as an experienced Navigator ; and Mr. Charles Green the Astronomer was jointly, with the Captain, appointed to make the observations.

Otaheite being the Island preferred for the performance of that important service, Captain Cooke received orders to proceed directly ; and his instructions were, as soon as the Astronomical observations were completed, to prosecute the design of making discoveries in the South Pacific Ocean as far as the 40th degree of South latitude ; and then, if no land should be discovered, to shape his course between lat. 40 and 35, till he should fall in with New Zealand, which he was to explore, and thence to return.

In the prosecution of these instructions he sailed from Plymouth on the 26th of August, 1768, and on the 13th of April following, arrived at Otaheite, having in his way discovered Lagoon Island, Two Groups, Bird Island, and Chain Island.

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At Otaheite he remained three months, and, (besides the Astronomer Mr. Green), being accompanied by Mr. Banks a gentleman of fortune, and Dr. Solander one of the Librarians of the British Museum, eminent both for his knowledge in Natural History, and in Botany; we have only to remark, that all Europe has already been benefited by the employment of their time.

The observations on the Transit being completed with the wisht-for success, Capt. Cooke proceeded on discovery; he visited the Society-Isles, and discovered Oheteroa, fell in with the Eastern coast of New Zealand, and examined it; thence proceeding to New Holland, he surveyed the Eastern side of that vast continent, which had never before been explored; discovered the Streight between its Northern extremity and New Guinea; and returned home by Savu, Batavia, the Cape of Good Hope, and St. Helena, arriving in England the 12th of July 1771.

In 1769, Captain Surville made a trading voyage from some port in the East Indies by a new course. He passed near New Britain, and fell in with some land in lat. 10 deg. South, longit. 158 deg. East, to which he gave his own name; then shaping his course to the North Eastward narrowly missed New Caledonin, put into Doubtful Bay; and from thence steered to the East, between the latitudes of 35 and 41 deg. South, till he arrived on the

coast of America, a course never before navigated; and with that pursued by Captain Furneaux, between 48 and 52 degrees, and that afterwards by Captain Cooke, in a still higher latitude, confirms to demonstration the non-existence of a Southern Continent.

No sooner was Captain Cooke's voyage completed, and his Journals examined, than another voyage was projected, the object of which was to complete the discovery of the Southern Hemisphere. Very extraordinary preparations were made for the equipment of this voyage, which required ships of a particular construction to perform it, and such were purchased; some alterations likewise were necessary in the species of provisions usual in the navy, and these were made. Add to this, that many extra articles were provided, such as Malt, Sour Krout, salted Cabbage, portable Soup, Saloup, Mustard, Marmalade, and several others, as well for food for convalescents, as physic for the sick.

The ships judged most proper for the voyage were built for colliers, two of which were fitted up, and the command given to Captain Cook; the largest of 562 tons, called the Resolution, had 112 men, officers included; the other, the Adventure of 336 tons, given to Captain Furneaux, second in command had only 81. To these were added, persons well skilled in Natural History, Astronomy, Mathematics, and the liberal Arts of Painting, Drawing, &c. &c.

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On the 13th of July the two ships sailed from Plymouth, after having settled the latitude and longitude of the place by observation. This they did in order to regulate the time-pieces, of which they had four on board; three made by Mr. Arnold, and one by Mr. Kendal, on Mr. Harrifon's principles.

The great object of the Voyage was to determine to a certainty, the existence or non-existence of a Southern Continent, which, till then, had engaged the attention of most of the maritime powers, and about the reality of which Geographers of late seemed to have had but one belief.

Let it suffice, that this question is at length decided: but before we enter upon the proofs necessary to decide that other question; concerning the existence or non-existence of a N. W. or N. E. passage, it will be expected, that we should not only lay before the Reader the facts that have appeared in the course of the Voyages made in the Pacific Ocean, which we are now about to relate, but those also that are to be gathered from the Voyages made in the Atlantic Ocean for the like purpose.

Not only Navigators the most celebrated in their time, but even philosophers and cosmographers of the first eminence have contended from analogy, that a communication between the Atlantic and great Pacific Ocean must exist somewhere in the Northern

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Hemisphere, in like manner as the same exists by the Straits of Magellan in the Southern Hemisphere; this appeared so certain to the Cabots, the most renowned Navigators of the 15th century, that the younger Sebastian at the risque of life, proposed the discovery of that passage to Henry the VIIIth; and though he failed by the mutiny of his crew, after he had sailed as high as the 68th degree of northern latitude, yet that prince was so well pleased with his endeavours, that he created a new office in his favour, and appointed him grand pilot of England, with a salary of 166 l. a year during life, which at that time was no inconsiderable sum.

He returned by the way of Newfoundland, bringing home with him two Esquimaux.

It was long, however, before a second attempt was made with the professed design of discovering a North-west passage. The attention of the nation was too much fixed on projects towards the South, to attend to any thing that had reference to enterprizes in the North.

Some there were however who held the object in view: and in 1576 Sir Martin Forbisher with 2 small ships attempted the Discovery; and having found a Strait on the Southernmost point of Groenland, through which he sailed about 50 leagues, with high land on both sides, he persuaded himself that he had succeeded in his enterprize; but after repeated trials, finding his error, he gave over the search.

In a few years after Sir Martin, Sir Humphrey Gilbert renewed the hopes of the Discovery by a Voyage to the North, which, tho' it failed in the main point, it proved of infinite advantage to the nation in another. He coasted along the American

can Continent from the 60th degree of Northern Latitude till he fell in with the Gulph of St. Lawrence, which he continued to navigate till he perceived the water to freshen; he then took possession of that vast continent, since called Canada by the French, in the name of his Sovereign; and was the first who projected the fishery in Newfoundland, and who promoted the establishment of it.

In proportion as the commerce to the East increased and became lucrative, the desire of engrossing the trade by shortening the passage thither increased also; thence arose an emulation among the merchants for discovering the passage of which we are speaking. Those in London had concerted a project for that purpose, and those in the West Country had a similar project in contemplation; but neither the one nor the other had managed their designs with so much secrecy, but that each got acquainted with the other's intentions. This produced a coalition; both agreed to join in the expence; and both agreed in the appointment of Capt. John Davis, to conduct the Voyage.

In 1585 he embarked on board the Sun-shine, a bark of about 60 tons and 23 men, attended by a vessel of 35 tons with 19 men to which he gave the name of the Moon-shine. He sailed from Dartmouth on the 7th of May. The first land he made was an Island near the Southernmost point of Groenland, which, from its horrid appearance, he named the Island of Desolation. In his progress he passed the Strait that still bears his name, and advanced as high as the latitude of 66 in an open sea, the coasts of which he examined till the approach of winter

ter obliged him to return, with every hope, however, of succeeding another year. On his arrival, his employers were so well pleased with the relation he gave and the progress he had made, that they next year augmented his force, and sent him out with four vessels, one of which, the Mermaid, of 120 tons burthen, he commanded himself, and the other three, (the Sun-shine, Moon-shine, and the North-star a pinnace of 13 tons only) were furnished with masters of his own recommendation.

On the 7th of May he set sail from Dartmouth, and steered a strait course till he arrived in the 50th degree of latitude, when he divided his fleet, ordering the Sun-shine and North-star to direct their search to the north-eastward as far as the 80th degree, N. while he with the Mermaid and Moon-shine should continue their former search to the N. W. where he had already contracted an acquaintance with the inhabitants in his former Voyage, from whom he hoped to receive considerable information. At first they expressed great joy at his return, but they soon shewed the cloven foot. They were fond of iron, and he gave them knives; knives did not content them, they wanted hatchets; when they got hatchets, they cut his cables, and stole one of his coasting anchors, which he never again recovered. He took one of the ring-leaders prisoner, who after some time proved a useful hand; but they surprized five of his men, of whom they killed two, grievously wounded two more, and the fifth made his escape by swimming to the ship with an arrow sticking in his arm. In this voyage he coasted the land, which he found to be an
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Island from the 67th to the 57th degree, N. and at length anchored in a fair harbour, eight leagues to the Northward of which he conceived the passage to lie, as a mighty sea was seen rushing between two headlands from the West: Into this sea he ardently wished to have sailed; but the wind and current both opposing his design, he was obliged, by the remonstrances of his people, to relinquish that savage coast, and, as the season was far advanced, to return home. When he arrived he met with the Sun-shine, but the North-star was never seen more.

His misfortunes did not abate his zeal. He was prepossessed with the certainty of a N. W. passage, and he prevailed upon other adventurers, in conjunction with some of his former friends, to enable him to make a third trial, which proved no less unfortunate than those he had attempted before; notwithstanding which, could he have raised friends to have advanced the money, he would have continued his researches till death had put an end to his labours.

These repeated disappointments threw a damp for a while on this favourite pursuit; and it was not till the year 1610, that the former spirit of discovery began to revive.

In that year, Mr. Henry Hudson projected a new course towards the N. W. which brought him to the mouth of the Strait that now bears his name. This he traced till he came into an open sea; but the season being past for making any farther progress at that time, he prevailed upon his crew, by flattering their avarice with the certainty of gain, to winter on that inhospitable coast, though destitute of provisions for a single month. While their provisions
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lasted they were contented; and the tale of riches and glory that had been told them, cherished their hopes; but when famine and cold began to pinch, the ideal prospect vanished, and nothing but murmuring and mutiny succeeded, which ended in the tragical death of the Captain and seven of his sick followers, who, unable to make resistance, were set adrift in the boat, while those who were in better health seized the ship, and made the best of their way home, and on their return gave such an account of the certainty of the passage, as left no room to doubt of the discovery.

Accordingly, the very next year Sir Henry Button undertook the task, and steered directly to the new-discovered sea, in which he sailed more than 200 leagues farther to the S. W. than the Discoverer, wintered at Port Nelson, where he lost near half his men, and returned the next year, roundly asserting the existence of the passage, though he had not been so happy as to find it.

Sir Henry was scarce returned before James Hall and William Baffin set sail, with a view to share the honour of the Discovery.

In this attempt Hall fell by the hands of a savage, and Baffin soon returned, but with a full design to renew his pursuit, whenever he could find an opportunity so to do. This did not happen till the year 1615, when he examined the sea that communicates with Davis's straits, which he found to be no other than a great bay, with an inlet from the north, to which he gave the name of Smith's Sound, lat. 78.

About this time the Hudson's Bay Company was established, who by charter were obliged to pro-

prosecute this discovery, as were likewise those masters of vessels that were employed in the whale fishery; but neither the one nor the other paid much attention to the chief object of their establishment.

In the year 1631 Luke Fox, commissioned by king Charles the First, made a voyage in search of the same passage, but to as little purpose as the rest.

He was followed by Capt. James, who after the most elaborate search from one extremity to the other of the bay, changed his opinion, and declared that no such passage existed; and it was not till a hundred years after that Capt. Middleton undertook, upon the most plausible grounds, and at the instance and by the recommendation of Arthur Dobbs, Esq; to make another attempt; and perhaps a final one, as the non-existence of a north west passage thro' Hudson's Bay was then made almost as certain as the non-existence of a southern continent is now.

But it was not yet certain, that such a passage might not be found on the western side of America, as there is a remarkable note in Campbell's Voyages, on which that writer, who was a great advocate for the passage in question, lays great stress. He says, that Capt. Lancaster, of the Dragon (afterwards Sir James) who commanded the first fleet to the East Indies, having heard a report while there, of another passage to that country, and being on his return home overtaken by a storm, in which the Dragon lost her rudder, and was otherwise in danger of perishing, yet being unwilling to desert her, he wrote a letter and sent it on board the Hector, to which was added the following P. S. " The pas-

passage to the East Indies lies in 62 deg. 30 min. by the N. W. on the American side."—It was therefore to determine this question with as much certainty on one side of America as it had been on the other, that our great navigator was sent out on the late voyage, and it may now be fairly concluded on his examination, added to those of the late and former Spanish Voyagers, and the Russian discoveries, that no such passage exists, though it is remarkable, that in the lat. of 61 deg. 15 min. an open sound was discovered, which they traced till they came to a shallow bay, impracticable for shipping, into which a deep fresh water river emptied itself, with high land on both sides. This river Capt. Cook caused to be examined with boats, but being more than 50 degrees of long. from the nearest coast of Hudson's Bay, there cannot be the least shadow of reason to suppose, that it can have any communication with that sea.

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D I S C O V E R Y,

IN COMPANY WITH THE

R E S O L U T I O N,

CAPTAIN COOK, COMMANDER.

HAVING taken in our guns at the Galleons, and what stores were wanting,

On the 14th of June 1776, both ships came to an anchor at the Nore; but our fresh provisions being nearly exhausted, we weighed next day, and left the Resolution waiting for her commander.

On the 16th, came too off Deal, and received on board a great quantity of beef and mutton for the ship's company, and a boat for the Captain's use. It blew hard in the night and all the next day.

On the 18th we weighed anchor and sailed; but we had no sooner entered the channel than a storm arose, by which we were driven into Portland Roads, where we received considerable damage. We had blowing weather till

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CAPT. COOK'S
 last **Voyage** to the
PACIFIC OCEAN;
 in the **Years,**
1776, 1777, 1778, 1779.

*North West Continent
 of America, discovered by Cap. Cook
 1778.*

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*Here Cap. Cook
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Here Cap. Cook was killed

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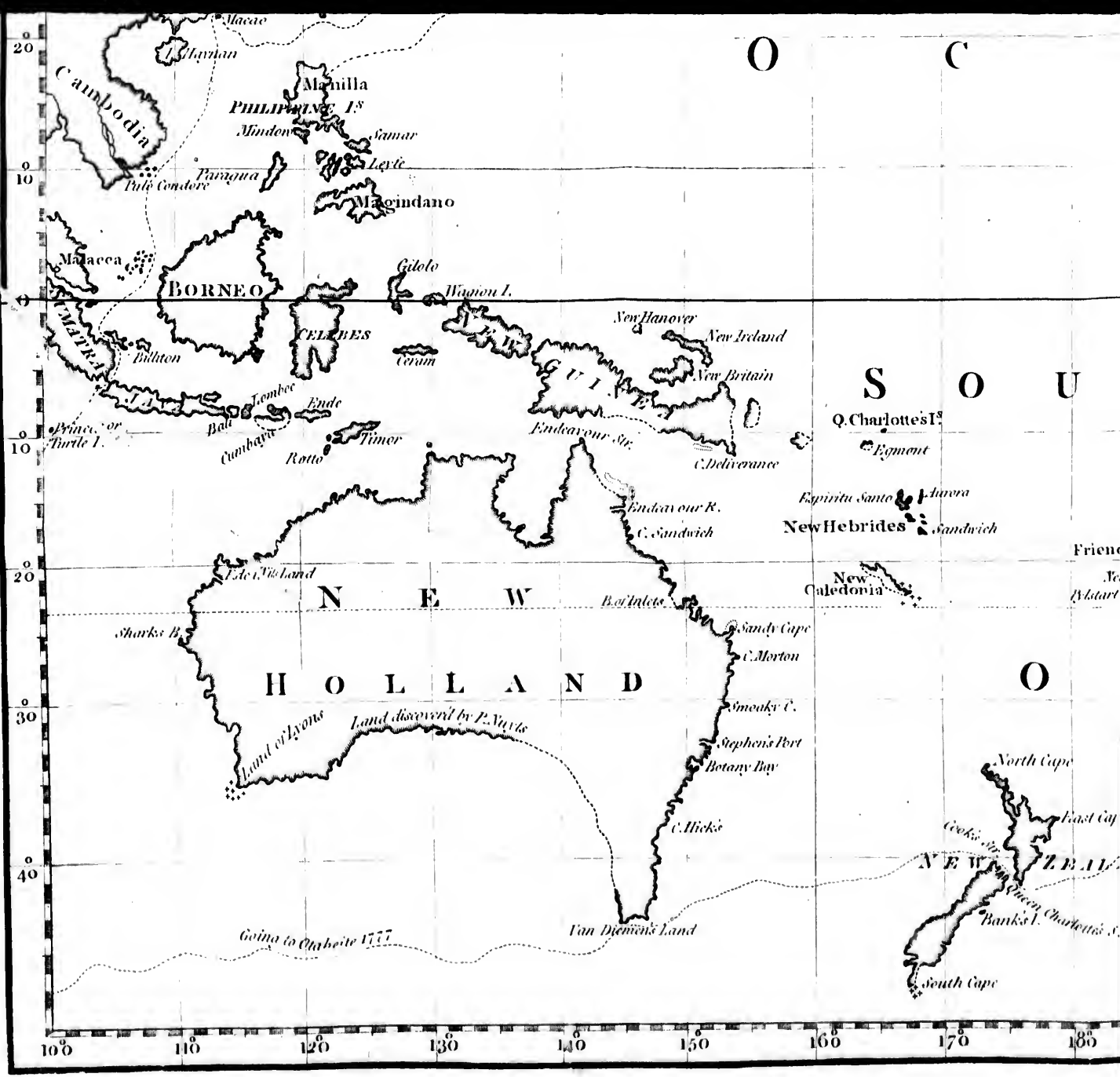
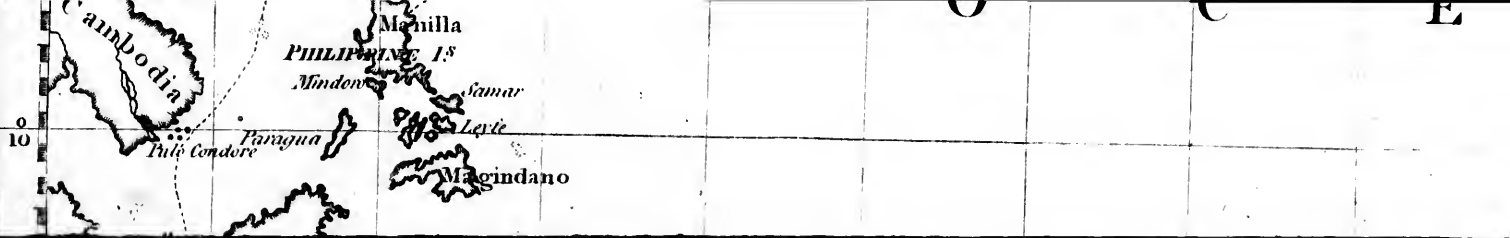
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The 26th, when we arrived at Plymouth. There we found a large fleet of men of war and transports with troops on board for America, and saluted the Admiral with 11 guns. They had been driven in by stréfs of weather, several of them much damaged. About 12 at noon we came to moorings in the Sound.

On the 30th the Resolution arrived, saluted the Admiral, and came too and moored close by us.

It was now found necessary to go into harbour to repair the damages our ship had received in the storm of the 18th, and the Resolution proposed to wait till we were in readiness; but it was with difficulty that an order was obtained for the carpenters to proceed, and when it was obtained, it was some time before it could be carried into execution. The repairs of the fleet for America being judged of greater consequence than the repairs of a single ship.

The Resolution tired with delay, when the day came that she set sail on her former voyage, which was

On the 12th of July, the impatience of the ship's company, and the notion they had entertained of its being a lucky day, induced Captain Cook to comply with their importunities, and he accordingly set sail, leaving orders with Capt. Clarke to follow him to St. Jago, one of the Cape de Verd Islands, and if he should there
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mils of him, to pursue his course directly for the Cape of Good Hope.

This was unwelcome news to the ship's company of the Discovery, who were equally impatient to be gone, and who were not without their prognostics, their omens, and fancies, any more than their neighbours; but necessity, that irresistible conqueror, to whose power all human passions must submit, compelled their acquiescence, though it could not remove their scruples.

During this tedious interval of unavoidable delay, a succinct account of Omai, the native of Ulietea, who embarked with Captain Cook on board the Resolution on his return home, will give those who never saw him, some idea of his person and character. [Since the Writer's return home, he has been able to collect from the writings of the gentlemen, who had the best opportunities of knowing and conversing with Omai while in England, their sentiments respecting him, which though not entirely corresponding with his own, (as will be seen in the sequel) yet in justice to the public, he thinks it incumbent upon him to conceal nothing that has appeared in his favour. For which reason, if in the course of the Voyage, a different representation shall be found of him, let it be remembered, that what is here said is taken from hear-say only; but for what shall be said hereafter, the Writer makes himself accountable.]

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This man, it appears, by the testimony of Captain Cook, had once some property in his own country, of which he was dispossessed by the people of Botabola. Captain Cook at first wondered that Capt. Furneaux would encumber himself with so ordinary a person, who was not, in his opinion, a proper sample of the inhabitants of those happy islands; and Mr. Foster says, it is doing him no injustice to assert, that among all the inhabitants of Otaheite and the Society Isles, he had seen few individuals so ill-favoured as Omai; neither did he seem of eminence in rank or parts, any more than in shape, figure, or complexion, to attract the notice of an enlightened nation, but seemed, adds Mr. Foster, to be one of the common people; and the rather as he did not aspire to the Captain's company, but preferred that of the armourer and common seamen; yet, notwithstanding the contemptible opinion, which both these gentlemen seem to have entertained of him at first, when he reached the Cape of Good Hope, and the Captain dressed him in his own clothes, and introduced him to the best company, he declared he was not a *towtow*, or one of the common class, but a *boa*, or attendant on the King; and Captain Cook acknowledges, that since he arrived in England, he had his doubts whether any other of the natives would have given more general satisfaction. It will not, we presume, be thought tedious if we add his

his character, as drawn by Captain Cook and Mr. Foster, in their respective histories of the Voyage undertaken, to determine the existence or non-existence of an American Continent, in 1772.

“ Omai,” says Capt. Cook, “ has most certainly a good understanding, quick parts, and honest principles; he has a natural good behaviour, which rendered him acceptable to the best company, and a proper degree of pride, which taught him to avoid the society of persons of inferior rank. He has passions of the same kind as other young men, but has judgment enough not to indulge them in any improper excess. I do not imagine (adds the Captain) that he has any dislike to liquor, and if he had fallen into company, where the person who drank the most met with the most approbation, I have no doubt but that he would have endeavoured to gain the applause of those with whom he associated; but fortunately for him, he perceived that drinking was very little in use but among inferior people; and as he was very watchful into the manners and conduct of the persons of rank who honoured him with their protection, he was sober and modest; and I never heard that during the whole time of his staying in England, which was two years, he ever once was disguised with wine, or ever shewed an inclination to go beyond the strictest rules of moderation.

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“ Soon after his arrival in London, the Earl of Sandwich introduced him to his Majesty at Kew, where he met with a most gracious reception, and imbibed the strongest impressions of duty and gratitude to that great and amiable Prince, which I am persuaded he will preserve to the latest moment of his life. During his stay he was caressed by many of the chief Nobility ; but his principal patrons were the Earl of Sandwich, Mr. Banks, and Dr. Solander.”

Captain Cook adds, “ that though Omai lived in the midst of amusements during his residence in England, his return to his own country was always in his thoughts, and though he was not impatient to go, he expressed a satisfaction as the time of his return approached.”

Thus far Capt. Cook ; and though there are some traits of this character to be found in that drawn by Mr. Foster, yet his good qualities are there so blended with childishness and folly, that one can hardly think it applicable to the same identical person.

“ Omai,” says Mr. Foster, “ has been considered either as remarkably stupid or very intelligent, according to the different allowances which were made by those who judged of his abilities. His language, which is destitute of every harsh consonant, and where every word ends with a vowel, had so little exercised his organs of speech, that they were wholly unfit
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to pronounce the more complicated English sounds; and this physical or rather habitual defect, has too often been misconstrued. Upon his arrival in England, he was immediately introduced into general company, led to the most splendid entertainments, and presented at court amidst a brilliant circle of the first nobility. He naturally imitated that easy and elegant politeness which is so prevalent in all those places; he adopted the manners, the occupations, and amusements of his companions, and gave many proofs of a quick perception and lively fancy. Among the instances of his intelligence, I need only mention his knowledge of the game of Chess, in which he had made an amazing proficiency. The multiplicity of objects which crowded upon him, prevented his paying due attention to those particulars, which would have been beneficial to himself and his countrymen at his return. He was not able to form a general comprehensive view of our whole civilized system, and to abstract from thence what appeared most strikingly useful and applicable to the improvement of his country. His senses were charmed by beauty, symmetry, harmony, and magnificence; they called aloud for gratification, and he was accustomed to obey their voice. The continued round of enjoyments left him no time to think of his future life; and being destitute of the genius of a Tupaia, whose superior abilities would have enabled

enabled him to form a plan for his own conduct, his understanding remained unimproved. After having spent near two years in England, Mr. Foster adds, that his judgment was in its infant state, and therefore (when he was preparing to return) he coveted almost every thing he saw, and particularly that which amused him by some unexpected effect: to gratify his childish inclinations, as it should seem, rather than from any other motives, he was indulged with a portable organ, an electrical machine, a coat of mail, and a suit of armour."

Such is the account, and such the character of this child of curiosity, who left his country and his connections to roam he did not know where nor for what, having no idea of improving the arts, manufactures, or commerce, of his country, or introducing one useful science among them. He carried with him, besides the articles above enumerated, a profusion of almost every thing that can be named, axes, saws, chissels, and carpenters tools of every kind; all sorts of Birmingham and Sheffield wares; guns, pistols, cutlasses, powder and ammunition; needles, pins, fish-hooks, and various implements for sport; nets of all sorts; with hand engines, and a lathe for turning. He had likewise cloaths of different colours and different fabrics, laced and plain; some made in the style of his own country, and several after our manner: some of these last he bartered
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with the petty officers (after he had passed New Zealand) for red feathers. He was likewise plentifully supplied with glass and china wares, with beads and baubles, some of great value; medals of various metals; a watch was presented to him by a person of distinction: in short, nothing was withheld from him that he required either for trade in his own country, or for curiosity.

When he came on board the Resolution, he discovered uncommon ecstacy; but when he parted with the gentlemen who accompanied him, the tears, as Mr. Foster observes, flowed plentifully; but they were childish tears; and the moment his old friends had left the ship, he was as lively and brisk as ever. He shewed no concern about leaving this country, but rather rejoiced at his going.

We shall see in the sequel how he behaved on board, and in what manner he was received on his return home. And now having once more got our ship in readiness, and every thing necessary re-imbarked,

On the 1st of August we weighed, and proceeded, with all sails set, to join the Resolution. While our ship was repairing, it was observable, that those who had never been employed on discovery before, were more impatient to depart, than those who had already experienced the severities of a Southern Navigation near and within the polar circle; and it

was diverting enough to listen to the ludicrous remarks of these last, on their fresh-water brethren as they called them, whom they ventured to foretel, would, like the Jews in the Wilderness, be the first to murmur and cry out for *the leeks and the onions of Egypt*; intimating thereby, that when these raw sailors came among the islands of ice in the frozen regions, to feel the effects of scanty fare and hard duty, they would then be the first to repent their impetuosity, and to sigh for the beef and the beer of the land they were now so desirous to leave.

We proceeded with a brisk gale till the 7th, when in sight of Cape Finisterre, the clouds began to darken, and the ocean to swell, and to threaten by every appearance an approaching tempest. Several ships were then in sight, and we could clearly discern that they were preparing, as well as ourselves, to meet the storm. For twenty four hours it blowed and rained incessantly; but on the 9th, a calm succeeded, which however was not of long continuance; for in the evening of the same day it thundered, lightened, and the rain poured down in torrents. The drops were such as no man on board had seen the like. To prevent the effects of the lightning, it was thought necessary to let fall the chain from the mast-head: a precaution which Capt. Clerke never omitted when there was danger from an accumulation of electricity in the atmosphere to be apprehended.

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On the 20th, seeing a ship to windward bearing down very fast, and suspecting her to be an American privateer, all hands were ordered to quarters, to be in readiness to engage. She proved to be a Lisbon trader, who by the violence of the gale the day before, had been driven many leagues to the Westward of her course, and was in some distress. We spared her those things of which she stood most in need, and pursued our Voyage.

Nothing remarkable till the 18th, when the ship's company were put to short allowance of water, and the machine erected to distil seawater. This was occasionally made use of during the Voyage, and answered very well for some particular purposes, but was ill relished by the sailors for boiling their meat. These precautions were taken lest the Resolution should have left St. Jago, and the Discovery obliged to proceed to the Cape, without being able to procure a fresh supply.

On the 19th we crossed the Tropic of Cancer for the first time, and,

On the 28th, came in sight of St. Jago, bearing N W. distant about six or seven leagues. We bore away instantly for the Bay, and at eight in the morning made land. An officer was sent ashore with all speed to make enquiry, who brought word back that the Resolution had touched at that Port; but had hastened her departure, as the rainy season was approach-

ing, and it was unsafe to remain there long during its continuance. The same reasons that had induced the Resolution to proceed were doubly pressing upon us. It was now the time when the rainy season prevails, though we had as yet observed none of its approaches. It is generally preceded by a strong southerly wind, and a great swell. The sea comes rolling on, and dashing furiously against the rocky shore, causes a frightful surff. Sometimes tornadoes or violent whirlwinds arise near the coast, and greatly increase the danger. For this reason, from the middle of August till the month of November, Port Praya is but little frequented.

The officer was no sooner returned, and the boat hoisted on board, than we made sail with a gentle breeze, which continued till

September 1st, when a dreadful tempest arose, in which we every moment expected to be swallowed up. The thunder and lightning were not more alarming, than the sheets of rain, which fell so heavy as to endanger the sinking of the ship, and at the same time, though in the open day, involved us in a cloud of darkness, than which nothing could be more horrible: providentially the continuance of this tempest was but short; it began about nine in the morning, and before noon the whole atmosphere was perfectly serene, and not a spot nor a shade to be seen to mark the place of this elemental conflict. However, in
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this short period, our sufferings nearly kept pace with our apprehensions, having our main-top-gallant yard carried away in the flings, and the sail frittered in a thousand pieces; the jib and middle stay-fails torn clear off, and the ship so strained as to make all hands to the pumps necessary. The afternoon was employed in repairing the damages, and discharging the water which had been shipped as well from the heavens, as from the sea.

September 2, 3, 4, the weather continued squally, with rain; but as we approached the Line, a calm succeeded, and the sky became serene; but with a haziness and languor, as if the current of the air, like water upon an equipoise, moved only by its own impulse. Nothing could be more tedious and disagreeable than this calm; but fortunately it was of short continuance.

September 5th, at eight in the morning saw a sail, the second we had seen since we passed Cape Finisterre on the coast of Spain. We were at this time intent on fishing; and having hooked a shark of an enormous size, both officers and men were engaged in getting him on board. When he was cut up, there were six young ones found in his belly, about two feet long each. These were divided among the officers, and one was dressed for the great cabin. The old one was eaten by the ship's crew,

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to whom fresh food of any kind was now become a dainty.

The weather continuing fine, the Captain ordered the great guns and small arms to be exercised; the ship to be smoaked, and the bedding to be aired. These last articles, it may be once for all necessary to observe, were never omitted during the whole course of the Voyage, when the weather would permit; but were more particularly necessary in crossing the Line, as it has been observed that the whole wood-work between decks, in this low latitude, is more apt to become mouldy, and the iron to rust, than in higher latitudes, probably owing to that sluggishness in the air that has been already noticed, and for which Nature seems to have provided a remedy by the frequent tempests and tornadoes, to which this part of the ocean is remarkably subject.

Nothing worth notice till the 17th, when we crossed the line. The weather being squally, the usual ceremony of keel-hawling the sailors who had never crossed it before, was omitted. This ceremony is so well known, that it were needless to describe it.

On the 20th the weather became moderate, when upon examination, the starboard main trussel-tree was found to be sprung.

On the 20th, George Harrison, Corporal of Marines, sitting carelessly on the bench, diverting himself with the sporting of the fishes, fell

fell over-board. He was seen to fall, and the ship was instantly hove to, and the boats got out with all possible expedition; but he was never again seen to rise. His Dutch cap was taken up at the ship's stern; and as it was known that he could swim as well as any man on board, the boats made a large circuit round the ship, in hopes to recover him, but in vain. It is remarkable, that in Captain Cook's former Voyage, one Henry Smock, one of the Carpenter's mates, sitting on the skuttle, fell over-board about the same place, and much in the same manner, and shared the same fate. Both these were young men, sober, and of good characters. Their loss was regretted by the officers, but more particularly so by their comrades among the crew. It is more than probable that both were instantly swallowed up by sharks that constantly attend the ships.

On the 1st of August we caught a large shark, ten feet long, with several young dolphins in her belly: part of the entrails, when cleansed and dressed, were eaten in the great cabin, and the body given to those by whom it was caught. When fried, it is tolerable meat; but the fat is very loathsome.

On the 15th a storm arose, accompanied with thunder, lightning, and rain. As it was not so violent as those we had before experienced, it proved more acceptable than alarming, as it supplied the ship's company with a good

quantity of fresh water, which they caught in blankets or by other contrivances, every one as he could. What was caught in the awnings was saved for the officers use.

On the 20th it blew a hurricane—handed the sails, and lay to all night under bare poles.

On the 25th, the storm abated, and the sky became clear; we observed a ship to the Southward, which by her course, we took for the Resolution: We crowded sail, stood after her, and soon came up with her. She proved to be a Dutch advice-boat bound to the Cape.

On the 28th our people began to look for land; and the appearance of some birds which are known never to go far from shore, confirmed them that the extremity of the African coast was at no great distance. Our Astronomer, however, was of a different opinion, and the event proved that he was right.

October 1st, having now been at sea just two months, without once setting foot on land, those who were unaccustomed to such long voyages, began to put on a very different aspect to that they wore at first setting out. They were, indeed, somewhat comforted by the cheerfulness and vivacity which they observed to prevail in almost every countenance except their own; from whence they concluded, that many days could not elapse before the painful sensations of a solitary sea life would be recompensed by the pleasurable enjoyments they would find, when
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they came on shore. Such, perhaps, were the feelings, at that time, of the writer of this Journal.

October 3d, we still observed a great variety of fish and fowl to accompany the ship, some of which we had never noticed before; and we could not but remark the difference in this respect, between the Western coasts of the Old Continent, and the Western coasts of the New, in the same latitudes. No sooner had we crossed the Tropic of Cancer, than we were amused by the sporting of the fishes, or more properly, perhaps, by their unremitting labour in pursuit of their daily food. Flying fish are generally the first to attract the notice of those who never have been in these seas before, and it is curious to attend to their numberless windings and shiftings to elude the attacks of the Dolphins and Bonitos, their declared enemies. Whatever may be the design of Providence in the formation of these creatures, one cannot help considering their existence as a state of perpetual punishment. While they remain in the water their enemies are there, and tho' nature has given them the power to quit that element, and to fly for refuge to the open air, yet other persecutors are there also in wait for them no less cruel than those they have escaped. Boobies, Man of War birds, and other Sea-fowls are continually watching to make the Flying-fish their prey, while the ravenous Sharks are

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no less vigilant in making reprisals on the Dolphins and Bonitos. Thus, a passage through the tropical latitudes in this sea, exhibits one continued scene of warfare; while in the other sea all is peace and uniform tranquillity. These reflections naturally occur when the mind, unoccupied with variety, is disposed for contemplation.

On the 4th of August, we too contributed to fill up one act of this tragic drama, and by catching a Shark, left one tyrant the less to vex the ocean.

On the 7th, at six in the morning, the man at the mast-head, called out land; and at eight we could all see it involved in a misty cloud. It proved to be Table Land, bearing S W, at the distance of about ten leagues, which induced us to change our course from E S E; to S S W.

On the 10th we entered Table Bay, and

On the 11th, came to and anchored in six fathom water, where, to our great joy, we found the Resolution.

We saluted the garrison with 13 guns, and were answered by the same number: Captain Cook, with the principal officers and gentlemen belonging to the ship, came on board to bid us welcome. By them we learnt that they had been at the Cape near three weeks; that they had stopt at Vera Cruz only three days, and had taken on board some wine, of which they
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very kindly offered us a part, and that they made no stay at Port Praya except to purchase some goats as presents to the Chiefs of the Southern Isles.

On our landing, our Captain was met by the officers of the garrison, and the gentlemen belonging to the Dutch East-India Company, who received him very politely, and gave him a general invitation to share with them the entertainments of the place.

The subordinate officers on board, were met by another class of inferior gentry, belonging to the same Company, with a like invitation, but on different terms. Almost every officer in the pay of the Dutch Company entertain strangers, who lodge and board with them on moderate terms, from two shillings a-day to five.

Nothing in nature can make a more horrid appearance than the rugged mountains that form the Bay. One would almost be tempted to think that the Dutch had made choice of the barrenest spot upon earth, to shew what may be effected by slow industry and continued perseverance; for besides the craggy cliffs that render the open country almost inaccessible, the soil is so sandy and poor, that, except some vineyards, there is scarce a shrub or a tree to be seen within any walking distance from the place; insomuch that the vast profusion of all sorts of provisions of beef, mutton, poultry, flour, butter, cheese and every other necessary, is brought

brought from four to five and twenty days journey from Cape-town, where the Governor and Company have their residence.

This town has already been so fully described by Captain Cook in his former voyage, and by other writers before him, that little remains to be added. The town is neatly built, and according to the natural character of the Dutch, as neatly kept in order. It has the advantage of a small rivulet, by means of which there are canals in all the principal streets of the town; on both sides of which are planted rows of stately oaks. The town is situated below the mountains, and when seen from their summits, appears, with the gardens and plantations that run along the shore, exceedingly picturesque: nothing can be more Romantic, nor any prospect more pleasing to the eye.

The ship was no sooner moored, than all hands were employed to strip off the rigging, and to unload the stores; places proper for repairing the one, and for airing and examining the other, being prepared before-hand by Captain Cook; and the utmost dispatch was made to shorten our stay, as the time for navigating the high latitudes through which we were to pass, was advancing a pace, and the Resolution was already in a state fit to undertake the voyage.

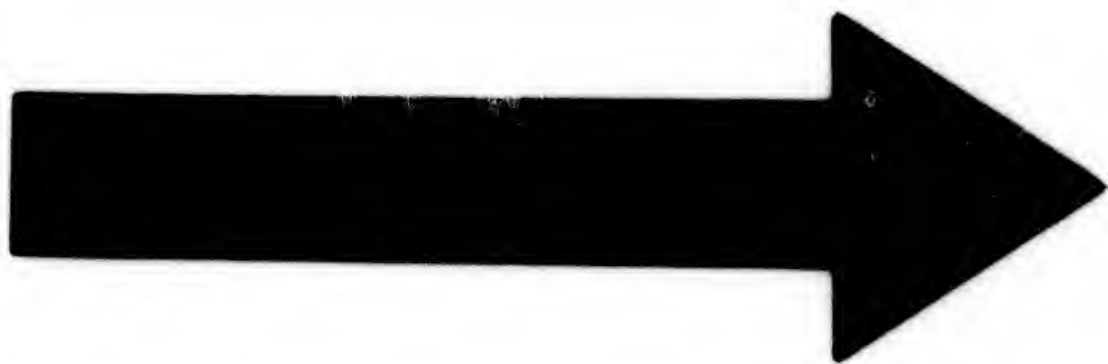
What remained for Captain Cook to do when we arrived, was chiefly to purchase live cattle for

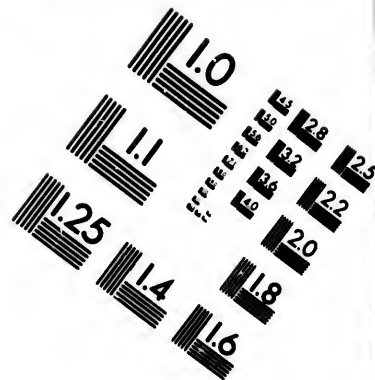
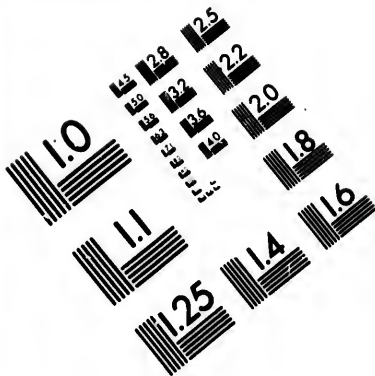
for presents to Arees in the South Sea; likewise live stock for the ships use; these are always the last things provided, because it is found necessary to shorten, as much as possible, their continuance on board. He had already laid in sufficient store of beef, mutton poukry and greens for present use, and had contracted for a good quantity of salted beef, to save what we had brought from England; as that is found to keep better than the beef salted at the Cape, though the last is preferred for present use.

Among the cattle purchased, were four horses and mares of a delicate breed, for Omai; several bulls and cows of the buffaloe kind, as more suitable to the tropical climates than any brought from Europe; likewise some African rams and ewes; dogs of the she kind, some with and some without puppies; cats we had plenty on board, and goats Captain Cook had purchased at St. Jago.

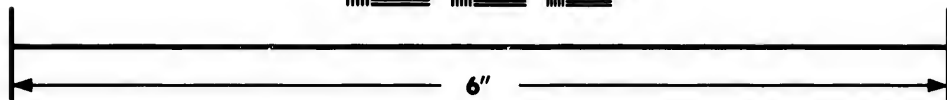
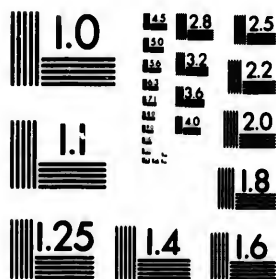
Stored with these, the Resolution resembled the Ark, in which all the animals that were to stock the earth were collected; and with their provender, they occupied no small part of the ship's stowage.

While the riggers, sail-makers, carpenters, caulkers, smiths, coopers, and store keepers, were busily employed in their several stations, the astronomers were not idle, nor the surgeons; the former were engaged in making observations; the latter in attending the sick, of whom there





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there were not many, and those, on being carried on shore, very soon recovered. The dry soft air of the African mountains proved a restorative superior to all the physic in the world. Of the efficacy of this salubrious air, the Dutch East-Indiamen have experience every voyage, both in going to and returning from their settlements in India.

While we remained at the Cape, two of their ships arrived full of sick soldiers, who had been enlisted in Holland, and who were in a miserable condition both as to health and want of common necessaries. They had been near five months on their voyage from Amsterdam, and had lost on the passage, more men than the compliments of both our ships amounted to, owing to nastiness and close confinement. It is remarkable, that no ships have the appearance of being neater kept than those of the Dutch; nor any more slovenly where they are not exposed to open view.

A very uncommon incident happened while we were at the Cape, which might have embroiled us with the government there, had not the delinquent been found out and punished. It was discovered that a number of counterfeit schellings and double keys had been circulated, and several of our people had taken them in exchange for gold. Complaint was made by our officers against the inhabitants, for taking the advantage of the ignorance of strangers to impose counter-

counterfeit money upon them, as it was not to be supposed that they could be judges of the goodness of their country coin. On the other hand, the inhabitants charged the bad money as proceeding from us. Each were warm in their representations, and each were positive in their opinions. It was not thought possible that any of our people could be prepared to counterfeit Dutch money, and yet there had been no instance of counterfeit money having ever been seen at the Cape before the arrival of our ships at that port. Thus the matter rested for while; till one of the ships cooks, having obtained leave one day to go ashore, made himself drunk, and offered base money in payment for his liquor. Being detained, and notice given to his commanding officer, he caused him to be searched, when several other pieces of a base coin were found upon him; and on examining his chest, the implements were found artfully concealed, by which he had been enabled to carry on the fraud. He was instantly delivered up to the Dutch Governor, to be tried by the laws of the country where the offence was committed; but it not being clear, whether the crime of coining was committed on shore, or on board his Britannic Majesty's ship, the Magistracy very politely returned him, to be dealt with as the Commander in Chief should think proper; who not being vested with the power of life and death in civil cases, ordered him to receive

receive the discipline of the ship, and to be sent home in the Hampshire Indiaman. Thus ended a very critical affair, of which there is no instance upon record.

On the 27th of November orders were given to prepare for sailing. And,

On the 28th of the same month, the Governor and principal Officers belonging to the Company, were entertained on board the Resolution, where they came to take leave of our Captains before their departure, as we were expected to sail in a few days, the repairs of the ships being fully compleated. The stores had all been ordered on board some days before, and a large quantity of beer purchased for the ship's company at the only brewery that is publicly tolerated within the jurisdiction of the town. In short, there is not one necessary article relating to the repairing, providing, and victualling of shipping, that is not to be purchased at the Cape of Good Hope, and that too at very reasonable prices. The wine at the Cape has been thought dear, because that of the choicest vintage is scarce, and, like the styre in England, confined to a very small spot. Of the real Constantia, which is the wine so much prized in Europe, the whole plantation does not perhaps produce more than forty pipes annually, though there may be two or three hundred disposed of under that name. The wine commonly taken on board the shipping for the officer's use, is of
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a kind not unlike Madeira, but of an improved flavour, the vines here being highly sublimed by the warmth of the sun and the dryness of the soil.

On the 29th our live stock were all got on board, and properly provided for and secured; and having dispatched our letters to our friends, and left nothing to do but to weigh and sail.

On the 30th, having quitted our moorings, we next day came to an anchor in 18 fathom water, Penguin Island bearing N. by W. five or six miles.

On the 1st of December, at three in the morning, we took our departure, after saluting the Fort with 11 guns, which they returned with the same number. At this time we observed that luminous appearance about our ships, which different Voyagers have attributed to different causes; but which Dr. Franklin has endeavoured to account for on the principles of Electricity. About five in the afternoon, we met with one of those terrible gusts so frequently experienced by Voyagers in doubling the Cape of Good Hope, in which our main-sail was split, but fortunately we received no other damage; the southernmost land then bearing S. by E. distance nine or ten leagues, both ships in company.

On the 24th in the morning it blew a hurricane, and split the jib. About two in the afternoon, unbent and bent another.

On the 7th, the weather that had been cloudy and boisterous ever since leaving the Cape, became clear and moderate. In latitude 39 deg. 57 min. S. the Resolution's boat, with Mr. King, the second Mate, and Omai on board, came to compare the time-pieces, and found no material variation.

On the 10th, in lat. 43 deg. 56 S. a dreadful storm came on, which obliged both ships to lay to that and the following night under bare poles.

On the 12th, in lat. 46° 18' S. it began to snow and hail, and the weather became intolerably cold; insomuch, that from a scorching heat which we felt at the Cape, the change was so great in the space of thirteen days, that we were obliged to line the hatchways with canvas, to defend the men below as much as possible from the effects of the frost. Here the Albatrosses and other sea fowl, began to make their appearance; and here seals and porpoises were seen to sport about the ship, which gave us hopes of soon approaching land.

On the 13th, at six in the morning, we came in sight of land, having the appearance of two islands, the Eastermost bearing S S E $\frac{1}{2}$ E; the Westernmost S by W $\frac{1}{2}$ W. At ten in the forenoon, passed between the islands through a very narrow channel. Piercing cold, with sleet and snow, with which the islands were lightly covered, but neither tree nor shrub to be seen, nor any living thing, except penguins and shags,
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the former so numerous that the rocks seemed covered with them as with a crust. These were the Marion Isles already noticed.

M. de Marion, when he discovered these islands, had two ships under his command, one the *Mascarin*, Captain Crozet, the other the *Castrie*, Captain du Clefsmure. They proceeded to the Southern extremity of New Holland, and from thence to the Bay of Islands in New Zealand, where M. de Marion was killed with twenty-eight of his men by the natives. He was obliged, having lost his masts, to look out for new ones in the woods of this country; but when he had found trees fit for his purpose, necessity obliged him to cut a road three miles long through the thickets, to bring them to the water-side. While one party of his people were employed in this service, another party was placed on an island in the bay, to cleanse the casks, and fill them with water; and a third was occasionally sent on shore to cut wood for the ship's use. Thus employed, they had been here thirty-three days upon the best terms with the natives, who freely offered their women to the sailors, when M. de Marion, not suspecting any treachery, went one morning as was his custom to visit the different parties that were at work, without leaving word that he intended to come back to the ships the same day. Having called to see the waterers, he went next to the *Hippah*, a fortification of the natives, where he com-

monly used to stop in his way to the carpenters, encamped in the woods, with M. Crozet at their head, to direct their operations. Here he was suddenly set upon; and with his few attendants, barbarously butchered; as were the boat's crew that carried him on shore. Next morning, the Lieutenant who commanded on board, not knowing what had happened, sent a party to cut wood, and when every one was at work, the natives watched the opportunity to fall upon them likewise, and murdered every one except a single sailor, who ran for his life, and threw himself, wounded, into the sea. Being seen from the ships, he was speedily taken on board, and gave the general alarm. M. Crozet's situation in the woods, with his small party, was now become most critical. A corporal and four marines was immediately dispatched to acquaint him of his danger, while several boats attended to receive his people, at a place where the sick had been lodged in tents, for the recovery of their health. He disposed every thing as well as the time would admit, and effected his retreat to the sea-side. Here he found multitudes of the natives assembled, dressed in their habits of war, with several chiefs at their head. M. Crozet ordered the marines who attended him, to direct their fire, in case he found it necessary to give the word, against such persons as he should point out. He then commanded the carpenters and convalescents to
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strike the tents, and the sick to embark first, with their whole apparatus, while he with the soldiers, should talk with the chief. This man immediately told them, that M. Marion was killed by another chief, upon which M. Crozet seized a stake, and forcing it into the ground, made signs that he should advance no farther. The countenance with which this action was attended, startled the savage, whose trepidity M. Crozet observing, insisted on his commanding the crowd to sit down, which was accordingly complied with. He now paraded in front of the enemy till all his people were embarked, his soldiers were then ordered to follow, and himself was the last who entered the boat. He had scarce put off when the whole body of natives began their song of defiance, and discharged their volleys of stones; however, a shot from the ship soon dispersed them, and the company got all safe on board. From this time, the natives became troublesome, and made several attempts to attack his people by surprize. They formed an attack against the watering party in the night, which, but for the vigilance of the guard, would have been fatal to them; they afterwards openly attacked the ships in more than a hundred large canoes, full of men, who had cause sorely to repent their audacity, and severely felt the effect of European arms. At length M. Crozet finding it impossible to supply the ships with masts, un-

less he could drive the natives from his neighbourhood, made an attack upon their Hippah, which they vainly boasted was beyond his power to approach. He placed the carpenters in the front, who in an instant levelled their pallisadoes with the ground; then cut a breach through the mound, and levelled the ditch, behind which their warriors stood in great numbers on their fighting stages.

Into this breach a chief instantly threw himself, with his spear in his hand. He was shot dead by M. Crozet's marksmen, and presently another occupied his place, stepping on the dead body. He likewise fell a victim to his intrepid courage, and in the same manner eight chiefs successively defended it, and bravely fell in this post of honour. The rest seeing their leaders dead, took flight, and the French pursued and killed numbers of them.— M. Crozet offered fifty dollars to any person who should take a New Zealander alive, but this was found impracticable. A soldier seized an old man, and began to drag him towards his Captain, but the savage, being disarmed, bit into the fleshy part of his enemy's hand, the exquisite pain of which, so enraged the soldier, that he ran the fellow through with his bayonet. M. Crozet found great quantities of arms, tools and clothing, in this Hippah, together with store of dried fish and roots, which seemed to be intended for winter provision.

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He now completed the repairs of his ships without interruption, and prosecuted his voyage, after a stay of sixty-four days in this Bay of Islands. From whence, after passing through the Western part of the South Sea, he returned by the Philippinas, to the Isle of France.

There appears some inconsistency in the above relation, which we cannot help remarking. It seems improbable, if M. Marion was murdered in the Hippah, situated on the prominence of an inaccessible rock, that the boatmen below, who landed him, should not make their escape, and much more improbable, that neither the leader nor his followers should be missed, till the woodmen were massacred by the savages the next day. Upon the whole, we are rather inclined to think, considering the strength of the place, that the loss might be sustained in fair combat. M. Marion might find it necessary for the safety of his people, to endeavour to drive the savages from their Hippah or Fort, which is one of the strongest in New Zealand. Captain Cook, after describing it, adds, that it must be considered as a place of great strength, in which a small number of resolute men may defend themselves against all the force, which a people with no other arms than those that are there in use, could bring against it. M. Crozet, therefore, might think it less dishonourable to attribute the loss of his General and so many men, to the treachery, rather than the valour

of the savages. It is acknowledged that they defended the place bravely. But to proceed,

On the 14th, the weather began to clear up, and these islands promising no refreshment, both ships pursued their course to the S E; wind W S W; a brisk gale, but piercing cold. The Captain ordered the jackets and trousers to be delivered out, which, with the blankets and other warm clothing provided by the Lords of the Admiralty against the severity of the frozen climates, were found of infinite use in preserving the men in health, who were most exposed to the action of the frost.

On the 17th, in lat. $48^{\circ} 27'$ S. the fogs came on so thick that we could but just discern the largest objects at the distance of the ship's length. This being foreseen, fog-signals were appointed, and repeated every half-hour.

Nothing remarkable till

The 20th, when we lost sight of the Resolution. Signal guns were fired, false fires lighted, and lights hung at the mast-head; but no answer received.

On the 21st, in the morning, the fog still continuing, a very heavy storm came on, attended with sleet, and frequent gusts with hail. All this day we continued firing signal guns, and at night burning false fires, and carrying lights at the mast-head; but all to no purpose.

On the 22d, the gale still increasing, we
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carried away our jib-sheet, and split the jib; but in the evening it cleared up, and fortunately for both ships, the Resolution came in sight, which revived the drooping spirits of the crew, who were now visibly affected in finding themselves alone in a wide tempestuous ocean, where they could expect no succour in an adverse moment, if any such should happen; and where, from the continual failure of one part or other of the rigging, such a moment was much to be dreaded.

We were now accompanied with a great variety of sea-fowl, among which were, pintadoes, sheerwaters, fulmers, and grey peterels, which last seldom appear at any considerable distance from land.

On the 23d, (answering to the middle of June in the Northern Hemisphere) the weather cleared up, and we were proceeding at a great rate, all reefs out, when on a sudden the weather coming on hazey, increased to a fog, and we again lost sight of the Resolution; but on ringing the fog bell, and firing a gun, we were answered by our consort, to our inexpressible joy.

About 12 at noon, the fog began to disperse, a clear sun-shine brightened the horizon, and shewed that we were at no great distance from land. This, as it was unexpected, was the more welcome. The man at the mast-head announced it; but as it seemed at a great distance, very lofty, with the summits of its hills involved in mist, some of our officers who had accom-

accompanied Captain Cook in his former voyage, and had experienced many disappointments from the fallacious resemblance of ice islands to those of land, expressed their doubts. However, the nearer we approached it, the more convinced we were of its reality. But what seemed to us very singular, the sea began to change its complexion, and from a dark green colour, to look white like milk; we had indeed observed the like phenomenon before, on crossing the Tropic in the Northern Hemisphere; but do not recollect any such appearance noticed by former voyagers in these high Southern latitudes.

On the 29th, we observed great quantities of sea-weed floating on the surface, and the sea-birds to encrease; and before noon were so near the land as to discover rocks towering one upon another, as we imagined, to an immense height; but could discern no plantations or other indications of its being inhabited. As the coast appeared bold and rocky, it was judged proper to proceed with caution. When we first discovered land, it bore South, but on advancing slowly, we came in sight of a separate island, bearing S E by S; which in the direction we first beheld it, seemed to be part of one and the same island.

On the 25th, at six in the morning, wore ships, and stood in for the land; we passed the tremendous rock, which first came in view, and
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which rose to an astonishing height in form of a sugar loaf, and bore away to the Lee Island, where we found a bay with good anchorage in 24 fathom water, oozy bottom; but the surf rather rough and inconvenient for landing and watering.

On the 25th, at four in the morning, the boats were sent out to reconnoitre the coast, and, if possible, to discover a more convenient harbour for taking in water. About seven they returned, having found a bottle with a letter inclosed, importing that in January 1772, this island was discovered by M. de Kerguelen; that it contained plenty of water, but no wood; that it was barren and without inhabitants; but that the shores abounded with fish, and the land with seals, sea-lions and penguins. The harbour where this bottle was deposited, being more commodious than that where the ships were anchored; and Capt. Cook intending to keep Christmas here, and refresh his men, gave orders to weigh, and the ships to change their station; which orders were instantly obeyed.

The contents of the letter inclosed in the bottle were in every respect found to be true; a short account therefore of the voyager who left it, will be necessary to render our account of the discoveries in the South Seas complete.

“M. de Kerguelen, a Lieutenant in the French service, had the command of two ships given him, the *La Fortune*, and *Le Gros Ventre*.

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He sailed from the Mauritius about the latter end of 1771, and on the 13th of January following, discovered the two isles of which we are now speaking, and to which he gave the names of the Isles of Fortune. Soon after M. de Kerguelen saw land, as it is said, of a considerable extent and height, upon which he sent one of the officers of his own ship a-head in the cutter, to sound. But the wind blowing fresh, the Captain of the other ship, (M. de St. Allouarn) in the Gros Ventre, shot a-head, and finding a bay to which he gave his ship's name, ordered his yawl to take possession. In the mean time, M. de Kerguelen being driven to leeward, and unable again to recover his station, both boats returned on board the Gros Ventre, and the cutter was cut a-drift on account of the bad weather. M. Kerguelen returned to the Mauritius, and M. de St. Allouarn continued for three days to take the bearings of this land, and doubled its Northern extremity, beyond which it trended to the South-eastward. He coasted it for the space of twenty leagues, but finding it high and inaccessible, and destitute of trees, he shaped his course to New Holland, and from thence returned by way of Timor and Batavia, to the Isle of France, where he died. M. de Kerguelen was afterwards promoted to the command of a 64 gun ship, called the Rolland, with the frigate l'Oiseau, in order to perfect the discovery of this pretended land; but returned
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with disgrace, pretending again to have just seen it."

That the islands we now fell in with are the same discovered by Kerguelen, there cannot remain a doubt; but that M. de Kerguelen ever saw a great country, such as he pretends, in or near those islands is very problematical. There are indeed numberless islands thinly scattered in this almost boundless ocean, as every day's experience evinces; but that there are none so superior to those already discovered in riches and cultivation, as to be worth the search, will scarcely admit of a question.

We were now busied on board in repairing our rigging, which had suffered much in the frequent squalls with which we had been harrassed ever since our departure from the Cape; at the same time, those who were on shore were no less usefully employed in supplying the ships with water, and the crews with fresh provisions; which last, though not of the most delicate kind, yet to stomachs cloyed almost to loathing with salt provisions, even seals, penguins, and sea-fowl were not unsavory meat.

On the 27th, our repairs being nearly completed, and a great part of our water on board, Christmas was proclaimed; a double quantity of grog served out to each common man; and a certain proportion of wine and spirits to every petty officer: leave was likewise given to such as were ailing, to go ashore for the benefit of the

the land air; and the officers of both ships reciprocally met in compliment to each other; past dangers were forgotten, and the day was spent by the common sailors with as much mirth and unconcern as if safely moored in Portsmouth harbour.

On the 28th, parties were sent out to procure what vegetables the island produced, by way of refreshment; but none were found for culinary purposes, except a kind of wild cabbage, and that in small quantities, and gathered with much labour among the cliffs of the rocks. Mr. Nelson, a gentleman whom Mr. Banks sent out to collect such varieties as he should find indigenous to the islands and climates through which he should pass, found growing among those cliffs, a kind of yellow moss of a silky softness, which he had not yet discovered in any of his former researches.

On the 29th, the Resolution weighed, with orders to surround the island, in order to explore the opposite side, which, however, upon examination, was found equally barren, craggy, steep, and desolate, with that we had just left. Penguins and sea-lions, were its chief inhabitants, among which our people made great havock; of the former for the sake of provision, penguins having been found tolerable eating when fresh, or just salted; and of the latter, for blubber, which was afterwards boiled and converted into oil on our arrival at New Zealand.

On the 30th, at nine in the morning, we weighed,

weighed, and took leave of this Island, which we found by observation to lie in lat. $49^{\circ} 30'$ S. $78^{\circ} 10'$ long. At 12 the southernmost part of the land bore SSW $\frac{1}{2}$ S. distant about five leagues. We now pursued our course for Van Dieman's land, and having no discoveries in view, took every advantage of the weather to carry sail.

On the 1st of January, 1777, we observed great quantities of sea-weed passing to leeward in a direction contrary to that we had seen in approaching the island, which gave reason to suppose there were other lands at no great distance, and affords some ground for believing that M. de Kerguelen might have seen other lands in this latitude. Nothing more remarkable presented till

The 14th, when a hurricane arose, accompanied with so thick a fog, that our ships were every moment in danger of falling foul one of the other. We kept the fog-bell constantly ringing and guns firing, which were answered by the Resolution. The wind blew with such violence that we were obliged to take in all our sails, to strike our top-gallant-masts, and to scud under our bare poles. This storm continued with more or less violence till the 19th, during which time the Resolution had carried away her main-top-mast, and fore-top-gallant-mast and yard; and the Adventure had lost her top-gallant-sails, split her middle stay-sails, and had scarce half a yard remaining of her jib.

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On the 20th in the morning, we lay by to repair our rigging; and the weather brightening up with a brisk but moderate gale in the afternoon, we set all the sails we could, unreefed our top-sails, and run at the rate of seven and eight miles an hour by the log, both ships in company.

On the 22d, the weather continuing clear and moderate, Mr. King, the second Mate of the Resolution came on board to compare the time-pieces. He brought word that the ship's crew were in perfect health, those only excepted who had been hurt at the Cape, and even they were fit to do duty; and that the damage they had received during the blowing weather, was not so considerable as might have been expected.

On the 24th in the morning, the man at the mast-head called out, Land, distance about 5 leagues, the Mewstone, so called by Capt. Furneaux, in 1773, bearing NE $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Made the signal for seeing it, which was answered by the Resolution.

On the 25th, sounded and found ground at 55 fathom, sandy and shelly bottom.

On the 26th, stood off and on to find the bay, called by Tasman, Frederic Henry's Bay.

On the 27th came too, and moored in 14 fathom water, and was presently joined by the Resolution. No sooner were the ships properly secured than the pinnace was ordered to be launched, the boats to be manned, and all hands

hands set to work in wooding, watering, overhauling the rigging, and getting every thing in readiness to continue our course.

The officers, astronomers and gentlemen on board both ships eagerly embraced the opportunity of going ashore to take a view of this delightful country, with the appearance of which all on board were charmed. The first thing that attracted our notice were the trees, that by their magnitude and loftiness exceeded every thing we had ever seen of the kind: but what was remarkable we found many of them burnt near the ground, and not a few lying in a horizontal position, which being much scorched had been thrown down by the violence of the wind.

On the 28th, Capt. Cook, accompanied by officers and gentlemen from both ships, and guarded by a party of marines, made a second excursion into the country in order to make discoveries, and to procure, if possible, an interview with some of the inhabitants; they penetrated several miles through paths that seemed to have been frequented, before they could get sight of any human being, till at length passing by the edge of an almost impenetrable thicket they heard a rustling which at first they mistook for the rousing of some wild beast; but searching closely they found it to be a girl quite naked and alone. At first she seemed much frightened; but being kindly treated, and her apprehensions of death removed, she

became docile, and ready to answer every thing we could render intelligible to her understanding. We questioned her concerning her residence, which we did by pointing to every beaten path, walking a little way in it, and then returning and taking another, making motions to her at the same time to lead us along and we would follow her. To make her quite easy, one of our company pulled off his handkerchief and put it about her neck by way of ornament, and another covered her head with his cap, and then dismissed her. She ran among the bushes, and in less than an hour nine men of the middle stature made their appearance, naked but armed according to the fashion of their country; these were kindly treated by the company, one gentleman giving to one a part of his cloathing, another putting something upon a second, and so on till each had received some trifling ornament for his person, when all took their flight at once as if by signal, and vanished in an instant.

It was not long, however, before the girl we had first seen returned, and with her several women, some with children on their backs, tied by a kind of hempen strings, and some without children. These were likewise kindly received, and led to the place where the wooders were at work, with whom it was not long before they became acquainted. They were however most miserable looking objects, and Omai, though led by natural impulse to an inordinate desire

desire for women, was so disgusted with them that he fired his piece in the air to frighten them from his sight, which for that time had the desired effect. Night coming on, we all returned to our respective ships.

On the 28th, we extended our excursions still farther into the country, and found it beautifully diversified with hills and vallies, stately groves of trees, rivers, meadows and lawns of vast extent, with thickets full of birds of the most beautiful plumage, parrots and paraquets, and birds of various notes whose melody was truly enchanting; besides these we found some lagoons full of ducks, teal, and other wild fowl; of which we shot great numbers, while our Naturalists were loading themselves with the spontaneous productions of the soil; a soil, we may venture to say, the richest and most fertile of any in the habitable Globe, the trees growing to an astonishing height and size, and not more beautiful to the eye, than they are grateful to the smell. We found some that rose ninety feet high without a knot, and of a girth that, were we to report it, would render the credit of the reporter doubtful. It was now the time when Nature pours forth her luxuriant exuberance to cloath this country with every variety; but what appeared strange to us, the few natives we saw were wholly insensible of those blessings, and seemed to live like the beasts of the forest in roving parties, without arts of any kind,

sleeping in summer, like dogs, under the hollow sides of the trees, or in wattled huts made with the low branches of ever-green shrubs stuck in the ground at small distances from each other, and meeting in a point like sheaves of corn in a field here after harvest.

Our fishermen were no less successful in fishing during our stay than our fowlers in shooting wild fowl; insomuch that nothing was wanting to make our living here delicious.

On the 30th, the poor wretches of natives being now divested of their fears, issued from the thickets like herds of deer from a forest, and drew themselves up in ranks on the beech, making signs for our people to come on shore, probably with a view to partake of our bounty, certainly not with any design to do us any hurt. They were indeed armed with lances about two feet long, terminated by a shark's tooth or piece of bone sharpened to a point, which they threw to a great distance, and to a great nicety; but these lances were the whole of their armour.

There were among them, as among all the inhabitants of the countries in the Southern Ocean, some to whom the multitude seemed to pay obedience, though even these were here without any marks of distinction, other than Nature had bestowed upon their persons. This indelible dignity, through all the classes of animal nature, has marked some to rule, while others, destitute of that advantage, willingly submit,

mit, and are contented to obey. To these chiefs, as no quadrupeds of any kind were seen in the country, Capt. Cook gave a boar and a sow, and made signs to turn them loose in the woods where it is possible they may have a better chance to breed than among the more ferocious inhabitants of New Zealand, where several of them had formerly been turned loose. He also offered them nails, knives, beads, and other trifles, to which they paid little or no attention, but were greedy after shreds of red cloth.

It does not appear that the natives here are canibals, or indeed that they feed at all upon flesh, as no appearance of any such food could be traced among them. Fish, fruit, and the natural productions of the earth, were the only articles of food that were observable about their fire-places; but what was still more strange, there was neither canoe nor boat to be seen, though the country abounded so much in timber. It may therefore be reasonably concluded, that these natives are a sort of fugitives who have been driven out from some more powerful community, and subsist here in a state of banishment, as it is hardly possible otherwise to conceive so fine a country possessed by a people wholly destitute of all the arts of civil life.

Capt. Cook presented their chiefs with Medals (great quantities of which he carried out with him to be distributed among the chiefs wherever he went) inscribed with the names of

the ships and the Commanders; with the date of the year and that of his Majesty's reign; in order to perpetuate the memory of this Voyage, provided any future European adventurer, prompted by unprofitable curiosity, should think fit to revisit the remote parts of the Southern Hemisphere.

On the 31st, having been here and on the coast near seven days, and having got plenty of wood and water on board, and whatever else the country afforded, the signal was made for unmooring. By ten in the morning the ships were under sail, and at twelve Cape Frederic Henry bore N by W. We set out with an easy gale; but, before night, squalls came on, which made it necessary to double reef our top sails, and so to continue till break of day.

On the 1st of February we set our top-galant sails, both ships in company, steering a direct course for New Zealand, and in nine days came in sight of Adventurer's Island, distant about nine or ten leagues from Charlotte Sound.

On the 10th we were off Charlotte's Bay, our destined place of rendezvous.

On the 12th, in standing for the Sound, the Discovery had the misfortune to strike upon a rock; but by the assistance of the Resolution was warped off without receiving any considerable damage; and about two in the afternoon both ships moored in 9 fathom water.

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Not a man on board who did not now think himself at home, so much like Great-Britain is the Island of New Zealand. It is between six and seven hundred miles in length, but varying in breadth, being broadest towards the middle, and narrowing at the extremities. In this it seems to differ from the regular course of nature in the formation of Islands and even of Continents, where, like insects, they seem to be divided in the middle, and only connected together by an inconsiderable space. Almost every island of any extent in the Southern Ocean is divided in this manner. The Continent of Europe, Asia and Africa is held together by a thread in comparison at the Isthmus of Suez, and North and South America in like manner as that of Darien.

We were no sooner securely moored in Charlotte Sound, together with the Resolution, than the natives came in droves to welcome our arrival; to bring us fish; and to offer to trade; but every hand being then employed, little or no notice was taken of their overtures; some of our people were busy in carrying out the tents, others in erecting them on shore; some in forming intrenchments for the security of the stores, and some in unshipping stores; in short, not an idle person being to be found to attend to them, the savages, thinking themselves neglected, departed, seemingly very much discontented.

On the 13th, we had hard squalls with heavy rain. During the intervals of sun-shine, we observed several water-spouts, but none near us. Mr. Foster, who accompanied Capt. Cook in his former voyage, in his passage from Dusky Bay to this Sound, had frequent opportunities of observing these phænomena, and has given the following description of them. Their bases, he says, where the water of the sea was violently agitated, and rose in a spiral form in vapours, was a broad spot, which looked bright and yellowish, when illuminated by the sun. Directly over this spot, a cloud gradually tapered into a long slender tube, which seemed to descend to meet the rising spiral, and soon united with it into a strait column of a cylindrical form. We could distinctly observe the water hurled upwards with the greatest violence; and it appeared, that it left a hollow space in the centre. He adds, that these water-spouts made the oldest mariners uneasy; all, without exception, had heard dreadful accounts of their pernicious effects, when they happen to break over a ship, but none had ever been so beset with them.

On the 14th, at seven in the morning, the pinnaces of both ships were ordered to be manned, and both Captains went on shore with other gentlemen to reconnoitre the country, without venturing too far at first, for fear of a surprize. Before they landed they were observed by an old man, who approached the shore, holding a green bough in his hand, and waving

waving it in sign of peace, which was instantly answered by hoisting a white flag. Friendship being thus established we all landed, and the old man began an oration, accompanied by very significant gestures, and a theatrical display of the passions by various modulations of his voice, till at length he concluded in a plaintive tone, which we interpreted to mean submission. This done, he saluted the Company, according to the custom of the southern islanders, by joining noses, a mode, though not the most agreeable, yet necessary to be complied with for the sake of peace. Capt. Cooke, more earnest to examine the state of the plantations, which he had caused to be laid out, and sowed with garden seeds in his former voyage, than to pursue the sports of fishing and fowling, which chiefly engaged the attention of other gentlemen while on shore, went with Captain Clarke to visit the inclosures on Long Island, and found many of the plants and roots in a flourishing condition, though it did not appear that any care had been taken to dress, or even to weed them, by the natives. Indeed it should seem that this part of the country, like that of Dusky Bay, is but thinly inhabited, and probably occasionally only, as none of their towns were found within any reasonable distance of the shore. Some straggling huts indeed, in which single families were found to reside, were now and then discovered in the recesses of the woods, but no regular plantations, the effects of industry,

try, were observable in any part of this found. Their canoes, and their cloathing were works of great labour, but where the former was performed could never be known, though it appeared that the latter was the sole employment of their women.

During our residence here, though nothing was to be found but vegetables and fish, such was the plenty of both, that loads of the former were to be procured for the labour of cutting and carrying away, and of the latter as much as was sufficient for the sustenance of one person a whole day for a single nail.

It had been observed by former voyagers, that the women in this island were chaster, when first visited by our people, than those in the warmer climates, probably owing to the physical effects of their colder constitutions; not to the restriction of any law, or the force of custom; nor to that delicacy of sentiment that naturally excites those sympathetic sensations that in a more advanced state of refinement, serve to bind the sexes in the indelible bonds of mutual fidelity. But, to whatever cause it might be owing before the looser passions, by their commerce with the European sailors, took root among them, they have been found to thrive so well, that they now exceed all others in indulging them. Even the men are now become so abandoned, as to prostitute their very wives for a nail, and lay no restraint
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on their daughters, of whom the men make little account.

It was no sooner known that our ships were moored in Charlotte sound, than the natives flocked from the remotest corners of the island to traffic for nails, broken glass, beads, or other European trumpery, for which they would sell their arms, clothes, and whatever else they were possessed of, not even reserving their working implements, which they could not replace without infinite labour.

The women, who accompanied these commercial emigrants, were no less saleable, than the wares they brought, and the favours of many were purchased by the seamen, who, tho' the first price was trifling, cost them dear in the end. This traffic was carried to a shameless height, and Omai, who, from natural inclination and the licentious habits of his country, felt no restraint, indulged his almost insatiable appetite with more than savage indecorum.

Before our present arrival, it had been questioned, even by Capt. Cook, whether these islanders would sell their children to strangers; but experience has now taught us, that there is nothing they will not sell for iron, so great is their desire for that metal. The love of gold is not more prevalent in Europe, than the love of iron in New Zealand. The story which Capt. Cooke relates, in proof of the irresistible force of Nature in the retentive care of their chil-

children only shews, that he himself had erred in the conclusions he had drawn from it.

“ One of them, says Capt. Cook, agreed to go with us; but afterwards changed his mind. It was even said that some of them offered their children to sale. I however found this to be a mistake. The report first took its rise on board the *Adventure*, where they were utter strangers to their language and customs. It was very common for these people to bring their children with them, and present them to us, in expectation that we would make them presents, this happened to me. A man brought his son, a boy about nine or ten years of age, and presented him to me. As the report of selling their children was then prevalent, I thought, at first, that he wanted me to buy the boy. But at last I found, that he wanted me to give him a white shirt, which accordingly I did. The boy was so fond of his new dress that he went all over the ship, presenting himself before every one who came in his way. This freedom, used by him, offended old *Will*, the ram goat, who gave him a butt with his horns, and knocked him backward on the deck. *Will* would have repeated his blow, had not some of the people come to the boy's assistance. The misfortune, however, seemed to him irreparable. The shirt was dirted, and he was afraid to appear in the cabin before his father, until brought in by Mr. Foster; when he was told a lamentable

able story against *Goury*, the great dog (for so they called all the quadrupedes on board) nor could he be reconciled, till his shirt was washed and dried." This story, adds the Captain, tho' trifling, will shew how liable we are to mistake those people's meaning, and to ascribe to them customs they never knew, even in thought"— This reflection recoiled upon himself; for Capt. Cook lived to see the truth of the report confirmed, and that the favourable opinion he had conceived, of the natural affection of these savages for their children, was not well founded.

On the 16th in the morning several natives came along side the *Resolution* to trade as usual. Then *Omai*, who was plentifully furnished with every kind of iron ware, displayed his merchandize to the greatest advantage. The savages, inflamed with the richness of the exhibition, perfectly trembled as they stood, and were ready to board the ship, at the peril of their lives, to make themselves masters of what appeared to them so vast a treasure. This, to an European, to whom nails, broken glass, and shreds of red cloth, are of little or no value, may seem exaggerated; but to those who have traversed the globe, and marked the impetuosity of the savage's passions when excited to a certain pitch, will rather wonder how they could be restrained, than that they should be ready to commit any desperate action to possess themselves of those things which appeared of so much value

value in their eyes. Omai, though but one degree above the savage whom he despised, yet had cunning enough to take advantage of the desires which he had excited, and after purchasing from them every article that suited him, he artfully asked one party of them, if they would sell their boat? to which they readily consented. Observing two promising youths on board with another party, he asked the father if he would not part with his boys. The youths looked with eagerness at their father, as if they wished to follow the man that was so rich, and the father, seemingly as willing to part with the lads as they were to go, replied in the affirmative, and the bargain was instantly struck. Thus for two hatchets and a few nails he purchased two fine boys, the eldest named Tibura, about 15 years old, and the youngest called Gowah, about ten.

On the 17th the Captains of both ships, with other officers and gentlemen, embarked on board the Pinnace, attended by a party of marines, well armed, and directed their course to the north-west, round Canibal bay for Long Island, and Grass Cove; there they visited the spot where the boat's crew belonging to the Adventure was murdered about four years before; but did not find any trace of that horrid massacre remaining, nor any native from whom they might learn the cause.

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Omai, who could scarce make himself understood, nor indeed could he understand the natives so well as many of the common men who had been frequently here before; yet being a favourite with Capt. Cook, was always preferred when in company, to confer with the natives, and was desired by him, when he met any of them alone, to question them concerning the fray that had happened some years before, and from what cause it had taken its rise; and he was the more desirous to come at the truth, as the natives in general were friendly and ready to furnish the ships with what ever their country afforded. But from what Omai was able to learn, Capt. Cook received no satisfaction. It should seem, that in Otaheite there are two dialects spoken, as in almost every other part of the world; one by the priests and chiefs, and another by the common people. This was apparent here; for Tupia, who accompanied Mr. Banks to this place, in Capt. Cook's second voyage round the world, could converse with the natives fluently, and was in such esteem with them, that his memory is held in veneration from one end of the island to the other at this day; Obedee likewise, who was of the class of Arooes, or gentlemen, and who accompanied Capt. Cook in his last voyage from Otaheite to the Thrum Isles, the Hebrides, New Zealand, Easter Island, and the Marquiffes, could converse with the New Zealanders though Omai could

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could not, a proof that he was of the inferior class in his own country. While we continued here, he found frequent opportunities to discover his real character,—when from under the watchful eye of his protector and friend.— He had grog always at his command, and was sometimes entrusted to give it out, especially when any extra quantity was to be delivered by the Captain's orders for hard service, or on days of festivity. At those times he was closely watched, and was never known to exceed; but now when the Captain was abroad for whole days and nights, and he left in charge of liquors, he set no bounds to his excess, and would drink till he wallowed like a swine in his own filth. At those times he out-acted the savage in every kind of sensuality; and when he could no longer act the brute, he would often act the drunken man; storming, roaring, brandishing his arms, and by the contortions of his mouth and face, setting at defiance, after the manner of his country, the whole host of his enemies, who were represented by the common sailors, with whom, upon these occasions, he was generally surrounded; and who knew how to practice upon him, as he endeavoured to do upon the poor Zealanders. He was indeed far from being ill-natured, vindictive, or morose; but he was sometimes sulky. He was naturally humble, but had grown proud by habit; and it so ill became him, that he was always glad when

when he could put it off, and would appear among the petty officers with his natural ease. This was the true character of Omai, who might be said, perhaps, by accident, to have been raised to the highest pitch of human happiness, only to suffer the opposite extreme by being again reduced to the lowest order of rational beings.

In the excursion of the two Captains among the Isles, plentiful provision was made for the live stock on board, and the long boats of both ships came heavily laden home with grass for the cattle and vegetables for the ship's companies from the gardens of Motuara and Long Island, which were found to remain in a flourishing though slovenly condition. To the quadrupeds, which the Captains Cook and Furneaux had left to breed in the island in their former voyages, our Captains added two yews and a ram, those that had been left before of this species having died almost as soon as sent on shore.

Wooding, watering, airing the stores, drying and new packing the powder, examining and new baking the damaged bread, forging bolts and new pintles for the rudders, with other necessary business for repairs of the ship, went on without intermission on shore. By the absence of so many useful hands; smiths, armourers, gunners carpenters, rope and sail makers, with their attendants; very few peo-

ple were left on board to take charge of the ships, nothing being apprehended from the attempts of the natives, who had hitherto behaved with unexampled honesty, hardly any complaints having been preferred against any of them for misbehaviour of any kind.

In this situation, with scarce men enough on board to hand the sails, a storm arose in the morning of the 19th, which before ten o'clock drove the Discovery from her moorings, and it was owing to Providence that having run foul of the Resolution, we did not perish, the surge carrying her off instantaneously with little damage to either ship. All hands on board were thrown into the utmost consternation. No sooner was she clear than we dropped the best bower anchor, got down the top-gallant yards, struck the top-gallant masts, and lowered the yards, got in the cables, and moored with best bower and sheet anchors; and thus fortunately rode out the storm. Mr. Blythe, master of the Resolution, and Mr. Bentham our Captain's clerk, seeing the danger the ships were in, and at the hazard of their lives attempting to get on board in a canoe, were overset, but providentially recovered by the boats from the ships. The gale continuing the whole day, no Indians came to trade.

It should have been remembered that, from the time of landing, our brewers began brewing; and the woods affording plenty of spruce the

the crews of both ships were supplied with this wholesome beverage during our continuance at New Zealand, and for several weeks after we were at sea. This liquor was found so salutary, that it seemed to strike at the very root of the scurvy, and left not the least symptom of it remaining about any man in the ship.

Indeed great care was taken to supply the crew daily with plenty of scurvy-grass and wild celery to boil with their portable soup; and salt meat was withheld, and fish substituted in its room. This last the Indians abundantly provided at a trifling expence, and what is not a little surprizing, when our fishers could catch the least, they generally caught the most, tho' their implements shewed infinitely less ingenuity in the construction, than those with which our people were furnished. It is not easy to say by what arts they allured the fish; but certainly some means were used by them, to which we are strangers, nor would they ever be prevailed upon to discover their secret.

During our stay in Charlotte Sound, an adventure happened which, though the parties were not of the highest class, may, notwithstanding, be worth relating.

Belonging to the Discovery there was a youth, with whom a young Zealander girl, about fourteen years of age, fell desperately in love, nor was she wholly indifferent to our adventurer. What time he could spare, he

retired with her, and they spent the day, but oftener the night, in a kind of silent conversation, in which, though words were wanting, their meaning was perfectly understood. Moments fly rapidly on that are spent in mutual endeavours to please. She, on her part, had no will but his; and he, in return, was no less attentive to hers. Minds so disposed naturally incline to render themselves agreeable. A conformity in manners and dress become significant signs between lovers. Though he appeared amiable in her eyes in the dress of a stranger, yet he wished to render himself still more so, by ornamenting his person after the fashion of her country; accordingly he submitted to be tattowed from head to foot; nor was she less sollicitous to set herself off to the best advantage. She had fine hair, and her chief pride was in the dress of her head. The pains she took, and the decorations she used, would have done honour to an European beauty, had not one thing been wanting to render it still more pleasing. Ghowannahe (that was her name,) though young, was not so delicate, but that the traits of her country might be traced in her locks. To remedy this misfortune, and to render it less offensive, she was furnished with combs, and taught by her lover how to use them. After being properly prepared, he would by the hour amuse himself with forming her hair into ringlets, which flowing

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ing carelessly round her neck, with a kind of coronet rising from her temples, gave her an air of dignity that added fresh charms to the brilliancy of her eyes. The distaste arising from colour gradually wore off, and the ardent desire of rendering their sentiments more and more intelligible to each other, gave rise to a new language, consisting of words, looks, gestures, and inarticulate tones, by which pleasure and pain were more forcibly expressed than by the most refined speech. Having at first acquired the art of imparting their passions, they very soon improved it to the story of their lives. Love and jealousy directed her enquiries concerning the women in the world from whence he came, wishing, at the same time, that he would stay with her, and be a *Kakikoo* or chief. He made her to understand, that the women in his world were all *tatoo* (man-killers) and if he stayed with her she would kill him. She answered no; she would *eb-na-row*, love him. He said, her people would kill him. She replied no, if HE did not shoot *them*. He made her to understand, that nine or ten of the men of his world, had been killed and eaten by her people, though they did not shoot them. Her answer was, that was a great while ago, and the people came from the hills *roä roä*, meaning a great way off. This excited his curiosity to know, if any of her relations were among the murderers: she sighed, and appeared

much affected when he asked her that question. He asked her if she was at the feast, when they broiled and eat the men? she wept and looking wishfully at him, hung down her head. He became still more pressing as she grew more reserved. He tried every winning way that love and curiosity suggested, to learn from her what he found she knew, and what she seemed so determined to conceal. But she artfully evaded all his questions. He asked her, why she was so secret? She pretended not to understand him. He repeated the same question, and why she kept him in the dark, at the same time closing his eyes and keeping them shut. She continued to weep, but made him no answer. Finding all his persuasions ineffectual, he turned from her, seemingly in anger, and threatened to leave her. She caught him round the neck in violent agitation. He asked her what she meant, and why she wept? She said they would kill her if she told. He said, they should not know it. Then He would hate her, she said. He answered no, but love her more and more, pressing her to his bosom at the same time. She grew more composed, and said she would tell him all she knew. She then made him understand, that one Goobba, a bad man, who had been often at the ship, and had stolen many things; when he came to know that it was preparing to depart, went up into the hill country, to the hippah, and invited

invited the warriors to come down and kill the strangers. They at first refused, saying the strangers were stronger than they, and would kill them with their *pow pow*, or fire-arms; he told them, they need not fear, for he knew where they must come before they departed, in order to get grass for their *goury* or cattle, and that on such occasions they left their *pow pow* behind them in the ship, or carelessly about the ground, while they were at work. They said they were no enemies but friends, and they must not kill men with whom they were in friendship. Gooboa said they were vile enemies and wicked men, and complained of their chaining him and beating him, and shewed them the marks and bruises he had received at the ship; and told them besides how they might silence their *pow pow*, by only throwing water over them, and then they could not hurt them. Gooboa undertook to conduct them in safety to the place where the strangers were to come, and shewed them where they might conceal themselves, till he should come and give them notice, which he did. And when the men were busy about getting grass, and not thinking any harm, the warriors rushed out upon them, and killed them with their *patapatows*, and then divided their bodies among them. She added, that there were women as well as men concerned, and that the women made the fires, while the warriors cut the

dead men in pieces ; that they did not eat them all at once, but only their hearts and livers ; that the warriors had the heads, which were esteemed the best, and the rest of the flesh was distributed among the croud. Having, by various questions in the course of several days, extorted this relation, of which, he said, he had no reason to doubt the truth, he forbore to ask her, what part her relations and herself bore in this tragedy, as there was reason to believe, they were all equally concerned. He was, however, very solicitous to learn, if any such plot was now in agitation against the people that might be sent, upon the same service, to Grass Cove or any other convenient place. Her answer was, no ; the warriors were afraid, at first, that the ships were come to revenge the death of their friends, and that was the reason why she was forbidden to speak of killing the strangers, or to own any knowledge of it, if she were asked about any such thing. She said she was but a child, not ten years old ; but she remembered the talk of it, as a gallant action or great achievement ; and that they made songs in praise of it.

In the course of his conversation with this girl, who seemed rather of the better sort, he learned many things concerning the natural temper of the natives, that had escaped the penetration of former voyagers, and likewise with respect to their domestic policy. She said,
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the people of T'Avi-Poenammoo, or the southern division of the island, were a fierce bloody people, and had a natural hatred to the people of Ea-hei-no-mauwe, and killed them when they found them at any time in their country; but that the people of Ea-hei-no-mauwe were a good people, and were friendly to one another, but never suffered any of the people of T'Avi-Poenammoo to settle among them, because they were enemies; that these two nations, the people on the north part of the Sound, and those of the south were ever at war, and eat one another; but that the people of either country, when they fought, never eat one another; [so that it should seem, that habitual antipathy has a great share in the tendency of these savages to devour one another.] With respect to their domestic policy, she said, the fathers had the sole care of the boys as soon as they could walk, and that the girls were left wholly at their mother's disposal. She said, it was a crime for a mother to correct her son, after he was once taken under the protection of the father; and that it was always resented by the mother if the father interfered with the management of the daughters. She said, the boys, from their infancy, were trained to war, and both boys and girls were taught the art of fishing, to weave their nets, and make their hooks and lines; that their canoes came from a far country, and they got them in exchange for cloth, which was chiefly manufactured

factured by the women; that their arms and working tools descended from father to son, and that those that were taken in battle supplied the rising generation; that they had no kings among them, but that they had men who conversed with the dead, who were held in great veneration, and consulted before the people went to the wars; that they were the men, who addressed strangers that came upon the coast, first in the language of peace, at the same time denouncing vengeance against them, if they came with any hostile design; that the persons of these men were held sacred, and never killed in the wars which ever side prevailed; that when the warriors of either nation made prisoners, they were never of the meaner sort, but of some chief, whom they afterwards killed and eat, but that to the common sort they never gave quarter; that they sometimes tortured an enemy, if they found him singly lurking in the woods, looking upon him as one who came upon no good design; but never otherwise; that they lived chiefly upon fish, which were caught in the Sound in abundance, during the summer, but that in the winter they retired to the north, where they subsisted on the fruits of the earth, with which they were supplied for their labour, working in the plantations, or assisting the builders in fabricating their boats.

The intelligence thus obtained from this young Zealander appears to be authentic from many circumstances ; but chiefly from observing, that the large vessels that came from the north to trade, several of them having 90 or 100 persons on board, had never any fish to sell, but were laden with the various manufactures of cloth, wood and green stones formed into implements of use, or consisting of raw materials ready prepared for fabrication. Their crews appeared to be of a superior class to those who constantly plied in the Sound, and were under proper discipline ; whereas the fishing boats seemed to be the sole property of the occupiers, no other person claiming any superiority over them.

On the 23^d, in the morning, the old Indian who had harangued the Captains, when they approached the shore, came on board the Discovery, and presented the Captain with a complete stand of their arms, and some very fine fish, which were kindly received ; and, in return, the Captain gave him a brass pata-patow, made exactly in their manner, on which were engraven his Majesty's name and arms, the names of the ships, the date of their departure from England, and the business they were sent upon ; he gave him likewise a hatchet, a few nails, a knife, and some glass ornaments, which he highly prized, though of small value. This day the wood-cutters lost a wood-ax, which

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one of the natives dexterously carried off, without being discovered. In the evening they brought a man bound, whom they offered to sell; but their offer being rejected, they carried him back, and in the night, a most horrid yelling was heard in the woods, which excited the curiosity of the gentlemen on board, to examine into the cause. The cutter was ordered to be manned, a party of marines well armed to be put on board, and the Captains, with proper attendants, directed their course to the west side of the bay, where they saw several fires just lighted, and where they hoped to have surprized the natives, before they had put their poor captive to death, whom they had just before consigned to slavery; but, in this hope they were disappointed. The savages in an instant disappeared, and left no trace behind them of any slaughter having been committed.

About four in the morning, the tents were struck, and orders delivered out for sailing.

Next day, Feb. 24th, the Indians flocked in great numbers about the ship, bringing with them a plentiful supply of fish, and whatever else they thought marketable among the sailors.

Though the natives appeared friendly during our stay, it was judged proper to keep the time of our departure secret till all things were on board, and we were in readiness to sail. This precaution Capt. Cook thought the more necessary,
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from what he had just heard of the treachery of the savages, By not allowing them to concert any new plot, he effectually secured our foraging parties from the danger of a surprize, and by thus suddenly giving orders to sail he prevented our own men from rambling after the women when their business was done, which they never failed to do whenever it was in their power. The foraging parties here meant are those who were sent to the coves, at the distance, perhaps, of six or seven leagues from the ships, to cut grafs for the live stock, and to gather herbs to boil with the portable soup for the men; and those also who were stationed in the woods to get spruce to brew into beer for their preservation from the scurvy, against which that liquor, as has already been observed, was found a most powerful antidote. Of grafs and herbs an immense quantity was brought on board, and of spruce as much as served the crews for drink near thirty days, during which time no grog was delivered out. The parties ordered upon these services went always well armed and guarded by marines, though Capt. Cook himself entertained very high notions of the honour as well as bravery of the New Zealanders.

On the 25th, previous to the ships sailing, the crews of both ships were ordered upon deck, as usual, to answer to their names, when one was missing, who, upon enquiry, was found ill a bed. This was our adventurer, who pretended

tended sickness in order to facilitate his escape; for this purpose, as soon as he had passed the surgeon's examination, and the coast was clear, he dressed himself in the habit of a New Zealander; and being tattowed all over, to say the truth, the copy was not easily to be distinguished from the original. Ghowannahe, who was in the secret, had assembled her friends together, and sent them on board in order to increase the croud, which upon such occasions, when the ships are ready to sail, are generally pretty numerous. Among this party he seized a favourable opportunity to mix, and hastening to their canoe, when the decks were ordered to be cleared, they were not long in paddling to shore. The pleasure which Ghowannahe expressed, on seeing the ship set sail without him, may more easily be conceived than expressed; but her joy was of short continuance.

It was about seven in the morning, when the ships cleared the bay, and about eleven, when they entered the mouth of Cook's Streights, where they cast anchor; and Capt. Clarke, and Mr. Burney, his first Lieutenant, went on board the Resolution, to dine with Capt. Cook. Here the friends of the two Zealander youths, whom Omai had purchased, came to take their last leave of them, and expressed, very affectingly, their grief at parting, though the boys were as yet in pretty good spirits. Some presents were
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made by Omai to the parents, and they departed, seemingly with great reluctance.

In the afternoon, our adventurer's mess-mate went down to enquire after his health, and was not a little surprized when no answer was made. He at first thought he might have retired; but on searching every where below to no effect, he gave the alarm throughout the ship, when it was discovered, that he had eloped, bag and baggage; and that the chest he had left in his birth was empty. A messenger was instantly dispatched on board the Resolution, to know how to proceed; and, when the message was delivered, the Captains and officers were joyous over their bottle. At first it only furnished a subject for harmless pleasantry; but it came to be seriously debated, at last, whether the man should be sent for back, or totally deserted. Some were in doubt, whether an accident might not have happened to him, such as had happened to the corporal of marines, formerly mentioned, but that doubt was soon cleared up, when it was known, that his effects were missing as well as the man. Most of the officers present were for leaving him to follow his own humour; but Capt. Cook thinking it would be a bad precedent and an encouragement to other enamouratoes, when they came to the happier climates, to follow his example, was for sending an armed force, and bringing the man back at all hazards. Of this opinion was his own Captain,

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with whom he was a favourite, who gave orders for the cutter to be properly manned, a serjeant's guard of marines to be put on board, and his mess-mate as a guide to direct them to the place where he was to be found. These orders were instantly carried into execution. It was midnight before the cutter could reach the landing-place, and near two in the morning before the marines could find the spot where the lovers used to meet. They surprized him in a profound sleep, when he was dreaming of nothing but kingdoms and diadems; of living with his Ghowannahe in royal state; of being father of a numerous progeny of princes to govern the kingdoms Ea-keinommauwe and T'Avi-Poenammoo; and of being the first founder of a great empire! But what a sudden transition! to be waked from this visionary scene of royal grandeur, and to find himself a poor prisoner, to be dragged to punishment for, as he thought, a well-laid plan to arrive at monarchy; and what was worse, his final separation from his faithful Ghowannahe, was a task he had still to undergo. Their parting was tender, and for a British sailor and Savage Zealander was not unaffecting. The scene, however, was short. The marines paid no regard to the copious tears, the cries, and lamentations of the poor deserted girl, nor did they think it safe to tarry in a place so desolate, where lamentations in the night were not unusual to bring numbers together, for the purpose

purposes of slaughter. He was hurried to the shore, followed by Ghowannahe, who could hardly be torn from him, when ready to embark. Love, like this, is only to be found in the regions of romance, in those enlightened countries, where the boasted refinements of sentiment have circumscribed the purity of affection and narrowed it away to mere conjugal fidelity. He was scarce on board the cutter, when he recollected that he had left his baggage behind; all that he had provided for laying the foundation of his future grandeur. It was therefore necessary, that he should return with the marines to the magazine where all his stores were deposited, which were not a few. Besides his working implements, he had a pocket compass, of which he had thought on some future occasion to make the proper use. He had also a fowling piece, which had been secretly conveyed away by Ghowannahe, as soon as the plan of empire was formed between these two unfortunate lovers. It would be tedious to recount the numerous articles that he had provided. Let it suffice, that the marines and himself were pretty heavily laden in bringing them on board the cutter.

It was noon, the next day, before he arrived at the ships, and the Captains began to be in some fear for the party of marines, who were sent to bring him back. Before he came in sight, it had been concerted to try him for a
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deserter; and instead of being received in his own ship, he was ordered on board the *Resolution*, where he underwent a long examination, and where he made a full confession of all his views, and of the pains he had taken to bring them to perfection.

He said, the first idea of desertion struck him when, in the excursion round the bay, in which he attended in the suite of Capt. Clarke, he was charmed with the beauty of the country, and the fertility of the soil; that seeing the gardens that had been planted on Long Island, at Motuara, and at sundry other places, in so flourishing a condition; and that there were European sheep and hogs, and goats, and fowls, sufficient to stock a large plantation, if collected together from the different places where they had been turned loose, it came into his head, that if he could meet with a girl that was to his liking, he could be happy in introducing the arts of European culture into so fine a country, and in laying the foundation of civil government among its inhabitants. This idea improved upon him hourly, and when he happened to meet with the girl before mentioned, who had seen him in his tour, and who had followed him to the tents; and had learnt from herself that love had brought her there, it inflamed his desire beyond all bounds. And moreover finding her intreaties to meet the wishes of his heart, he no longer hesitated, but became firmly resolved,

solved, at all events, to yield to the force of inclination. He had revolved in his mind, he said, the hazard and the reward; and had concerted with his Ghowannahe the plan for his escape.

When Capt. Cook heard his story, his resentment was converted into laughter at the wild extravagance of his romantic plan, and instead of trying him for desertion, ordered him on board his own ship, to be punished as Capt. Clarke should think proper, who sent him to the gun, to receive twelve lashes; and thus terminated all his hopes of being a mighty emperor.

The distress of Ghowannahe is scarce to be conceived. She was left a woeful spectacle, to lament her fate. She expressed her grief, by the punctures she made in her face, arms, and wherever despair prompted her to direct the bloody instrument. It is wished, for her sake, that those savage people, whose bodies are exposed to the severities of the seasons, are not so susceptible of pain as those of a finer texture; otherwise her personal feelings must have been exquisite, independent of those of her mind. But to take leave of her, now, for ever.

On the 27th, both ships came to sail, and on the 28th, cleared the land.

On the 1st of March, a storm came on, but as the wind was fair, we got down the top gallant-yards, close-reefed the top-sails, and pur-

sued our course E. by N. About four in the afternoon it cleared up, we spoke with the Resolution, and all well, except the two New Zealanders, who, notwithstanding their constant residence on the margin of the main ocean, and their employment of fishing near the shores from their infancy, yet, when they came to leave the land, and to see nothing but foaming billows all round them, their hearts failed them; they now began to pine and refused to eat.

On the 3d, the wind continuing fair, and the breeze moderate, Capt. Clarke, with Mr. Burney, went on board the Resolution, to dine with Capt. Cook. When the New Zealanders were told there was a boat come on board, whatever their apprehensions then were, it was not easy to discover; but they ran and hid themselves, and seemed to be in a great panic. It did not appear that their fear took its rise from the thoughts of being carried back, because when the gentlemen were coming away, they wanted to come with them. It should rather seem, therefore, that they were apprehensive of some design upon their lives, as in their country a consultation among the chiefs always precedes a determined murder. This was in part confirmed by their behaviour afterwards. Nothing remarkable till

The 7th, when a great swell from the southward gave notice of an approaching storm. Albatrosses,

batrosses, men of war birds, flying fish, dolphins and sharks had played about the ships for several days, and some of our gentlemen had shot albatrosses that measured eleven feet from tip to tip, and this day a large shark was caught, most of which was eaten by the ship's company; tho' they had not yet lost the relish of the New Zealand fish, nor were they quite exhausted, most of the sailors having purchased quantities to salt, which were esteemed excellent.

On the 8th the storm that was foreseen came on, accompanied with thunder, lightening and rain. The sea rose mountain's high, and the wind increased to such a degree, as made it necessary to take in almost all our sails with the utmost expedition; and to scud it under double reefed top-sails. We still kept our course, steering N. E. by E. The gale continued all night and part of next day, when about four in the afternoon the wind abated, and fine weather succeeded till

The 11th, when it began to blow very hard in the morning, and before we could hand the top-gallant sails, it carried away the main top-gallant yard; about two in the afternoon it became fine, but attended with a great swell from the southward.

On the 14th a fine breeze, and still in the latitude of 39. We were now going briskly on at the rate of 7 and 8 knots an hour, when all on a sudden the wind shifted to the south-east.

On the 15th it blew a hurricane, attended with rain and a high sea, which breaking over our bows, cleared the decks of every thing that was not firmly secured. It carried away our main top-gallant yard in the flings, and split our fore-top-mast stay-fail in a thousand shivers. At night we shifted our course, and stood N by E $\frac{1}{2}$ E. There were some on board who disapproved of the course we steered from the beginning, foreseeing, that by going so fast to the northward, we should fall too suddenly into the trade winds, especially if we should be met by an easterly wind before we approached the Tropic. Among the seamen on board a king's ship, there are always some expert navigators, whose judgment, ripened by experience, is much to be depended upon; but the misfortune is, that these men are never consulted, nor do they even dare so much as to whisper their opinion to their superior officer. Like gamblers standing by, they can see the errors of the game, but must not point them out till the game is over. This was the real case on board the Discovery, some of whose people did not scruple to foretel what would happen the moment we left the 39th degree of southern latitude, while we were yet only in the 190th degree of eastern longitude. They did not scruple to say among themselves, that instead of 22 degrees short of the longitude of Otaheite, (which lies in 212° E. nearly) before we altered our latitude to the north,
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we ought to have stretched at least 12 degrees farther eastward, being then certain, that how far soever we might be to the eastward of our intended port, when we came to cross the Tropic we should be sure of a fair wind to carry us to it.

On the 18th having continued our course N N E for the last 24 hours, we found ourselves in lat. 33 deg. 8 min. by observation, and in long. 200 E. that is, more than 12 degrees to the westward of Otaheite. Here we saw seaweed in abundance, and by a large tree floating by us, we judged we could not be far from land; but found none. The tree appeared to be about 100 feet long, and of a considerable girth, and by its freshness seemed not to have been long in the water. Clear weather till

The 22d, when the heaviest rain began to pour down that any man on board had ever experienced. It fell in sheets, and as the wind increased, the men in handling the sails, were in the utmost danger of being washed off the yards. It continued for six hours incessantly. It came, however, most seasonably for the Resolution, where the number of live stock, horses, cows, goats and sheep had exhausted a large proportion of their fresh water, and we were yet at a great distance from our destined port. Here the wind began to veer to the E, as we approached the Tropic. This was apprehended by many, who finding our longitude not to in-

crease in proportion as our latitude decreased; began to suspect that we should not be able to make Otaheite this run.

On the 24th, our latitude was decreased, to 24 deg. 24 min. and our longitude only increased one single degree. The wind E. by S. and our course still N by E, we consequently made but little way. But the weather continuing fair, Capt. Clarke, and Mr. Burney went on board the Resolution, to dine with Capt. Cook, and when they returned, brought the sorrowful news of the alarming situation of the Resolution, for want of provisions and water for the live stock; that they were obliged to kill a great part of their sheep, hogs and goats for the use of the crew; not having a sufficient quantity of water to keep them alive; that the horses and cows were mere skeletons: being reduced to the scanty portion of four pounds of hay, and six quarts of water for 24 hours; and the men put to the allowance of 2 quarts of water, for the same space of time: that the wind still continuing foul, all thoughts of reaching Otaheite were laid aside, and that the isles of Amsterdam and Rotterdam were now our only resource. Nothing remarkable till

The 19th, when, in the latitude of 26 deg. south, we saw a large whale, at a little distance; a sight seldom seen in so low a latitude in the northern hemisphere. This day our beer, which having been periodically brewed from the spruce brought

brought from New Zealand, had lasted us till the present day, was all exhausted, and grog served out in its stead. Hitherto not a man was ill on board the Discovery, nor any other alteration made in their allowance. It was the number of live stock on board the Resolution, that occasioned the distress for water, from which the Discovery was in a manner exempt, having few or none on board, more than were necessary for the ship's use.

On the 23d, the weather continuing, we began to be accompanied by our tropical companions, many of which surrounded the ship, and one man of war bird had the audacity to settle on mast-head.

On the 27th, the weather, which for two or three days had been squally, attended with thunder and lightning, increased to a storm, so that it became necessary to hand our sails, one after another, till our double reefed top-sails were all that were abroad. We now saw sea-weed in abundance, and some land fowl began to make their appearance, which were indications of land at no great distance.

On the 28th, the tempestuous weather still continuing, we altered our course to the north. The wind for the last 24 hours, blowing mostly from the S E. We, this day, crossed the southern tropic; when the weather cleared up, and we were saluted with a fine breeze, and attended by numerous shoals of flying fish, bonitos,

nitos, dolphins, sharks; and whole flocks of tropical sea-fowl, which abound near the islands in the low latitudes, but are seldom seen in the deep Pacific sea.

On the 29th, about ten in the morning, the sky being clear, and the weather moderate, the man at the mast-head, called out LAND, bearing N E. distant about 7 or 8 leagues. We made the signal, which was soon answered by the Resolution. About 12, the weather began to alter, and to blow in gusts from the land. At four in the afternoon tacked ship, and stood in for the land. Saw no sign of inhabitants, while day-light remained, but in the night observed several fires.

On the 30th, saw several canoes approaching the ships, and many inhabitants on the beach, seemingly in arms to oppose our landing. About ten, the boats were hoisted out and manned, in order to reconnoitre the shore, and sound for anchorage, who, to our great disappointment, returned without having succeeded.

Two of the canoes came within call, having three persons in each canoe; but none of them could be prevailed upon to come on board. Our Captain shewed many articles of European manufacture to excite their curiosity, but they seemed to set little value on any thing except the new Zealand cloth; of which he threw a piece over-board, and they came and dived for it; but they had no sooner recovered it, than they

they paddled off as fast as they could, without offering any thing in return. In the mean time the boats were surrounded by multitudes from the shore, who came, some in canoes, and some swimming; they even attempted to board the boats by force, and several fastened round them with their teeth. Thus circumstanced, and in danger of being sunk, they chose rather to return to the ships, than hazard their own safety; or, to secure themselves, deprive any of the innocent people of life; an injunction that was frequently repeated by Capt. Cook, during the voyage, and which was the more necessary, as the common sailors were very apt to forget, that the life of an Indian was of any account. About noon, the Resolution, being in much distress for water, though somewhat relieved by the rains which had fallen, Captain Cook ordered the cutter to be manned, and went in it himself, to talk with the natives, and to examine the coast; but after a fruitless search, was forced to return, the surf being such as rendered the watering of the ships from the shore an absolute impossibility. While he lay too, he had some friendly conversation with the natives, and some presents passed between them; but nothing that answered the purposes of supplying the ships, or refreshing the crews.

This island, which we supposed to be in length, from S S W. to N N E. about eight leagues, and in breadth about four leagues, made a most delightful

delightful appearance, and, as Capt. Cook was made to understand, abounded in every thing of which the ships were in want; it may therefore easily be conceived, with what reluctance we left it. Some peculiarities were observed by those who attended Capt. Cook, particularly in the dress both of the men and women, who wore a kind of sandals, made of bark, upon their feet; and on their heads caps, probably of their own manufacture, richly ornamented, and encircled with party-coloured plumage. They were rather above the middle stature, well-made, tattowed, and like those of the friendly isles, were without cloathes, except a kind of apron which encircled their waistes, reaching little more than half way down their thighs. Both men and women were armed with spears thirteen or fourteen feet long; and the men had massy clubs besides, about three feet long, of a hard wood and very heavy. Armed with these weapons, 5 or 600 people were drawn up upon the beach, who eagerly gazed at the ships, having probably never seen an European vessel before. Though this, with the islands adjoining, were discovered in Capt. Cook's former voyage, at the distance of seven or eight leagues, and being first seen by Mr. Harvey, first mate of the Endeavour, was from him named Harvey's isles, and are laid down in lat. $19^{\circ} 18' S.$ and long $158^{\circ} 54' W.$ from Greenwich.

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On the 31st, before ten in the morning, the man at the mast-head called out land a-head, distance seven or eight leagues. Here 12 canoes were seen approaching the ships at once, waving green branches, which we understood were ensigns of peace; these we answered, and one, who appeared to be a chief, came on board the *Discovery*, with a bough in his hand, and another was seen to ascend the side of the *Resolution*. After the usual ceremonies, and some presents of little value had passed, while Capt. Clarke was endeavouring to make his wants known to the Indian,—Omai came on board by Capt. Cook's direction, who now could make himself perfectly understood. The chief addressed him in an elaborate speech, which, tho' Omai pretended to interpret, very little of it could be understood by any one else. He then was directed by Omai to the Captain, to whom he presented his green bough, at the same time inviting him ashore, and promising to furnish him with whatever refreshments the island produced. This invitation was accepted, the boats were ordered out, and the Captain, with Omai and suitable attendants, were instantly landed. It was no sooner known that peace was established, than swarms of canoes were seen paddling to the ship, laden with cocoa-nuts, yams, bread-fruit, and plaintains, which they exchanged with the sailors for bits of broken glass, beads, or any baubles that were offered them.

them. Here the natives appeared in astonishment with every thing they saw, and more particularly at the carpenters who were at work upon the boats, with whose tools they were no less captivated than those of the nimble finger'd inhabitants of the other isles; nor were they less successful in carrying some of them off, notwithstanding the strictest eye was kept over them by those whose business it was to watch them.

About two in the afternoon, the Captain returned with the chief to dinner, bringing with him a small hog, with a whole load of the fruits of the island, which were chiefly distributed among the ship's company.

On this island all kinds of tropical fruits were found in plenty, and even fish were furnished in abundance, and those of the most delicious kinds; but the article most wanted, namely water, was the scarcest. Scurvy grass and celery were every where to be gathered, and great quantities were brought on board; and no people upon earth could shew greater civility to strangers than the natives of this happy island, who seemed most delighted, when they could best gratify the wishes of their guests. They even took pleasure in diverting them, and made mock fights among themselves to shew their dexterity in the use of arms. While they were thus employed, one of our gentlemen fired a great gun, which in an instant cleared the ship
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of the poor affrighted warriors ; for which, as he well deserved, he afterwards received a severe reprimand.

Parties from both ships having been sent out to search the island for water, and being returned without being able to meet with any within watering distance, as soon as dinner was over, orders were given to make sail. About four we left the island, steering N. by W. with a fine breeze.

On the 1st. of April, being in lat. $20^{\circ} 22'$, and long. $202^{\circ} 26'$ east of Greenwich, we continued our course to the S W. and

On the 3d. in the morning, the man at the mast called out LAND, which was soon answered by the Resolution ; and about three in the afternoon fell in with a small island, but tho' water was here equally unattainable as in the other islands of this group, the night was spent in standing on and off, on the following occasion :

One of the chiefs who came on board in the evening gave Omai to understand, that three of his countrymen were in that island, and that if he chose to see them, he would be his guide. Omai's curiosity was raised to know how they came there. On their meeting, they were all equally surpris'd, and equally impatient ; they to hear Omai's adventures, and Omai to know theirs. Omai took them on board, and entertain'd them with a pleasing relation of all that had happened to him ; and they

they in return acquainted Omai with what had befallen them. Their story was truly pityable, they said, that of near 50 Uliteans, they were the only survivors; that about twelve years ago, they with their families and friends going from Ulitea to settle at Otaheite, were overtaken in a dreadful tempest, by which they were driven into the main ocean; that the storm continuing to increase, and the sea to run mountains high, the women and children were washed overboard, and perished before they experienced any further distress; that after three days, when the storm abated, those who remained, found themselves in an unknown ocean with little more provisions than was sufficient to serve them another day; that having no pilot to direct their course, they continued to go before the wind day after day, till famine had reduced their number to less than twenty; that those who survived, had nothing but the sea-weed which they found floating in the sea, and the water which they saved when it rained to keep them alive; that, ten days having elapsed, and no land in prospect, despair took place of hope, and several unable to support the pangs of hunger, jumped overboard in their phrenzy, and perished by an easier death; the groans and lamentations of the dying, and the terrible agonies with which some were affected before death came to their relief, exceeded all description. In this melancholy situation they had
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existed for thirteen days, and how much longer they could have no recollection, for they were taken up insensible of pain, and hardly to be distinguished from the emaciated bodies of the dead among whom they were found, seemingly without life or motion, till by the friendly care of their deliverers, they were restored. When they recovered, they said, it was like waking from a dream: they knew not where they were, nor how they came upon land; but being told that they were taken up at sea, and in what condition, as their senses gradually returned, they by degrees recollected all the circumstances already related; they added, that ever since they were brought to life, they had remained with their deliverers, and were now quite reconciled to their condition, and happy in the situation in which the Etoa or good spirit had placed them. Omai, after hearing their relation, with which he was apparently much affected, told them, they might now take the opportunity of returning home with him; that he would intercede for them, and that he was sure if they chose it, the chiefs of the Expedition would grant his request. They thanked Omai for his kindness; nor had they any reason to suppose, that such an offer would ever be made them again: but they were now determined to end their days with the people who had restored them to second life, and as their dearest relations and friends were of the number

of those who perished, the return to their own country would only renew their grief, and instead of affording them pleasure, would increase their melancholy.

Capt. Cook being told the manner in which Omai was engaged, and that he was much delighted with the company of his countrymen, ordered the ships to lie too that he might not be interrupted; and Mr. Burney, Mr. Law the surgeon, and several more of us went only with our side arms about us to divert ourselves on shore, and to take a view of the country. We had not proceeded many miles before we were surrounded by a multitude of armed inhabitants, who without ceremony began to examine us, as we thought a little too roughly. We at first supposed it matter of curiosity that had occasioned this familiarity; but we soon found that, like the gentlemen of the road in our own country, tho' they did not offer any violence to our persons, they were determined to make free with the contents of our pockets; they accordingly stript us of every thing but our cloaths, and then they all dispersed, leaving us to pursue our journey; but Mr. Burney having lost his note-book, which was of greater consequence to him than all we had lost besides, determined to find the friendly chief, and to apply to him for redress. This, to us who were strangers, was matter of no small difficulty; those of whom we enquired, pretended not to understand

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our meaning, and probably did not, as none but women and children were now to be seen; we therefore thought it the shortest way to return to the ship, and get Omai and his three friends to assist us in this enquiry. In this we succeeded, and it is hardly to be conceived, how speedily our losses were restored, not an article being omitted, no, not so much as an iron corkscrew, which to them was a valuable acquisition.

On the 4th in the morning we set sail; and on the 6th came in sight of another island.

On the 7th tacked and stood in for land. For the last 24 hours the storms of thunder, lightning, and rain, were almost incessant, infomuch, that it was found necessary to cover the scuttles of the magazine to secure the powder. The people in both ships were now employed in catching water, which though none of the best, because of its tarry taste, was yet richly priz'd, and he who could save but a gallon a day when the rains began, thought his labour amply rewarded; but this proving the rainy season, we in a few days filled all our empty casks, and every man had liberty to use what he pleased. Before these heavy rains fell and furnished them with a supply, the people on board the Resolution had been greatly distressed for water, as we have already remarked; but now it was determined to direct our course to Anomocoa or Rotterdam Island, and accordingly that

island was appointed our place of rendezvous in case of separation. The weather continued variable, and tho' plenty of rain fell almost every day, yet it was found adviseable to make use of the machine on board the Resolution, and to use water obtained by distillation for every purpose for which it was fit. It was apt to discolour the meat that was boiled with it, and to tincture every thing with a disagreeable blackness: but it was rather preferred to rain water because of the tarry taste communicated by the latter. Nothing remarkable till

The 18th, when at day-break, we discovered land bearing S W. by W. distance about six or seven leagues; but, being then under double reef top-sails and a hard gale, it was thought dangerous to approach it. In the evening we hove too, and so continued during the night. In the morning the boats were ordered out, and about noon returned, having found good anchorage in 12 and 15 fathom water, fine sandy bottom near the shore. The boats came back laden with the fruits of the island, which they made free with tho' they saw no inhabitants; we had no sooner cast anchor, than parties from both ships were sent out to reconnoitre the country. The weather now began to alter. The rainy season, which generally continues from six to eight weeks in this climate, was as we hoped, nearly expired when we fell in with this delightful island, which tho' it was found destitute

tute of inhabitants, was notwithstanding full of fruit-trees of all the various sorts that are indigenous to the tropical climates. In our rambles throughout we found plenty of scurvy-grafs and other wholesome esculents, of which the sailors laid in a good store; but it was unfortunate, that after the strictest search no water could be discovered. It must doubtless surprize the greatest part of our readers, and perhaps stagger their belief when they are told of so many islands abounding with inhabitants, who subsist with little or no water. Yet true it is, that few or none of the little low islands between the tropics have any water on the surface of the ground, except perhaps in a lagoon, the water of which is generally brackish nor is it easy to find water by digging. The fact is, the fruits of the earth are their chief food, and the milk of the cocoa-nut serves them for drink. They want no water to boil any part of their food, for they knew not the art of boiling till the Europeans taught them, nor had they a vessel fitted for the purpose: neither have they any occasion for washing their cloaths, the materials of which they are made being of the paper kind, will not bear washing. Salt water therefore answers their purpose with very little fresh, and adds a relish to their fish, in which, when it is broiled, they dip almost every mouthful they eat. This in a great measure accounts for their subsisting without water,

tho' in the climate of England it would not be easy to subsist without it a single week. And now having supplied the ships with the produce of this island, and not being able to find anchorage near any of those adjoining, we set sail

On the 17th, steering N.W. tho' W. S. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. seemed to be our course for Rotterdam. The islands we had just left were the Palmerston Isles, in lat. 18 deg. 11 min. S. and long. 164 deg. 14 min. W.

On the 20th, we varied our course, steering N.W.

On the 22d, clear weather, but a great swell from the south, a sure preface of an approaching storm. This day we altered our course to S. S. W. with the wind variable.

On the 25th, the expected storm came on, which increased to such an alarming height before night, attended with thunder, lightning, and rain, with a tremendous sea, that with all our sails handed, our top-gallant yards struck, we were obliged to lie too under bare poles till morning appeared.

On the 26th, the storm being somewhat abated, the Resolution of which we had lost sight, bore down to us, and at five in the afternoon we made sail under close reefed top-sails. About eleven at night we narrowly escaped running on shore on Savage Island, the man at the mast-head calling out LAND, when, dark as it was, we soon got sight of it close
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on our lee-bow, steering directly for it. We instantly put about, and fired a gun as a signal for the Resolution, (then to windward about half a mile) to do the same. So narrow an escape made a strong impression on the ship's company, who, thoughtless as they are, could not help looking up to heaven with thankful hearts for so signal a deliverance. As soon as it was light next morning, we saw this execrated island, at the distance of about four leagues.

On the 29th, our carpenter's mate had the misfortune to fall down upon deck and break his leg. Happy that no other misfortunes had befallen us during a series of tempestuous weather, which few ships would have been able to resist. About nine in the morning, the storm still continuing, but the sky in part clear, the man at the mast-head called out LAND, which was presently known to be Anomocoa, or Rotterdam, so called by the Dutch who first discovered it, bearing S W. distance about four or five leagues. At ten saw two mountains, bearing S. S. W. distance about nine or ten leagues, and soon after a great smoak was seen to ascend from the lowermost island. The weather still continuing squally, we approached Anomocoa with great caution. About five in the afternoon, the signal was made from the Resolution to come too, which we obeyed, and about six cast anchor.

On the 30th, we weighed again, and in the evening, worked into Anomocoa road. About six we moored, and was soon after joined by the Resolution. We had now been just sixty days in a passage, which in a direct course could not have exceeded ten, and had been exposed to the severest trials, owing to some fatality in pursuing a course which there was not a seaman on board that did not disapprove. It seemed to have no object of discovery in view, as we fell nearly into the same track, which our Commodore had formerly navigated, nor did we meet with a single island, which one or other of our late voyagers had not seen or visited in their different routs. How it happened is not easy to be accounted for, as it was next to a miracle, that any creature on board the Resolution remained alive to reach our present harbour, Had not the copious rains that fell almost incessantly from the time we passed the tropic till our arrival here, supplied the daily consumption of water on board our ships, not only the animals but the men must have perished. Happy, however, that we now found ourselves in safety on a friendly coast. We forgot the dangers we had escaped, and thought only of enjoying with double pleasure the sweets of these happy islands, whose spontaneous productions perfume the air to a considerable distance with a fragrance inconceivably reviving; and whose plantations exhibit a richness of prof-
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pect as we approached them, owing to the beautiful intermixture of the various blossoms, with the vivid green leaves of the trees, of which the most animated description can communicate but a faint idea. Add to these, the tufted clumps that naturally adorn the little rising hills that appear every where delightfully interspersed among the verdant lawns, and rich low vallies which surround them. Nothing in nature can be more pleasing to the eye, or more grateful to the senses.

We were no sooner moored in the harbour, than we were surrounded with innumerable little boats, or canoes, most curiously constructed and ornamented; the sides with a polish that surpass'd the blackest ebony, and the decks inlaid with mother of pearl and tortoise-shell, equal to the best cabinets of European manufacture. In this kind of workmanship, those islanders seem to excel. Their weapons of war, their clubs, the handles of their working tools, the paddles of their boats, and even their fish-hooks are polished and inlaid with variegated shells, by an infinite accumulation of which their shores are margined, and among them our naturalists found some of superlative beauty. These boats held generally three persons, and under their decks, which take up two thirds of their length, they brought the fruits of their plantations and the manufactures of their country, which consisted, besides cloth of different fabrics,

bricks, of a great variety of things useful, and others ornamental. Of the first sort were combs, fish-hooks, lines, nets made after the European fashion, needles made of bone, with thread of different fineness, purses, calabashes made of reeds so closely wrought as to be water-tight; with a variety of other utensils. Among the latter, were bracelets, breast-plates ornamented with feathers of a vivid glow; masks, mantlets composed of feathers, so artfully and beautifully arranged, as even our English ladies would not disdain to wear. These were of immense value in the Society Isles, where Omai said a fine red feather would purchase a hog, and of these, and red feathers, Omai laid in a store.

The people of these islands have already been so well described by Capt. Cook, and Mr. Foster, that what we have now to add, is rather to confirm their accounts than to advance any thing new. We found them of a friendly disposition, generous, hospitable, and ready to oblige. Some there were among them most villainously given to thieving; but that propensity did not appear to them so much a vice in the light we are apt to consider it, as a craft synonymous to *cunning*, according to our acceptance of the word. He who was detected and punished, was neither pitied nor despised by his neighbours; even the Arces, or great men among them thought it no crime to practice
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that craft upon our commanders whenever they found an opportunity; and would only laugh when they were detected; just as a cunning fellow in England would laugh when he had found an opportunity of out-witting an honest man than himself.

As soon as the usual ceremonies had passed, and peace was established, the commanders of both ships gave orders that no person of whatever rank on board, should purchase any thing of the natives till the ships were supplied with provisions. This order was issued for two purposes; one to regulate the prices, the other to oblige the natives to bring their provisions to market, when they found that nothing else was saleable; and it produced the desired effect. The number of hogs and fruit that were brought, were greater than the daily consumption; though the ordinary ship-allowance was entirely stopt, and the produce of the islands served out in its stead. We even salted for several days, from four to six hogs a day.

The civility of the chiefs was not confined to their readiness to supply the ships with provisions. They complemented the commanding officers with the use of a magnificent house, conveniently situated upon the beach during their stay: and at the same time presented them with breast-plates most beautifully decorated with feathers, being the richest offering they had to make. In return, the commanders were
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not wanting in generosity, loading them with hatchets, knives, linen cloth, glass, and beads; with which they thought themselves amply repaid. Tents were now carried on shore; the astronomers observatory erected; wooders and waterers appointed; and all the artificers on board employed in the reparations of the ships; not a few being wanting after a voyage of two months, through a tempestuous sea, during which the elements of fire, air, and water, might be said to be in perpetual conflict.

While these things were about, the commanders and chiefs were every day contriving to vary the pleasures of their respective guests, and to entertain them with new diversions. They were mutually engaged on board and on shore to surprise each other with novelty. On board, the chiefs were entertained with music, dancing, and feasting, after the European manner; and with what seemed much more pleasing to them, as they paid more attention to it, with the various operations of the artificers who were at work on their respective employments. The facility with which the boat-builders performed their work particularly attracted their notice; when they beheld the labour of a year with them, performed in a week by the same number of hands on board, their astonishment was beyond conception; nor were they less in amazement to see large timber cut through the middle and saw'd into plank, while they were

were spectators, which they had no means of effecting in their island in many days. On shore, the chiefs, in return, endeavoured to entertain the commanders; they feasted them like tropical kings, with barbecued hogs, fowls, and with the most delicious fruits; and, for wine, they offered them a liquor made before their faces, in a manner, not to be mentioned without disgust; but as the chiefs had refused to drink wine on board, our commanders, and those who attended them, needed no other apology for refusing to partake of this liquor with them. They likewise, after dinner, introduced their music, and dancers, who were chiefly women of the theatrical cast, and excelled in agility and varied attitudes, many of the best performers in Europe; a kind of pantomime succeeded, in which some prize-fighters displayed their feats of arms; and this part of the drama concluded with a humorous representation of some laughable story, which produced among the chiefs, and their attendants, the most immoderate mirth. The songsters came last, the melody of whose voices was heightened by a kind of accompaniment, not unusual in the earliest ages, among the politest nations, as may be learnt from ancient paintings, where the singers and dancers are represented with flat clams or shells in their hands, snapping them together, to harmonize their tunes, and regulate their movements. Though this farcical exhibition

exhibition was otherwise insipid to us, it was not wholly without its use, in marking a similarity of manners among mankind, at the distance of half the globe, and at a period, when the arts of civil life were in their infancy. Who knows, but that the seeds of the liberal arts, that have now been sown by European navigators in these happy climes, may, a thousand years hence, be ripened into maturity; and that the people, who are now but emerging from ignorance into science, may, when the memory of these voyages are forgotten, be found in the zenith of their improvements by other adventurers, who may pride themselves as the first discoverers of new countries, and an unknown people, infinitely superior to those who, at that time, may inhabit these regions, and who may have lost their boasted arts, as we, at this day see, among the wretched inhabitants of Greece, and the still more miserable slaves of Ægyptian bondage.—Such are the vicissitudes to which the inhabitants of this little orb are subject; and such, perhaps, are the vicissitudes which the globe itself must undergo before its final dissolution. To a contemplative mind, these islands present a mortifying spectacle of the ruins of a broken and desolated portion of the earth; for it is impossible to survey so many fragments of rocks, some with inhabitants and some without, and not conclude with the learned and ingenious Dr. Burnet, that

that they are the effects of some early convulsion of the earth, of which no memory remains. But to return;

During our stay here, we were nightly entertained with the fiery eruptions of the neighbouring volcanos, of which, notice has been taken by former voyagers. There are two mountains that occasionally emit fire and smoke; but the lowest is the most constant.

On the 19th day of our residence at Anomocoa, our wooders returned, almost blinded by the rains that fell from the manchionello trees, and with blotches all over their bodies, where the rains happened to have access. The poisonous quality of these trees has been noticed by other voyagers, but was more severely felt upon this occasion, than by any of our people in the like situation. Many capital thefts were committed during our stay, and some articles of considerable value carried off.

On the 4th of June, Capt. Clark's steel-yards were stolen out of his cabin, while he, with other gentlemen, were entertained by the chiefs with a Heiva, or dramatic force on shore: but was afterwards recovered. On the same day, as he was mingled with the croud, his scissars was taken out of his pocket, three different times, and as often replaced, when missed.

On the 7th, we unmoored, and shifted our station; but in so doing we parted our small bower anchor, with about 27 fathom of cable,
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the anchor remaining among the rocks. In the evening we moored again. From this day till

The 12th, we were employed in recovering the anchor we had lost, which, after losing the buoy-rope and grappling, was brought on board, and secured. One of the natives stole an axe from the ship, but was discovered, and fired at. He escaped by diving. A party of them had unlashed the stream anchor, and was lowering it down into their canoe; but, being discovered in the act, paddled to shore, and got clear off.

On the 13th, the live stock, which had been landed the day after our arrival, on a small island, about half a mile from the shore to graze, were brought on board amazingly recovered; from perfect skeletons, the horses and cows were grown plump, and as playful as young colts. This day orders were issued for sailing; the tents were struck, and Mr. Phillipson, lieutenant of marines, lost all his bedding, by the carelessness of the centinel, who received 12 lashes for neglect of duty. In the morning, the long boat was found swamped, and all the stern sheets, and several other articles belonging to her, missing, and never recovered, for which the marine, who had the care of the watch was severely punished.

On the 14th, we made sail, by the advice and direction of a chief, named Tiooney, to an island about 40 leagues distant, which abounded,
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he said, in every thing we wanted; wood, water, hogs, fowls, fruits, and grass for our cattle. We sailed with a fine breeze, wind N E. course W S W. and about eleven at night, passed the burning mountains, bearing N N W. distant about half a mile. The flames rising from the lowermost with a bellowing noise, louder than thunder, but hoarser and more terrifying, illuminated the air in the night, and enabled us to work through the most dangerous passage, that could possibly be navigated. We had more than 60 islands within sight, all of them surrounded with reefs of rocks, with so many windings and turnings, as truly might be said to constitute a labyrinth; but by the assistance of our Indian pilot, we passed them all in safety, and

On the 24th, moored in a fine bay, on the west side of Calafoy, in 22 fathom water, shelly bottom. We had scarcely moored, before we were surrounded with natives from all quarters, who had been apprized of our coming, and who had loaded their canoes with hogs, fowls, bread-fruit, yams, plantains, and every kind of fruit the island produced, which they exchanged for broken glass, red and blue beads, shreds of scarlet cloth, or indeed any thing we offered them.

On the 18th, the live-stock were landed, and a proper guard appointed to look after them.

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Here our friend Tiooney assumed the same consequence, as at Anamocoa. He came on board with his canoe, laden with four large hogs, bread fruit, and shaddocks, a fine odoriferous fruit, in smell and taste, not unlike a lemon, but larger, and more round. He brought likewise yams of an enormous size, weighing from fifty to sixty pounds each.

He was followed by the Arako and chiefs of the Island who came laden in the same manner, with hogs, fowls, and every species of provisions the island afforded; these he introduced in form to the commanders and officers according to their rank. This ceremony over, the tents were landed, and all hands set to work, to finish the repairs of the ships. The chiefs were feasted on board, and the commanders and officers hospitably entertained on shore. On our part, fire-works were exhibited, the marines were drawn up, and went through their military manœuvres, surrounded by thousands of natives, who were frightened at first, and fled like herds of deer from the noise of the guns; but finding they did no harm, took courage, and rallied at a distance, but no persuasions could prevail upon them to come near. On the part of the natives, they were equally inclined to please; they gave heivas every day; and drew their warriors together, who went likewise through their military exercises, and beat one another severely in their mock-fights, which

which, in that respect, differed but little from our cudgel-players in England. In this manner, and in ranging the island, botanizing, examining the curiosities, natural and artificial, we employed our time, while the live stock were gathering strength, and recruiting their flesh, and the several artificers were completing the repairs of the ships. It is not easy for people, who are totally unacquainted with the language of a country, to make themselves masters of the civil policy of the inhabitants. Indeed it is next to impossible in a short residence among them. As we observed no such medium as money, by which the value of property is ascertained, it was not easy to discover, what else they had substituted in its room, to facilitate the modes of traffic among themselves. That each had a property in the plantation he possessed, we could plainly discern; and the Araké and chiefs among them were ready enough to point out their possessions, the extent of which gave them consequence, as among other civilized nations; but no such thing as circulating property being discoverable, by the hoarding up of which, and laying it out occasionally to advantage, one might purchase another's landed or substantial property, we could not inform ourselves sufficiently, by what means the fisherman purchased his canoe, or the boat-builder his materials, yet there cannot remain a doubt, but that the boat-builder

had an interest in his boat, after it was built, as well as the chief in his plantation, after it was inclosed and cultivated. With us, all was carried on by barter, and an imaginary value fixed on every article. A hog was rated at a hatchet, and so many bread-fruit, cocoa-nuts and plaintains at a string of beads: and so, in like manner, throughout; but among themselves, we saw no such value by way of barter. We did not observe so much fruit given for so many fish; nor so many combs, needles, or useful materials, for a certain proportion of cloth; but doubtless, some mode of exchange there must be among them; for it is certain there was no such thing as money, at least none that we could discern: neither could we discover any distinct property, which one man claimed more than another in the forests or woods; but that every man, like us, cut what he wanted for use, and was under no limitation for fuel. Salt, which is so necessary an article in European house-keeping, was wholly unknown to the tropical islanders.

On the 19th, an Araké came on board, and presented Capt. Clarke with a large and elegant head-dress, ornamented with pearls, shells and red feathers, wreathed with flowers of the most resplendent colours. The Captain, in return, loaded him with many useful articles of European manufacture, knives, scissars, saws, and some showy strings of beads, which

which were highly prized by the royal Calafoyan, who thought it no disgrace, to paddle himself on shore, with his rich acquisitions.

On the 20th, an affair happened on board the Discovery, that had nearly cancelled all former obligations, and put an end to that friendship, which mutual acts of civility and generosity had apparently contributed to cement. One of the chiefs, who had been frequently on board, and who had been of the parties cordially entertained, invited, perhaps, by the familiarity of a young cat, and delighted by its playfulness, watched his opportunity to carry it off; but unluckily for him was detected before he could effect his purpose. He was immediately seized and clapt in irons, and an express sent on shore, to acquaint the Araké, or king, with the greatness of his crime, and the nature of his punishment. On this news, the Araké himself, and several of his chiefs hastened on board, when to their grief and astonishment, they found the prisoner to be the king's brother. This news soon circulated; and the whole island was in commotion. Tioony seasonably interposed. He applied to Omai, to know what was to be done, and upon what terms his release might be procured. Omai told him, his offence was of such a nature, as not to be remitted without punishment; he must submit to be tied up, and receive 100 lashes; that the higher he was in rank, the more necessary it was to punish him, by way of example, to de-

ter others from practices of the like nature ; and that therefore it was in vain to plead for his deliverance, upon any other terms than submission. Tiqony acquainted the Araké with all that had passed, and presently a number of chiefs entered into consultation upon the measures that were to be pursued ; some by their gestures were for resenting the insult, and others were for submitting. Some, in great wrath, were for instantly returning to shore, and assembling the warriors in order to make reprisals, and no less than seven attempted to leave the ship, but found the way stopt, to prevent their escape ; two or three jumped over-board, but were instantly followed, taken up, and brought back. Thus, finding themselves beset on all sides, and the king himself, as well as the chiefs in the power of our Commanders, they again entered into consultation, and after half an hour's deliberation, the result was, to make a formal surrender of the prisoner, to the Araké of the ship ; to beseech him to mitigate the rigour of his punishment ; and at the same time to put him in mind of the regard that had been shewn to him and his people, not only by the chiefs of the island in general, but more particularly by the friends and relations of the offender, who had it still in their power to render them farther service. This was what was chiefly intended by the whole process. The prisoner was no sooner surrendered in form, than

than he was tied to the shrouds, and received one lash, and dismissed. The joy of the multitude, who were assembled on the shore, waiting with anxious suspense to learn what was to become of their unfortunatè chief, is hardly to be conceived when they saw him at large; they received him on his landing with open arms, and instead of resenting the indignity that had been offered to the second person of the state, was ready to load his prosecutors with gifts, and to prostrate themselves in gratitude. Nothing can be more characteristic of the pacific disposition of these friendly islanders, than their behaviour on this occasion. They seem to be the only people upon earth who, in principle and practice, are true christians. They may be truly said to love their enemies, though they never heard the precept that enjoins it.

Early on the 31st, the king came on board, with four large hogs, and as much bread-fruit, yams, and shaddocks as his boat would hold, as a present to the Captain, for which he would take no return; but a hatchet and some beads were put into his boat, with which he returned, much gratified.

On the 22d, their warriors were all drawn up in battle array, and performed a mock-fight, but lest any stratagem should be intended, the marines were ordered to attend the engagement: nothing, however, that indicated treachery appeared. The battle was followed by a heiva,

in which the two young princesses, neices to the chief who stole the cat, were the principal performers, and the evening concluded with every mark of perfect reconciliation.

On the 23d, orders were given to prepare for sailing. The live stock, that had been grazing, possibly, on the lands of him who received the lash, were got on board, wood and water were brought in plenty, the former of the best quality, and the latter excellent. In short, nothing could exceed the accommodations of every kind, with which we were furnished in this delightful island.

On the 25th, we unmoored, and

On the 27th, made sail in company with the Resolution, but in the night, heavy squalls, with thunder, lightning and rain, to which these islands are much expos'd. Many of the natives accompanied us as passengers to Anamocoa.

On the 30th, we were employed beating to windward, and about 12 at night, the Resolution fired a gun, as a signal of distress. She had run a ground on a reef, but before we could come to her assistance, she rolled off.

On the 1st of June, we came in sight of the burning mountains, distance about 4 leagues. And, about 11 in the forenoon, moored in a fine bay. Here the Indians came to us with hogs in abundance, some of which we killed and cured, but the pork soon contracted a disagreeable

greable taint, which was much complained of by the ships companies. While eaten fresh, the meat was of an exquisite flavour.

Nothing remarkable till the 5th, when we made sail, and about 5 in the afternoon, the Resolution reached Anamocoa, and moored in her old birth; but the Discovery not being able to beat up against the storm, did not arrive till seven in the evening. When, casting anchor, she drove, and in less than an hour, was three leagues to leeward of the Resolution, and in the utmost danger of being wrecked. All hands were now employed in weighing up the anchor, and a number of hands came seasonably from the Resolution to our assistance. The night was tempestuous, with a heavy rain and a high sea. Our labour, till four in the morning was incessant. We made but little way to windward, notwithstanding the utmost exertion of our whole strength. Providentially the gale subsided; we swayed the anchor, and before daylight was safely moored by the side of the Resolution.

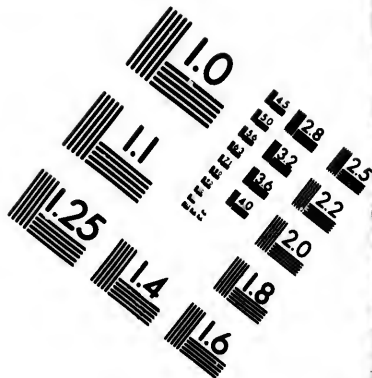
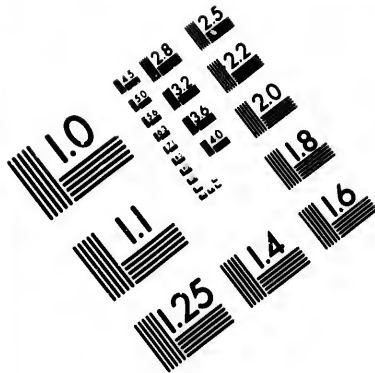
On the 8th, Tioony came on board, and gave an account of the loss of several of his people, in attempting to accompany us in their canoes from Calasoy and Appy, the island on which the burning mountains are situated; that he himself was in the utmost danger; that being overset in his canoe, he was obliged to swim

swim more than two leagues; and that at last, he was miraculously discovered and taken up, by a fishing canoe on the coast of Appy, when he was almost spent. We expressed great joy on his deliverance; and he no less, to find the ships safe in their former station, as he thought it almost impossible, he said, that they could weather the storm. Being now provided with every necessary this island could afford,

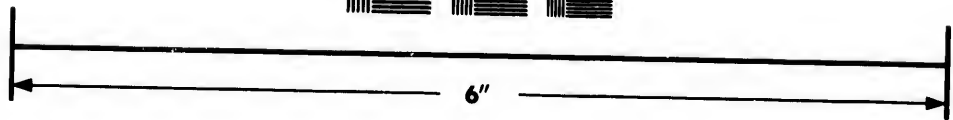
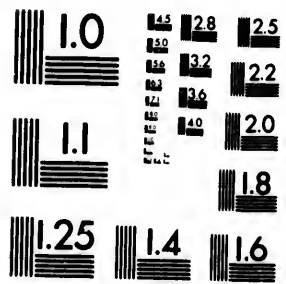
On the 9th, we set sail for Tongataboo, or Amsterdam Island; but in our passage, both the Resolution and Discovery fell foul of the same rock: the Resolution only touched upon it slightly; but the Discovery stuck fast, and hung upon it, gunnel too; happy it was, that we had day-light, and fine weather, and that the Resolution was within call. By clapping the sails to the mast, and lightening the ship abaft, we swayed her off with little damage. We were then within two leagues of Amsterdam; off which, in the evening, we cast anchor in six fathom water. We were instantly surrounded with natives, who came to welcome us, and seemed overjoyed at our arrival. It is not uncommon with voyagers, to stigmatize these islanders with the name of SAVAGES, than which no appellation can be worse applied, for a more civilized people does not exist under the sun. During our long stay with them, we did not see one instance of disorder among themselves, nor one person punished for any mis-

misdemeanor, by their own chiefs; we saw but few quarrels among individuals. On the contrary, much mirth and seeming harmony was observable. Highly delighted with their shows and heiyas, they spend their time in a kind of luxurious indolence, where all labour a little, but none to excess. The Araké or king paddles himself in his canoe, though he must have a tow tow to help him to eat. This seems strange to an European, as it reduces the man to the condition of a child, and yet it is but one remove from what we see daily practiced before our eyes. The gentleman has his table spread, his food of various sorts set before him; has all his apparatus made ready, his bread cut, his meat carved, and his plate furnished; he has his drink handed to him, and in short, every thing which the tropical king has, except only conveying all those matters to his mouth, which the Araké thinks may as well be done by his tow tow. Yet the omission of this single act of handing his meat and drink to his mouth, brings a term of reproach upon the Araké, tho', by the handiness of his servants in the services of the table, the European gains the character of the polite gentleman. Such and so slender are the distinctions in the refinements of nations; the barriers that divide sloth from sumptuousness; and the simplicity of the Araké from the magnificence of the prince.





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On the 11th we weighed and sailed in company with the *Resolution*, and moored again in Maria's Bay, one of the finest harbours in the South Seas. Here we were surrounded by more than 150 canoes at once, all laden with provisions, or the manufactures of the country. Tiooney, who seemed to be the emperor of the islands still accompanied us. And about six leagues from this harbour had his chief residence. Plenty of hogs, and fowls without number, were brought us, and were purchased at so cheap a rate as a hog for a hatchet; and a fowl for a nail, or two red beads. Our live stock were put ashore upon a most delightful lawn, where they ranged at pleasure, and where their pastures were bounded by refreshing shades. On the little island on which they were placed to graze, a plash of water was found, which by digging was enlarged to a pond, that not only supplied drink for the cattle, but water in plenty for the use of the ships. In this harbour too were found every necessary for repairing the damages the ships had received in striking against the rocks; and here too every attention was paid us that our Commander in Chief had experienced in his former visits, of which the inhabitants had not yet lost the remembrance. But an accident happened that put the whole island in motion. While our people were engaged in preparing fire-works to entertain the chiefs, two turkies, a she-goat, and a peacock were

were stolen from the Discovery, and craftily carried off. They were no sooner missed than complaint was made to Tiooney of this breach of hospitality, and a peremptory demand made to have the creatures purloined, restored. Whether he was privy to the theft, and was willing to connive at it; or, what was more probable, knew not by whom it was committed, nor how readily to recover creatures of so much curiosity, which he knew would be artfully concealed, he seemed to make light of it, and to offer hogs and fowls in return; but this offer was rejected, and Capt. Cook being applied to, ordered all the canoes to be seized, two chiefs that were in the ship to be detained, and an order issued for carrying fire and sword through the island, if they were not, in four and twenty hours, restored. This order being known abroad, the inhabitants assembled from all quarters, and in less than half a day, more than 1500 appeared in arms, upon the beach; in the mean time, our two Captains had ordered their pinnaces out, their boats to be manned and armed, parties of marines to be put on board, and every preparation to be made, as if to carry their threats into execution. Upon their first landing, a native issued from the woods, out of breath, as if just come from a long journey, and acquainted the Captains that he had seen the strange creatures, that had been taken away, at the house of a chief, on the
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opposite side of the island, whither he was ready to conduct them, if they chose to follow him. The Captains thinking this a proper opportunity to survey the island, accepted the offer; and accordingly set out, in company with Mr. Blythe, master of the Resolution, Mr. Williamson, 3d Lieutenant, with several other gentlemen, attended with a party of marines, directing their course as the Indian led the way.

They had hardly been gone an hour, before strong parties of Indians poured down from the hills, to strengthen those that were already assembled upon the beach. The Captain of marines, who had charge of the boats, having drawn up his men on seeing the numbers of the enemy begin to appear formidable, ordered them to fire over their heads. This they disregarded, and were beginning their war-song, which always precedes their coming to action, when the Captain gave Tioony to understand, that he would instantly destroy them, if they did not that moment disperse. Tiooney terrified by the countenance with which this threat was accompanied, rushed among the foremost ranks of the warriors, seized the spears of the chiefs, broke several of them, and returning, laid them at the Captain's feet. This had in part the desired effect; the Indians retreated in a body, but seemingly unwilling to disperse.

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The Captain disliking the appearance of the enemy, made signs from the shore for the ships to bring their broadsides to bear, and at the same time drew up his men under their guns. The commanding officers on board improved the hint, and instantly fired some round shot directly over the heads of the thickest of the enemy. This completed what Tioony had begun; a panic seized the chiefs, and the rest fled like so many sheep without a pursuer. Capt. Cook, ignorant of what had happened, but not out of hearing of the great guns, was at a loss to determine whether to go on or to return; but the great guns ceasing after the first discharge, he rightly concluded that, whatever might be the original cause of their firing, it did not require a second discharge to remove it; he therefore resolved to proceed. In his progress, the heat became almost intolerable, which was rendered still more insupportable by the want of water, there being none to be met with, except in lagoons, that were brackish. After a journey of more than 12 miles, through a country intersected with numerous plantations, and where there was hardly any beaten path, he at length arrived at the residence of the chief, whom he found feasting on a barbecued pig, a stewed yam, and some bread-fruit, of which he had plenty. Surprized at the sight of the Captain and his attendants, and conscious of their errand, he went out immediately, and produced

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the turkey, goat, and peacock, which he readily returned, but made no apology for the theft, nor for the trouble he had given the Araké of the ships, in coming so far to recover the loss.

On their return to the tents, they found Tiooney still there, who welcomed them with much seeming sincerity, and began with apologizing for the conduct of his people, owing, he said, to the misapprehension of the orders from the ships, which were, as they thought, to burn and destroy all without exception, men, women, and children, and to lay waste the island. He then invited Capt. Cook to accompany him a little way into an adjoining wood, with which invitation he very readily complied, and found two cocoa-nut trees, with the branches stript of their leaves and fruits, hung with yams, bread-fruit, and shaddocks ranged in spirals curiously intersected, and terminated each with two hogs, one ready barbicued, and one alive, which he had ordered to be prepared as presents to the two Commanders, for which he would receive no return. The barbicued hog was an acceptable present to the people who had travelled four and twenty miles, with no other refreshment than what they carried with them, except some fruit, which they gathered on the road. A party of Indians were planted in readiness to dismantle the trees, and the boats were employed to carry their contents on board the ships; and thus ended this memorable day, which,

which, probably, will be commemorated as a day of deliverance, by their latest posterity.

During our stay here, more capital thefts were committed, and more Indians punished than in all the friendly islands besides; one was punished with 72 lashes, for only stealing a knife, another with 36, for endeavouring to carry off two or three drinking glasses; three were punished with 36 lashes each, for heaving stones at the wooders; but what was still more cruel, a man for attempting to carry off an axe, was ordered to have his arm cut to the bone, which he bore without complaining.

It is not to be wondered, that after such wanton acts of cruelty, the inhabitants should grow outrageous; and, though they did not break out into open acts of hostility, yet they watched every opportunity to be vexatious.

On the 19th, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Blythe, who were fond of shooting, and consequently of ranging the woods and thickets, were set upon by ten or twelve of the natives, who took from them their fowling-pieces and shot-bags, the former of which they carried off, but dropped the shot-bags on being pursued.

Recourse was had to the former expedient, of seizing the canoes, and threatening the island, as before, and one of the fowling-pieces was, by that means, recovered; but the other was never returned

On the 25th, orders were given to prepare for sailing, the live stock were taken on board, so altered, that they could not have been known for the same poor skeletons which, two months before, had been landed on these fertile shores. Capt. Cook made Tiooney a present of a horse and a mare, a bull and a cow, a ram and a ewe, for the many services he had rendered him and his people, during their residence in the friendly isles, by which he gratified him beyond his utmost wishes. These valuable presents were immediately driven to his palace, at Tonga-ta boo, distant about four leagues. The ships being now compleatly stowed; having wood and water as much as they could make room for, with hogs and bread-fruit, cocoa-nuts, yams and other roots, greens in abundance, and, in short, every thing that the ships could contain, or the crews desire, the boats were sent out to seek a passage to the south-east-ward, in order to visit the celebrated little Island of Middleburgh, of which, former voyagers have given a most flattering description.

On the 29th, the boats returned, having discovered a narrow gut, not half a cable's length in breadth, and from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 fathom waters loomy bottom.

This day, Mr. Nelson, of whom mention has already been made, being alone on the hills and rocks, collecting plants and herbs, indigenous to the island, and at a considerable distance

tance from the ships, was attacked by five or six Indians, who first began by throwing stones, at which they are very dextrous; and then, finding he had no fire-arms, closed in with him, stript him of his cloaths and his bag, which were all that he had about him.

On the 1st of July, the boats were manned, and the Captains of both ships went on shore, to prefer their complaints to the Araké; but the offenders, upon enquiry, being found to be boys, and the cloaths and bag of plants of small value, Mr. Nelson, unwilling to embroil the inhabitants in any more disputes, interceded with Capt. Cook, as we were just upon our departure, not to make his loss an object of contention, but to take leave of the chiefs, in the most friendly manner, who upon the whole had behaved with uncommon kindness and generosity,

On the 3d, while we were getting things in readiness to depart, we had an opportunity of discovering the reason of a very singular mark, which was observed by former navigators a little above the temples of many of the chiefs. We perceived that this day was kept sacred throughout the whole island; that nothing was suffered to be sold, neither did the people touch any food, and besides that several of our new acquaintance were missing. Enquiring into the cause, we were told that Tiooney's mother was dead, and that the chiefs, who were

her descendants, stayed at home to have their temples burnt. This custom is not confined to this island only, but is likewise common to several others, particularly to those of Ea-oo-we, or Middleburgh, and Appee. This mark is made on the left side, on the death of a mother, and on the right when the father dies; and on the death of the high priest, the first joint on the little finger is amputated. These people have therefore their religious rites, tho' we were not able to discover how, or when they were performed.

On the 4th we unmoored, worked out of the bay, and lay in readiness to take the advantage of a wind to carry us through the gut, in our way to Ea-oo-whe, or Middleburgh, which,

On the 7th, we accomplished. Being now clear of the reefs, we again cast anchor, at about three leagues distance. We had scarce let fall our anchors, when there came along-side a large canoe, in which there were three men and a woman, of superior dignity to any we had yet seen; one of them, supposed by his venerable appearance, to be the high priest, held a long pole or spear in his hand, to which he tied a white flag, and began an oration which lasted a considerable time; and after it was ended, he ascended the side of the ship, and sat down, with great composure, upon the quarter-deck, till he was accosted by Capt. Clarke, who after the

the usual salutations, invited him, and those who accompanied him into the great cabin; but his attendants declined the invitation; and to make known the dignity of the great personage, in whose presence they were, they prostrated themselves before him, the women as well as the men, and kiss'd the sole of his right foot. This aged Indian brought with him, as a present to the Captain, four large hogs, six fowls, and a proportionable quantity of yams and plantains. In return, the Captain gave him a printed gown, a Chinese looking-glass, some earthen cups, and several other curiosities, which he accepted with great courtesy, and with an air of dignity, which remarkably distinguished him. The Captain and officers paid him great attention, and shewed him the different accommodations on board the ship, at which he expressed great astonishment. He was then invited to eat, which he declined. He was offered wine, of which the Captain drank first; he put it to his lips, tasted it, but returned the glass. After being on board little more than an hour, he was desirous of taking leave, and pointed to a little island, to which he gave the Captain a very pressing invitation to accompany him; but that could not be complied with, as the ships were every moment expected to sail. This venerable person was about six feet three inches high, finely proportioned, and had a

commanding air, that was both affable and graceful.

On the 8th, Tiooney came on board the Resolution, to take his final leave: he brought with him five hogs, with a large proportion of yams and fruit. He testified his grief at parting, with all that appearance of sincerity that characterizes the people of these happy islands.

On the 9th we weighed, and on the 12th cast anchor, on the S W. side of the Island of Ea-oo-whe, or Middleburgh, where the people came on board with as little ceremony as if they had been acquainted with us for many years. They brought us the produce of the island; but being already supplied with every necessary of that kind, our chief traffic was for birds and feathers. Here the parrots and parroquets were of the most beautiful plumage, far surpassing those usually imported into Europe from the Indies; there were a great variety of other birds, on which many gentlemen in both ships set a great value, though they were purchased for trifles. The feathers we purchased were of divers colours for the northern market, but chiefly red from the Marquesas and Society Isles. We also purchased cloth, and many other articles of curious workmanship, the artists of this island, for invention and ingenuity in the execution, exceeding those of all the other islands in the South Seas. But what chiefly tended to pro-
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long our stay here was the richness of the grass, which made into hay proved excellent food for our live stock. From the accounts circulated through the ship when we arrived, it was generally believed, that we might travel through this island with our pockets open, provided they were not lined with iron; but to this, the behaviour of a party of the inhabitants to William Collet, Captain's steward of the Discovery, was an exception. Being alone, diverting himself in surveying the country, he was set upon and stript of every thing he had about him, his shoes only excepted, and on preferring his complaint, his keys were all that he was able to recover.

On the 18th, orders were given to prepare for sailing: and Otaheite was appointed our place of rendezvous, in case of separation. We had now been near three months improving our live stock, wooding, watering, repairing our ships, and laying in fresh provisions in these friendly islands, when the above orders were issued out. The crews of both ships received these orders with alacrity; for, though they wanted for nothing, yet they longed to be at Otaheite, where many of them had formed connections that were dear to them, and where those, who had not yet been there, had conceived so high an idea of its superiority, as to make them look upon every other place they

touch at as an uncultivated garden, in comparison with that little Eden.

At six in the morning we weighed, and were soon under sail, steering our course to the southward, to fetch a wind to carry us to our intended port.

On the 19th we were out of sight of land, when in lat. 22 deg. 24 min. S. the wind shifted fair W N W. with hard gales, which continuing for several days,

On the 23^d we found our ship leaky, and no possibility of stopping her leaks till we could make land. All hands were employed in pumping out the water, and when we found it did not increase upon us, the leak gave us little or no concern.

Nothing remarkable till the 30th, when in lat. 28 deg. 7 min. the weather became tempestuous, and a sudden squall carried away our main-top and top-gallant mast, split our main-sail, and carried away the jeb. It is astonishing to see with what spirit and alacrity English sailors exert themselves on such occasions. Amidst a storm, when it is almost impossible for a landsman to trust himself upon deck, our sailors mounted aloft, and with incredible rapidity cleared away the wreck, by which they preserved the ship. Nothing equal to this disaster had happened to us in the course of the voyage. During the night we hoisted lights and fired guns of distress, but neither were seen or heard
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by the Resolution, The storm continuing with unabated fury during the night and all next day, we handed our sails, and scudded under our fore-sail and mizzen stay-sail at the rate of seven and eight knots an hour, and at length were obliged to lie too with our ship's head to the west, course E N E.

On the 30th we got sight of the Resolution, about four leagues to leeward. She had damaged her main-top-mast head, but had secured it, and was otherwise in perfect repair.

August the 1st we celebrated the anniversary of our departure from England, having just been one year absent. The men were allowed a double allowance of grog, and they forgot in the jollity of their cups, the hardships to which they were exposed in the storm.

On the 2d our carpenters were employed in re-placing the old top-mast with a new one; but just as they had got it in readiness to point the base of the top-mast through the main-top, they discovered, to our unspeakable grief, that the main-mast head was shattered four or five feet below the top. This put an end to our labour at this time. The top-mast was lowered till the main mast could be secured, which was a work of infinite difficulty in our situation, and could not be accomplished without the assistance of the carpenters from the Resolution. The signal of distress was thrown out, but the sea ran so high that no boat could live. In this situation

situation we continued till the storm abated, when the mast being lashed, a spare jeb-boom was got up for a main-top-mast, and a mizzen top-fail yard for a top-fail yard; and thus equipped, we made what sail we could, the Resolution shortening sail to keep us company.

In this crazy condition, with our leaks rather increased, we met with a storm

On the 3d, which required the utmost exertion of our strength to encounter; every hand in the ship was employed, some at the pumps, and others in handing the sails, which was a work of the greatest danger, yet happily accomplished without an accident.

On the 4th at six in the morning the man at the mast-head called out land, which was joyful news to all on board, and about seven we stood in for it. About eleven we saw several canoes paddling towards the ships, in each of which were three naked Indians. We made signs for them to come on board, which they declined; but made signs for us to land. Our boats were instantly hoisted out and sent to sound, but no anchorage being found, it was resolved to pursue our voyage without losing any more time. This island was a new discovery. Its latitude by observation 27 deg. 31 min. longitude 208 deg. 26 min. E. The men appeared of the largest stature, and tattooed from head to foot; the language different from any we were yet acquainted with, and their
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dress not unlike that of the Amsterdammers, their complexion darker, their heads ornamented with shells, feathers and flowers; and their canoes elegantly carved, and neatly constructed. Of their manners we could form little or no judgment. They appeared timid; but by their waving green boughs, and exhibiting other signs of peace, they gave us reason to believe that they were friendly. They exchanged some small fish and cocoa-nuts, for nails and Middleburgh cloth. The appearance of the island, as we approached it, was lofty, but small. Its greatest length about 4 leagues, and its breadth about 2 leagues.

We now proceeded with an easy breeze, till the 13th, when the man at the mast-head calling out Land, distance about seven or eight leagues, we soon perceived it to be the Island of Otaheite, of which we were in pursuit.

On the 14th, about six in the morning, we stood in for the land, and before night were safely moored in the harbour, called by the natives, Otaite Peha. Here we were surrounded by an incredible number of canoes filled with natives, besides men women and children, who swam to the ships, expressing their joy at our arrival. We were scarce moored, before the king, attended by most of the royal family, came on board the Resolution to welcome Capt. Cook; the shores every where resounded with the name of Cook; not a child, that

that could lift Toote, was silent; their acclamations filled the air. The king brought with him six large hogs, some bread-fruit and plantains as a present; and Capt. Cook, after the first salutations had passed, presented the king with two large hatchets, some showy beads, a looking-glass, a knife, and some nails. He also made presents to his followers.

They were eager to enter into conversation with Omai, and informed Capt. Cook, through his means, of the arrival there of two Spanish ships from Lima, about eight months before; that at their departure they had taken three of the natives with them, and had left one of their people in their room, who had been dead some time; that they had built a house on shore, and erected a cross with an inscription, which were still standing; that they had left some cattle, with goats, sheep, and geese; but that most of them were dead; that they promised to return soon; and that they had been there more than once, since Capt. Cook's last visit. Dinner was no sooner over, than both Captains, accompanied by Omai, and conducted by the royal family, went on shore and visited the Spanish erections; which seemed to indicate a deeper design than the natives were aware of; they had taken possession of the island, in the name of his Catholic Majesty, and had inscribed the cross with the king's name, and date of the year 1777, which Capt. Cook took the liberty

liberty to pull down and carry away, telling them at the same time to beware of their Spanish visitors, and not to be over-fond of them. Most of the fresh provisions, with which we were supplied at the friendly isles, being expended in the voyage, orders were given to prohibit all trade with the natives, except for provisions; and that only with such persons, as were appointed by the commanders as purveyors for the ships. By this necessary regulation, fresh provisions were soon procured in plenty, and every man was allowed a pound and a half of pork every day.

On the 16th, Omai was put in possession of the house the Spaniards had built; his bed put up after the English fashion; and he was indulged to sleep on shore during our short stay at this part of the island. Capt. Cook likewise caused the Spanish inscription to be erased, the cross to be effaced, and a new inscription to be cut, with the name of the English ships that had discovered the island, the date 1772 when first discovered, and the name of his Majesty, King George, to take place of that of the Spanish King Carlos. Here also the live stock were landed, and put to graze in the meadows that bordered on the shore.

On the 17th, Capt. Cook, with Omai, took an airing on horseback to the great astonishment of the inhabitants, many hundreds of whom followed

followed them with loud acclamations. Omai, to excite their admiration the more, was dressed cap-a-pee in a suit of armour, which he carried with him, and was mounted and caparisoned with his sword and pike, like St. George going to kill the dragon, whom he exactly represented; only that Omai had pistols in his holsters, of which the poor saint knew not the use. Omai, however, made good use of his arms, and when the crowd became clamorous, and troublesome, he every now and then pulled out a pistol and fired it among them, which never failed to send them scampering away.

For these last two or three days, the caulkers from both ships were employed, in stopping the leaks of the Discovery; and the carpenters in securing the masts, till we should arrive at the port of Mattavai, where the ships were to undergo a thorough repair.

On the 18th and 19th it blew a hard gale, and we were obliged to wear out 20 fathom more of our best bower cable, as we rode hard at our moorings.

On the 21st, the signal was made for unmooring,

Early on the 22d, in the morning, the live stock were taken on board, and about nine we weighed and sailed, accompanied with several canoes, though the wind blew a storm, and we sailed under double-reefed top-sails. In the evening, the Resolution took her old station
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in Mattavai Bay : but the wind suddenly shifting and the breeze coming full from the land, we were driven 3 leagues to leeward of the bay ; by which we were reduced to the necessity of working all night to windward, amidst thunder, lightning and rain, and among reefs of coral rocks, on which we every moment expected to perish. We burnt false fires, and fired several guns of distress ; but no answer from the Resolution, nor could we see any object to direct us during this perilous night.

In the morning of the 23d, the weather cleared up, and we could see the Resolution about three leagues to windward, when a shift of wind happening in our favour, we took advantage of it, and by twelve at noon were safely moored within a cable's length of the Resolution. It is impossible to give an adequate idea of the joy, which the natives expressed upon our arrival in this bay, because their manner of expressing joy is so different from our sensations, that were we to see persons stabbing themselves with sharp instruments till their bodies were besmeared with blood, we should think they were pierced with the most frantic despair, and that it would be almost impossible to assuage their grief, whereas beating their breasts, tearing their hair, and pricking their heads, their hands, their bodies, are the most significant signs of their gladness to see the friends they love best. At the same time they

they are ready to overwhelm you with kindness, and would give you, for the moment, all they have in the world, but the very next hour crave all back again, and like children seize you for every thing you have got.

The ships were no sooner secured, than the sailors began stripping them of every yard of rigging they had left; for certainly no ships were ever in a more shattered condition. Our voyage from New Zealand, if not from the cape, might be said to be one continued series of tempestuous weather, suspended only by a few intervals of sun-shine; and the employment of our artificers at sea and on shore, a laborious exertion of their faculties to keep us above water. Here it was not only necessary to strip the main-mast of the Discovery; but to take it out and carry it on shore, to be properly secured. This was a work of no small difficulty. Here too it was found necessary, to unship our stores of every kind; to air and repack the powder; new bake that part of the bread that had contracted any dampness: to erect the forge on shore; and in short, to set all our artificers to work on board and on shore, to refit the ships for the further prosecution of the voyage.

A messenger was dispatched from Captain Cook to King Otoo, to acquaint him with our arrival, and to desire his permission to send the cattle he had brought from Britain, to feed in the pastures of Oparree. The king expressed his

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Omai's Public Entry on his first landing at Otaheite.

his joy on the return of Capt. Cook, and readily gave his consent. He at the same time ordered one of his principal officers to accompany the messenger in his return, and to take with him presents of fresh provisions for the commanders of both ships, and to invite them on shore, to dine with him the next day. This invitation was accepted, and it was agreed between the Captains, that their visit should be made with as much state as their present circumstances would admit. The marines and music were therefore ordered to be in readiness at an appointed hour, and all the rowers to be clean dressed.

On the 25th, about noon, the commanders, with the principal officers and gentlemen, embarked on board the pinnaces, which, on this occasion, were decked in all the magnificence that silken streamers, embroidered ensigns, and other gorgeous decorations could display. Omai, to surprize the more, was cloathed in a Captain's uniform, and could hardly be distinguished from a British officer.

From Mattavai to Oparree, was about six leagues. They arrived at the landing-place, about one o'clock in the afternoon, and were received by the marines already under arms. As soon as the company were disembarked, the whole band of music struck up a grand military march, and the procession began. The road from the beach to the entrance of the palace

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(about half a mile) was lined on both sides with natives from all parts, expecting to see Omai on horseback, as the account of his appearance on his first landing on the other side of the island, as before related, had already reached the inhabitants on this. As he appeared to them in disguise, he was not known; they were not however wholly disappointed, as the grandeur of the procession exceeded every thing of the kind they had ever seen. The whole court were likewise assembled, and the king, with his sisters, on the approach of Capt. Cook, came forth to meet him. As he was perfectly known to them, their first salutations were frank and friendly, according to the known customs of the Orahiteans, and when these were over, proper attention was paid to every gentleman in company; and that too with a politeness that, to those who had never been on this island before, was quite unexpected.

As soon as the company had entered the palace and were seated, and some discourse had passed between the king and Capt. Cook, Omai was presented to his Majesty. He had hitherto escaped unnoticed, with the other officers who were not particularly known. Omai paid his Majesty the usual homage of a subject to a sovereign in that country, which consists of little more than being uncovered before him, and then entered into familiar conversation, on the subject of his travels. The Earees, or kings
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of this country, are not above discoursing with the meanest of their subjects, but Omai was now considered here as a person of rank, and a favourite of the Earees of the ships. The king, impatient to hear his story, asked him a hundred questions before he gave him time to answer one. He asked him concerning the Earee-da-hai, or Great King of Pretanne, his place of residence, his court, his attendants, his warriors, his ships of war, his morai, the extent of his possessions, &c. &c. Omai did not fail to magnify the grandeur of the Great King. He represented the splendour of his court by the brilliancy of the stars in the firmament; the extent of his dominions, by the vast expanse of heaven; the greatness of his power, by the thunder that shakes the earth. He said, the Great King of Pretanne had three hundred thousand warriors every day at his command, clothed like those who now attended the Earees of the ships, and more than double that number of sailors, who traversed the globe, from the rising of the sun to his setting; that his ships of war exceeded those at Mattawai in magnitude, in the same proportion, as those exceeded the small canoes at Oparree.—His Majesty appeared all astonishment, and could not help interrupting him. He asked, if what he said was true, where the Great King could find people to navigate so many ships as covered the ocean from one extremity to the other? and if he could find men, where he could find provisions

sions for so great a multitude? Omai assured him, that he had spoken nothing but truth; that in one city only on the banks of a river far removed from the Sea, there were more people than were contained in the whole group of islands with which his Majesty was acquainted; that the country was full of large populous cities; notwithstanding which provisions were so plentiful; that for a piece of a certain yellow metal, like that of which he had seen many [meaning the medals given by the Captain to the Earees] the great king could purchase as much provisions as would maintain a sailor on board a ship a whole year; that in the country of the great king, there are more than 100 different kinds of four footed animals, from the size of the smallest rat when it is first brought forth, to the magnitude of a stage erected on an ordinary canoe, on which six men may stand erect; that all these animals are so numerous in their several kinds, and propagate so fast, that were it not that some were killed for food, and that others prey one upon the other, they would over-run the land. Omai, having by this relation obviated king Ottoo's doubts, adverted to his first questions. He said, the ships of war of Pretanne were furnished with poo-poos [guns] each of which would receive the largest poo-poo his Majesty had yet seen, within it; that some carried 200 and more of those poo-poos, with suitable accommodations for a thousand fighting men, and stowage for all sorts of
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of cordage and warlike stores, besides provisions and water for the men and other animals, for 100 or 200 days; and that they were sometimes abroad as long warring with the enemies of the great king in the different parts of his dominions in the remotest regions of the earth; that they frequently carried with them in these expeditions poo-poos, that would hold a small hog within them, and which throw hollow globes of iron, of a vast bigness, filled with fire and all manner of combustibles, and implements of destruction, to a great distance; a few of which, were they to be thrown among the fleet of Otaheite, would set them on fire, and destroy the whole navy, were they ever so numerous. The king seemed more astonished than delighted with this narration, and suddenly left Omai, to join the company that were in conversation with Capt. Cook and the other officers. By this time dinner was nearly ready, and as soon as the company were properly seated, was brought in by as many tow-tows as there were persons to dine; besides these, the king, the two commanders, and Omai, had each of them two persons of superior rank to attend them. The dinner consisted of fish and fowl of various kinds, dressed after their manner; barbecued pigs, stewed yams, and fruits of the most delicious flavour, all served with an ease and regularity that is seldom to be found at

European tables, when the ladies are excluded from making part of the company.

As soon as dinner was over, which admits of no ceremony, we were conducted to the theatre, where a company of players were in readiness to perform a dramatical entertainment. The drama was regularly divided into three acts: the first consisted of dancing and dumb shew; the second of comedy; which to those who understood the language was very laughable, as Omai and the natives appeared highly diverted the whole time; the last was a musical piece, in which the young princesses were the sole performers. There were between the acts some feats of arms exhibited: The combatants were armed with lances and clubs. One made the attack, the other stood upon the defensive. He who made the attack brandished his lance, and either threw, pushed or used it in aid of his club. He who was upon the defensive, stuck the point of his lance in the ground, in an oblique direction, so that the upper part rose above his head, and by observing the eye of his enemy, parried his blows or his strokes by the motion of his lance. By his dexterity at this manœuvre he turned aside the lance, and it was rare that he was hurt by the club. If his antagonist struck at his legs, he shewed his agility by jumping over the club; and if at his head, he was no less nimble in crouching under it. Their dexterity consisted chiefly in the defence,
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otherwise the combat might have been fatal, which always ended in good humour.

Their entertainments, which generally last about four hours, are really diverting; their dancing has been much improved by copying the European manner. In the hornpipe they really excel their masters: they add contortions of the face and muscles to the nimbleness of the foot, that are inimitable, and must, in spite of our gravity, provoke laughter; their country dances too are well regulated; and they have dances of their own, that are equal to those at our best theatres; their comedy seems to consist of some simple story, made laughable by the manner of delivery, something in the style of the merry andrews formerly at Bartholomew fair; and their singing is very simple, and might be much improved. Had Omai been of a theatrical cast, he doubtless might have very much improved their stage; for their performers appear inferior to none in the powers of imitation.

The play being over, and night approaching, our commanders took their leave, after inviting the king and his attendants to dine on board the ships. We were conducted to the water-side in the same manner as we approached the palace, and were attended by the king and royal family.

On the 25th in the morning, Omai's mother, and several of his relations arrived. Their

meeting was too unnatural to be pleasing. We could not see a woman frantically striking her face and arms with sharks teeth, till she was all over besmeared with blood, without being hurt; as it conveyed no idea of joy to feeling minds, we could never be reconciled to this absurd custom. She brought with her several large hogs, with bread-fruit, bananas, and other productions of the Island of Ulitea, as presents to the Captains, and she and her friends received in return, a great variety of cutlery, such as knives, scissars, files, &c. besides some red feathers, which last were even more acceptable than iron. They continued to visit the ship occasionally till she quitted the island.

In the afternoon King Ottoo, with his chiefs and attendants, and two young princesses his sisters, performers in the interlude of the preceding night, came on board, bringing with them six large hogs, with a proportionable quantity of fruits of various kinds. They were entertained as usual, with a sight of all the curiosities on board the ships, and the young princesses, longing for almost every thing they saw, were gratified to their utmost wishes, with bracelets of beads, looking-glasses, bits of china, artificial nosegays, and a variety of other trinkets, of which, they had one of a sort each, while at the same time the king and his chiefs amused themselves with the carpenters, armourers and other artificers, employed in the repairs of the ships, casting
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longing eyes on the tools and implements with which they performed their work. In this manner they past the time till dinner was ready. King Ottoo, with his chiefs, dined with the Captains, the principal officers, and Omai in the great cabin, while the ladies were feasted in an apartment separated on purpose, and waited upon by their own servants. During dinner, the music, particularly the bag-pipes, with which the Indians seemed most delighted, continued to play, and the young ladies who were within hearing, though out of sight, could hardly refrain from dancing the whole time. After dinner the king and his nobles were pressed to drink wine; but most of them having felt its power before, declined tasting it; one or two drank a glass, but refused to drink any more. When the tables were cleared, the ladies joined the company, and then horn-pipes and country dances after the English manner commenced, in which the young ladies joined with great good humour. Some jovial songs succeeded, and our Indian visitors took leave in the evening in great good humour.

What contributed not a little to increase the pleasure of the king, was a present made him by Capt. Cook, of a large quantity of the choicest red feathers that could be purchased in the islands of Amsterdam. Red feathers, as has already been observed, are held in the highest estimation in Otaheite, and in all the society

society islands, but more particularly by the chiefs of the former island, by whom they are used as amulets, or rather as propitiations to make their prayers acceptable to the good spirit whom they invoke with tufts of those feathers in their hands, made up in a peculiar manner, and held in a certain position with much seeming solemnity. The ordinary sorts of red feathers were collected by officers and men all over the Friendly Islands; but those that were now presented to king Ottoo were of a superior kind, and were in value as much above the ordinary red feathers, as real pearls are in value above French paste. They were taken from the heads of the paroquets of Tonga taboo and Ea-oo whe, which are of superlative beauty, and precious in proportion to their fineness and the vivid glow of their dazzling colours. Here we learnt that Capt. Cook, in his former voyage, being in great distress for want of fresh provisions, and being plentifully supplied by king Ottoo, promised that if he ever should return to Otahéite, he would make him richer in *ouravine* (precious feathers) than all the princes in the neighbouring isles. This gave rise to an opinion, that it was to fulfil this promise that we were led so far out of our way as has been already remarked. But there is much more reason to conclude, that the strong easterly winds that prevailed when we approached the southern tropic made our direct

direct course to Otaheite impracticable. Had Capt. Cook regarded his promise to Ottoo as inviolable, he would most certainly have shaped his course from New Zealand to the Friendly Islands the nearest way, which would have shortened our voyage several months; unless we can suppose that he had forgotten his promise, and that when he came within a few days sail of his destined port, he recollected himself, and then changed his direction, to enable him to keep his word. To which of these causes it was owing, some future publications may probably give light; but to us who were not in the secret, it appeared a mystery. We were advanced some degrees to the eastward of Hervey's Isles, which lie in 19 deg. 18 min. S. lat. and 201 E. long. before we altered our course to the westward to make for Amsterdam, which lies in 21 deg. 15 min. S. and 185 deg. E. long. whereas the island of Ulitea, of which Omai was a native, lay in lat. 16 deg. 45 min. and long. 208 deg. 35 min. E. Why our course to the former was preferred before the latter, involves the mystery.

Though all public trade was prohibited, as was usual, till the ships should be furnished with fresh provisions; it was not easy to restrain the men on shore from trading with the women, who were for ever enticing them to desert. The ladies of pleasure in London have not half the winning ways that are practised by the Otaheitean

tean misses to allure their gallants. With the seeming innocence of doves they mingle the wilynefs of ferpents. They have however one quality which is peculiar to themselves, and that is constancy. When once they have made their choice, it must be owing to the sailor himself if his mistress ever proves false to him. No women upon earth are more faithful. They will endeavour to make themselves mistresses of all their lovers possess, but they will suffer no one else to invade their property, nor will they embezzle any part of it themselves without having first obtained consent; but that consent is not easily withheld; for they are incessant in their importunities, and will never cease asking while the sailor has a rag or a nail to bestow.

During our four months stay at this and the neighbouring islands, there was hardly a sailor on board that had not made a very near connection with one or other of the women of this island; nor indeed many officers that were proof against the allurements of the better sort, who were no less amorous and artful, though more reserved, than those of the inferior order.

The temperature of the climate, the plenty of fresh provisions, fish, fowl, pork, bread-fruit, yams, (a kind of sweet potatoes, which they have the art of stewing with their pork in a very savoury manner) added to the most delicious fruits of the island, contributed not a little to make our stay here not only tolerable, but even

even desirable; nor did idleness get possession even of those who were most indolent, inclined. We had not a vacant hour between business and pleasure that was unemployed. We wanted no coffee-houses to kill time; nor Ranelaghs or Vauxhalls for our evening entertainments. Every nightly assembly in the plantations of this happy isle is furnished by beneficent nature with a more luxurious feast than all the dainties of the most sumptuous champetre, though lavished with unlimited profusion, and emblazoned with the most expensive decorations of art. Ten thousand lamps, combined and ranged in the most advantageous order by the hands of the best artist, appear faint, when compared with the brilliant stars of heaven that unite their splendor to illuminate the groves, the lawns, the streams of Oparree. In these elisian fields immortality alone is wanting to the enjoyment of all those pleasures which the poet's fancy has conferred on the shades of departed heroes as the highest rewards of heroic virtue.

But amidst so many delights it was not for human nature to subsist long without satiety. Our seamen began to be licentious, and our officers to be punctilious. Several of the former were severely punished for indecency in surpassing the vice of the natives by their shameless manner of indulging their sensual appetites; and two of the latter went ashore to terminate an affair of honour by the decision of their pistols.

It happened that neither of them were dextrous marksmen; they vented their rage by the fury with which they began the attack, and after discharging three balls each, they returned on board without any hurt except spoiling a bat, a ball having pierced it, and grazed upon the head of him who wore it. It was however remarked, that these gentlemen were better friends than ever during the remaining part of the voyage.

While these things went on by way of amusement to some, others were more usefully employed in the repairs of the ship. The mast that was shattered in the head, and carried ashore to be repaired, was in a short time rendered more firm than ever; the sails that had been split, and were otherwise rendered unfit for further service, were replaced: the cordage carefully examined, the masts new rigged, and in short the whole repairs completed with more celerity and strength than could have been expected in a place where many conveniences were wanting to fit us out for that part of our voyage which still remained to be performed.

For this purpose repairs were not more necessary for our equipment than provisions. The purveyors, therefore, and butchers were incessantly employed in purchasing and killing hogs for present use, and the salters in salting the overplus for future stores, while the Captains and superior officers were devising new amusements

ments to keep the king and his chiefs in good humour, in order to encourage their people to furnish us with ample supplies.

Not a day passed but some new exhibition was contrived for their entertainment. Omai, of whom little use had yet been made, contributed his share to vary the scenes of pleasure. He one day rode out on horseback, in his armour, brandishing his glittering sword, to the terror and amazement of the gaping multitude. Another day he diverted them with playing off fire-works, under the direction of the chief engineer. He was here made a principal in all public shews, and was placed upon a footing with king Ottoo himself. In a naval review, which was exhibited by Towha, the great admiral, Omai had the command of one division of the fleet, while king Ottoo commanded another division, and Towha the centre. The great dexterity appeared in their arrangements to land, where the military exercises were chiefly carried on; one party endeavouring to supplant the other, in order to get possession of the most advantageous ground. In these manœuvres, Omai acquitted himself with tolerable applause, being well supported in all his exercises by Capt. Cook, who played him off as a prodigy of genius, in honour of Pretanne, where, it was given out, his talents had been much improved.

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During our stay, there was a rumour of actual war, and the forces of the island, both by sea and land, were called forth in earnest, to be in readiness to embark on the first notice. All trade was now stopped; no cocoa-nuts to be had, the milk of which was the only liquor, except water, which the ship's company were allowed to drink, and the weather being excessive hot, there was great murmuring among the men both on board and on shore. Captain Cook was under the necessity of interceding with king Ottoo to renew trade. Whether peace was made, or only a truce for a short time, is not certain, but in a few days the warriors dispersed, and every thing went on again after the usual manner.

On the above rumour, it was computed that near 300 war canoes were mustered in Mattavai bay, with stages on each, on which sat from three to six chiefs in their warlike dresses, which seemed calculated rather for show than use in battle. On their heads were large turbans, wound round in many folds, and over that a monstrous helmet; and on their bodies, instead of the light airy dress worn in common, they were incumbered by many garments of their own cloth, which added indeed to their stature, but which must disable them to exert their strength in the day of battle. Men of fertile imagination, fond of tracing the analogy of antient customs, among the different nations
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of the world, might possibly discover some similarity between these cumbrous dresses, and those of the knights of ancient chivalry, who fought in armour. It is certain that the Otaheitean who fights on foot must feel the same encumbrance from his heavy war-dress, as the ancient knight, who fought on horseback, must have done from his unweildy armour; and there is no doubt but the former will, one time or other, be laid aside in the tropical isles, as much as the latter is now in every other part of the world.

Before we left Mattavai, Oedidee, who made the voyage to the southward with Capt. Cook, in his former voyage for the discovery of a southern continent, came to pay his respects to his patron and friend. He brought with him a wife whom he had lately married, which discredits the notion that was universally believed by former voyagers, that those who belonged to the society of Areoys were sworn to celibacy. Either this man was an impostor or the fact just mentioned cannot be true. He appeared in a rich English dress, which had been sent him as a present from England, perhaps from the Admiralty. He was joyfully received by Capt. Cook, and had much respect paid him. Soon after his arrival, fire-works of a new device were played off, before many thousands of the natives; but it was easy to remark, that they were not all equally delighted with the exhibition.

The common people were thrown into the utmost consternation at the storm of thunder and lightening, which almost instantly succeeded. Nor were they ever perfectly reconciled to us afterwards. They thought it presumption in us to provoke the Etwas, by imitating their powers; and many of them retired to the woods; and never returned again to their houses during our stay.

Whether they really wished us to be gone, or dreaded our stay, an alarm was soon after spread, that four European ships were arrived at Oaite Piha; that they had landed some men there, and were taking in refreshments to enable them to proceed. This report was every where circulated; and whether Capt. Cook believed it, or only made it a pretence to quicken our activity, he gave instant orders to clear the decks, mount the guns, which lay as it were buried in the hold, and to get every thing in readiness for action. In the mean time he sent Mr. Williamson, 3d. Lieutenant, in the great cutter, manned and armed, to learn the truth of the report, by looking into the harbour of Oaite Piha, to see if any foreign ships were at anchor there, or whether the whole rumour was a fiction. That gentleman executed his commission with great celerity; and in little more than two days, twice doubled Point Venus, sailed more than 300 miles, made the harbour he was sent to examine, and brought word that the
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only grounds for the report were, that four large trading canoes from an adjacent isle, had been there a few days before his arrival, but that they sailed again immediately, having been totally disappointed of a market.

Though we were now relieved from the apprehensions of an attack, we were not suffered to relax in our preparations to depart. Wood and water had already been taken on board, and as much provisions as could be procured, and little remained to be done, except to re-embark our live stock, to strike the tents, and bring off the baggage of the officers and men, who had been stationed on shore. Notice was therefore given to king Ottoo, of our intentions to sail with the first fair wind. He seemed to express great concern at our sudden resolution, and came on board, attended with Towha, his great admiral, and the principal officers of his court, who all brought with them presents of hogs and fruit, the only valuable productions of the island, except wood and water to European voyagers, and received in return axes, hatchets, spike-nails, and cutlery ware, &c. which were reserved to the last, in order to encourage the chiefs to use their utmost endeavours with their people, to bring in their hogs while it was yet in our power to receive them. No people on earth could express their gratitude with more seeming sincerity, than the king and his chiefs for the presents they had

received; nor were our commanders and officers wanting in suitable returns.

On the 28th, having now been just 40 days on the island, king Ottoo came on board, to invite our commanders with their officers to Oparree, as he understood it was to be the last time that he should have the opportunity of paying us his acknowledgements on shore.

On the 29th, the pinnaces were ordered out, and we proceeded to Oparree, in the same state as on our first visit. At the landing-place we were received with uncommon marks of friendship. Every chief in that part of the island of which Ottoo was the Earee-da-hai or Lord paramount, to the number of 500 and more, attended, and conducted us to the king's house or palace, where a sumptuous banquet was provided, and after dinner a more numerous and brilliant company of performers assembled at the theatre for our entertainment, than we had ever seen on any stage in the tropical islands before.

There is a sameness in their drama, that admits of little or no variation, as perhaps to foreigners, who are unacquainted with the language and manners of a country, there may appear to be in every stage-exhibition, wherever performed. Be that as it may. The dresses on this occasion were entirely new, and by far more showy than formerly; the number of dancers were increased; ten young ladies com-
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posed the first group, with their heads most magnificently ornamented with beads, red feathers, shells of the most beautiful colours, and wreathed with flowers in so elegant a style, as hardly to be excelled; had their music been equal to their performance, this part of the exhibition would have been compleat.

A party of warriors were next introduced, dressed in their war-habits, consisting, as has already been observed, of different coloured cloth, of their own manufacture, so ingeniously fashioned and blended together with so much art, as, with the helmets that cover their heads, to fill the stage with men, of whose majestic figure it is not easy to convey an idea. These were armed with spears, lances, and battle-axes, and exhibited all the forms of attack and defence which are practiced in real action. The principal performers were the king's brother and a chief of gigantic stature, who displayed such wonderful grimaces and distortions of face and countenance, by way of provocation and challenge, as were not only laughable in some attitudes, but terrible in others. After these disappeared, the players were brought forward, and performed a more serious piece than we had yet seen, at which the natives sat graver and more composed than usual. And the whole performance concluded with a dance of ten boys, drest in every respect like the girls in the first scene, with their hair flowing in ringlets down their

shoulders, and their heads ornamented in a very theatrical style.

When the play was over we returned to our boats, attended by the whole assembly, who accompanied us to the water-side, where the king took a most affectionate leave.

On the 29th Capt. Cook ordered all the women to be put on shore, which was a task not easily effected, most of them being very loth to depart; nor was it of much consequence, as they found means afterwards to follow us to Hueheine, Ulitea, and the other society isles; nor did they leave us till our final departure on our northern discoveries, never more to return.

Several of the sailors being very desirous to stay at Otaheite, king Ottoo interested himself in their behalf, and endeavoured to prevail on Capt. Cook to grant their request; but he peremptorily rejected every application of that kind though often repeated; nor would he suffer any of the natives to enter on board though many would gladly have accompanied us wherever we intended to sail, and that too after they were assured that we never intended to visit their country any more. Some of the women too would have followed their Fhoonoas, or Pretanne husbands, could they have been permitted; but Capt. Cook was equally averle to the taking any of the natives away, as to the leaving any of his own people behind. He was sensible, that when once cloyed with enjoyment, they would

would reciprocally pine for home, to which it would not be in their power to return; and that for a little present gratification, they would risque the happiness of the remaining part of their lives.

King Ottoo, when he found he could not obtain his wishes, in this respect, applied to Capt. Cook for another favour, which was, to allow his carpenters to make him a chest, or press, to secure the treasures he had accumulated in presents, and by way of traffic, from the European voyagers. He even begged a bed to be placed in it, where he intended to sleep. This Capt. Cook readily granted; and while the workmen were employed in this service they were plentifully supplied with barbecued hogs, and such dainties as the country afforded, and were so carefully attended and protected, that they did not lose so much as a single nail. It was some of these workmen that Ottoo was so desirous to retain; but these were of too much consequence on board to be parted with, had there been no other motive for bringing them away; nor was Ottoo much concerned about the departure of the rest.

While the carpenters were busied in making this uncommon piece of furniture, king Ottoo was constant in attending their operations, and Omai had frequent conferences with him on the subject of his travels. He astonished him more

by the relation he gave of the magnificence of the Morais in *Pretanne*, than by all the wonders he had before surprized him. When he told him that the king's morai was open to all comers, and that the persons of the deceased kings were to be seen as perfect to appearance as when in the vigour of youth, he seemed to lament that his date of existence was to be limited with his life; and that his remains were to perish, while his Morai preserved no memory, that he had ever had a being. Omai endeavoured to impress him with an idea of the magnificence of the tombs and memorials of the dead that were to be seen in the Morais of *Pretanne*; but having nothing to compare them to, he was unable to make himself sufficiently understood; nor was he more successful in describing the solemn grandeur of the places of worship where the people assembled every seventh day and at other stated times, to offer up their prayers to the good spirit. Of the splendour of the theatres he could speak more intelligibly, as some faint idea of them might be gathered from what had been exhibited on board the ships, and in the illuminations and fire-works played off on shore. When Omai told him of the magnitude of the palaces and houses in *Pretanne*, of their decorations and furniture; of the extent of their plantations, and the multitude of living animals with which they were stored, he listened to him with particular

particular attention, as not doubting the truth of his relation; but when he began to describe the roads and the rapidity with which the people travelled in carriages drawn by four footed animals, no child could ever express greater surprize at Gulliver's travelling to the world of the moon on ganzas, than Ottoo, when Omai assured him, they could traverse an extent of ground equal to the whole length of the island of Otaheite, in a single day.

The king, as appeared by his generosity to Omai, was highly entertained by the story of his travels; for when he went to take leave, his majesty presented him with a double canoe, properly equipped and manned, in the room of that which he purchased at New Zealand.

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On the 29th both ships were under sail, directing their course to the westward to Emoa and Hueheine, accompanied by Omai in his Otaheitean vessel, with his two New Zealand youths on board, who discovered no uneasiness at their present situation, nor any desire to return home.

The island of Otaheite has already been so often and so accurately described, and the manners, customs, and ways of living of the inhabitants,

bitants, so amply enlarged upon by former voyagers, that little remains to be added. The writer was attentive only to two facts, one of which he found reason to believe had been misrepresented, and the other very unfairly related; the first respects the society of Arrecoys, composed, as it was said, of a certain number of men and women, associated in lewdness, and so abandoned to all sense of humanity, as to destroy the issue of their libidinous intercourse; than which nothing could be more injurious to the characters of any people than this diabolical practice ascribed to this society.

There are in this and the adjoining islands persons of a middle rank between the Manahounas or Yeomen and the Earecs, who having no concern in the government, nor any distinct property in the islands, associate together for their own amusement, and the entertainment of the public. These travel from place to place, and from island to island in companies, not unlike those of the strolling players in England, only that they perform without pay; but that they cohabit indiscriminately one with another, so many men with so many women in common, is no otherwise true, than the same may be suspected among the strolling companies just mentioned; nor are they under any other restraints from marrying, than that the society admits of no marriages among themselves, nor of any married people to be of their society, it being
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Representation of Mr. Sava at Oberlin

a rule with them, never to be encumbered with children; if therefore it should happen, that issue should prove the consequence of a casual amour, there is no alternative; the mother must either quit the society, or somehow or other dispose of her child, which some of them do there, as many unfortunate girls do here, by secretly making away with them to avoid infamy, it being equally disgraceful here to be found with child while members of the society of Arrcoys, as it is for women here to be so found without husbands.

The other fact, which the writer took pains to determine, was, whether the heastly custom imputed to them, of gratifying their passions without regard to places or persons, was well founded? and he solemnly declares, that the grossest indecencies he ever saw practiced while on the island were by the licentiousness of our own people, who, without regard to character, made no scruple to attempt openly and by force what they were unable to effect with the free voluntary consent of the objects of their desire; for which several of them were severely punished. To assert, therefore, that not the least trace of shame is to be found among these people in doing that openly which all other people are naturally induced to hide, is an injurious calumny, not warranted by custom, nor supported by the general practice even of the lowest class of individuals among them.

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Representation of the House at Otaheite

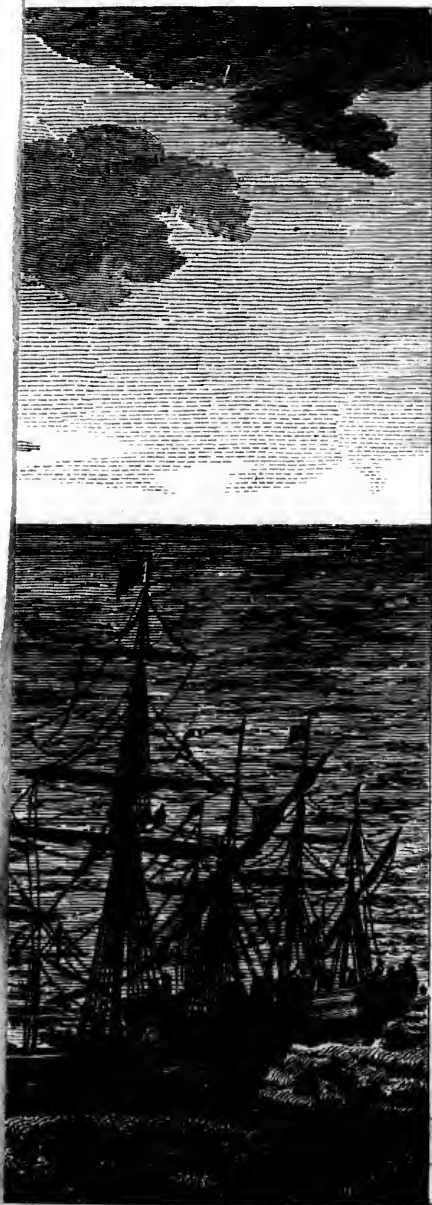
These people have one custom in common with the Neapolitans and Maltese, which ought not to be forgotten, and that is, their fishing in the night and reposing themselves in the day; like them too, they burn torches while they fish, which they make of the oil drawn from the cocoa-nut.

On the 29th we continued our course the whole day, under double-reefed top-sails; and in the evening came in sight of the little Island of Emoa, where we anchored next day in a safe harbour, and were received by the people with every appearance of hospitality.

On the 30th, our live-stock was landed, our carpenters sent out to cut wood, and our purveyors to collect hogs. Here we found Omal, who had out-sailed us in his double-masted canoe, and who, on his arrival, had been diverting the natives with his feats of arms, and had raised their curiosity to a very high degree, by acquainting them with our intention of paying them a visit, as no European ship had ever anchored at their island before. The chiefs of the island came on board, with large hogs by way of presents; and were presented, in return, with axes, hatchets, looking-glasses, and red feathers: our purveyors were likewise much gratified, by the success they met with in marketing; purchasing the largest hogs for the meerest trifles; as for instance, a hog of 200

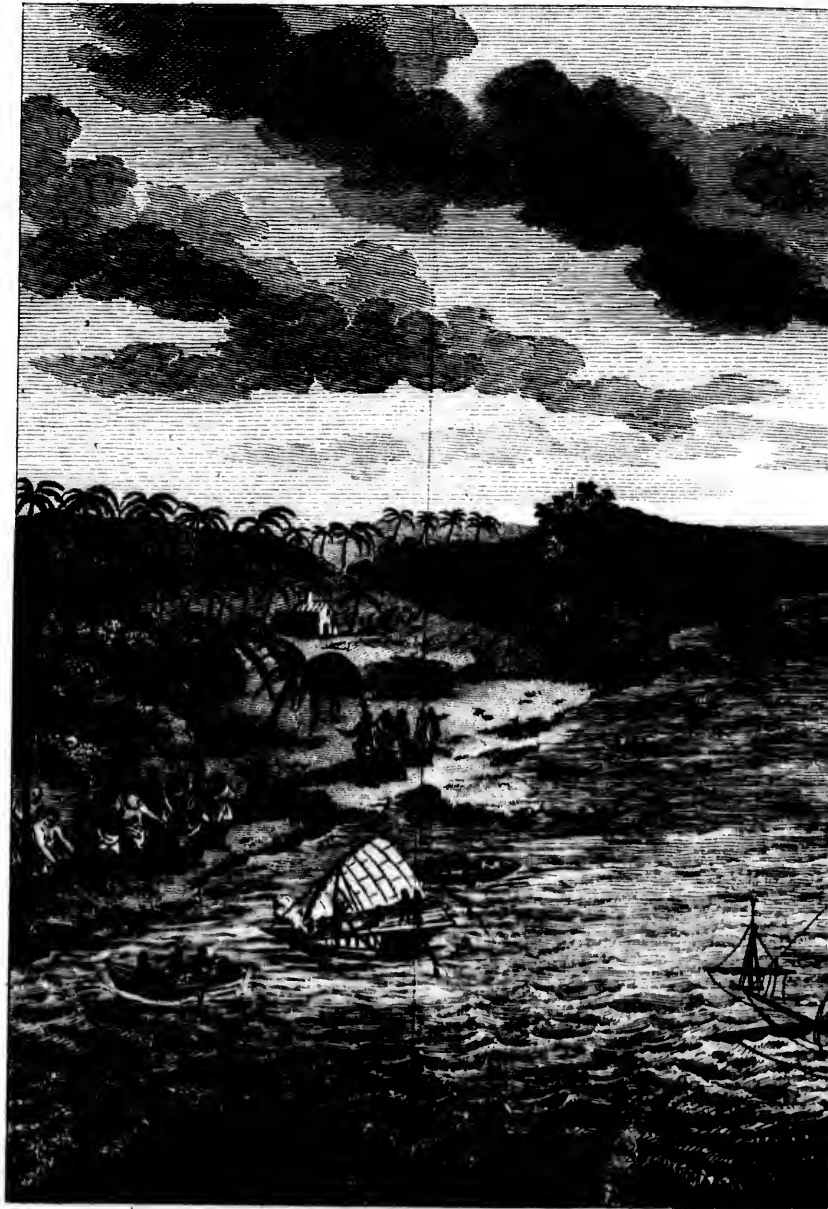
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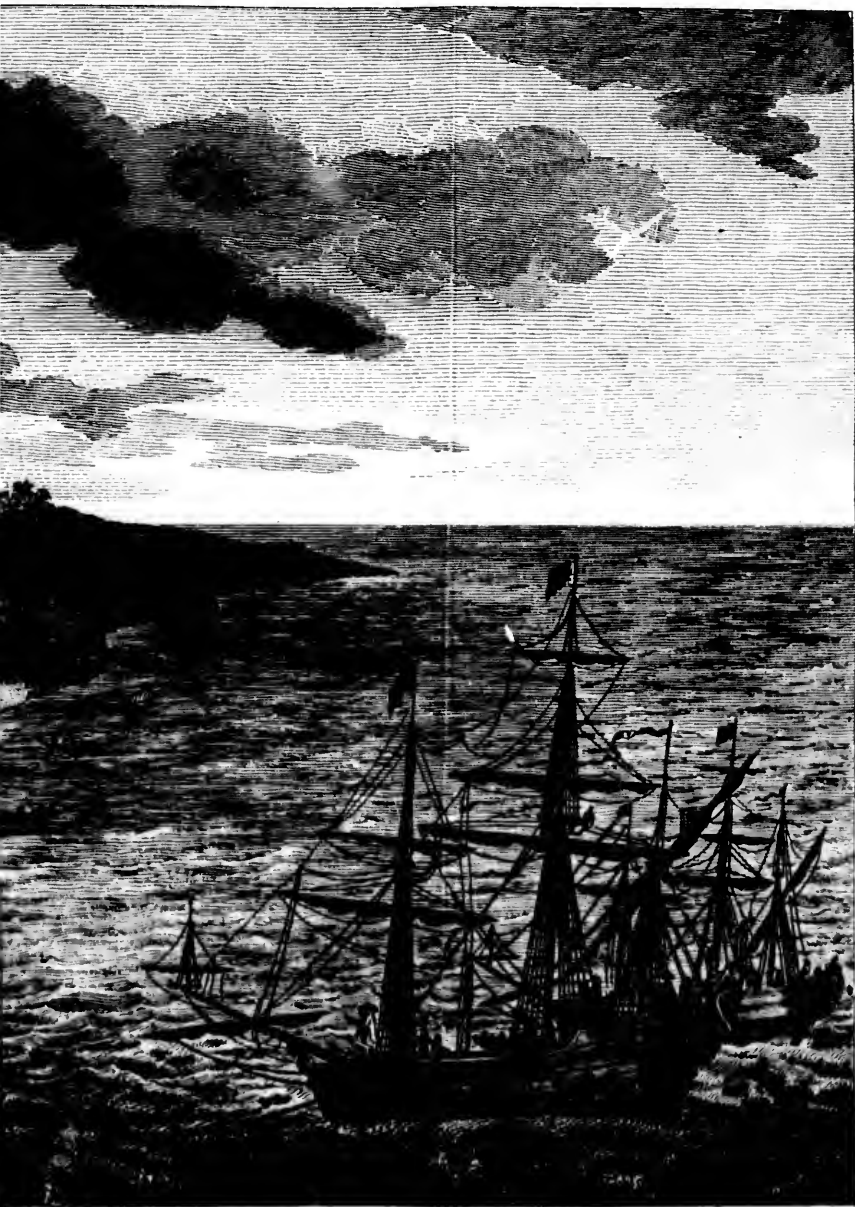


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Approaching York Island. A. Omai's Boat.

weight for twelve red feathers, and so in proportion.

But this friendly intercourse was soon changed to a scene of desolation that no injury we could receive from the pilfering disposition of the inhabitants could justify. The people had brought us every thing their island afforded, and had left it to the generosity of the purchasers to give, in return, whatever they pleased; but unfortunately

On the 2d of October, a goat was missing from the live-stock. It had been secretly conveyed away in the night, from the pastures on which they were placed to feed, notwithstanding the vigilance of the guard appointed to look after them. With the loss of this animal, which no doubt was looked upon as a prize to the thief, the Earee of the island was made acquainted by Capt. Cook, and a pre-emptory requisition made to have it restored, on pain of having his country laid waste, his shipping destroyed, and himself personally punished for the crime of his subject. The king promised his assistance, and required time for enquiry, but as soon as he was at liberty he absconded, and was no more seen; and the goat being still missing, and no means used for recovering and restoring it, a party from both ships, with the marines in a body, were ordered out, to carry the threats of our commander into execution. For three days successively

cessively they continued their devastations, burning and destroying above 200 of the best houses of the inhabitants, and as many of their large war canoes; at the same time cutting down their fruit-trees, and destroying their plantations. The natives who lived at a distance, hearing of the havoc that was made near the bay, filled their canoes with stones and sunk them, in hopes of preserving them, but that availed them nothing. The Captain ordered boats to be manned and armed, the canoes that were sunk to be weighed up and destroyed, and in short, a general desolation to be carried through the whole island, if the goat should be still withheld. Add to this, that two young natives of quality, being found on board our ship, were made prisoners, and told they were to be put to death, if the goat should not be restored within a certain time. The youths protested their own innocence, and disclaimed all knowledge of the guilty persons; notwithstanding which, every preparation was apparently made for putting them both to death. Large ropes were carried upon the main deck, and made fast fore and aft, axes, chains, and instruments of torture were placed upon the quarter deck in the sight of the young men, whose terrors were increased by the information of Omai, who gave them to understand that, by all these solemn preparations, their doom was

was finally determined. Under these apprehensions, the poor youths remained till

On the 9th, when about three in the afternoon a body of between 50 and 60 natives, were seen from the ship hastening to the harbour, who, when they came near, held up the goat in their arms, in raptures that they had found it, and that it was still alive.

The joy of the imprisoned young men is not to be expressed; and when they were released, instead of shewing any signs of resentment, they were ready to fall down and worship their deliverers. It can scarce be credited, when the devastation ceased, how soon the injury they had suffered was forgotten, and provisions again brought to market, as if no violences had ever been committed by us; only the Earee of the island never made his appearance.

All this while multitudes of the inhabitants of Otaheite, who had stolen off in the night in their canoes (mostly women) were witnesses of the severity with which this theft was punished at Emoa; but it seemed to make no unfavourable impression upon them. They continued their good offices as long as we remained in the Society isles.

Having procured a large quantity of wood, of which Otaheite furnished but a scanty supply, and likewise a number of hogs for present use and future stores,

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On the 12th in the morning we prepared to sail, and before noon were out at sea with a fine breeze, directing our course to Hueheine, to which island Omai had previously set sail before us.

In the night the weather being hazy, Omai lost sight of the ships, and fired his gun, which was answered by the Resolution. During the afternoon the breeze left us, and a dead calm ensuing, made our Otaheitean passengers immoderately sick by the working of the ship. They then began to repent their folly in following the fugitives whom they had no hopes of ever reclaiming, and to wish themselves safe home again on the shores of Mattavai.

On the 13th in the morning we came in sight of Hueheine, and about noon were close in with the land, when the natives came in multitudes, with hogs and provisions of all kinds, as presents to their friends. Omai, who had already reached the shore, and hauled his vessel upon the beach, was encircled by the natives, who crowded about him, some to gratify their curiosity, and others to express their joy at his return. In less than half an hour King Oreo was seen to go aboard the Resolution. He had with him two large hogs, as presents to Capt. Cook, with some bread-fruit ready roasted, and a large quantity of bananoes, plantains and other fruit. Capt. Cook received him with open arms, enquiring particularly after the good old venerable

able King Oree, for whom he entertained the most perfect friendship; and being told he was dead, he could not help shedding tears. We were soon after favoured with a visit from Oreo, who made a like present to Capt. Clarke, and received in return a breast-plate of red feathers, with which he seemed better pleased, than with any that had before been given him.

As soon as he returned on shore, he issued out orders, requiring all his people to behave with the strictest justice to his good friends from Pretanne, and he appointed proper officers to see his orders carried into execution, but without effect; for he had hardly reached his place of abode, before one fellow was detected on board the Resolution, in stealing iron from the armourer's forge, and had one side of his head and one of his eye-brows shaved, besides having an ear cut off, by way of example to deter others.

On the 19th, peace being established in the usual form, the live stock were landed, among which were two horses for Omai, with two cows and a bull for King Oree, if he had been alive, which were afterwards given to his successor.

As this was one of the most plentiful of all the Society Isles, it was proposed to make some stay here, in order to careen the ships, and to lay in provisions for future use. This was the more necessary, as we were about to sail to countries wholly unknown, where it was uncertain what accommodations we might meet with, or

to what straits we might be reduced. The tents were therefore put ashore, the beds and furniture of every kind unladen, and every crevice of the ships examined, scraped, washed with vinegar, and smoked, and while this last operation was performing, the lower port-holes were left open, for the rats to make their escape; in short, a thorough revision was directed to be made of every thing on board, as well to cleanse the furniture from the vermin, as to remove the danger of infection from putrid air, generated by a perpetual succession of multitudes in close resort between decks ever since our arrival at Otaheite. The sick were at the same time landed for the benefit of the air, and every means used to recover, and to preserve them in health, when recovered.

Among the sick was Capt. Cook himself, for whose recovery the crews of both ships were under much concern, as the success of the voyage was thought in a great measure to depend upon his care and conduct. By the doctor's advice, he was prevailed upon to sleep on shore; where he was assiduously attended night and day by the surgeons of both ships, who alternately watched with him, till he was out of danger. As soon as he was able, he rode out every day with Omai on horseback, followed by multitudes of the natives, who, attracted by the novelty of the sight, flocked from the remotest parts of the island, to be spectators. In

In the mean time, the ships were crowded with hogs, poured in upon us faster than the butchers and salters could dispatch them; for several days after our arrival, some hundreds great and small were brought on board, and if any were refused, they were thrown into the boats and left behind. Bread-fruit, bananoes, plantains, cocoa-nuts and yams were brought in the same plentiful proportions, and purchased for trifles. Red feathers were here, as at Otaheite, a very marketable commodity, with which the seamen made purchases of cloth, and other manufactures of the island; those of them, who were followed by their misses from Otaheite, kept separate tables for them, at a small expence; the misses catered and cooked for their mates, who feasted every day on barbecued pigs, stewed fowls, roasted bread-fruit, cocoa-nuts, and a variety of other delicacies, which were purchased for them for the merest trifles. Among the common men, there were many who laid in store of these good things for their future support in case of being reduced to short allowance, and they had reason afterwards to console themselves on their provident care.

The example made of the first Indian thief, by exposing him to the ridicule of his countrymen, had a better effect than a thousand lashings, which were forgotten almost as soon as inflicted; whereas the laughable figure the fel-

low made with one ear off, and half the hair of his head shaved, was a perpetual punishment, which it was not in his power to conceal. By this seasonable severity and the vigilance of the officers, whom the king had appointed to superintend the police, we continued unmolested for several days.

On our first approaching the island we cast anchor till the ground for mooring should be examined, and in weighing, to change our station, our cable parted, and we were obliged to leave the anchor behind. This proved a troublesome business, in which we were assisted by the activity of the natives, who, at services of this kind, are very alert. By diving, and properly fixing ropes, they helped us to recover our anchor in a few hours, which we had laboured at, in vain, for several days.

The carpenters and caulkers had no sooner compleated their business on board, than they were ordered on shore to erect a house for Omai, who had been enabled, by the generosity of Capt. Cook, and his other friends, to purchase a small estate for a plantation, in the cultivation of which he was to proceed after the English manner, and to employ his two New-Zealanders as labourers in digging, and preparing the ground.

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a work of no small labour, and could not be accomplished in any reasonable time, without the assistance of many hands; the carpenters, and a number of labourers from both ships were therefore set to work, and though a watch was placed to look after their working-tools, the vigilance of Argos, with his hundred eyes, would have been insufficient to have guarded such a valuable treasure from so many crafty Jafons, as daily attended the workmen with a view to carry off some part of the golden prize. It happened, however, that a few chissels, gimblets, and other trifles were all that were missing; for as no nails or iron were to be used in the construction of the buildings, the saws, axes, adzes, and larger tools were not so easy for them to conceal; while therefore the chief attention of the centinels were fixed upon these, an Indian found means to carry off a quadrant from the astronomer's observatory; and though it was almost instantly missed, and the thief discovered, and fired at while he was yet in sight, he found means to escape to the woods, where he concealed his booty, notwithstanding the most vigilant search. At the firing of the gun, and the bustle that succeeded among the Indians who were in crowds about the tents, the marines on board took the alarm, and putting themselves in arms hastened on shore, where they found all quiet, the thief having been found and brought in, by some of his companions, who

well rewarded for their fidelity. The fellow was instantly taken on board and put in irons, where he remained all night. In the morning it appeared he was of some note, as a number of hogs, and great quantities of fruit and cloth were brought on board, to purchase his release; but without effect. About noon he was brought to trial, and sentenced to suffer the loss of both his ears, besides having his head shaved, and his eye-brows fled, than which, no punishment could have subjected him to greater disgrace. In this bleeding condition he was sent on shore, and exposed, as a spectacle to intimidate the people from meddling with what was not their own; at the same time they were given to understand that theft, among us, was considered as a capital crime. The Indians look'd with horror upon the man, and it was easy to perceive, that this act gave them general disgust; even Omai was affected, though he endeavoured to justify it to his Indian friends, by telling them, that if such a crime had been committed in the country where he had been, the thief would have been condemned to lose his life. How well soever he might carry the matter off, he dreaded the consequences to himself, which, in part, appeared before we left the island, and were probably more severely felt by him, soon after we were gone. However King Oreo and the chiefs about him still continued to keep up appearances; they paid
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and received visits as usual, made presents, and accepted returns, and suffered trade to go on between the inhabitants of the island and the ships companies, as if no offence had been given. At all their feasts and entertainments the Captains and Omai were invited to be guests, and plays and fireworks succeeded each other, by way of political finesse, to promote harmony. In the mean time, another theft was committed at the same place. Mr. King, the astronomer was robbed of his brandy-case, some plates, and some knives and forks, which he never recovered; but his quadrant was brought back in a few days after it was stolen, though very much damaged.

On this occasion, trade was again interrupted, the Indians dreading to come to market when any of their people had been guilty of any fraud.

Capt. Cook, though he rode out every day, attended by Omai, still continued in a very weak condition; but was visited, and had great attention paid him by the chiefs; he reasoned with Oreo on the absurd custom of suspending trade, whenever any of his people had done us an injury, represented the practice as equally hurtful to them as to us, and that, tho' the delinquent was liable to punishment, no other person would ever be molested, unless the course of justice was interrupted, by refusing to deliver up the criminal, when detected. This

reasoning had its weight with Oreo and his chiefs, who ordered the trade to be renewed as before. We had now been in harbour, in O-wharre road, in Hueheine more than thirty days, when Omai's buildings were quite compleated, and he had got all his effects and furniture on shore, the European seeds, with which Capt. Cook had furnished him, sown, and part of his grounds planted with the fruit and other trees of the country, in all which he was assisted with every spare hand from both ships.

One would have imagined that, seeing himself apparently the greatest man in the island, and possessed of much the finest house, he would have been elated with his situation, and overjoyed at being so happily placed; but quite the reverse; the nearer the time approached of our departure, the more dejected he grew, and when he made an entertainment at taking possession of his new settlement, at which he was honoured with the company of the commanders and officers from both ships, and with the King and chiefs of the island, he could scarce conceal his trouble, being apprehensive, as he told Capt. Clarke secretly, that as soon as we were sailed, they would level his buildings with the ground, and make prize of all that he possessed. Upon this occasion, however, Captain Cook, who had all along treated him more like a son than a passenger, and who was now pretty well recovered, being acquainted with the cause
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of his melancholy, embraced this opportunity of recommending him to the protection of the king and the chiefs present, intimating to them, at the same time, that if any violence should be offered to Omai, or that he should be molested in the free enjoyment of his property, he would, upon the return of the ships, lay waste the island, and destroy every human being that had, in any manner, been instrumental in doing him an injury. This threat made the deeper impression upon the chiefs, by what had happened at Emoa; for, notwithstanding all their professions, it was very evident they were more influenced by fear than affection. Omai, thus powerfully supported, after having recovered his spirits, went through the fatigues of the day better than could have been expected from the despondency that appeared on his countenance when first the company began to assemble. Perhaps his awkward situation, between half English, and half Indian preparations, might contribute not a little to embarrass him; for having never before made an entertainment himself, tho' he had been a partaker at many both in England and in the islands, he was yet at a loss to conduct himself properly to so many guests, all of them superior to himself in point of rank, tho' he might be said to be superior, in point of fortune, to most of the chiefs present. Nothing, however, was wanting, to impress the inhabitants with an opinion of Omai's consequence.

sequence. The drums, trumpets, bagpipes, hautboys, flutes, violins, and, in short, the whole band of music attended, and took it by turns to play while dinner was getting ready; and when the company were seated, the whole band joined in full concert, to the admiration of crowds of the inhabitants, who were assembled round the house on this occasion. The dinner consisted, as usual, of barbecued hogs, fowls variously dressed, some after the manner of the country, and others after the English manner, with plenty of other provisions, and wine and other liquors, with which King Oreo made very free. Dinner over, heivas and fireworks succeeded, and when night approached, the multitudes that attended as spectators dispersed without the least disorder.

We now received orders to prepare for our departure. We had, in this island, procured more than 400 hogs, many of them large. Though it had been found in former voyages, that most of them that were carried to sea alive refused to eat, and consequently were soon killed, yet we resolved to make one experiment more, and by procuring large quantities of yams, and other roots, on which they were accustomed to feed on shore, we ventured to take a few in each ship. For this purpose our carpenters prepared styes for their reception in those parts where they might remain the coolest; and while they

they were employed in that business, the live-stock that were still on shore were taken on board, as were likewise every other article that remained.

Nothing remarkable happened till the 30th, when, early in the morning, we were surprized with an account, that Omai's plantation was rooted up and destroyed, his fences broken down, and his horses and cattle set at large, without being able to discover who were concerned in this malicious and deliberate act of premeditated mischief. Capt. Cook, highly incensed, offered considerable rewards for discovering and apprehending the offenders, when it was found that the fellow, who had his head shaved, and his ears cut off, was the principal, and, being a native of Ulitea, an adjacent island, had fled there for refuge; but Capt. Cook offering six large axes, for bringing him to justice, and promising to stay seven days longer, to give time to apprehend him, some desperadoes undertook the task, and on the 4th day brought him on board. He was charged as the sole perpetrator, but it was thought he must have had accomplices, as he could not by himself, in one night, have plucked up so many trees, destroyed so many plants, and dug and defaced the ground in so many places, where the European seeds had been sown. However he refused to make any confession, and when put in irons, remained sullen.

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The preparations for our departure, which this event had suspended, recommenced, and, in the mean time, to shew every attention possible to Omai, the spare hands from both ships were sent ashore, in order to restore his plantation to its former condition, and to reinstate him in the quiet possession of it before the ships should sail. And to recommend him the better to the chiefs, he was accompanied every day by Capt. Cook and some of his officers, who dined with him, and invited King Oroo, and the principal people of the island by turns, to be of the party. He also made entertainments for the young princeesses and their brothers, with music and dancing according to the English fashion, and to please the public in general, Capt. Cook caused fireworks to be played off almost every other night, for their diversion. But notwithstanding all these endeavours to reconcile Omai to his countrymen, he could not help thinking himself the object of their envy, rather than of their admiration. They beheld him in the same light as the gentlemen in every country see a low-born citizen suddenly rising from indigence to wealth, giving themselves airs, and affecting state; at the same time that they laugh at their folly, they encourage their profusion; and while they partake of their entertainments, they take pleasure in mortifying their pride. Such was the real case with Omai: while he was feasting
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the chiefs, and had nails to give to one, red feathers to another, glass and china-ware to a third, and white shirts to the ladies; Who but Omai? but, when he had expended in presents most of what he had brought from abroad, and had but just enough left by the bounty of his friends, to buy him a plantation and to stock it, the chiefs, while they partook of his entertainments, paid him little or no respect, and, had it not been for their deference to Captain Cook, would probably have treated him, amidst the splendor of his banquets, with the utmost contempt—Such is the disposition of mankind throughout the world. Men sprung from the dregs of the people must have something more than accidental riches to recommend them to the favour of their fellow citizens; they must have superior sense to direct their conduct, and superior acquirements to render the virtue they possess conspicuous. That this was not the case with Omai, every day's experience furnished sufficient proofs. Not many nights had passed after the waste made on his plantation, before lights were seen about his house, which, it was supposed, were intended to set it on fire, had not the precipitancy of the centinel, by firing his piece too suddenly, given the alarm, and furnished the incendiaries with notice to make their escape. The man too who had laid waste his plantation, and who was in irons on board the

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Resolution, the night before we intended to sail, found means either to jump over-board, or by some invisible assistance to unloose his chains and slip out of the ship. He was to have been punished, not by death, but by a banishment, worse than death. He was to have been put on shore on some desolate island, from whence it would have been next to impossible he could ever have made his escape to molest Omai. How he came to get from his confinement is not publicly known, but the centinel who was set to guard him, was sentenced to be publicly whipped, and to receive 24 lashes every morning for six mornings successively; and Mr. H— mate, and Mr. M—, midshipman, who commanded the watch were sentenced; the first, to be expelled the ship, to which he never more returned during the voyage; the other, to be turned before the mast; but on submission was forgiven, as was likewise the centinel after suffering the first day's punishment. As soon as the mate from the Resolution came on board the Discovery, Mr. Martin, third lieutenant, was ordered to do duty on board the Resolution in his room.

On the 2d of November being in readiness to sail, Capt. Cook took Omai aside, and gave him lessons of instruction how to act. At the same time directing him to send his boat over to Ulietea, his native island, to let him know how the chiefs behaved to him in the absence of the ships.

ships. If well, he was to send by the messenger three white beads; if they seized upon his stock, or broke in upon his plantation, three red beads; or if things remained just as we left them, he was to send three spotted beads.

In the morning of the 3d we unmoored, and the wind being fair, we made sail out of Oowburne road, and when we were under way, Omai came on board, either to prevail on Capt. Cook to let him return to England, or to take his final leave never to see him more. His parting was very affecting; if tears could have prevailed on Capt. Cook to let him return, Omai's eyes were never dry; and if the tenderest supplications of a dutiful son to an obdurate father could have made any impression, Omai hung round his neck in all the seeming agony of a child trying to melt the heart of a reluctant parent. He twined his arms round him with all the ardour of inviolable friendship, till Capt. Cook, unable any longer to contain himself, broke from him, and retired to his cabin, to indulge that natural sympathy which he could not resist, leaving Omai to dry up his tears, and compose himself on the quarter deck.

When he had vented his grief he returned and reasoned with Omai on the impropriety of his request, reminded him of his anxieties while in England, lest he should never more have been permitted to return home; and now that he had been restored to his country and friends,

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at an immense expence to his royal master, it was childish to entertain a notion of being carried back. Omai still renewed his tears; he had wished, he said, to see his country and friends; but having seen them, he was contented, and would never long for home again. Capt. Cook assured him of his best wishes, but his instructions must be obeyed, which were to leave him with his friends. At parting, he added six large axes to the presents he had before made him, and some chissels and Sheffield ware, which he knew would be useful to him.

Such was the parting of Omai from his beloved patron, who had contracted a real friendship for him. He said, he should be the most miserable of all human beings when his protector was gone, for that the inhabitants would be plotting his destruction, and he should not have a happy moment while he had any thing left to live upon. His two New Zealand boys were under little less concern to part from the ships than Omai himself. They had already learned to speak English so as to be able to express their hopes and their fears. They hoped to have gone along with the ships, and they cried bitterly when they understood that they were to be left behind. Thence arose a new scene between Omai and his boys, that, had not the officers on the quarter-deck interposed, might have ended unfortunately for Omai. They refused to quit the ship, till they were compelled to it by force

force, which was no easy matter, the eldest now near sixteen, being of an athletic make, and of prodigious strength, and the youngest about eleven, being likewise a giant for his age, were not easily managed. They were both very tractable and obliging, till they found they were to be left at Huakeine, but then they grew desperate till subdued. They discovered dispositions the very reverse of the islanders, among whom they were destined to abide, during the remainder of their lives; and, instead of a mean, timid submission, they shewed a manly, determined resolution not to be subdued, tho' overcome; and ready, if there had been a possibility to succeed, to have made a second or even a third attempt to have regained their liberty. We could never learn Capt. Cook's real reason, for refusing to take on board, some of those gallant youths from New Zealand, who, no doubt, would have made useful hands in the high latitudes we were about to explore, and would besides have exhibited living pictures of a people, whose portraits have been imperfectly depicted even by our best draughtsmen. There is a dauntless fierceness in the eyes and countenance of a New Zealand warrior, that loses all its force, under the feeble pencil of a scribbling artist. It is now, indeed, too late to lament the non importation of a native from every climate, where Nature had marked a visible distinction in the characters of person and

mind. As one in each climate might have been procured without force; when assembled together, they would have formed an academy for the study of the human figure, that would have attracted the notice of artists from every country, more than the celebrated statues of * * * * *.— We shall now take our leave of Omai, with just observing, that Capt. Cook having furnished him with the means of enriching his country and the adjacent isles with some of the most useful generæ of four-footed animals, (horses, cows, sheep and goats) besides a breed of geese, turkies and other domestic appendages that were strangers to the tropical islands, he may, with proper management, rise superior to all the Earees in the kingdoms round him, and in time make himself lord over all. But to proceed

In the evening of the 3d of November, the day we set out from Hueheine, we arrived at Ulietea and were suddenly surrounded with boats laden with provisions. Here, as usual, we landed our live-stock, carried the tents ashore, and erected the astronomer's observatory. One of our first exploits in this island was the act of a centinel who was set to watch the sheep and the goats, and who, being insulted by some of the natives, ran one of them through the body. The deceased was instantly carried off by his companions, and for a few nails, properly

perly disposed of, so that we never heard any thing more of his murder. This happened

On the 6th, when the grind-stone was stolen from the Discovery, but the thief being detected and apprehended, it was brought back the same day, together with a large hog, by way of ransom for the pilferer.

On the 16th, about two in the morning, the sentinel at the observatory fell asleep and suffered his musket to be carried away. He then took it into his head to leave his post and follow after it, with a design, however, never more to return to the ships. When this was known on board, orders were immediately issued for securing the King and Royal family, till the man should be taken and restored, threatening at the same time to lay waste the country, if he was suffered to escape. It was some days before he was discovered, and at length he was found at the distance of about ten miles, sitting in a lone house, surrounded by Indians, chiefly girls, who had stripped him of his cloaths, and disguised him in an Indian dress, with his head curiously ornamented with feathers, and his musket lying loaded by him. He made no resistance, but submitted to come back under convoy of an officer and two marines, who had orders to shoot him, if he attempted to escape. He was put in irons, tried, and sentenced to have 24 lashes every day for a week; but on submission was forgiven.

On the 23d, Mr. M——, midshipman, and the gunner's mate made their escape in a canoe, with two of their Otaheitean misses, and landed on an adjoining island, with a view to continue their course to Otaheite, as soon as they had furnished themselves with provisions for the voyage. They were no sooner missed and report made to Capt. Cook, than he ordered all the boats to be manned, and a pursuit to commence with all possible expedition; at the same time putting the King, his two sons, and two of the principal chiefs of the island under confinement, till the fugitives should be taken and restored. This he did, no doubt, to interest the people of the island in the pursuit, and to prevent their assisting the deserters in making their escape. He also promised a reward of large axes, looking glasses, and other articles of considerable value, to any of the natives, who should be instrumental in apprehending and bringing them back. To enforce his orders he caused all the shipping to be seized, and he threatened destruction to the country if his men should be withheld. He even threatened the King and the young princes with death, if they were not brought back within a certain time. This might seem hard usage, yet it had its effect, and without this steady resolute proceeding the deserters would never have been recovered. Our own boats went day after day, to all the adjoining islands, without being able to learn the least trace of them,

them, and this they continued till having searched every island within the distance of two day's sail, they were at length obliged to give over any farther search, as fruitless.

On the 30th, after fourteen days absence, some Indians came on board, and acquainted Capt. Cook that the fugitives were found, and that in a few days they would be brought back, desiring at the same time the release of the prisoners, as a condition without which they would again be set at large. But Capt. Cook paid no regard to this information. On the contrary, he renewed his threatnings, which he said he would instantly order to be carried into execution, if the men were not delivered up.

Next day, [the 30th] about five in the evening, a number of canoes were seen at a distance, making towards the ships, and as they approached nearer, they were heard to sing and to rejoice as if they had succeeded in finding what they went in search of. About six they came so nigh, that we could discern, with our glasses, the deserters fastened together, but without their misses. They were no sooner brought on board, than the Royal prisoners were released, to the unspeakable joy of all but the two fugitives, who were under great apprehensions for their lives; their punishment however, was not so severe as might have been expected. S—— was sentenced to receive 24 lashes, and M—— turned before the mast, where

where he continued to do duty while there was little or nothing to do; but on asking forgiveness, was restored to his former station on the quarter-deck.

It appeared, that the Indians had traced them from island to island, from Ulitea to Otaha, from Otaha to Bolabola, from Bolabola to the little island Taboo, where they were found, but where they never would have been looked for by us, had not the Indians traced them out.

On the 1st of December the tents were struck, the live-stock taken on board, and we prepared to sail.—An account of our intercourse with the Earees and Chiefs of the island would only be a tedious repetition of what had passed before in the other islands; but one adventure which happened to Capt. Clarke, must not be omitted; sauntering about in the cool of the morning at a distance from the tents, he was observed by a party of the natives, who way-laid him, and in an instant surrounded him. Being incapable of resistance, they hurried him away, but without offering any violence to his person. It is probable they meant to keep him as an hostage in the room of their king, who at that time was in custody; but fortunately for him, they could not carry him off without coming in sight of the ships. In passing a rising ground, he found means to make a signal, which happened to be observed, and in an instant the boats were armed and manned, and the crews being

being joined by the marines on shore, he was followed and brought back, not a little fatigued, and perhaps somewhat frightened by the delicacy of his situation. No other incident worth relating happened during our stay on this plentiful island.

On the 2d, notice was given to the Otaheitean misses that they must all prepare to depart; that the ships were in readiness to leave the country, never to return to the Society Islands any more. This news caused great lamentation, and much bustle and confusion. They were now at a great distance from home, and every one was eager to get what she could for herself before she could part from her beloved. Most of them had already stript their mates of almost every thing they possessed, and those who had still something in reserve led a sad life till they shared it with them. But what is most astonishing, notwithstanding what has been said of the constancy of these misses, there was scarce a man who had to do with them without being injured by them. When we took our departure from Ulietea, we had scarce hands enough able to do duty on board, there being more than 30 under the surgeon's hands. In this situation, those who were well were obliged to do duty for those who were hurt, which, to do them justice, they very willingly performed.

It was not, however, till the 7th, that we could get the ships clear of these troublesome

gentry. On that day we set sail with a brisk wind to the westward, and, Capt. Cook having received advice that the King of Bolabola had part of a large anchor to dispose of, we directed our course to that island, where we arrived on the 8th. Here both Captains landed, and were introduced to the old King. He received them according to the tropical custom; ordered mats to be spread for them, and plantains, bananas, and cocoa-nuts to be brought by way of refreshment. He then entered into discourse with them, pressed them to bring their ships into harbour, and treated them in every respect with great apparent kindness, tho' he had been represented by Tupia, to former voyagers, as little better than a common robber. Being told that they were in haste to sail, and that they could not stay to come into harbour, he entered upon business; and after walking with them to the place where the anchor lay, he told them, that one part of the purchase must be a ewe; that he had a ram, which had been presented to him by some strangers, who had lately visited his island, and who had left him a ewe, but she was dead. Capt. Cook instantly ordered a ewe to be brought from the ship, for which, and four large axes, he purchased the anchor, weighing about 1250 lb. weight. They then took leave; and having brought the anchor on board, we set sail, steering N. by E.

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The Island of Ulietea, which we just left has nothing in it that differs essentially from what is to be met with in the other islands, only that the women have more liberty here than at Otaheité, and are not restrained from eating in company with the men. While here, we were visited by the King and his chiefs; gave and received entertainments. We attended their plays, and, in return, amused them with fireworks, illuminations, and other diversions, in the same manner as at the other islands, and remarked very little difference in the characteristics of the natives. As we were now taking our leave in earnest of those fertile isles, we added to our live-stock more than 200 hogs, which we found would eat after they had recovered the sea-sickness. In former voyages, it was not known that hogs would never eat while they were sick, it was therefore thought prudent to kill them, after fasting three or four days, from a belief that, having fasted so long, they would never eat again, and, if they died of themselves, none of the crew would eat carrion.

On the 9th in the morning we were by observation in lat. 15 deg. 15 min. S. and in long. 207 deg. 52 min. E. and it may not be improper to observe, that the spot on which the astronomer's tent was erected in the island of Hueheine, was in lat. 16 deg. 41 min. S. and in long. 208 deg. 57 min. E. of Greenwich.

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We now continued our direct course N. by E. as near as the winds would let us, with mostly fine weather till the 20th, when in lat. 4 deg. 54 min. S. we were surrounded with land and sea-weed and bodies of trees, which seemed to be but lately separated from their respective roots; but it was not till

The 23d that we discovered land. On that day in lat. 2 deg. N. long. 203 deg. 55 min. E. after having crossed the line the day before, the man at the mast-head called out land, bearing N. E. distance between six and seven leagues. We instantly wore ship, and stood in for a fine bay, on which we found good anchorage in 48 fathom water. On viewing the island from the ships, there did not appear the least sign of an inhabitant; but near the shore there were shoals of sharks, and the sea seemed crufted over with sea fowls, some of a very large size. The boats that had been sent out to reconnoitre, returned in the evening with one large turtle each, and loaded with boobies and other tropical birds that by hungry mariners are generally esteemed good eating. They likewise brought several sharks, which they found in such shoals, that they knocked them on the head with their oars.

On the 24th we changed our station, and anchored in 17 fathom water.

And on the 25th we kept Christmas in much mirth and festivity, the crew having plenty of provisions, and the gentlemen plenty of turtle. The ships being safely moored, and the weather

ther fine, but almost insupportably hot, the men were allowed the whole day to amuse themselves, and every one had a pint of brandy to drink health to their friends in Old England, though many thousand miles distant.

In the evening, parties from both ships were invited to go a turtling, but none were pressed to go on that service; all were volunteers. On our landing all went different ways, and in order to know where to meet, fires were made in separate directions, one fire for the Resolution's party, and one for that of the Discovery's. Our party before morning had turned more than 20 turtles, and had carried them on board; and when the boats were unloaded, returned for more. In the mean time, a fishing party were likewise sent out, and were no less successful than the turtlers; but on this service a seaman had a very narrow escape. As he was helping to draw the seine, a shark made a chop at his arm, but fortunately caught only a piece of his shirt's sleeve, with which he made off.

The Resolution's turtlers had made a trip to their ship to unlade; but on the return of their boats to the island, one of their men was missing, who, tired with carrying a turtle of more than 100 weight in the heat of the day, had laid it down on the beech, and retired to a thicket, to shelter himself from the sun. Here he fell asleep, and as soon as he awoke, he endeavoured to recover his turtle, but in vain; he

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had entangled himself among the bushes, and in the evening, after a most painful search, he was found almost speechless through fatigue and for want of refreshment.

All this day our people continued their diversion on the S. E. side of the island; but

On the 26th about ten in the morning Mr. B——y, Mr. E——r, and Mr. P——k, with ten or twelve seamen in the cutter, having a good quantity of water on board, and each man a pint of brandy, directed their course to the N. E. quarter, and about noon arrived at a neck of land, over which they were to travel on foot to come at the place where the turtle were supposed to harbour, and where it was dangerous to attempt to approach them by sea, by reason of the surf. Here they safely secured their cutter, and near the shore they erected a kind of hut, to which they carried their provisions, and set down to rest and to refresh. This done, they agreed to divide, and to pursue their sport in separate parties. Accordingly they set out, and before the next morning they had sent in as many turtle as the cutter could well stow. This they did by placing them across a couple of oars in the nature of a brier, and keeping men employed in conveying them from the place where they were turned, to the cutter. As they grew tired of their diversion they repaired to the place of rendezvous; but it was some surprize to the rest, when at nine in the morning,
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Mr. B——y, Mr. P——k and Simeon Wood-
roff, the gunner's mate, were missing. It was
then concluded, that they had gone too far
within land, and that they had either lost their
way, or some accident had befallen them, per-
haps from natives lurking secretly in the woods,
though none had openly appeared.

Under these apprehensions two seamen, Bar-
tholomew Loremer and Thomas Trecher were
sent out in search of them, each carrying a gal-
lon of water, with brandy and other refresh-
ments, in case they should meet with the gen-
tlemen in the way. In a wild uncultivated
country, over-run with bushes and close cover,
the reader, who has never been bewildered, can
have no idea of men's being lost in the short
space of a few miles. So, however it happen-
ed. The gentlemen invited by the mixed me-
lody of the birds in the woods, left their peo-
ple as soon as they had properly stationed them,
and entered an adjoining thicket, with their
guns. The sport they met with led them on
till night began to close upon them. They were
then at a great distance from the turtles, and
in the midst of a trackless cover, with nothing
but tall trees to direct their return; but what
was more alarming, the sun was no sooner set,
than a thick fog succeeded, which involved the
woods in darkness, though the open beach re-
mained clear. In vain they attempted to re-
gain the shore, for, instead of being able to
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discern the trees they had marked to secure their retreat, they could hardly see one another at five yards distance. In this situation, they soon began to lose all knowledge of their way; and least, instead of proceeding in the right course, they should pursue a contrary direction, they agreed to sit down to rest, and for that purpose chose the first convenient spot that chance threw in their way. Though their minds were troubled, they had scarce set themselves down, when sleep got the better of their anxiety, and they all lay composed, till attacked by swarms of black ants (creatures more poisonous than bugs) with which they were in a manner covered when they awoke, and so disfigured and tormented with their bites and blisters, that it is hardly possible to describe their distress. Thus circumstanced, their first care was to clear themselves from these vermin by stripping themselves naked, and sweeping them off with brushes made of the wings of the birds they had killed; this done, they clothed themselves again, in order to renew their attempts to recover the shore; but all in vain. The farther they walked, as it appeared afterwards, the farther they went astray. At length, suspecting their error, they resolved to remain stationary, and each man, placing himself against an adjoining tree, endeavoured to console himself as well as he could till morning, when the appearance of the sun enabled them

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them to judge of the course they were to pursue; but in a trackless wilderness how were they to make their way! The woods in many places were overgrown with thick grass and brambles reaching to their middles, and in others so thick intersected with boughs, and matted with leaves, that it was hardly possible to keep company, or to penetrate with their utmost efforts, (when these obstructions happened) one hundred yards in as many minutes. They were now glad to abandon their game, happy if they could regain the open country with the loss of every thing they had about them. The shirts and trowsers they had on were soon in rags, their shoes could hardly be kept upon their feet, and their linnen caps and handkerchiefs were rendered unserviceable, by the frequent repetition of the uses to which they had been applied. In short, no degree of distress both of body and mind could exceed that to which these unfortunate gentlemen were now exposed. To their minds it was some alleviation, when, about ten in the morning, they heard the feint sound of guns, fired from the ships on purpose to lead them right, supposing them to have lost their way. But this was poor comfort, when they reflected that their ships were at an immense distance, and that, if they ventured to take them for their guide, they should never live to see an end to their journey. Still labouring to advance by the sun, they at length, all

all at once, observed an opening that led, as they thought, to the long wished-for shore. The heart of man, dilated with the most exquisite joy, can only be sensible of the inexpressible pleasure which the gentlemen felt on this ray of hope. They forgot, for the moment, the pains of their lacerated bodies, though all torn with briars and besmeared with blood, and comforted themselves with this dawn of deliverance; but they had still much to suffer. When they rushed with extacy from the cover and came to survey the open country, they discovered, to their great mortification, that they were yet at a great distance from the neck of land, over which their people had passed; that this opening had brought them to another creek or inlet of the sea, and that they had yet to travel round a vast circle of the thicket, before they could come to the bay that was even now scarce within their knowledge. On this discovery, despair had almost taken place of hope, when they heard, or thought they heard, something like the sound of a man's voice, far within the thicket. This, in a short time, was answered by a sound not unlike the former, but fainter. It was then rightly conjectured, that these sounds proceeded from men sent in search of them; and they all endeavoured to raise a halloo in their turn; but their throats were so parched, that with their utmost efforts they could scarce rise above a whisper. They
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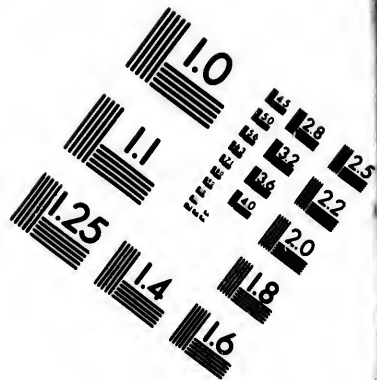
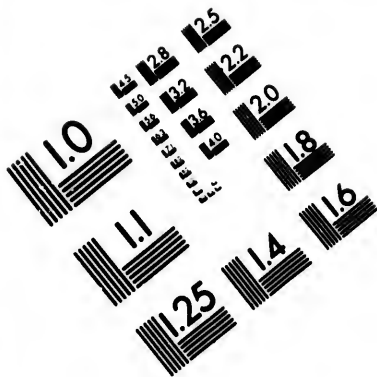
now lamented the waste of powder which they had fruitlessly expended during the night, in making signals of distress, and rummaged their cases to muster up a single charge. This in some measure had the desired effect. The report was heard by one of the seamen who were in pursuit of them (as will be seen hereafter) both of whom had been struggling with equal difficulties, and toiling under greater encumbrances, without the least expectation of succeeding in their fear. These men were now bewildered themselves, and halloo'd to each other as well for the sake of keeping company as for signals to the gentlemen, if they should be within hearing.

By this time the day was far advanced; and partly with fatigue and for want of refreshment, the gentlemen were almost spent; they had been ever since the morning's dawn engaged in the most painful exertion of bodily strength, to extricate themselves from the labyrinth in which they had been involved, that ever men experienced, and by consequence to an equal waste of spirits, without any thing to recruit them; and now, that they were less entangled, they were more exposed to the violent heat of the sun, which brought on an intolerable thirst that was no longer supportable; they therefore, as the last resource, repaired to the nearest beach, where, to their comfort, (for comfort it was to them)

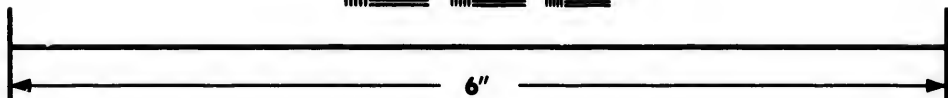
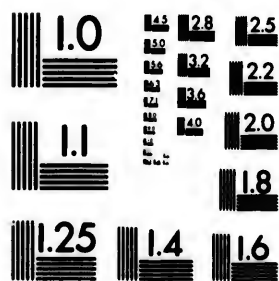
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they found a turtle, killed it and drank the blood. They then took shelter in the hollow of a rock till the heat of the sun abated, during which time a refreshing sleep gave them some relief, and enabled them to perform a journey of about seven or eight miles, which otherwise they must have perished before they could have accomplished. When they arrived at the hut, to their great concern they found it deserted, and destitute of every kind of provisions; but, casting their eyes towards the ships they perceived the boats hastening to their relief. The crew, and the officer who commanded, had waited at the hut, till all their provisions were expended, and, not knowing how to proceed, had repaired to the ship for a fresh supply, and for fresh orders; and he was now returning fully furnished and instructed. On his arrival he was struck with astonishment at the sight of three such miserable beings as the gentlemen and mate appeared to be, lacerated all over, and besmeared with blood, and with scarce a rag about them broader than a garter. Their cry was for grog, which was dealt to them sparingly, and they were instantly sent on board to be properly taken care of. The first enquiry they made, was, whether any of the company had been sent after them, and being answered in the affirmative, and that they were not yet returned, they could not help expressing their doubts whether they ever would
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return; adding their wishes at the same time that no means might be omitted to endeavour their recovery.—It is natural for men, who have just experienced any signal deliverance, to feel poignantly for the safety of others under the same critical circumstances. It was therefore no small satisfaction to the sufferers, when they were told, that every possible means would be tried for their relief; and to enable those who were to be sent on that errand the better to direct their search, the gentlemen described, as well as they could, the place where they were heard. The evening, however, was now too far advanced to undertake, with any probability of success, their deliverance. There were now twenty of the crew (seamen and marines) who had been dispatched from on board, for recovering the gentlemen. These had orders to traverse the thickets in a body, till they should find some of them either living or dead, for, till the gentlemen appeared, nothing could be concluded with certainty concerning them. The majority were of opinion that, if they had been alive, they most certainly would have returned as soon as it was dark— as they could have no motive to pursue their sport in the night; and it was by no means probable, that they should be bewildered, because they might surely have found the same way out of the cover, by which they went into it. This was very plausible; but some on board, who had sailed with Commodore

Byron, and who remembered the almost impenetrable thickets in the Island of Tinian, where men could not see one another in the open day, at the distance of three yards, knew well how the gentlemen might be entangled, and how hard it would fare with them if it should so happen. But, as this instance was known only to few, it was regarded by none, and the former opinion, that some fatal accident had happened to them, prevailed generally, till the gentlemen appeared, when the tone changed, and every one argued the improbability of it, when the event had shewn it to be ill-founded.

It was now the place for turtling, and, till morning, nothing could be undertaken for the relief of the poor men. Parties therefore went out as before, and continued their sport, while they had light, when many were turned, and one found which had been killed by somebody, and brought in among the rest.

Early in the morning of the 29th, when the whole company were assembled, the plan of their proceeding was formed; By marching in lines at such a distance from each other, as to be within hearing, it was thought impossible to fail of finding the men, if living, or of discovering some traces of them, if dead; and they were to direct their line of march towards the spot where the sound of the voices was heard by the gentlemen.

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After a diligent search of six hours, Bartholomew Loreman was discovered in a most miserable condition, almost blinded by the venomous bites of the vermin added to the scorching heat of the sun, and speechless for want of something to clear his throat. He made signs for water, and water was given him. He was moving about, but totally stupid, having no sense of danger, or of the miserable condition in which he was found. It fortunately happened, that the boats from both ships were previously sent round the point of land already mentioned, and planted along the coast, as the land trended, for the convenience of taking the gentlemen on board, in case they should have been found strayed to any considerable distance. If this precaution had not been taken, this man must have perished before he could have been conveyed by any other means to the place of rendezvous, and it was with the utmost difficulty that he was carried to the nearest boat. As soon as he could be brought to his speech, he said he had parted from his companion Trecher in the morning, not in anger, but not agreeing about the way back, nor ever expecting to see one another again; he said they had travelled the day before as long as they could in search of the gentlemen without success, and that when overcome with fatigue, they sat down to refresh, and he believed drank a little too freely of their grog, for they both fell asleep. They were

frightened when they waked to find it dark night, and although they felt their faces and hands covered with vermin, the thoughts of having neglected their duty, and the dread of the consequences so distracted their minds, that they were hardly sensible of any other pain. As rest was now no longer their object, they rose and wandered, they neither knew nor cared where, till day began to break upon them, and then they endeavoured to recollect their way with a view to rejoin their companions; but after walking and winding about as they could find a passage through the bushes, they at last began to discover, that they were going from the place of rendezvous instead of making towards it. Fatigued to the last degree with walking, and perplexed in their minds, they began to grow careless about living or dying, and in that humour sat down to lighten their burden, by making an end of their provisions and grog. This they had no sooner done, than sleep again surprized them, and, notwithstanding the vermin, with which they found themselves covered when they awoke, they found themselves again in the dark, and again rose up to wander about which they continued to do as before, lamenting their melancholy situation, and consulting what course to take. Several wild projects came into their heads. They had heard of Robinson Crusoe's living so many years upon an uninhabited island, with only his man Friday, and why

why might not they live in this! But hitherto they had seen no four-footed animal, nor any thing on which they could subsist, but turtle and fowls, the latter of which they had no means to attain, and they were totally unprovided with every earthly thing but what they carried about them. That scheme therefore appeared too romantic; they next thought of climbing the highest tree, to try if they could discover any hill or eminence, from whence they might take a view of the country, in order to be certain whether it was inhabited or not. This was approved by both, and Trecher mounted the loftiest within his reach, from whence he said he could discern, towards the South-west, a mountain of considerable height, and as that was the point that led to the ships, thither he proposed that they should go; but Loreman rather chose to depend upon Providence, and endeavour to regain the shore, as he judged by the report of a gun, which he thought he heard the day before, that it must lie in the direction from whence the sound proceeded, and thither he was endeavouring to make his way, till his eye-sight failed him, and he lost all sense of action. His companion, he said, who was at some distance farther in the thicket, and who did not hear the report of the gun, did not believe what he said; whereupon they agreed to part. What course Trecher

took he could not tell, but he believed to the South-west.

Loreman was judged in too dangerous a condition to admit of any delay; he was therefore sent off in the boat, and being put under the care of the Surgeon, soon recovered.

After this detail it was debated, whether to resign Trecher to his fate, or to continue the search. The humanity of the officer, who had the command of the party, prevailed. It was now about ten in the morning, of the 29th, when the whole party, after taking some refreshment, set out to scour the thickets, and, by halloping, ringing of bells, beating of drums, and pursuing different courses, determined he should hear them if he were alive. It was no easy task to penetrate a trackless cover, overgrown with underwood, and abounding with insects, of which the muskatoes were the least troublesome. But numbers make that easy, which to individuals would be impracticable. They went on cheerfully at first; but, before a few hours were elapsed, even the gentlemen, who were inspirited by their success in killing game, began to be tired, and it was thought adviseable to rest and refresh during the middle of the day, and to renew the pursuit after they had dined. As yet they had not been able to discover any trace or track of the man they were seeking, though it had been agreed between Trecher and his companion, to cut boughs
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from the trees, as they passed along, by way of mark or guide to each other, in case of separation.

This was no small discouragement; and few had any relish to renew a labour attended with so much fatigue, and so little prospect of success.

The officers were alone inflexibly bent on the pursuit. The men, though they were no less willing, were not all equally able to endure the fatigue, and some of them were even ready to drop, before their dinner and their grog had revived their spirits. The only expedient that now remained to be tried, was, that which Trecher himself had projected, namely, to climb the highest tree that appeared in view, in order to look for the mountain which he pretended to have seen, and to which it was thought probable that he might direct his course. This was no sooner proposed than executed. In a moment a sailor was perched at the top of every lofty tree in sight, and the high land descried, seemingly at no great distance from the place where the party had dined. It was now agreed, to make the best of their way to the eminence, but this proved not so easy a task as it at first appeared to be. When they thought themselves just ready to mount, they met with a lagoon that interrupted their progress; and coasting it along, they discovered the skeleton of a creature that, by its length, appeared to

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be an allegator. In viewing this narrowly, something like the track of some large animal was observed to have passed it, and the high grass on the margin of the lagoon to have been fresh trodden. This excited the curiosity of the whole party, who imagined that some monster inhabited the lagoon, against which it was prudent for them to be upon their guard. The waters of the Lagoon were salt as brine, and every where skirted with a kind of reed and sedge, that reached as high as a man's head, and could not be penetrated without danger from scorpions or other venomous reptiles, several of which had been seen in the bushes. All attempts therefore of succeeding by this course appeared to be labour lost, and as no other were thought more probable, it was resolved to relinquish the pursuit, and to return to the boats; but the day being already too far spent to make their return practicable before the morning, it was agreed to coast it along the lake, to endeavour to find access to the opposite hills; and this was the more easily effected, as between the sedgey border and the thicket there was an open space of unequal breadth, only sometimes intersected with bramble patches that joined the lake, but of no great extent. Through these they made their way with little opposition till the lake appeared to deepen, when a most stubborn woody copse seemed to bid defiance to their further progress.

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This difficulty, however, was with much labour surmounted, and it was no sooner passed, than the lake was found to terminate, and the ground to rise. The country now began to put on a new face. The prospect which had hitherto presented nothing but a wild and almost impenetrable thicket, as they ascended the rising ground, became delightful. And when they had attained the summit of the eminence, was exceedingly picturesque. Here they determined to pass the night within a pleasant grove, which seemed to be designed by nature for a place of rest. The whole party now assembled, and orders were given by the commanding officers to erect temporary tents to shelter them from the evening damps. These tents were only boughs and leaves of trees set up tent fashion. In this service some were employed in cutting down and preparing the materials, while others were busied in disposing and putting them together; some were ordered to collect fuel, and others to carry it to the summit of an adjoining hill, in order to be kindled at the close of day, and kept burning during the night, by way of signal, to let the boats know that the party were safe, and that they had not yet relinquished the search. Add to these orders, that a sentinel was to attend the fire in the night, and a watch to be regularly set and relieved to guard the tents. In the mean time the gentlemen amused themselves by taking a view of the lagoon from
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the hills, and observing its extent. They saw it bounded on three sides by a ridge of hills, and open only to the N. W. from which quarter they had approached it. They also observed an open down to trend towards the shore, by which the low grounds were divided, and which gave them hopes that their return in the morning would be much shortened. Before night set in the tents were completed; and in due time the orders that had been given were punctually carried into execution; the fire was lighted, the sentinel at his station, the watch set, and the party all retired to rest. It was about the dead of night that the sentinel who attended the fire was surprized by a four-footed monster, that had stole upon him by a slow and silent pace, and was just ready to seize him, when looking behind him he started suddenly from it, and flew down to the tents to apprise the watch. The man's fears had magnified the monster to twice the size of an elephant, so that the sailor, whose turn it was to be upon the watch, was equally alarmed and terrified. The officer on duty was presently made acquainted with the danger, and consulted what was best to be done. The countenance of the sentinel, his known courage, and the solemn manner in which he attested the truth of what he said he saw, added to the recollection of the skeleton and the track of the monstrous creature that was observed to have come out of the water and passed by it,

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left no room to suspect a deception. It will not seem strange therefore, that the officer should advise calling to their assistance the serjeant of marines, the second mate and the armourer, the stoutest men of the party. With this reinforcement they march'd up the hill in form, Mr. Hollingsby and Mr. Dixon in front, the serjeant and the sentinel in the next line, and two sailors to compose the rear. As they approached the fire, the sentinel, peeping from behind the armourer, beheld the monster thro' the smoke, as tall again as he was before, and gave the word to the front line to kneel and fire; but happy it was, that the armourer, fearing neither devil nor monster, determined to reserve his fire till he faced his enemy. He therefore advanced boldly, and, looking sharply at it through the flames, took it for a man, and called to it to speak. But what was their astonishment, when they beheld the very identical Thomas Trecher, of whom they had been in search so long, crawling upon all fours, for his feet were so blistered that he could not stand, and his throat so parched that he could not speak. It is hard to say which was predominant, their joy, their surprize or their laughter. No time, however, was lost in administering relief. Some ran to the tents to tell the news and to bring some refreshment, while the rest strove to ease him, by supporting him in their arms. In a few minutes he was surrounded by the whole party,

party, eager, some to learn his story, and all to give him relief; the officers, in particular, brought him cordials, which they administered sparingly till he was brought to his speech. He was a most affecting spectacle, blistered from head to foot by poisonous insects, whose venomous stings had caused such an intolerable itching, that his very blood was inflamed by constant rubbing. By anointing him with oil, the acrimony in some degree abated, and by frequently giving him small quantities of tea, mixed with a little brandy, they brought him to his speech; but it was some days before he recovered the perfect use of his senses.

As soon as they had recovered him so far, by proper refreshment, as to entertain hopes of saving his life, they carried him to bed, and ordered one of his mess-mates to attend him. In the morning his fever was abated; but there arose a difficulty, how he was to be conveyed more than 12 miles, through a country such as has been described in his weak condition. To English sailors nothing, that is not impossible, is impracticable. One of them remembered that, when a boy, his schoolfellows and he used to divert themselves with making sedan chairs with rushes, and he thought it an easy matter to make such a one, with materials from the thicket, that would answer the purpose. This was no sooner proposed than executed, and a machine contrived, in which they took it by turns

turns to carry him through almost insurmountable obstructions.—The gentlemen had, indeed, discovered a less encumbered passage than that, through which they had made their way the day before; but it reached very little farther than they could see with the naked eye; all the low ground beyond was swampy and reedy, and so abounding with insects of various kinds, that it was even dangerous for the men to open their mouths, without something to defend them. In the evening, inexpressibly fatigued, and their water and provisions wholly expended, they reached the beach, where the Discovery's cutter was grounded; and where likewise the Resolution's boat, that had been waiting all the day before on the opposite side of the peninsula, was arrived. After some slight refreshment, and wishing each other a prosperous voyage, they parted, each party repairing to their own ship, and Trecher being committed to the surgeon's care, recovered gradually, but it was some weeks before he was fit to do duty.

We had now been off this island near seven days, in which time we had taken more than 100 turtle, from 150 to 300 lb weight on board; but, not being able to discover any fresh water in it,

On the 1st of January, 1778, about ten in the morning, we unmoored and set sail with the Resolution in company, directing our course N by E, with a gentle breeze from the east.

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To the island, which we have just left, Capt. Cook gave the name of Turtle Island. It lies in lat. 2 deg. 2 min. N. and in long. 208 E. from Greenwich. It is a low barren island, and has all the appearance of being burnt up. The few cocoa-nut trees that were found upon it produced hardly any fruit, and, except a few on the borders of the lagoon already mentioned what they bore were without any kernel.

Early on the 2d of January, Turtle Island bore E. S. E. as far as the eye could carry, and as we were now clear of land, and proceeding with a prosperous gale, and had plenty of provisions on board, the men were allowed turtle to boil with their pork, which in a few days was discontinued by the advice of the surgeon, and turtle substituted in the room of every other kind of meat. This was found both healthful and nourishing, and was continued till within a few days of our arrival at another island, where we met with fresh provisions, and water equal to any we brought with us from the Society Isles.

On the 3d the wind shifted W. S. W. and a storm came on, preceded by a lowering darkness, that presaged some violent convulsion, and soon after it broke forth in thunder, lightning, wind and rain, which in two hours increased to such a violent degree, as no man on board had ever known the like. Fortunately it was but of short continuance; but, in that little time, the sea broke over our quarter, and cleared the decks
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of every thing that was loose. Before noon the force of the tempest was abated, but the rain continued, of which we made good use. From the time of our leaving Ulietea to the present day, we had received no fresh supply of water: and, though the still had been constantly at work, our complement began already to run scanty. This afternoon, several indications of land were observed, such as great quantities of sea-weed, and fresh timber floating with the current by the ships. The Resolution made the signal to shorten sail and stand to the southward, which was obeyed; but, no land coming in sight while it was day-light, after eight hours search we left off the pursuit, and resumed our course to the northward, which we continued till

The 13th, when, in lat. 13 deg. 3 min. long. 202 deg. 6 min. we steered to the N. W. in search of land, the signs of which were very striking; but, after continuing that course all night, without succeeding, we again stood to the north. From this time till

The 20th, nothing material happened, some slight storms excepted; we shall therefore resume our relation of what occurred to Trecher, from the time that he parted from his companion, on the 29th of December, till the night he was found on the 3d.

It was, as has already been observed, several days before he could perfectly recollect all that passed in his mind, and all that he suffered

in his person. He confirmed Lorenman's relation of what passed while they remained together, but, in the morning of the 29th, when they agreed to part, his thoughts ran chiefly on discovering some house or place of resort of the natives, as it ran strongly in his mind, that an island, of such extent as that appeared to be, could not be wholly destitute of inhabitants. In pursuit of this idea, he determined to make towards the hill or high land which he had seen from the top of the tree; and to observe the course of the sun for his guide, but he met with many obstructions that retarded his progress. The reeds and the rough grass were in many places so high and thick, that he was almost suffocated in attempting to get thro' them, and was frequently obliged to return, when he thought he had nearly reached the opposite side. Though there were serpents, and, he believed, scorpions, continually hissing in almost all directions, the fear of being stung by them was absorbed by the more immediate torture he felt from the musketoes and other venomous insects that fastened upon him, and seized him incessantly; add to these distresses, the bad condition of his shoes, which were worn to shreds, and, though he had tied them round and round with cords made of twisted grass, yet it was hardly possible for him to keep them upon his feet for ten steps together. In this melancholy situation, rest was a stranger to him, yet sleep would some-
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times close his eyes, and fill his imagination with horrors still more distressing than those he felt while awake. Towards the evening of the 29th, he thought he heard the howling of dogs; and, a-while after, the growling of some savage beast, but of what species he could not tell; however he saw nothing, and these might only be the creatures of his own disturbed fancy. Towards night he got together a quantity of broad leaves from the trees to make him a bed, and to cover his face and hands from the black ants. To allay his thirst, he thought of chewing the stems of a reed, that had a succarine taste, and was probably a wild kind of sugar-cane, which gave him some refreshment, and contributed not a little to his preservation. Soon as day began to dawn, he found himself weak and languid, and had very little stomach to renew his labour. His first care, however, was to repair his shoes. This he did by forming wisps of grass into the shape of soles, and placing them underneath the remains of the leather soles. He then tied them together round his feet and ankles with cords, made as before; and with these he made shift to scramble on a-while, but they soon wanted repair. He again had recourse to his first expedient, and mounted a tree that over-topped the cover, and got sight of the high land that first animated his pursuit. He thought it so near that he could soon reach it, and hastening down made his way with more alacrity than

ever, being prepossessed that, if he could reach that eminence, his deliverance would be sure. For some hours he struggled through the most formidable obstacles, the cover being now so thick and strong, and withal so high, that he could hardly see the light over his head through the leaves and the bushes. This happened to be the outer border that skirted the lagoon, which when he had penetrated, and found an opening, his heart leaped within him, but his joy was of short continuance. He presently discovered that he had another danger to surmount before he could reach the summit of his wishes. He attempted the lagoon, and waded nearly across, without the water rising higher than his middle, but all at once plunged overhead in deep water, and it was next to a miracle, that he saved himself from drowning. He then returned quite exhausted and dejected, and breaking through the sedge on the margin of the lake, he stumbled upon the skeleton of the wonderful monster, already mentioned, which he believed was fifty feet long. He was so scared at the sight of the bones that his hair stood on-end, and he thought of nothing now but being eaten up alive. Totally dispirited, and faint for want of food or any thing to drink, and deprived of all means of proceeding any farther, he crept along the lake till he came to a cocoa-nut tree near the edge of the thicket, which he attempted to climb, but fell down for
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want of strength to keep his hold, and lay for several hours incapable of motion. He heard, he said, a noise in the cover, in the day, but could neither hollow to be heard, nor follow the sound, though some of the company must have passed very near him; but seeing the fire lighted on the hill in the evening, it encouraged him to make one struggle more for life. Without a shoe to his foot, having lost them in the lake, he made shift to crawl up the hill, as already related.—Few readers will think it possible for a man to suffer so much in so short a time; and yet many have lost their lives by being bewildered in England, and many more on the wild heaths in Scotland, which cannot be supposed to be so dangerous as the thick cover of a desolate island, where no man ever set his foot before. But, be that as it may, such is the account given by Trecher of his suffering during the three days he was absent from the ship. Having been now 17 days at sea, without seeing land,

On the 18th, a very severe storm arose, which blew with irresistible fury for some hours, and obliged us to clue up our main sheets, and scud before it at the rate of 7 or 8 knots an hour; but before noon the wind died away, and a dead calm succeeded. Such is the variability of the weather near the tropics.

On the 19th, being then in lat. 21 deg. 20 min. N. and long. 198 E. the man at the mast-head called out high land, bearing E. N. E. and

in a very little time came in sight of more land, apparently of an equal height with the former. As we approached nearer the windward island, it presented no very promising aspect, being mountainous, and surrounded with reefs, without any signs of inhabitants; we therefore stood off and on till

The 20th, when we bore away for the land we had seen to leeward, but not then in sight.

About 9 in the morning, it was seen the second time at the distance of about 7 or 8 leagues. We were charmed with its appearance as we came near it, observing it to abound with rivers, and to exhibit a prospect so full of plenty, that we anticipated the pleasure we expected, by supposing ourselves already in possession of a most seasonable supply. We had been for several days reduced to the scanty allowance of a quart a day, and that none of the best; and now we saw whole rivers before us, our hearts were dilated with joy; yet we had much to suffer. We found ourselves debarred from the thing we most wished-for for several days, by shoals and rocks that to us were impracticable. We coasted along the N. W. side of the island, sounding as we went, while the boats from both ships were employed in searching for some bay or harbour, where we might safely anchor. In the mean time several canoes came from the shore with plantains and dried fish on board, who parted with what they had for any trifles that

that were offered them, and at first behaved with great civility, but could not be persuaded to venture on board. At five in the evening we were two leagues from the shore surrounded by Indians in their canoes, with hogs in abundance, some very large, which we purchased according to their size for a spike or a ten-penny nail each.

While we remained at sea, no people on earth could be more friendly, but our boats had no sooner landed, than a quarrel arose between the natives and our people, which was terminated by the death of one of the former. It was said that the Indians were the aggressors, by throwing stones at the boats to prevent the people from landing, and that orders being given to fire a gun over the heads of the assailants, without doing them any hurt, instead of commanding respect, it only encouraged them in insolence, till Mr. W——, our third Lieutenant, presenting his piece, shot one of the ring-leaders dead upon the spot.

This early act of severity was probably the means of saving many lives. The Indians dispersed immediately, carrying off the dead body along with them. And the boats not having made any discovery returned to the ships, where they were taken on board, and secured till next morning.

On the 21st the boats were again sent out, but to as little purpose as before. Little trade

was this day carried on, as the natives seemed very shy. But,

On the 21d, the ships having found anchorage on the south-west side, they were no sooner moored, than they were again surrounded with a more numerous multitude of islanders than before; most of them in canoes laden with hogs, plantains, bananoes and sweet potatoes, which they readily exchanged as before. Here the sailors were suffered to make what purchases they pleased; only women were prohibited by Capt. Cook's order, on the severest penalties.--- This created a general murmur among the seamen, whose pleasure was centered in that kind of commerce, in the new-discovered islands wherever they went.

In the afternoon the pinnace was ordered out, and the two Captains landed on the beach, where they were met by the chiefs of the island, and more than 2000 of their subjects, not in a hostile manner, but in amity, exchanging presents and establishing trade.

Capt. Cook made signs for water, and was conducted to a most delightful little rivulet, so conveniently situated for supplying the ships, that, had not the Resolution been driven from her moorings by the violence of an easterly wind and strong current, nothing could have exceeded our entertainment at this hospitable port; but unfortunately for her, she could never again recover her station. When she was forced to sea she

she had but half her complement of water; nor had she fresh provisions sufficient to supply her people for any length of time. We in the Discovery were more fortunate. In the evening of the 24th we could see the Resolution to leeward eight or nine leagues, and in the mean time, while she was beating up, we were employed in completing our hold.

On the 25th we were in readiness to sail, and, having lost sight of the Resolution, we imagined that, not being able to fetch her former station, she had bore away to another island, which had been seen to the N. W. distance about 10 or 12 leagues.

On the 26th we weighed, directing our course to the N. W. but about ten in the morning, the man at the mast head descried the Resolution at a great distance, bearing S. by W. whereupon we instantly tacked, and stood S. by E. to join our Commodore. This being effected, we remained several days beating up, but in vain to regain our former birth.

On the 29th we bore away to another lee island, which abounded with hogs and fruit, and where the natives were equally hospitable with those we had just left; but, there being no water to be procured at a moderate distance, and the reefs being dangerous, and the surf running high, Capt. Cook, after surveying the island, and taking possession of it, in the name of his Royal master, (calling the whole cluster
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Sandwich's Isles) was preparing to depart, when a storm came on from the eastward, and again obliged the Resolution to put to sea. The Captain had already exchanged several presents with the chiefs of the island, and had, in particular, presented the king with two she-goats and a ram, and had received in return six large hogs, and an immense quantity of yams and sugar-cane, with which these islands seemed to abound; and it was fortunate, that he had supplied the ship with such provisions as the island afforded, before the storm came on; for afterwards it would have been equally impossible for him as before to have recovered his station here, any more than in the other harbour. Water was now the only necessary with which he was scantily provided; however, as he seemed to know where he could obtain a supply, he did not so much regret the disappointment. Our boats, while the shore was accessible, were employed in bringing on board the product of the island, and, on the evening of

The 1st of February, we had more than 250 hogs, besides three months allowance of sweet potatoes, bananoes, plantains, sugar-cane, and vegetables in abundance.

Early in the morning on the 2d we weighed, and soon came in sight of the Resolution, and both took our departure to proceed upon our voyage.

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These islands, which lie in the latitude of 21 deg. 44 min. N. and in long 199 E. are not, in beauty and fertility, inferior to the Friendly Islands in the southern hemisphere, nor are the inhabitants less ingenious or civilized. Except the first quarrel that happened, of which we have already spoken, we had not the least difference with any of them during our stay. What they had to dispose of they parted with upon the easiest terms; nor did they seem so thievishly inclined as those on the other side the line.

The men in these islands are of the middle size; of a dark complexion, not much tattooed, but of a lively open countenance. They were no otherwise clothed than decency required, and what they had on appeared to be of their own manufacture, of which there were various fabrics, and of a variety of colours. Some were made with borders exactly resembling coverlids, and others appeared like printed cottons; and, besides cloth, they had many other articles which shewed that they had artificers among them not wanting in ingenuity. One peculiarity we observed among the men, and that was in the cut of their hair, which they trimmed up to a ridge along their heads, in form like what, in horses manes, is called hogging. Others again wore it long, plating it in tails, which hung below the waist; and these we took for marks of distinction among them. Add

to this, a kind of short cloak worn by their chiefs, in shape like those worn by the ladies in England, and composed of most beautiful feathers, ranged in rows, one over another, and narrowing from the lower border till they terminate in a kind of net-work round the neck. The women in general have shock hair, which they were at great pains to ornament. They had large holes in their ears, that, filled as they were, with most beautifully coloured shells made up in clusters, served for jewels, and had no bad effect. Their head-dress consisted of wreaths of flowers, decorated with feathers chiefly red; and having, in general, lively piercing black eyes, white teeth, small features, and round faces, were not a little inviting, had not Capt. Cook's severe prohibition put a check to the predominant passion of our men.

Their dress, upon the whole, was more decent than that of the men, and few were without necklaces and bracelets, of which they seemed very fond, and for which our strings of beads were well suited.

Their manufactures the people freely sold for nails, hatchets, scissars, knives, or iron instruments of any kind; glass bowls was a valuable article, so were beads, buttons, looking-glasses, china-cups, and in short any of our European commodities.

Except the sugar-cane, which appeared indigenous to these islands, and which were rare in those

those on the other side the line, their produce was much the same, only the cocoa-nuts were by no means so large, nor in so great plenty here as at the Friendly Isles.

Wood was not to be purchased in plenty, nor did we stand much in need of that article.

Hogs, dogs, ducks and poultry were here in greater abundance than on the other side the line, but their plantations were not so beautifully ranged, nor so well cultivated. The houses here are warmer as the air is colder. They are built tent-fashion, and are covered from top to bottom.

There seems indeed a remarkable conformity between these islands and those of the opposite hemisphere, not only in their situation, but in their number, and in the manners, customs, arts and manufactures of the inhabitants, tho' it can scarce be imagined that they could ever have any communication, as the globe is now constituted, being at more than 2000 miles distance one from the other, with very little dry land between. From observing this general conformity among the tropical islanders, some have been led to believe, that the whole middle region of the earth was once one entire continent, and that what is now the Great South Pacific Ocean was, in the beginning, the Paradise of the World; but whoever would wish to hear more on this subject, will do well to read Burnet's Theory of the Earth, where, if he does not find arguments solid enough to convince his reason,

reason, he will meet with reasoning sufficiently plausible to amuse his fancy. But to take leave of these islands for the present, though we shall have occasion to mention them again with less commendation.

On the 3d of February, the day after we took our departure, we had heavy squalls, but not so severe as to force us to part company.

On the 4th it cleared up, and we pursued our course E. N. E. having pleasant weather, and a favouring gale.

On the 5th, our men had pickled pork served instead of their ordinary allowance, one pound *per* man a day, with a pound and a half of yams instead of bread; and this was continued to them for seven weeks, which they liked much better than their ship's provisions.

Nothing material occurred till

The 9th, when there appeared the usual signs of land, but we saw none, and continued our course till

The 13th, when we tacked and stood N. N. W. lat. 30 deg. long. 200 deg. E. But,

On the 14th we stood again N. by E. with a light breeze. During this interval of fine weather, our sail-makers were employed in getting up and reviewing the sails, when it was found that they were in a miserable condition, being eaten thro' and thro' by the rats in a hundred places; while they were employed in repairing them, our other artificers had work enough to do

do, for it was made a point to suffer none to remain idle, when the business of navigating the ship did not require their immediate attendance. The course we were now steering we continued with little or no variation, except what was occasioned by the shifting of the wind till the 21st. when in lat. 39 long. 209 E. we shortened sail, and steered N. N. W. the whole night, having had strong signs of land to the eastward the whole day; but no land coming in sight, we again renewed our course, and so continued till

The 26th, when a most dreadful storm arose, with such a swell, that though we were not more than half a mile from the Resolution, we frequently lost sight of her amidst the heavy seas. In this gale both ships suffered considerably in their sails and rigging, it being impossible to hand them before we were surprized by the tempest. We were now in lat. 43 deg. 17 min. and in long. 221 deg. 9 min. and were attended by seals, sea-lions, man of war birds, Port Egmont hens, shaggs and sea-gulls, which were strong indications of land.

On the morning of the 27th the wind abated, but the swell still continued from the southward, and we proceeded under close reefed top-sails till about ten in the morning, when we shook out the reefs, and made all the sail we could in company with the Resolution.

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March the 1st the wind died away, and being in lat. 45 deg. 95 min. and long. 225 deg. 14 min. we sounded with 180 fathom, but found no bottom. We now began to feel the effects of an alteration in the climate. From intense heat it became piercing cold; and our men, who despised their Magellan jackets, while within the temperate climates, now first began to find the comfort of them in these northern regions.

On the 5th, being moderate weather, we sounded, and at 56 fathom found bottom, loamy sand and shells. At six in the evening we shortened sail, and stood all night S. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. with the water as white as milk.

On the 6th both ships wore and stood N. by E. shortening sail in the evening, and standing all night to the southward.

On the 7th we made the land. Cape Blanco, the westernmost known point of California, bearing E. N. E, then distant about 8 or 9 leagues. It appeared mountainous and covered with snow. This day the gentlemen in the gun-room dined on a fricassée of rats, which they accounted a venison feast, and it was a high treat to the sailors, whenever they could be lucky enough to catch a number sufficient to make a meal.

On the 8th we wore ship, and stood N. E. by E. We had heavy squalls, with snow and rain for a whole week, and after a series of the most
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tempestuous weather that ever blew, and in which the Resolution most miraculously escaped perishing upon a sunken rock, it was the 28th before we could get sight of a bay, wherein we could anchor; at length we discovered an inlet, the mouth of which was not more than two miles over, in which we entered, and found it a sound which narrowed as we advanced, tho' it still continued of a considerable depth. About 7 in the evening we anchored 97 fathom water, and was presently joined by the Resolution. We made signs for some of the natives to come on board; but this they declined, though some hundreds soon came about the ships, to which they appeared to be no strangers, as they gave us to understand, that iron was what they valued most. We observed likewise that their weapons were headed with copper, and their arrows with iron, which they could obtain only from the Russians, or from trade with the Hudson's Bay Company. Though they declined coming on board, they were nevertheless very civil, and when they took their leave saluted us with a war song. We were now so far advanced to the northward and eastward as to be far beyond the limits of European Geography, and to have reached that void space in our maps, which is marked as a country unknown.

Early on the morning of the 30th the boats were armed and manned, and both Captains

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proceeded to examine the sound, in order to find a convenient place to refit the ships which had suffered materially in the violent gales, which for the last 20 days they had been combating, at the hazard of being hourly dashed to pieces upon the rocks, or stranded upon the sands of this inhospitable coast.

In their progress they were fortunate enough to discover a cove the most convenient that could be wished, the entrance of which was about two cables length, bounded by high land on each side, and furnished with wood and water (now much wanted) so conveniently situated, that both could be taken on board at less than a cable's length from the shore; but, tho' now within the distance of four miles, it was four o'clock in the evening before we could get the ships properly moored, owing to the uncertainty of the weather, and the violent gusts to which this coast is subject. All this while the Indians behaved peaceably and apparently with much friendship. They brought, after a short acquaintance, a great variety of valuable skins, such as beaver, foxes, racoons, squirrels, rein-deer, bears, and several others, with which we were but little acquainted, but what they chiefly desired in exchange, were cutlery wares of all sorts, edge-tools, copper, pewter, iron, brass, or any kind of metal, with the use of which they were not unacquainted. All our people were now employed in the necessary repairs

pairs of the ships, and in cutting wood and getting water on board, while the gentlemen diverted themselves in shooting and botanizing; when,

On the 1st of April, about four in the evening, there entered the cove a large canoe, in which were 30 armed Indians, who, on their first appearance, began a war-song, and when they had finished, took to their paddles and rowed round the ships, having first stript themselves of their cloathing, except one man, who stood upright in the vessel, delivering an oration, of which not a man on board could understand a word. They paddled round the ships several times, as if led by curiosity, but did not offer to molest any of the workmen, nor did they offer to trade. All hands were instantly ordered under arms; when these new visitors were seen to cloath themselves as before, and to make towards the ships. The orator made not the least hesitation; but mounted the ship's side, and accosted the Captain with much civility, and after receiving some presents, and stopping a little while to observe the artificers, he took a very polite leave, descended to his boat, and was landed on the opposite shore of the Sound.

On the 3d, a large body of Indians were seen paddling along the Sound, mostly armed with spears from 20 to 30 feet long, and with bows and arrows very neatly made. On their nearer approach they too were heard to tune

up their war-song, and to brandish their weapons, as if in defiance of an enemy. Their number was alarming, there being not less than between 3 and 400 of them in their war canoes, who we apprehended were come to attack us; but we afterwards understood they were come to attack a body of their enemies on the opposite shore, whom they afterwards engaged, and returned victorious. We were frequently visited by such parties, who appeared always in arms; but never offered the least violence. They brought, besides skins, great quantities of fish, with plenty of game, which we purchased of them for glass bowls, looking-glasses, nails, hatchets, or whatever utensils or toys were either useful or ornamental.

The men were of an athletic make, very rough to appearance, but more civilized than from their aspect there was reason to expect. To iron they gave the name of *te-tum-miné*, and to other metals *che-à-poté*.

On the 5th, the water, which was excellent, was so handily situated, that by erecting a stage, and constructing a spout, we could convey it into casks in the ship without farther trouble. This facilitated the labour of the waterers, and shortened our stay, as wood was conveyed on board with very little more trouble.

On the 6th it blew a storm, and the tide came rolling in at an alarming rate; it presently rose eight or nine feet higher than usual, and drifted several

several of our materials from the shore, which we never could recover; and at nine in the morning the Discovery drifted very near the Resolution, and very narrowly escaped being bulged.

On the 7th the artificers again resumed their labour. The natives continued their visits, and besides fish, furs and venison, brought bladders of oil, which were greedily purchased by the men. With this they made sauce for their salt-fish, and no butter in England was ever thought half so good.

During our stay here, which was but very short, owing to the time lost in making the land, and the advanced season of the year, no people could be more obliging; they were ready to accompany the gentlemen, who delighted in shooting, in their excursions, and to shew them the different devices they made use of to catch and to kill their game; they sold them their masks, their calls, and their gins, and made no secret of their methods of curing the skins, with which they carried on a traffic with occasional visitors; in short, a more open and communicative people does not live under the sun. They have, besides sea-fowl in abundance, swans, eagles, and a variety of other land-fowl, of which we had never seen the species. Nor were their fishermen more reserved than their hunters; they pointed out the haunts of the different sorts of fish, and they were

not averse to helping their new acquaintance to compleat their lading, whenever they had been unsuccessful in filling their boats.

They had not hitherto discovered any disposition to pilfer; but on the 10th day after our arrival, several of them being on board, and our people having no suspicion of their honesty, one of them watched his opportunity to slip into the great cabin, and carry off the Captain's watch; which being soon missed, all the Indians on board were seized, their boats secured and searched; and at length it was found hid in a box on board one of their canoes, which the offender delivered up without the least concern. This watch, had he been permitted to carry it off, he probably would have parted with to the first sailor he had met, for a single nail. About the same time another Indian made free with a bolt from the armourer's forge; but was seen in the fact, and an endeavour made to wrest it from him; but he instantly jumped overboard, and gave it to one of his companions, who was making off with it, till fired at with small shot, which brought him back, and he surrendered it, but with such a fierceness expressed in his countenance as sufficiently indicated his intent. In a moment, every Indian in the cove disappeared, and in less than three hours, more than 900 of them assembled in the sound, and being unclothed (which is their custom when they mean to engage) began their war-song, and approached the ships. We were

were in readiness to give them a warm reception; but seeing our preparations, and perhaps not liking our countenance, they all laid down their arms, and putting on their cloaths, came peaceably round the ship without offering the least incivility.

Being in great want of masts, most of those we brought out with us being sprung, our carpenters were sent into the woods to cut down such trees as they should find fit for their purpose. This they did without the least interruption from any of the inhabitants. They found trees from 100 to 150 feet high, without a knot, and measuring from 40 to 60 feet in circumference. In these trees the eagles build their nests. When they had cut down what best suited their purpose, the great difficulty was to bring them to the shore; and in this labour they were assisted by the natives. It was now their spring, and the weather began to change for the better; when we first arrived the thermometer was as low as $38\frac{1}{2}$, and now

This 20th day of April it is as high as 62 degrees. We have at present the full range of the woods; the snow all melted away, and the rivers open; we found plenty of game, and catch'd fish in abundance.

April 22. This morning we were visited by a large body of distant Indians, who had come from a great distance with furs, and other articles of trade. These were warmly clothed

with costly cloaks that reached down to their ancles; and among them was a stately youth, to whom the rest paid great respect. Him our Captain invited on board, which he at first declined; but after shewing him some axes, glass bowls, looking glasses, and other articles that excited his curiosity, he suffered himself to be handed into the ship, where he stayed some time, admiring every thing he saw. While these continued to trade, it was remarked, that no other Indians came in sight; but they had hardly left the ship, when another body of Indians appeared, more than double the number of the former, who hemmed them all into the cove, and stript them of every thing they had about them, and then came and traded with us.

On the 26th, having finished the repairs of the ships, we began to prepare for our departure, the tents were ordered to be brought on board, the astronomers observatory, and what live-stock we had yet left; and, as the last service to be performed, we cut grass for their subsistence, which we were fortunate enough to find in plenty, and to have a pretty good time to make it into hay. We also, by the assistance of Mr. Nelson, whose business, as has already been observed, was to collect the vegetable and other curious productions of the countries through which we passed, were enabled to stock ourselves with a large proportion of culinary

linary plants, which was of infinite service to us in our more northerly progress. And now having all things in readiness, we began to tow out of the cove into the sound, to which Capt. Cook gave the name of K. George's Sound, and with a light breeze and clear weather to proceed on our voyage: but we had scarce reached the sound, when a violent gust from E. S. E. threw us into the utmost confusion. All our boats were out, our decks full of lumber, and night coming on dark and foggy, our danger was equal to any we had hitherto met with in the course of the voyage, though an especial Providence seemed to attend us, and to interpose in our favour; for by this storm a leak was discovered in the Resolution, which, had it been calm weather, would probably have proved fatal to the crew. Having cleared the sound, we shaped our course to the westward, and so continued till day-light, when, seeing nothing of the Resolution, we shortened sail; and before noon she came in sight, seemingly in distress. The storm continuing, we pursued our course to the north-westward; till

May 1, when the weather became fair, and we proceeded with a pleasant breeze. Being now at leisure to recollect what observations occurred at the harbour we have just left, the curious reader will not be displeas'd with a short relation. When we first arrived in the sound, the rough countenance of the men seem'd to promise no very agreeable entertainment during
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our stay; but when they saw our distress, and that we only meant to repair our ships, so far from giving us any disturbance, they gave us every assistance in their power; they supplied us regularly with fish, and, when they found that our men liked their oil, they brought it in bladders, and exchanged it for whatever they pleased to give for it. They discovered no propensity to thieve, till they found we were preparing to depart, and then they were so covetous of our goods, that they could not resist the temptation, when a fair opportunity offered, to carry off whatever fell in their way.

The cove, in which we anchored, we found to lie in 49 deg. 33 min. N. and in 233 deg. 16 min. E. but whether the Russian discoveries had reached so far, we could not be able to determine; that the inhabitants were no strangers to the use of iron and other metals was, as has already been observed, visible on our first approach; but by their manner of using what they possessed, it was not easy to discover from what quarter it came. In the situation we were in, we did not think it safe to venture far into the country, having no spare hands to attend us. Of their houses we saw but few; and of their manner of living we know but little. That they eat the flesh of their enemies we had some reason to suppose, by observing a human head in one of their canoes, and arms and limbs in another; that fish, and the flesh
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of the animals they catch in hunting are the principal part of their food, is not to be doubted; their bread is made from the rows of fish, but in what manner they prepared it, we could not learn; their sauces chiefly seal-blubber or oil; we saw none of their houses near the shore, by which it should seem that their winters are severe, and that they chuse the recesses of the woods for shelter as well as safety. Their houses were all built of wood, and hung round with dried fish, and skins of various animals. They have different masks for different purposes; some they put on when they go to war, which are really frightful; some that cover their whole bodies, and give them the appearance of the animals they are in pursuit of, whose cries, while they are young, they are taught to imitate; they have decoys excellently adapted for entrapping both fish and fowl; and they have snares likewise for snaring wild beasts, and contrivances for killing them as soon as they are caught.

We saw no plantations which exhibited the least trace of knowledge in the cultivation of the earth; all seemed to remain in a pure state of nature; shrubs there were in the woods that put forth blossoms; and trees that promised in time to bring forth fruit; but except some currant bushes, wild raspberries and junipers, we saw none bearing fruit that were known to any but Mr. Nelson.

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The men were not ill made, but they disfigured themselves with grease and coarse paint; they were of a dark copper colour, with lank black hair, which they tied in a knot behind, but they so bepowdered, or rather befeathered it with down, that the colour was hardly discernable; their cloathing was a cloak made of skins of beasts, which covered them from the neck to their knees, and gave them a savage appearance; some of them wore high fur caps; but the chiefs among them had their heads dressed in a more becoming manner. In that consisted their chief distinction. Their heads were bound round with fillets, decorated with feathers, which adds so striking a grace to the human figure, that almost every nation in the known world have agreed, in making plumes of feathers a part of their warriors dress. Their weapons of war were spears from 20 to 30 feet long; their bows about three feet and a half; their arrows two feet, pointed with bone or flint, some few with iron; but they had one horrid weapon peculiar to themselves, resembling a man's head with hair; it had eyes and nose, but where the mouth should be, a sharp piece of bone or flint about six inches long was firmly morticed and cemented; in the neck part was a hole, through which they passed a strong cord, and fastened it to the right arm; this we saw none of the warriors without; many of them had besides, a knife about twelve inches long,
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of which they were very choice. We saw no musical instrument among them; but some had musical voices, and seemed fond of dancing and tumbling in a bearish way. Their canoes were of an uncommon length, many of them from 30 to 40 yards long, made of the main body of one of their enormous trees, of which we have already spoken; their breadth from four to five feet over in the middle, and gradually narrowing, like all others to both ends, but the stem much higher than the stern. They were strengthened by bars of wood placed across at certain distances, and were rowed by paddles about six feet long, sharp at the lower ends. Some of those canoes were roughly carved and painted with the figures of the sun, moon, and stars, probably the objects of their worship; but what was remarkable, they had no outriggers to prevent their oversetting, like those in southern isles.

The women are much more delicate than the men, and dress in cloaks curiously woven with the hair of wild beasts, intermixed with the most beautiful furs. We saw but few of them during our stay, and those who came in sight were rather in years; they were, however, much fairer than the men; and even fairer than many of the men we had on board. Their employment seems chiefly confined at home. We saw none of them employed in fishing; nor did we meet any of them in the woods. Besides the

care of their children, and the manufacturing and making the cloathing, they may probably assist in curing and preparing the skins, with which these people certainly carry on a traffic with strangers; though of that trade, for want of understanding their language, we could not sufficiently inform ourselves. Be that as it may, when we left the harbour, we had more than 300 beaver skins on board, besides other less valuable skins of foxes, racoons, wolves, bears, deer and several other wild animals; for dogs excepted, we saw no other domestic creatures about them. But to return.

On May the 1st, in the morning, the weather being fine, we spoke with the Resolution, who informed us of the danger they were in of foundering in the late gale, by a leak, which increased so fast upon them, that it baffled the utmost efforts of all the hands they had on board, gaining upon them considerably, though every man in the ship, even to the Captain, took it in turn to work at the pumps; but what was astonishing, it had now stopt of itself, without the carpenters being able to discover either the cause or the cure. However, Capt. Cook gave us to understand, that he intended to put in at the first harbour he could find.

We were now in high spirits, not dreaming of the hardships we had yet to suffer, and we pursued our course at a great rate. Before night

night we were in lat. 53 deg. 24 min. N. and in long. 226 deg. 26 min. E. with whole flocks of sea-fowl flying over our heads, among which were strings of geese and swans, all flying to the southward. We had other indications of land, and on

The 2d we came in sight of the main land, being then in lat. 54 deg. 44 min. and in long. 225 deg. 44 min. E. We continued our course to the north-westward as the land trended, till the 10th, when we opened on a very high island, which however appeared rocky and barren, and without inhabitants. We continued our course, sailing between this island and the main, in hopes of discovering some harbour where the Resolution might examine her leaks. We were now in lat. 59 deg. 53 min. and in long. 217 deg. 23 min. the land high and mountainous, and covered with snow.

On the 11th we came in sight of Cape Elias, a vast promontory that seemed to cover its head in the clouds. It bore from us S $\frac{1}{2}$ W.

On the 12th we hauled up to double it, and saw the land trending very much to the northward. About 3, A. M. we tacked, steering N.N.W. and at nine in the morning, opened a large strait, the entrance of which appeared to be about four miles; probably the same called in our maps the Straits of Anian, and placed erroneously in lat. 54 deg. N. and in long. 230 E. About four in the afternoon we entered the mouth

mouth of the strait, and met a strong current to oppose our progress; having a stiff breeze, and the wind much in our favour; before six in the evening, the Resolution opened a close harbour, and was soon followed by the Discovery. Here both ships cast anchor, which we had scarce accomplished, before the boats were ordered out, and some, eager to haul the seine, and others to go a shooting, were impatient to begin, when unexpectedly they were alarmed by four canoes, in which were between 20 and 30 Indians not more than two miles distant, and rowing with all their might towards the boats, who not being prepared for such an attack, made the best of their way back to the ships. As the Indians neared the boats, they began their war-song, as their custom is, and brandishing their arms, denounced defiance; but by this time other boats armed from the ships, had joined the sportsmen, who were now so near the ships as to be out of danger. The Indians had then time to cool; they retreated to the opposite side of the harbour, and in a very little time returned, with a white cloak displayed as a signal of peace, which was answered by a white flag; and then they came on board without the least ceremony. Their features, size and colour differed little from those we had just left in George's Sound; but they had a slit between their lower lip and chin, through which they could put their tongue,
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that gave them the appearance of having a double mouth. Add to this, the ornaments they wore in their noses and ears, of tin and copper, and no figures upon earth could be more grotesque. However, they behaved civilly, and it being near night they took their leave, promising to visit us again in the morning, which they accordingly did, bringing with them the very same sorts of skins which we had purchased of the Indians at our former harbour, and which they readily parted with for any thing made of iron, though ever so trifling. These were cloathed with the skins of wild beasts neatly sewed together, and they had besides a covering made like parchment, which in rainy or snowy weather was water-proof; so that no wet could effect them. Their ordinary canoes too had coverings of the same kind.

They had some instruments for fishing, which we did not observe among the more southerly Indians, such as harpoons, and gigs, all of which they were very ready to part with, as well as their cloathing, of which, though valuable to us, they made but little account. These were chiefly purchased by the sailors, who found them warmer, and better adapted to the climate than any of their other cloathing. They had spears headed with iron, very neatly manufactured, and knives, which they kept as bright as silver; but these they refused to exchange for any thing we offered.

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In the morning of the 13th we weighed and pursued our course to the northward up the strait all day, with the pleasing hope of having found the passage, of which we were in search. In our way we passed several very fine rivers that emptied their waters into that which we were now exploring. About four in the afternoon, we came to an anchor in 18 fathom water, and were surrounded with Indians who came to trade. Here, being safely moored just opposite to a small rivulet of excellent water, the boats were ordered out to fill the empty casks, and the carpenters from both ships were set to work to find out the leak in the Resolution; and after a most painful search, a hole was discovered in the ship's side, eaten quite through by the rats; which, by the working of the ship in the storm, had providentially filled with rubbish, and thereby prevented her foundering.

On the 14th, while we were employed on this necessary service, we were visited by crowds of Indians, persuading us to proceed; but our pinnace being ordered out, with boats to attend her, in order to examine the strait, it was found it be only an inlet through which there was no passage for ships to any other sea. To our great disappointment, therefore, after continuing here eight days, in which time every part of the sound had been searched, we took our leave of it, Capt. Cook giving it the name of Sandwich's Sound.

On the 20th, we returned to sea, and stood along-

along-shore to the westward, where we saw land trending as far as S. by E. very high, and the hills covered with snow. We then stood S. and S $\frac{1}{2}$ E.

On the 21st we came up with the southernmost point we had seen the day before, and opened on a fine bay, which trended full to the eastward, with very high land on both sides. We founded, in 34 fathom water gravelly bottom; then tacked and steered the whole night N. E. by E.

In the morning of the 22d we tacked again, and stood to the westward.

On the 23d, the weather being clear and pleasant, and there being little or no wind the boats were ordered out, and all hands were employed in fishing, except this gentleman, who preferred the diversion of shooting.

On the 24th a stiff breeze sprung up, attended with very heavy squalls; with snow and rain, in which we carried away our main top-gallant-mast in the flings, and received other damage in our sails and rigging. We were now two degrees farther to the southward, steering as the land trended, and examining every bay and inlet as we passed along.

On the 25th we altered our course, to N. by W. the Main trending away to N. E. high and mountainous. At noon we passed some large islands, bearing from W. S. W. to N. W. by W. but soon lost sight of them in a great fog.

On the 26th, at 3 A. M. we perceived the

land very high on both sides of us E. and W. and saw two burning mountains at a considerable distance. As the fog cleared up, we found ourselves in the entrance of a vast river, supposed to be about four miles over, with a strong current setting to the southward.

On the 27th we found the river to widen as we advanced, and the land to flatten. We continued under an easy sail all day and the following night, sounding as we advanced from 30 to 40 fathom, shelly bottom and white sand. We were once more flattered with having found the passage, of which we were in pursuit, being now in the latitude of 60 degrees north.

On the 28th, in the morning, we sounded at 24 fathom, the tide still setting strong to the southward at the rate of five and six knots an hour; but the wind dying away, the signal was made for casting anchor, when both ships came to in 26 fathom water; but the Resolution expecting to come to with her small stream anchor, let the whole run out and lost both anchor and hauffer, besides the ship's grapnel in looking for it. About 8 at night, the signal was made to weigh and sail; but at ten the current ran so strong, that both ships were again obliged to cast anchor in 24 fathom, bottom the same as before. It was now light all night, and we could perceive the river to make W. N. W. very rapid.

On the 29th we made sail with a fresh wind, and advanced apace, but on trying the water

we found a great alteration from salt to fresh. This day we were visited by several Indians, who brought skins, which they exchanged for trifles. In the night we observed they made large fires; but the flames from the two burning mountains seemed to darken their light. We were yet at a great distance from them. We found regular soundings all this day, till opening into a large wide extended bay, the water shallowed, and we cast anchor in nine fathom water, brown sand and shells as before. Here the boats were ordered out, and after a fruitless search to find a passage, sounding from two to four fathom, with the water quite fresh, they returned in the morning, and were taken on board. In the evening they renewed their labour, sounding to the north eastward, as the day before they had sounded in the opposite direction. Here they discovered a large river, the entrance of which bore from the ships N. E. by N. but found that it trended away to N. W. with high land on both sides, and with soundings from 8 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathom. This they examined for more than 20 miles. It abounded with fish and fowl; but though the land was high on both sides, most part of the way, they saw neither house nor inhabitant. The water was fresh, and the current rapid; all hopes therefore of a communication with any other sea in this passage vanished; and the ships returned to sea again by the same channel. In the mean time, while the boats were sounding, a party of us

with the two Captains at our head, attended by a serjeant's guard of marines, landed on the easternmost shore, in order to take the diversion of shooting, and to reconnoitre the country. We had proceeded more than four miles without seeing one inhabitant, and were going to scour the woods for game, when a body of Indians, to the number of sixty, rushed out of an adjoining thicket, all armed after their manner with bows and spears; a few of our marines discharged their pieces over their heads, which instantly stopt their career; and they were retreating as rapidly as they came on, when Capt. Cook advancing singly, grounded his piece, and made signs for them to halt. One who seemed to have the command of the rest, turning suddenly about, observed his motions, and understood them; and calling to the rest, they all stopt, and, after a short consultation, laid down their arms, and stripping themselves quite naked, laid their cloathes down by them. This we understood they did, to show that they had no arms concealed. We then advanced, and entered into a kind of dumb discourse, of which we could understand enough to know that they wanted us to accompany them to their town, which we very readily did; they very deliberately put on their cloaths, and then shewed us the way.

When we arrived we found a number of wretched huts, with women and children, old men and dogs, who, at first sight of us, were
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more frightened than their masters, hanging their tails, and sneaking away. One of these Capt. Cook purchased. These huts consisted of nothing but long poles, rudely constructed into the form of a hovel, and covered over with heathy earth. For a door, they had a hole just large enough to creep in at, which, in cold weather, they close with a kind of faggot. These inner apartments were holes or pits dug in the earth, and divided like stalls in a stable. Their furniture we did not survey. We saw some bladders full of blubber or fat hanging about, and some skins of beasts; also dried fish in plenty; we likewise saw several wooden utensils, besides their arms; and we saw quantities of salt in wooden troughs. They had dried flesh too, probably the remains of their winter provisions, which we understood they eat raw, and some of which they offered us for dinner. In these huts or holes they burn no fire; but in the winter they shut themselves up close, and have lamps, which they continually keep burning: for here, during the winter months, they scarce ever see the sun. We were not a little surpris'd at the sight of some of their children, who were as fair, and their skins as white as those of many children in England; their dark coppery complexion is therefore owing to their anointing and greasing their children when they are young, and exposing them to all weathers while they have light, and shutting them in their smoaky

caverns when it is dark. We found no difference between the people in this sound, and those we have described in the other. Having gratified our curiosity we returned to our ships; and having nothing farther to detain us,

On the 1st of June, in the afternoon, we set sail. We were now in lat. 61 deg. 15 min. N. and in long. 209 deg. 55 min. E. many leagues within land, and it was not till the 6th that we cleared the channel.

On the 4th, being his majesty's birth-day, we kept as a day of rejoicing.

On the 5th we passed the burning mountains.

The 6th we cleared the strait to the unspeakable joy of the sailors, who, during the whole time from our entrance till our return, worked with incredible labour, anchoring and weighing as the winds and the tide afforded opportunity. During our passage we had frequent interviews with the natives, who, the nearer we approached the shore, were better clothed, and shewed some manufactures of their own, and other nations; and were in possession of a greater variety of skins than those within land, which were strong indications of a foreign trade, but by what conveyance carried on, all our endeavours at this time could not discover. On this day our course was S. E.

On the 7th we stood S. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. and about 2 P. M. we passed two very large islands, having passed several small ones before. We continued

tinued this course with very little variation till the 10th, when the Resolution, in coasting along the main, ran foul of a dangerous reef, that appeared just above water close under her lee bow. Her good fortune still accompanied her, for she slid off without damage.

On the 11th we were alarmed by the clashing of the waves, as if some great building was tumbling in, and, looking round the ship, we saw ourselves involved among shoals of seals and sea-lions, who presently set up the most frightful howlings that possibly can be conceived; at the same time we observed a large whale to pass along, at which we fired a swivel, but without effect. We this day stood to the north-east as the land trended.

On the 12th we pursued the same course, and saw the land bear N. E. to a great distance. The extreme of the eastward point bore E. S. E.

On the 13th, at 2 P. M. we altered our course, and stood to the south.

On the 14th in the morning we saw the eastward point distant 7 or 8 leagues, lat. 56 deg. 23 min. long. 205 deg. 16 min. We directed our course along-shore.

On the 15th, the weather hazy, we lost sight of land, sounded and found no ground at 100 fathom. A storm came on, and both ships stood to sea.

On the 16th it abated, the weather clear, stood W. S. W. with a stiff breeze.

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On the 17th stood in, and saw land trend S. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. as far as the eye could carry. We were now about 2 leagues distant from the shore, which was covered with geese, ducks, shags and sea-fowls innumerable.

On the 18th we coasted along-shore, and passed many dangerous rocks and shoals, which we saw project from the main into the sea to a great distance. We were now in lat. 55 deg. 26 min. long. 200 deg. 58 min. E. and about 3 P. M. had passed all the land to the Southward, when, being within half a mile of the main, we observed three canoes making towards us, in which were six Indians. When they came along side, they made signs for us to drop our anchors, intimating, that the people on shore would be glad to see us; at the same time we thought we heard the report of a gun, Little notice, however, was taken of what passed. The people from the gang-way talked with the men, one of whom made signs for letting down a rope, to which he tied a neat box, curiously made up with a small twine; for which he would take nothing in return. The man who took it in looked upon it as a great curiosity; and, after the Indians were gone, began to examine the contents, when a note was found in the inside, which was immediately carried to the Captain, and a consultation was held on the quarter-deck to endeavour to decypher the contents; but none on board the Discovery

covery could make out a letter. The ship was then hove-to, three guns fired, and a jack hoisted at the mast-head for stopping the Resolution. This being observed, all on board were struck with fear for the safety of the Discovery, thinking that some fatal disaster had happened, and that she was going to the bottom. Their boat was instantly hoisted out, and Mr. Williamson, 3d Lieutenant, came in all haste to learn the cause. With him our Captain returned, and related what had happened, and shewed Capt. Cook the note, who likewise held a consultation upon it, and it was handed from the quarter-deck to the gang-way, where every man in the ship might see it, but not a man could make out more than something like the date 1778, of which they were not clear. We therefore continued our course along the coast as the land trended; but saw no opening nor any inhabitants. About midnight, we saw a vast flame ascend from a burning mountain, and observed several fires within land. Lat. by observation, 54 deg. 47 min. N. long. 197 deg. 52 min. E.

On the 20th early in the morning, looking out a-head, we saw something like a reef before us, and fired a gun for the Resolution to tack; happy that day-light had enabled us to escape the danger.

On the 21st we steered S. W; but at 8 A. M. finding the land to trend more to the southward,

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we altered our course to S. S. W. The extreme of the land in sight bearing W. by S. seven or eight leagues, very high land and much snow. About two in the afternoon we came again in sight of the two burning mountains which we had before seen, but at a great distance, bearing N. W. by N. Our course during the night was S. S. W. During the course of this day, the weather being fair, and but little wind, the men were employed in fishing, and in less than four hours caught more than three ton weight of cod and holybut, some of the latter more than a 100 pounds weight.

On the 22d our men were employed in salting and barrelling up, for future use, what the ship's company could not consume while fresh, which proved a most acceptable supply. All this day we kept our course S. W. by S.

On the 23d in the evening we shaped our course more to the westward, the weather thick and hazey.

On the 24th, little wind and hazey. Saw no land; but, looking over the ship's side, observed the water to change colour to a milky white. Sounded, and found ground at 47 fathom. About 4 P. M. we saw two very high islands bearing N. W. distance about 5 leagues, and could discern the main land contiguous. We bore away under the lee of the westernmost, and continued steering all night S. by E.

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On the 25th, in the morning we changed our course, steering S. W. as the land trended. At ten the same morning we had a full view of the land, for many miles but saw no sign of houses or inhabitants; but doubtless, tho' the country appeared rugged and barren, and in many places white with snow, there were many people in the inland parts. About 7 in the evening we could see land at a great distance, bearing due south, which had the appearance of a large island. Hitherto we had been exploring the coasts of an unknown continent, unknown at least to our European geographers; though we shall see by the sequel, that it was not wholly unexplored by the Asiatic Russians. Towards night, tho' it had been perfectly clear all day, the air began to thicken, and by 10 at night, the fog was so thick that we could not see the ship's length. We kept firing guns, burning false fires, and standing off land all night, as did the Resolution, and in the morning of the

26th, when the fog dispersed, we found ourselves in a deep bay, surrounded by high lands, and almost ashore under a high mountain, which we had not before discovered. Both ships instantly dropt anchor in 24 fathom water, blew muddy bottom within two cables length of the shore, and among shoals and breakers, from which we most miraculously escaped. For some time we stood in amazement how we could possibly

possibly get into such a frightful situation. But being in it, for our own safety we moored both ships; and happy it was we used that precaution; for a gale came on, when our whole existence depended upon the goodnets of our cables.

On the 27th, at 3 A. M. it ceased blowing, and the weather began to clear. At 6 we unmoored, and sailed under close reefed topsails, directing our course N. W. for an opening we saw at about a league distance, but at nine the wind dying away, we anchored again in 25 fathom water, loamey sand. It being a dead calm our boats were ordered out, and some gentlemen went on shore to examine the land. In their search they found something like an Indian mansion, being a deep pit sunk in the earth, with some poles placed across it after their manner, and covered with sods and a hole to creep into it about two feet square. In it they found the bones of dried fish, and of birds, and near it a place where there had been a fire, but all had the appearance of being long deserted. They also found the rib of a whale about eight feet long, which it was not easy to account how it could come there. About noon the gentlemen returned on board, and a breeze springing up from the eastward, we weighed and took leave of this dangerous bay, to which Capt. Cook gave the name of Providence Bay, as it was owing to providence that we were here
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miraculously preserved from perishing. We had pleasant weather all day, and the land high all round us. We sounded all the afternoon from 18 to 36 fathom, mostly sandy bottom. In the evening we saw a large body of Indians towing a whale which they had struck, who were too busy to mind us till late, when two canoes came along side and traded. We were surprized when they asked us for tobacco, and more so when they shewed us some, together with snuff in their boxes. As tobacco was a precious commodity on board, we could spare them little, but for that little they were thankful, and departed. We passed several islands to the eastward, very high and mountainous.

On the 28th in the morning Mr. Nelson, accompanied by several other gentlemen, went on shore botanizing; they found great variety of plants and flowers peculiar to the country, besides others with which we were all well acquainted, such as primroses, violets, currants, raspberries, juniper and many other northern fruits, which were now all in blossom. They found also a bird's nest, with five small eggs, not unlike a sparrow's. After some stay they came again on board, and the wind dying away, and the Resolution having got far a-head, our boats were employed in towing us, when a strong current meeting us right a-head baffled their endeavours. This current ran with such force that the Resolution, unable to stem it,

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cast anchor, and soon after was joined by the Discovery. Here several canoes came from the land to trade, and made signs for more tobacco, of which our own men were in great want. About noon we opened on a fine harbour to the westward of us; but we were the whole afternoon in working up the Race, as it was called, from the rapidity of its motion, and the strength with which it set against us. Our first attempt to stem it proved fruitless. We were driven as far back as the place from whence we set out. On the tide's turning in our favour, we made a second attempt and succeeded. About six in the evening, we cast anchor in 12 fathom water, and soon after came to moorings. We were, in less than an hour, surrounded with more than 30 canoes, with rock fish and dried salmon, which they exchanged for beads, small nails, or any thing we offered them.

On the 29th, the boats were employed in watering the ships, and the sail-makers, &c. began to over-haul the rigging, and all hands were employed in different repairs. In the mean time several Indians hovered round the ships with fish ready dressed, which they presented to any indiscriminately who would accept them; but would take nothing in return, except tobacco or snuff were offered them; neither did they offer to steal or take any the most trifling thing away; and what was remarkable not a woman was to be seen, nor did any come near

near the ship during our stay. Our Captain taking notice of two that seemed superior to the rest, he invited them on board, and with much intreaty prevailed on them to enter. He made them presents of a few beads, and two or three hands of tobacco each, for which they in the most submissive manner expressed their gratitude. All this while our botanist and his attendants were busily employed, and sent plenty of celery and other wholesome herbs on board, as well for the use of the great cabin, as for those of the subordinate tables down even to the lowest of the ship's company.

On the 1st of July the signal was given to unmoor; but, the wind shifting to N. N. E. it was

July the 2d, before we could clear the harbour, to which Capt. Cook gave the name of Providence Harbour, in lat. 54 deg. 18 min. but more of this hereafter. About noon, we saw the land trend to E. S. E. we hauled up to E. N. E. and continued all night in that course.

On the 3d, at 2 A. M. we wore ship, and stood to the southward till day-light, and then tacked, and steered E. N. E. At noon we saw the extreme of the land, bearing E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.

On the 4th, at 2 A. M. we steered N. N. E. At ten sounded at 70 fathom, blue mud, shelly bottom. At noon we had an observation, lat. 55 deg. 48 min. N. long. 195. 34. Course all night N. E.

On the 5th, we saw the land very low and even, trending away to the southward of the east. We were distant from the northernmost shore 3 or 4 leagues, and from this day we began sounding till our arrival in watering harbour. This day all hands employed in fishing; and as our people were now put on 2-thirds allowance, what each caught he might eat or sell. Fortunate for them, they caught some tons of fine fish which proved a most seasonable supply; for the ship provisions, what with salt and maggots eating into the beef and pork, and the rats, and weavils devouring the heart of the bread, the one was little better than putrid flesh, and the other, upon breaking, would crumble into dust. At noon, this day, we directed our course N. N. E. being now in lat. 57. deg. 4 min. long. 199 deg. 40 min.

On the 6th we continued the same course, and, sounding, found ground at 12 fathom. We tacked, and stood to the S. E. and, sounding again, found ground at $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathom. We were now in Bhering's Straits. We tacked again, and stood to the north, having had another providential escape from running upon the rocks. We were now in a most perilous and laborious navigation, which would afford little entertainment to the generality of readers. Till

The 15th we continued sounding and tacking night and day, in most tempestuous weather, and through a Race of shallow water, with a strong cur-

current against us, when, about ten in the morning, the weather clear and fine, we came to an anchor in 17 fathom water, lat. 58 deg. 20 min. long. 197 deg. 51 min. Here the cutters from both ships were manned, and all the gentlemen went on shore. We saw no other inhabitants but bears and foxes, and some wild deer; we heard in the adjoining woods the howlings and yellings of wolves and other wild beasts; but thought it neither safe nor seasonable to pursue them. After spending the greatest part of the day in botanizing with Mr. Nelson, we returned on board; leaving on the bluff part of a rock a bottle behind us, in which were enclosed some blue and white beads with a note of the ships names, the date when left, by whom, and on what expedition. We were no sooner returned than a breeze sprang up, when we weighed, and again made sail, with the ships heads W.N.W. We continued sounding, and on

The 16th, the water shallowed so fast, that it was thought prudent to drop anchors again, and to send the boats out with a compass to examine the strait to a considerable distance a-head. In half an hour a gun was fired from the boats, as a signal not to proceed, and the man at the mast-head saw land appear just above water. This proved a barren spot, not above an acre wide, with nothing but shells and the bones of fishes on it. The boats having sounded from W. to N. W. by N. from two to one

fathom and a half, returned with their report, that no passage could be found in that direction. From this day to the 20th the boats were continually founding in all directions amidst the most dreadful tempest of thunder, lightning and hail, that ever blew; but such was our danger, that Capt. Cook himself shared in all the labour; and what added to our misfortune the Resolution parted her best bower within ten fathom of the anchor, and it was wonderful that she was not wrecked.

On the 17th all hands that could be spared were employed in sweeping for the anchor, but in vain; being quite worn down with fatigue, they were forced to give over, and men from the Discovery were ordered to supply their places.

On the 18th the anchor was recovered, when every officer on board both ships was obliged to do the duty of common men. No pen can describe our danger from the horrible situation we were in.

The 19th was wholly employed in sounding, without success.

On the 20th Capt. Cook himself, in sounding to the S. E. found a narrow channel, regular soundings, from 8 to 10 fathom. Hope took place of despair, and all hands returned to their labour with fresh spirits. We presently weighed, and pursued our course with a fine breeze. The day continuing clear, at noon we had

had an observation in lat. 59 deg. 37 min. long. 197 deg. 16 min E. This day we were visited by some Indians, who had little to part with, except some dried fish and their cloaks.

On the 21st, about noon, both ships brought to, the wind and current both uniting to oppose our progress.

On the 22d we were overjoyed, on sounding, to find the sea deepen to 40 fathom; but, before night that joy was much damped by a prodigious fall of snow, of which it was with difficulty that the deck could be kept clear, tho' the watch was constantly employed in shovelling it off during the night. This weather continued till

The 26th, when it began to clear up.

On the 27th, we had clear weather, and regular soundings, from 25 to 35 fathom water, white sandy bottom.

On the 29th, the man at the mast-head called out land very high, distance about 2 leagues right a-head. We tacked and stood off.

On the 30th we continued along-shore, course N. N. E. to N. E. sounding in very unequal depths from 10 to 30 fathom.

August the 1st, the sea began again to deepen, but the land trending to the southward obliged us to change our course. We were now in lat. 61 deg. 14 min. N. long. 191 deg. 33 min. E.

On the 2d we again bore away N. W. all the morning, and at noon tacked to N. E. by N. which course we pursued till

The 3d, when we stood N. N. E. This course we pursued, with a little variation to the eastward, till the evening, when we saw land, bearing S. W.

The 4th at noon, sounding from 15 to 20 fathom, we came again in sight of land, which bore from us W. to N. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. At noon we sounded, and found only 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathom. In the evening we came to an anchor in 15 fathom.

On the 5th, word was brought us from the Resolution, of the death of Mr. Anderson, the surgeon. His funeral was performed with the usual sea ceremonies, and our surgeon, Mr. Law, was appointed in his place; and Mr. Samuel, surgeon's mate of the Resolution, succeeded Mr. Law. This day we came to in 12 fathom water, under the lee of a small but high island, to which Capt. Cook gave the name of Sledge Island, as a sledge and the remains of an Indian town were found upon it; but no inhabitants. There were likewise found some Indian snowshoes. Mr. Nelson, and his associates found great quantities of wild celery, and a kind of wild fetch or chichilling, of which the ship's company made the proper use. We were now in lat. 64 deg. 44 min. long. 192 deg. 42 min.

Early on the 6th we weighed, and stood W. by N. As we coasted along shore, several Indians

dians were seen on the opposite side of the island, who were, to all appearance, preparing to pay us a visit. We hove-to; but, after waiting an hour, and none coming, we continued our course. We soon came again into shallow water, sounding from 4 to six fathom water, six leagues from the main land.

On the 8th we had a violent storm of hail, rain and snow, which continued all the morning; but the wind dying away about noon, we were drifted to leeward close in shore, under a very high track of main land, and among rocks and breakers. Both ships instantly came to in 9 fathom water, the Resolution with her best bower, and the Discovery with her coasting anchor. Fortunately a breeze sprung up in our favour, and relieved us from this perilous situation. Seeing the land trend away to the N.W. we directed our course accordingly, till, having doubled the westernmost point, we steered again to the eastward.

On the 9th about 2 A. M. we came again to an anchor, a strong current from 5 to 6 knots an hour setting against us; but the ships pitching bows under, and the water from the upper deck running, as through a sieve, to the lower deck, in less than half an hour, every thing between decks was afloat; so that the poor men had not a dry rag to put on. This obliged us to weigh as fast as possible; but, in our situation, that was a work of no small labour and

difficulty, as at this time many of our hands, through fatigue, and being constantly exposed to the rain and snow, and in a damp ship, were ill of colds, attended with slow fevers, which rendered them incapable of duty. Out of 70 hands, officers included, we could only muster 20 to the capstern. We had with difficulty weighed our small bower, and had made two unsuccessful attempts at the sheet anchor, when the Resolution left us, making all the sail she could carry, to surmount the current. We were now in the utmost distress; but by contriving several additional purchases we at last succeeded, but we had the misfortune to have two of our ablest hands wounded, and it was next to a miracle, that none were killed. The Resolution was now out of sight, but, judging our distress, she lay to amidst a cluster of islands, of which we told no less than seven very small but very high. As soon as we came in sight, she made sail, and we followed with all the sail we could crowd till about midnight, when we were surprised by a sudden squall, which split our main top-sail, and shivered our jeb to ribbons; it was, however, of short continuance.

On the 10th, we had fine weather and a calm sea, and were proceeding at a great rate, when, unexpectedly, we opened into a deep bay, where we saw at the distance of a few leagues, a large Indian town, of which, probably, our Commodore was in search, as the Russians, in their
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ate discoveries, had found a town upon the extremity of the Asiatic coast, to which they had given the name of Heleneski; but called by the natives . This bay, by observation, lies in lat. 66 deg. 27 min. N. and in long. 188 deg 3 min E. near which the Russians have fixed the north-easternmost point of the Asiatic continent, and which we have now proved to join the main continent of America, having traced that continent from Cape Blanco, the westernmost known Cape of California, to the present bay, without being able to find any communication with Hudson's bay, or any other sea whatever. But of this more hereafter.

Here we cast anchor, and both Captains, attended by a proper guard of marines, went on shore, and were met by an old Indian, at the head of a numerous body of his countrymen, all dressed in the skins of beasts. He had in his right hand a spear 12 feet long, and over his left shoulder hung his bow and shaft of arrows. He addressed the strangers in a speech of half an hour, at the conclusion of which he displayed a cloak of white feathers, as a signal of peace, which Capt. Cook answered by waving his white handkerchief. These preliminaries over, the Indian made signs to his followers to ground their arms, and set them the example by laying down his own, and making his submission. The parties then approached each other, and Capt. Cook presented the Indian

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with a few European trifles, such as knives, scissars, needles, pins, beads, and small looking-glasses, which were found more acceptable here than iron, or more costly merchandize, with which the Indian was so pleased, that he stripped himself of the garment which he wore, and presented it with his weapons of war, to the Captain in return, making signs at the same time to the company to accompany him to the town, where we should meet with things more worthy our acceptance. This invitation both Captains, with their train, accepted, and, after walking little more than two miles, we came to the town, of which the old Indian appeared to be chief. Here we trafficked for furs of various sorts, sables, martins, foxes, beaver, and some deer skins, dressed in a particular manner, on both sides, two of which we purchased for drum heads. They had dogs in abundance of a large breed, but we saw no other domestic animal. Their houses, or rather holes, were built much like those we had seen all along the coast. After staying about two hours, the company returned to the ships, the Indians accompanying us to the shore, where they took their leave, kneeling when we parted. We were no sooner embarked, than the signal was made to weigh, and get under way, shaping our course N.N.E.

On the 11th we passed several large islands to the eastward of us, and at the same time left the extreme point of the northern cape of the
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Asiatic shore to the eastward of us very high and very barren. We then bore away to the north-east, sounding from 5 to 6 fathom; and about 3 P. M. finding the sea to change of a milky colour, and at the same time to shallow very fast, we came too in 7 fathom water, and sent the boats out to sound, who soon returned finding the sea to deepen as they proceeded.

On the 12th we altered our course, and stood to the N. W. till noon, when we again stood to the E. leaving several islands on our starboard bow. In the evening we crossed the arctic circle, and stood all night W. by S. as the land trended. But

In the morning of the 13th we stood once more to the eastward. We were now in lat. 66 deg. 35 min. long. 189, the weather warm and fine.

On the 15th, finding ourselves near land, on a shallow and rocky coast, we stood off W. S. W. when presently we were attacked by a heavy storm of wind, attended with rain, which lasted the whole day. At night we stood again N. N. E. and so continued till morning.

On the 16th at noon we found ourselves in lat. 69 deg. 46 min. long. 192 E. We then stood from N. N. E. to N. E. sounding from 22 to 23 fathom water.

On the 17th the weather began to grow piercing cold. The frost set in and froze so hard, that the running rigging was soon loaded with ice,

ice, and rendered almost impossible to make the sheafs or blocks traverse without the assistance of six men to do the work of one. But what is most remarkable, the sudden transition from heat to such severe cold. The day before was warm and pleasant, but in the evening of this day the ice was seen hanging at our hair, our noses, and even at the men's finger's ends, if they did but expose them to the air for five or six minutes: And still the farther they ran to the eastward, the colder it grew, and the ice the more connected.

On the 18th, hot victuals froze while we were at table; and this weather continued for some days. We were now advanced as far as lat. 69 deg. 46 min. N. and in long. 192. E. and involved among islands of ice, some of which hung over our heads as we passed them, and excited very frightful apprehensions. On some of these islands, many sea morse, and other sea animals were seen. Being now well in with the ice, and having lost sight of land, we stood on to the northward till

The 19th, when looking round in the morning, as soon as the fog cleared away, we saw nothing but fields of ice covered over with whole herds of sea lions, sea horses, and other amphibious animals, to the number, as it was thought, of some thousands. Thus surrounded, a signal was made from the Resolution to bring too, and to load the great guns, while
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the boats were getting ready to attack these hideous looking creatures with muskets. This by the sailors from both ships was accounted sport; and they went to the attack with as much alacrity as if to a match at foot-ball, Orders were given, as soon as the great guns were discharged, to quicken the attack with the musketry as fast as possible. In a few minutes not a creature was to be seen upon the ice, but such as were killed, or so severely wounded, as not to be able to crawl to the open sea. Some lay growling on the ice not quite dead, with two or three balls through their heads, and others tumbling about with horrible vindictive looks, threatening destruction to whoever should approach them. All hands were employed to collect the carcasses, and to carry them on board; but what was thought an ill reward for their labour, orders were next day given by Capt. Cook to substitute the flesh of these sea-monsters in the room of all other provisions, flower only excepted. This was strongly opposed by the crew of the Resolution, and Capt. Clarke remonstrated against it. He was told by Capt. Cook, that he might do what he pleased on board his own ship; but the state of the provisions on board the Resolution made it necessary; and that he himself should set the example. Capt. Clarke endeavoured, but in vain, to enforce the order, and the matter passed on without any serious consequences.

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On the 20th we tacked ship and stood to the westward, the wind much against us. We tacked every two hours, still working over to the Asiatic shore, with a view to examine the coasts on both sides, before we returned to the southward. We were now in lat. 70 deg. 9 min. long. 194 deg. 55 min.

We continued labouring among the ice till the 25th, when a storm came on, which made it dangerous for us to proceed; a consultation was therefore held on board the Resolution as soon as the violence of the gale abated, when it was unanimously resolved, that as this passage was impracticable for any useful purpose of navigation, which was the great object of the voyage, to pursue it no farther, especially in the condition the ships were in, the winter approaching, and the distance from any known place of refreshment great. On observation being had at noon, we found we were in lat. 71, and long. 197, when the ships put about.

About 2 in the morning of the 26th we observed a great body of ice nearing us very fast, and in a few hours after, we saw the ice all closed as far as the eye could carry, bearing from N.E. to S.W. we continued to sail W.S.W

On the 28th several pieces of loose ice passed us, one of which came foul of the Discovery, and shook her whole frame; it was feared she had received considerable damage, but upon the carpenter's examining her fore and aft,

ast, nothing was found amiss. We now took leave of the ice for this season, directing our course S. S. W.

On the 29th we saw land in the morning, which bore from N. N. W. to S. W. very high and covered with snow. In the evening we were in with the land; not a shrub to be seen, but birds innumerable.

On the 31st we came in sight of the eastern cape, bearing S. S. E. very high and covered with snow; at three in the afternoon we saw two small but very high islands, bearing from N. N. E. to N. W. we were then in lat. 68 deg. 10 min. and long. 182 deg. 2 min.

Sept. 1, we continued coasting to the southward.

On the 3d we opened into the great bay, where we anchored the 10th of last month, lat. 66 deg. 31 min. long. 188 deg. 17 min. E.

On the 5th we lost sight of the main continent of Asia, which we left the day before.

On the 6th we saw land from W. N. W. to E. N. E. very woody, and covered with snow in the valleys. Here we found the continent of America and the Asiatic shore not above 6 leagues distant, lat. 63 deg. 53 min. long. 192 deg. 10 min.

On the 7th, there came two canoes from the shore, with four Indians in them, though we were full four leagues distant. We hoisted too for their coming up; but when along side, they had

had little or nothing to part with, except some dried fish. They were invited on board, but could not be persuaded to enter. The Captain made them presents of some trifles, with which they departed well pleased. They were clothed in skins after the manner of all the inhabitants of the western coasts of America, among whom we found no remarkable distinction of dress or colour.

On the 8th we steered E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. passing several bays and fine harbours all day, found the country pleasant, and the coast delightful. Here we found a strong current to set to the S. E. at the rate of 5 knots an hour.

On the 9th the land opened all round, from one shore to the other, and we found ourselves in the middle of a deep bay, but very shallow, sometimes 3, but never above $5\frac{1}{2}$ fathom water. We saw the bay to run as far as the eye could carry, but impossible to proceed, as in many places the water shallowed under three fathom. We sent the boats out to found, at the same time land appeared from S. E. to E. like two islands, which we afterwards found to join to the land.

On the 10th, having a stiff breeze, we ran right across the mouth of the bay, for the N. W. shore, and just before night the Resolution narrowly escaped running upon a rock. We were now again in Bhering's Straits.

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On the 11th we came to an anchor in 6 fathom water, the easternmost point of the bay bearing N. E. by E. distance 8 miles very high land. In the night we saw several fires, but no Indians came off to us.

On the 12th, in the morning, the boats from both ships were sent on shore, where they saw some houses of a wretched construction, a small sledge, and several other articles belonging to the Indians; but none of the natives. About ten they returned with a load of wood, which they found drifted on the beach, but no water; the wood had drifted from the southward, for we saw no trees but black spruce. We then stretched over to the other shore, and the boats were again sent out, and about nine in the evening returned, loaded with wood, which the men were obliged to carry through the water on their shoulders, as the boats could not come within half a mile of land for breakers. This was a grievous task, as many of them had but just recovered their late illness. This day several natives came from S. S. E. in large canoes, having great quantities of salmon dried and fresh, which they exchanged for blue and red beads, needles, pins, knives or scissors, or any European trinkets that were offered them; but what they valued most was *tobacco*. For this they would exchange their bows and arrows, their warlike instruments, and whatever else they valued most; but of this commodity,

as has already been noticed, we had but little to spare. We were again obliged to change our station, and stretch to the other shore, where a safe anchorage was discovered, near which we could wood and water with the greatest ease. Here our great cutter was sent out, properly provided with a compass, and six days provision to survey the bay, in order to determine whether that land, which the Russians have laid down as Heleneski, joins to the American continent, or whether there might not be a passage to some other sea intervene.

On the 13th, while the cutters were on this service, the boats were busy in wooding and watering, and before the return of the former, the latter had got more than 20 tons of water on board the Discovery, and near double that quantity on board the Resolution, with a proportionable quantity of wood. The men had then leave to go ashore, by turns, to gather berries, which they now found ripe, and in great abundance, such as raspberries, blue berries, black and red currants, huckle berries, with various other sorts, all in full perfection. A party was likewise sent out to cut spruce, to brew into beer for both ships. Of this liquor, however, the men were not very fond in this cold climate, especially when they were given to understand that their grog was to be stopped, and this beer substituted in the room of it. This occasioned great murmuring, and it was found

found necessary to give it alternately, spruce one day and grog another.

On these excursions, the parties were always well armed and had marines to attend them, and their orders were never to go out of hearing of the ships guns, but to repair instantly on board on the proper signals. These precautions, however, seemed unnecessary, as they never met with any molestation from the natives, who were not numerous upon the coast.

On the 17th, the party that were sent out to survey the bay returned, after a diligent examination of two days and two nights. Their report was, that it extended within land above 40 leagues, that they coasted it round, sounding as they went, that they found the soundings regular from 5 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathom; that it had no communication with any other sea, nor any current that indicated a passage to any other continent whatever. This report being confirmed by the officers who commanded the cutters from both ships, the boats were all taken on board and secured, and

On the 18th we weighed and sailed, retracing the coasts we had before explored, without making any material discovery.

On the 25th we met with a dreadful tempest of wind, rain and hail, or rather ice, between two and three inches square, by which several of our men, who were obliged to keep the deck, were severely wounded. In this long run, we passed several re-

markable promontories and islands, particularly in lat. 63 deg. 30 min. N. we passed two headlands, distance from each other about half a mile. We hove-to, and our boats founded across, in some places not above $1 \frac{1}{2}$ fathom. In lat. 62 deg. 56 min. we came in sight of a cluster of islands as we imagined, but on our nearer approach, found them all in one, barren, and without a shrub or tree. In lat. 60 deg. 22 min. we came up with a stupendous rock or high island, almost covered with snow, and without any other inhabitant, except birds and seals; to this last Capt. Cook gave the name of Winter Island, from its dreary appearance.

On the 26th, the Resolution made the signal of distress. On hauling her, we were informed, that she had again sprung a leak, in the late violent gale; and that all hands were employed at the pumps and in baling; and that it was with difficulty they could keep her above water. Lat. 58 deg. 39 min.

On the 29th we were again visited with a severe storm, and involved in heavy seas, our hull being sometimes entirely under water, and the waves rising to the yard-arms. About midnight it came on to snow, and the Resolution kept making signals and firing guns all night. At day light we saw her distant 5 or 6 miles. We shortened sail, and waited for her coming up. And,

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On the 30th, being both in company, the storm abated and the sea quite calm, both ships hove-to, and, while the carpenters were employed in stopping the leak in the Resolution, the people were busied in fishing. Those on board the Discovery caught 40 large cod, besides turbot, which were the more acceptable to officers and men, as our salt provisions were now very bad. Lat. 55 deg. 27 min. N.

On Sept. 1. we continued our course to the southward. And

On the 2d, about 5 in the morning, we made land; and hauled our wind in search of Providence Harbour, of which we had mistaken the entrance. About six in the evening we came in sight of a large Indian town in a deep bay, where we found ourselves surrounded with whales of a prodigious size. We sounded, and found no bottom at 100 fathom. Here some of our former friends came off to us, and being informed, that our design was to anchor in our late harbour, they undertook to be our pilots, and one of them slept all night on board the Discovery.

On the 3d, in the morning, we found ourselves right a-breast the Race, and saw the Resolution just within the entrance. About 2 in the afternoon, the wind and tide both uniting in our favour, we safely anchored in our late birth.

All hands were now set to work, the carpenters in stripping the sheathing from the Resolution to examine her leaks, and the sail makers, caulkers and riggers in their respective employments, for which there was great need, both ships having suffered much in their sails, seams, and rigging, in the late tempestuous weather, and in the icy northern seas; but what gave the greatest pleasure to the seamen, was the success they met with in fishing, whenever the weather was such as to suffer them to haul the seine. At the mouth of the harbour, they could at any time, in three or four hours, fill their boats with hollybut of an enormous size; one of them, sent on board the Resolution during our stay, weighed 220 lb. Each mess had now a small cask with a quantity of salt given them, in order to make some provision to help out their short allowance, which it was found necessary to continue till their arrival in the tropical islands, where the ships might again be furnished with a fresh supply.

On the 4th our Capt. went on board the Commodore, where he was acquainted by Capt. Cook with the distress of the Resolution, which ever since the hard gale on the 26th had been ready to founder; on that day, on sounding the pumps three feet water were found in the well; and judging it to proceed from the same place as before, the carpenters were employed in search of it, when, to their great surprize, they found the
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the full casks afloat, and great quantities of provisions utterly spoilt. Their first care was to skuttle the balk heads, and to let the water down into the hold, and then the pumps were kept constantly at work to pump it out; but this was beyond their power; they could gain but little with incessant labour, and when they came into harbour had 28 inches still in the hold. The carpenters had already stript the sides of the Resolution 16 feet from the counter forwards, where they found the inside timbers so much decayed, that their report was, that if their continuance at sea had been necessarily protracted but a fortnight longer, she must have gone to the bottom.

We had still much to do, our articles for the tropical trade were nearly all exchanged, and we could expect no supplies of provisions without an equivalent. We therefore sent a small spare bower anchor on shore, and set our armourers to break it up, and make it into spikes, axes, hatchets, nails, and other tropical merchandize.

While every thing was getting ready, the officers diverted themselves as usual with shooting, and surveying the country; and here they found amusement enough, having discovered a Russian settlement in an adjoining island, divided only by a neck of land, about 15 miles over, and a bay of about 12 miles, which they had to cross. To this settlement several of our gentlemen, led by curiosity, repaired. They were conducted

by two Kamshatkadale indians, who had been sent by the Russians to learn what they could concerning us, having before seen us pass in our course to the northward. When they first discovered us at a distance from the shore, they were apprehensive that we were Japanese, with whom their nation was at war; but on our nearer approach, they were convinced from the trim of our ships that we were strangers; they were therefore encouraged, by the report of the natives, to make themselves known, and to offer their assistance as far as lay in their power.

The road across the neck of land was rather rugged, but when that was surmounted, our gentlemen were met by a Russian barge of 12 oars, commanded by an officer, who received them politely, and when they landed, directed them to the factory, where, besides the fort, they found a Russian bark of about 50 or 60 tons, eight small swivels and one 3 pounder laid up for the winter, and intended for Kamshatska the ensuing summer. Our gentlemen were here shewn the stores belonging to the factory, consisting of skins and oil; their coppers for boiling the oil, with the small ware with which they trafficked with the natives by way of exchange. Iron instruments of war are prohibited, nor do they suffer any offensive weapons of any kind to be introduced among them. It is probable therefore, that the long knives we saw in the possession of the more southerly Indians,

dians, were some that were taken from those unfortunate Russians, who on the first discovery of this continent, fell a sacrifice to the savage barbarity of the natives. It was a little unfortunate, that we had not one person on board either ship that had the most distant knowledge of the Rus's language; every thing was to be gathered by signs. Our officers could just make out, that a Russian Captain had been murdered by the natives, and that the Russians had taken a severe revenge, and had laid the country under contribution, and obliged the inhabitants to pay a certain annual tribute in skins, but to what extent they had subdued the country, or in what year, they could not at all understand. They learnt, that the name of the island was Elaskah, that they had another settlement to the southward, and other vessels that were constantly employed in trading with the natives, and collecting their skins and oil; that the factory was supposed to clear about 100,000 rubles annually by this trade; and that it was increasing; that their only guard consisted of about 40 Kamshatskadale Russians, and 300 natives, over whom they were obliged to keep a watchful eye. Our gentlemens entertainment there was rather friendly than sumptuous; they had dried venison and great variety of fish, but dressed after the Russian manner; their biscuit was black, and their bread rye; their butter not extraordinary; their wine and brandy the Indians
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who conducted the gentlemen carried from the ships, with which the Russian officers made very free. The evening being spent in mutual enquiries, by which neither side could receive much satisfaction, they were shewn to the apartments prepared for them, where they slept undisturbed. In the morning they renewed their enquiries, and the Russians, by exhibiting the chart of their discoveries and conquests, gave our gentlemen more satisfactory information than they could otherwise have obtained. They observed a remarkable conformity between those charts exhibited by the Russians as far as they went, and of their own. The Russian discoveries extended from the 49th to the 68th degree of northern latitude, by which the impracticability which we had discovered of a north-west passage by any strait or sound communicating with any other sea was fully confirmed.

They were now equally communicative to each other, the Russian gentlemen were desirous of knowing the names of the navigators and ships, with the expedition they were engaged in; and they were invited on board to receive further information. To this they readily agreed; and as soon as our gentlemen had satisfied their curiosity; had visited the Russian houses, which were built with timber, and those of the natives built with poles and earth; had remarked the simplicity of the latter, which seemed but one degree above the level of the
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beavers they hunted; and of the former, that was little more than a degree above those of the natives; they set out upon their return to the ships, accompanied by the Russian gentlemen, by whom they had been entertained.

About five in the evening, they all came on board the Resolution: the Russian gentlemen were received by Capt. Cook with that familiarity and politeness that was natural to him; they were taken into the great cabin, where both Captains with their principal officers and gentlemen were assembled to entertain them, and where the bottle was pretty briskly push'd about, as that was the principal subject in which the strangers could bear a part. Here they were interrogated as to the time generally taken up in making the voyage to Kamshatska, which they answered by dividing the year into twelve parts, and pointing to the two middlemost. As the master of the vessel which lay at Elaskah was of the company, he was asked at what time he expected to arrive at Kamshatska. He answered about the 9th month, meaning in July. He was then requested to take letters with him to be forwarded to England through Russia, should it so happen, that he should arrive at that port before us. This charge he readily undertook; and, being pretty well plied with liquor, they slept on board the Resolution, and next day came on board the Discovery, where they dined,
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and, being amply supplied with grog, went jovially away in the afternoon.

Before our departure, we were visited by the Principal of the Russian factory, who came from the southward, accompanied by a number of Indian canoes, laden with skins, who on coming ashore in the harbour, instantly began erecting a tent, which in half an hour they finished, covering it with skins. He was received on board the Resolution with the respect due to his rank, and by his deportment it was easy to perceive that he was of family. He was a young gentleman of a fair complexion, and graceful stature, and, though differing but little in point of dress from those by whom we had been visited before, he was, notwithstanding, very different in his manners and behaviour. He had travelled much, but chiefly in these savage countries and in the northern parts of Asia, and understood, and could talk the language of the natives, but could speak no European language, except his own. He was handsomely entertained on board both ships, and had every attention paid him that, in our situation, he had reason to expect; nor was he insensible of our civilities. He wrote a letter, directed to the Governor of Kamshatska, which he requested Capt. Cook to deliver. It contain'd, as we afterwards understood, a detail of his own mercantile affairs, and a representation of us, as trading with the Indians. He told us, that his residence

sidence was on the coast off which we had received a note in a little box, and that he was the person who wrote that note and sent it. Some presents reciprocally passed: those on his part were cloaks and skins; on ours, tobacco and spirituous liquors, of both which we observed the Russians to be immoderately fond.

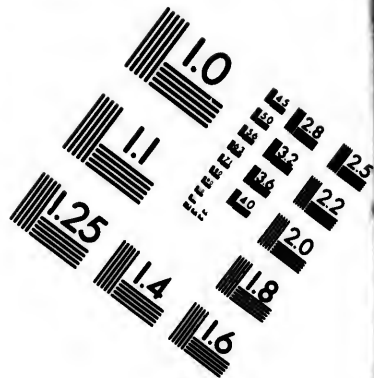
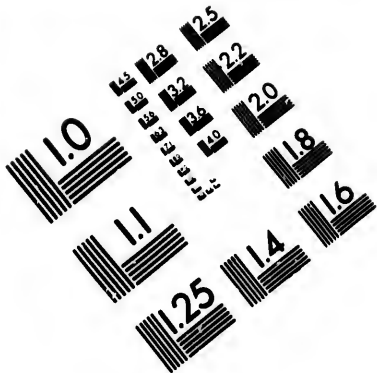
After sleeping on board the ships two nights, and observing, with an attentive eye, the different employments of the artificers, and examining the various conveniences and accommodations which we had on board, he took his leave on the 26th, intending to make some stay at the settlement of Elaskah, which the gentlemen of the Resolution had just visited.

The repairs of both ships being nearly finished, we were preparing to sail with the first fair wind, when a storm arose, which retarded our departure till it abated. Happy that we were got in a safe harbour, unaffected by its violence, though the waters of the race came tumbling in with unexampled fury.

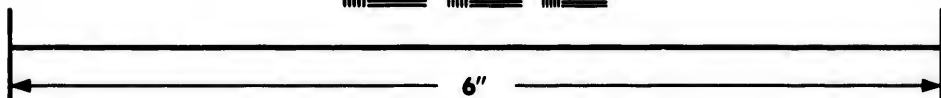
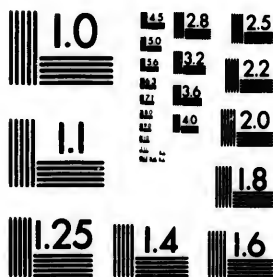
On the 29th, the wind fair to carry us to sea, we weighed, and, having cleared the harbour, made sail, directing our course for Sandwich's Isles, near the northern tropic, where we intended to winter, and to supply the ships with provisions to enable us to pursue the remaining part of our voyage.

On the 30th we were overtaken by a violent gale, which carried away our fore and main-tacks,





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racks, and, endeavouring to save them, John Mackintosh, seaman, was struck dead, and the boatswain and four men much wounded. We at the same time sprung a leak.

On the 1st of November we were again within the race, but the wind offering fair, and our leak not being dangerous, we once more stood to sea. After which no other accident, or any thing worth relating happened, from the time of clearing the harbour of Samganujda, so called by the Russians, and by Capt. Cook Providence Harbour, till our arrival on the coast of Owhyee on the 26th of the same month. We were then so much in want of provisions, that Capt. Clarke, much against his inclination, was under the necessity of substituting stock-fish in the room of beef, but we were no sooner well in with the land, than we were visited by many of the inhabitants, who came off in their canoes with all sorts of provisions which their island afforded, and every man on board had leave to purchase what he could for his own indulgence. This diffused a joy among the mariners that is not easy to be expressed. From a fullness and discontent visible in every countenance the day before, all was cheerfulness, mirth and jollity. Fresh provisions and kind females are the sailors sole delight; and when in possession of these, past hardships are instantly forgotten; even those whom the scurvy had attacked, and had rendered pale and lifeless as ghosts,

ghosts, brightened upon this occasion, and for the moment appeared alert. This flattering beginning, however, yielded no substantial relief. The boats that were sent to sound the shore and to look for a harbour, went out day after day, without being able to discover so much as a safe anchorage, and we were longer in finding a harbour than in making the coast. Nothing could be more toilsome or distressing than our present situation; within sight of land, yet unable to reach it; driven out to sea, by one storm, and in danger of being wrecked on the breakers by another. At length, after having examined the leeward side of the island, Capt. Cook made the signal to stand out to sea. This was on the 7th of December, when it was determined to take a long stretch, in order, if possible, to get round the S E. extremity and to examine the weathermost side where we were told there was a safe harbour. In this attempt we split our main-top-mast stay-sail, and lost sight of the Resolution. The weather continuing tempestuous for many days, heavy complaints again prevailed among the ship's company. Their sufferings, from incessant labour and scanty provisions, were grown confessedly grievous. Their grog, that had been stopped as soon as we arrived upon the coast, was again dealt out to them as usual, and it was with the kindest treatment from their officers that the men could be kept to their duty; yet on Christmas

mas day, when each man was allowed a pint of brandy, and free leave to enjoy himself as he liked, not a murmur was heard; they the very next day returned to business, and continued it without repining, till

The 16th of January, when, after a series of the most tempestuous weather that ever happened in that climate, the boats from both ships were sent out to examine a fine bay, where we were informed there was a harbour, in which we might safely moor, and where we should be supplied with materials to refit the ships, and provisions to victual them. In the evening the boats returned with the joyful news, that they had succeeded in their search, and that the harbour promised fair to answer all that had been said of it.

On the 17th our boats were employed in towing the ships into harbour in sight of the greatest multitude of Indian spectators in canoes and on shore, that we had ever seen assembled together in any part of our voyage. It was concluded, that their number could not be less than 2 or 3000. While we were hovering upon the coast, we had often been visited by 200 canoes at a time, who came to trade, and who brought us provisions when the weather would permit; and besides provisions they brought us great quantities of cordage, salt and other manufactures of the island, which the Captains purchased for the use of the ships, and without

out which we could not have proceeded; for during the tempestuous weather our cordage snapped rope after rope, so that our spare hands were incessantly employed, night and day, in knotting and splicing, of which there was no end.

This day, before two o'clock, P.M. we were safely moored in 17 fathom water, in company with the Resolution, which a few days before we had given over for lost. From the time of attempting to get round the island, till the 8th of January, we had never been able to get sight of her, though both ships were constantly looking out to find each other. They had suffered much in their masts and rigging, and were happy at last, as well as ourselves, to find a convenient harbour to refit. We were scarce moored, when the prince, son to the O-ro-no, the great king of the island, came along-side, and after an oration, and the usual ceremonies of peace had passed on both sides, he came on board, bringing with him a small barbecued hog, some ready-dressed bread-fruit, and a curious mantle of red feathers as presents to the Captain; and in return was complimented with several axes, looking glasses, bracelets and other shewy articles which took his fancy. While he was busy in admiring every thing he saw on board the Discovery, the pinnace was ordered out, and he with his attendants were taken to Capt. Cook, who received

ceived them with all possible respect. And after entertaining them with music, and inviting them to partake of such refreshments as the ship afforded, and making them some handsome presents he acquainted them with his wants, by shewing them the condition of his ship, and requesting a small portion of ground to land his materials, and to erect his tents. This request the young prince readily granted, at the same time giving the Captain to understand that his father was absent, that he had lately been at war with the king of the neighbouring island of Maw-whee, that he was employed in settling the terms of peace, and that in less than ten days, he was expected home. That the strangers might, notwithstanding, land whatever they thought fit, and that the ground they had occasion for should be marked out and taboo'd, that is appropriated to their use without any of the natives to encroach upon it. Both Captains very readily embraced the offer, and prepared to accompany the young prince to the town near which they wished to pitch their tents. Upon their landing, several vacant plats of ground were shewn them, and, when they had made their choice, stakes were ordered to be driven at certain distances, and a line to be carried round, within which the common people were forbidden to enter, under the severest penalties. Matters being thus amicably settled, no time was lost on our part to get every thing

thing on shore. The tents, the armourer's forge, the masts, the sails, the rigging, the water-casks, the bread, the flour, the powder, in short every article that wanted either to be reviewed or repaired were all sent on shore; and not the least interruption was given to the boats employed in the carriage, or insult offered to the persons who conducted them. On the contrary, the chiefs offered some empty houses, that were conveniently situated near the new dock (if that may be so termed where our artificers were set to work) for the sick to lodge till their recovery. No strangers were ever more hospitably received. On the morning after our people landed, six large double canoes were seen entering the harbour at a great rate, having not less than 30 paddles to each canoe, with upwards of 60 Indians, most of them naked. Seeing them on their nearer approach making towards the ships, the Captains ordered the guns to be shotted, the marines to be drawn up, and every man to be ready at his post; the Indians assembled so fast, that before noon, the ships were surrounded with more than 100 canoes, in which there were not less than 1000 Indians. They at first traded friendly, having hogs in abundance, and plenty of bread-fruit, plantains, bananoes, and whatever else the island produced, but they had not been there long, before a large stone was thrown at the cabin-window, by an invisible hand. A

watch was instantly set, and in less than half an hour another stone was thrown at the caulkers, as they were at work on a stage on the ship's side. The offender was seen, and in sight of the prince, the chiefs, and the whole multitude, he was seized, brought on board, tied to the shrouds, and punished with 50 lashes. In a few minutes, such was their fright, there was not an Indian to be seen near the ships:—Like unlucky boys, when one is apprehended for some naughty trick, the rest commonly fly the place.—And in fact, those people are in many things like children, and in none more than in this instance. Before the day closed, they all again returned to trade, and, when night approached, not a male was to be seen; but swarms of females, who came to sleep on board, though much against the will of Capt. Cook, who, upon the first arrival of the ships upon the coast, wished to have prohibited all commerce with the women of the island, but he soon found that, if that commerce was forbidden, all other trade must cease of course, and not a pig could be purchased, without a girl was permitted to bring it to market.

There are, who have blamed Capt. Cook for his severity to the Indians; but it was not to the Indians alone that he was severe in his discipline. He never suffered any fault in his own people, tho' ever so trivial, to escape unpunished: If they were charged with insulting

an Indian, or injuring him in his property, if the fact was proved, the offender was surely punished in sight of the Indians. By this impartial distribution of equal justice, the Indians themselves conceived so high an idea of his wisdom, and his power too, that they paid him the honours as they did their Et-hu-a, or good spirit.

The caulkers, who have already been mentioned, when they came round in course to the after-part of the Resolution, they found that, besides the seams that wanted closing, there were other more material defects. The rudder eyes were almost eaten through with rust, and the bolts ready to tumble out. This was an alarming defect, and all other business was suspended till that was repaired.

Every thing went on now as smoothly as could be wished. The chiefs, if they saw any of their own people misbehave, would themselves give information, and bring them to punishment; they were so very obliging, that, seeing us in want of wood to burn, they made an offer of a high fence, that surrounded the Morai, adjoining to the town, for a present supply.

On the 19th, being the fourth day after our arrival, several very large canoes were seen to come from the S. E. We at first thought they were the friends, with whom we had traded on the other side of the island, but on their

nearer approach, we found they were all armed and cloathed in the military style, after their country manner. This gave us cause to suspect some traiterous design, but our fears were in some measure dissipated by the assurances we received from the young prince, that they were some of the warriors that had accompanied his father in his expedition against the king of Maw-wee, and that they were now returning home in triumph; but, notwithstanding this assurance, it was thought prudent to be upon our guard, and the rather as the women who were on board, told us, that their people designed to attack us, and to mattee, that is, to kill us every one.

Next day, before nine o'clock, more than four thousand Indians surrounded the ships. The Captain ordered two great guns to be fired over their heads, in order to try what effect that would have in dispersing them. In less than three minutes, there were a thousand heads to be seen above water, so many having jumped from their canoes into the sea, frightened on the sudden report of the guns; neither did a single canoe remain about the ships, nor came near us for some days after. Several of the women however remained on board, who never could be prevailed on to shew themselves upon deck in the day-time, but whether from fear of their countrymen or of the guns is uncertain, as all trade was now stopt, and nothing brought on board

board for our subsistence. Capt. Cook went on shore to expostulate with the chiefs, and by some trifling presents to engage them to trade as before, threatening at the same time to lay their country waste, if they refused to supply the ships with the provisions they stood in need of. His remonstrances had the desired effect, and next day we purchased not less than 60 large hogs with great quantities of fruits and vegetables for the ship's use.

In a few days after this, the old king was seen to enter the harbour, on his return from Maw-wee. He was attended with more than 150 large war-canoes, himself at the head of them in a most superb vessel, in which were four idols, two at each end, representing men of a monstrous size, covered with mantles of feathers, interwoven with various colours, red, black, green, and yellow. These they call E-ah-tu-a, signifying their warrior gods, without which they never engage in battle. They passed the ships, and seemed to take very little notice of them; when they landed, they hauled up all their canoes on the beach, drew up in martial order, and led by the king, marched in ranks to their place of worship, distant from our tents about fifty yards; but, seeing the ground taboo'd by small green boughs, that marked the boundaries, they all made a circle round with their images in procession, till they

arrived at their Morai, where they placed their deities, and deposited their arms.

This ceremony over, the king, attended with ten of his chiefs, came on board the Resolution. When he entered the ship, he fell on his face, as a mark of submission to Capt. Cook, as did all his attendants, and after having made an oration, which none of us understood, he presented the Captain with three bar-bicued hogs, who, in return, put a necklace, composed of several strings of various-coloured beads, round his neck, and gave him two looking-glasses, a large glass bowl, with some nails, and other trifles, which he received with much seeming satisfaction, and immediately dispatched a messenger on shore, who soon returned with several large hogs, and cocoa-nuts, bread-fruit, plantains and sugar-canes, as much as our small cutter could carry. Having remained upon deck the space of an hour, admiring the construction of the ship, he was conducted into the great cabin, where wine was offered him, which he refused: neither was there any thing he would taste, except a head of bread-fruit; but he appeared delighted with every thing he saw, and did not return on shore till the evening. He was of a graceful stature, about six feet high, rather corpulent, and tattowed in several parts of his body, in manner like that of other warriors. His skin was remarkably scaley; his hair grey, and cut quite

quite short. He had very little cloathing, except a thick mat thrown over his shoulders, and on his head he wore a cap of feathers. Before he departed he gave us to understand, that he had 6000 fighting men, always in readiness to war against his enemies.

Next day both Captains, accompanied with several of their officers, went to pay the king a visit on shore. They were very respectfully received, and having dined after the Indian manner, the king rose, and clothing Capt. Cook with a mantle, such as is worn by the great E-a-thu-ah-nu-eh, conducted him to the place of worship, where a garland of green plantain leaves was put upon his head, and he was seated on a kind of throne, and addressed in a long oration by a priest cloathed in a vestment of party-coloured cloth, who concluded the ceremony with a solemn song, in which he was joined by all the natives present; this part of the ceremony over, they fell at his feet, the king acquainting him, that this was now his building, and that he was from henceforth their E-a-thu-ah-nu-eh. From this time an Indian Chief was by the king's order placed at the head of his pinnace, at whose command the Indians in their canoes as he passed them were all silence, and would prostrate themselves till he was out of sight; and this they would do when the Captain was alone, but the Indian had orders from the king whenever the Captain came ashore in his pinnace,

pinnace, to attend him, and conduct him to his house, which the sailors now called Cook's Altar.

When we first approached the coast of this island we were astonished at the sight of a mountain of a stupendous height, whose head was covered with snow. This was so rare a sight in an island between the tropics, that several of the officers and gentlemen from both ships were desirous of taking a nearer view of it, and for that purpose they requested the king's permission, and a guide to attend them, which was readily granted, and no less than twenty Indian chiefs contended which should accompany them.

On the 26th Mr. Nelson and four other gentlemen set out in the morning on this expedition, which they afterwards found attended with no small fatigue, and not a little danger; for after travelling two days and two nights thro' a savage country, they were obliged at last to return, without being able to satisfy their curiosity. On the way they were insulted by the rabble, who without offering any violence to their persons, would make faces, twist their mouths, and use the same contemptuous gestures, with which it is their custom in war to provoke their enemies.

On the 29th they returned to the ships, and the only advantage that accrued from their journey, was, a curious assortment of indigenous plants and some natural curiosities, collected
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by Mr. Nelson. During their absence every thing remained quiet at the tents, and the Indians supplied the ships with such quantities of provisions of all kinds, that orders were given to purchase no more hogs in one day than could be killed, salted, and stowed away the next day. This order was in consequence of a former order, to purchase all that could be procured for sea stock, by which so many were brought on board that several of them died before they could be properly disposed of.

On the 1st of Feb. 1779, William Watman, gunner's mate, died. His body in the afternoon was carried on shore in the pinnace, and buried according to his own desire in the Morai belonging to the king. The Indians who dug his grave about four feet deep, covered the bottom of it with green leaves, and when the corpse was deposited in the earth, the chiefs who attended the funeral, put a barbecued hog at the head, and another at the feet, with a quantity of bread fruit, plantains and bananas. More was going to be added, when Capt. Cook ordered the grave to be covered up, and a post erected to the memory of the deceased, inscribed with his name, the date of the year, day of his death, and the nation to which he belonged. From this circumstance, Capt. Cook gave this port the name of Watman's harbour. The next day the Indians rolled large stones over his grave, and brought two barbecued hogs, plantains

tains and bananas, cocoa-nuts and bread-fruit, which they placed over his grave, upon a stage erected for that purpose.

We were now preparing to depart, when our Captain was presented by the king, with 12 large hogs, three boats-load of bread-fruit, potatoes, sugar cane, and cocoa-nuts; and the same present was made to Capt. Cook.

This day, Feb. 2, the king came on board, attended with twenty of his chiefs, and gave the Captains of both ships, with their officers, an invitation to an heiva, to be performed in the evening, by most of the royal family. Capt. Clarke excused himself from ill health; but Capt. Cook and all the other gentlemen promised to attend.

The same day the king and his chiefs dined on board the Resolution, and were entertained with music, the whole band having orders to play all the while they sat at dinner. They were highly delighted with the music, and would not suffer the performers to rest a moment.

About four in the afternoon the pinnaces from both ships were ordered to be in readiness to take the company a-shore, with their pendants and colours displayed, to do honour to a king and people, by whom we had been so hospitably entertained. More than 200 canoes attended us to shore, where a number of chiefs were ready to receive us, who all observed a

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profound silence at our landing, and conducted us to the place appointed for the entertainment. But we were much disappointed by the performers, who were far inferior to those of the southern islands.

The only part of the performance that was tolerable was their singing, with which the heiva or play concluded, the young princesses, the chiefs, and even the king himself joining in the chorus.

The play being ended, Capt. Cook acquainted the king that, with his permission, he would exhibit some fireworks, that, if they did not affright, would very much astonish him. The king readily gave his consent; and the engineer was ordered to begin his exhibition as soon as it was dark. On the rising of the first sky-rocket, the indians fled precipitately, and hid themselves in houses, or wherever they could find a shelter, at first there were some thousand spectators, but in less than ten minutes there were not fifty to be seen, the king and his attendants excepted, whom the Captain and the gentlemen with the greatest difficulty persuaded to stay. When the second rose up in the air, lamentations were heard from every quarter, and when the water rockets were played off, the king and his chiefs were hardly to be restrained. Other fireworks it was found dangerous to exhibit, as these had already struck the spectators, the king as well as his people,

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with a general panic. We therefore took leave of the king and royal family, and returned on board our respective ships. The king having been made to understand that we should sail the first fair wind, came next morning to visit the captains of both ships, who were now preparing to sail. This being publicly known, the Indians in general expressed their concern, but particularly the young women, whose lamentations were heard from every quarter.

In the evening of the 4th of Feb. all hands were mustered, and none were missing.

In the morning of the 5th we cleared the harbour, shaping our course for Maw-wee, as we had been informed by the king, that in that island there was a fine harbour, and excellent water. We had not been long under sail, when the king, who had omitted to take his leave of our Captain in the morning, as not suspecting our departure so sudden, came after the ships, accompanied by the young prince in a sailing canoe, bringing with them ten large hogs, a great number of fowls, and a small turtle, (a great rarity) with bread fruit in abundance. They also brought with them great quantities of cocoa nuts, plantains, and sugar canes.

Besides other persons of condition who accompanied the king, there was an old priest, who had always shewn a particular attachment to Capt. Clarke, and who had not been unrewarded for his civility. It being rather late
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when they reached the ships, they staid on board but a few hours, and then all departed except the old priest and some girls, who by the king's permission were suffered to remain on board till they should arrive at some of the neighbouring isles. We were now steering with a fine breeze, but just at the close of the evening, to our great mortification, the wind died away, and a great swell succeeding, with a strong current setting right in for shore, we were in the utmost danger of being driven upon the rocks. In the height of our distress and trouble, the old priest, who had been sent to sleep in the great cabbın, leapt over-board unseen, with a large piece of Russian silk, the Captains property, and swam to shore.

The next day, seeing a large canoe between us and the shore, we hove to for her coming up, and to our great surprize perceived the old king, accompanied by several of his chiefs, having in their vessel the priest who had stolen the silk, bound hand and foot, whom the king delivered to the Captain, at the same time requesting that his fault might be forgiven. The king being told that his request was granted, unbound him, and set him at liberty; telling the Captain that, seeing him with the silk, he judged it was none of his own, and therefore ordered him to be apprehended; and had taken this method of exposing him for injuring his friend. This singular instance of Indian Generosity and Justice ought not to be forgotten. As soon

soon as they had delivered the silk, which the Captain would have had the king to accept, they departed, and had scarce reached the shore when a heavy gale came on, with thunder, lightning, and hard rain. We wore ship, and continued working off the land all night, and soon lost sight of the Resolution, who, as well as ourselves, continued beating about the island for seven days successively, in dread every moment of being wrecked upon the coast. On the fourth day after we had lost sight of the Resolution, the storm being a little abated, we observed her under a high part of the island, lying with her fore-top-gallant-mast down, her fore-top-sail-yard upon the cap, and the sail furled; which gave us reason to suppose that some accident had befallen her, and as we expected so we found it. We stood down for her with a heavy gale, but it was not till the next day that we could come to speak with her. Capt. Cook himself being upon deck when we came up, informed us that he had sprung his fore-mast in two different places, that the ship was leaky, and that it was with the greatest difficulty they kept her above water. He further said, that on the 7th in the morning, they discovered the leak, that at that time, they made thirty inches of water in three hours; and that ever since all hands had been constantly employed night and day in baling and pumping; we likewise understood, that they had split their
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main top-sail, and that they were now bound to our late harbour, to repair their damage. We pursued the same course; but it was not till the 11th, when we opened on the bay in which lay our port. We were very soon surrounded with old friends, who brought us hogs, bread-fruit, plantains, bananoes and cocoa nuts, which they threw on board, without waiting for any recompence. We were likewise visited by the old king, the prince, and many of the chiefs, who came to welcome us, and who were seemingly glad of our return. About ten in the morning both ships moored near their old birth, and presently all hands were set to work to strip the mast, and to carry it on shore to be repaired.

The next day the king came again on board, and mutual presents and mutual civilities were continued as usual: but about five in the afternoon there came along-side a large canoe, with about 60 of their fighting men all armed, with little or no provisions on board, and who seemed to have no good design. The Captain observing their motions, ordered the guns to be shotted, and every man to his post. About six they departed, without offering the least insult; but soon after we saw, upon a high hill, a large body assembled, who were observed to be gathering stones, and laying them in heaps. At dark they were seen to disperse; but great lights and fires were kept burning all night.

In the morning of the 13th they again assembled, and began rolling the stones from the brink of the hill, in order, as we supposed to annoy the ships, which, however, were at too great a distance to receive any damage. Our Captains looking upon this as an insult, ordered the guns to be levelled and fired among them, and, in ten minutes, there was not an Indian to be seen near the place.

In the afternoon the king came on board the Resolution, and complained to Capt. Cook of our killing two of his people, intimating, at the same time, that they had not the least intention of hurting us. He continued on board some hours, amusing himself with seeing the armourers at work, and, when he departed, requested that they might be permitted to make him a Pa-ha-we, (an instrument they use in battle, when they come to close quarters) which was readily granted.

From this time forward the natives became very unruly, and stolen every thing they could lay their hands on. They were fired upon, but that only enraged them; one who had just stole the armourer's tongs and an iron chisel, with both which he was making to shore, was intercepted by Capt. Cook himself, who, with a few marines, endeavoured to seize him as he was landing, but the Indians seeing his design came rushing in a body to the water-side, among whom the fellow found means to secrete himself

himself; and the multitude, instead of delivering him up, attacked the boats that were in pursuit of him, seized their oars, broke them, and forced our whole party to retreat.

Capt. Cook, having only a few marines with him, part of those who were placed as a guard to the carpenters employed upon the mast, did not think proper to renew the attack; but returned to the tents, ordering a strict watch to be kept during the night, and his whole force to be kept under arms till matters should be accommodated. For this purpose, Mr. Edgar, our master, was sent with a message to the young prince, who from the beginning had behaved friendly, to acquaint him with the cause of the fray, and to demand the delinquent to be delivered up. The prince, instead of listening to his remonstrances, assumed another countenance, and Mr. Edgar was very roughly handled, and glad to make his escape with a good beating.

The temper of the Indians was now totally changed, and they every day became more and more troublesome.

On the 14th a vast multitude of them were seen together making great lamentation, and moving slowly along to the beating of a drum, that scarce gave a stroke in a minute. From this circumstance it was supposed, they were burying the dead, who had been killed the day before. No violence, however, was either done or attempted this day, though the girls that

were on board made us to understand, that they only waited for a favourable opportunity to attack the ships.

On the morning of the 15th, our great cutter, which was moored to the buoy, was missing from her moorings, and, upon examination, the boat's painter was found cut two fathoms from the buoy, and the remainder of the rope gone with the boat.

This gave cause to suspect that some villainy was hatching, and, in order to prevent the ill-consequences that might follow, both Captains met on board the *Resolution*, to consult what was best to be done on this critical occasion. The officers from both ships were present at this council, where it was resolved to seize the king and to confine him on board till the boat should be returned.

With this view, early on the morning of the 14th, Capt. Cook, with 20 marines went on shore under cover of the guns of both ships. The Indians observing our motions, and seeing the ships warping towards the towns, of which there were two, one on each side the harbour's mouth, they concluded that our design was to seize their canoes. In consequence of which most of their large war canoes took the alarm, and were making off, when our guns, loaded with grape and canister shot, drove them back; and the Captain and his guard landed without opposition. We observed, however, that their warriors

warriors were clothed in their military dress, tho' without arms, and that they were gathering together in a body from every direction, their chiefs assuming a very different countenance to what they usually wore upon all former occasions. However, Capt. Cook, attended by Mr. Philips, Lieut. of Marines, a serjeant, and ten privates, regardless of appearances, proceeded directly to the king's residence, where they found him seated on the ground, with about twelve of his chiefs round him, who all rose in the utmost consternation on seeing the Captain and his guard enter. The Captain addressed the king in the mildest terms, assuring him that no violence was intended against his person or any of his people, except against those who had been guilty of a most unprecedented act of robbery, by cutting from her moorings one of the ship's boats, without which they could neither conveniently water the ships, nor carry on the necessary communication with the shore; calling upon the king, at the same time, to give orders for the boat to be immediately restored; and insisting upon his accompanying him to the ships, till his orders should be carried into execution. The king protested his total ignorance of the theft; said he was very ready to assist in discovering the thief, and should be glad to see him punished; but shewed great unwillingness to trust his person with strangers, who had lately exercised very unusual severities against his peo-

ple. He was told that the tumultuous appearance of the people and their repeated robberies made some uncommon severities necessary ; but that not the least hurt should be done to the meanest inhabitant of his island by any person belonging to the ships, without exemplary punishment; and all that was necessary for the continuance of peace was, to pledge himself for the honesty of his people. With that view, and that view only he came to request the king to place confidence in him, and to make his ship his home, as the most effectual means of putting a stop to the robberies that were now daily and hourly committed by his people, both at the tents and on board the ships, and were now so daring as to become insufferable. The king, upon this remonstrance, was preparing to comply ; but the chiefs, taking the alarm, began to steal away one after another, till they were stopped by the guard. In about half an hour the king was ready to accompany Capt. Cook on board ; but by that time so great a body of Indians were got together and lined the shore, that it was with difficulty they could break through the multitude, who now began to behave outrageously, and to insult the guard. Capt. Cook, observing their behaviour, gave orders to the officer of marines to make way, and if any one opposed, to fire upon and instantly dispatch him. This order Lieut. Philips endeavoured to carry into execution, and
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a lane was made for the king and his chiefs to get to the boats, but they had scarce reached the water-side, when the word was given, that Tu-tee was about to carry off their king to kill him. In an instant a number of their fighting men broke from the crowd, and with clubs rushed in upon the guard, four of whom were presently dispatched. A ruffian making a stroke at Capt. Cook, was shot dead by the Captain himself, who, having a double barrell'd gun, was aiming at another, when a savage came behind him and striking him on the head with his club telled him to the ground; and then thrust his Pa-ha-he (a kind of poignard made by our armourers at the request of the king, the day before) through his body with such force that, entering between his shoulders, the point of it came out at his breast. The quarrel now became general. The guns from the ships began to pour in their fire upon the crowd, as did likewise the marine guard, and the marine from the boats; and tho' the slaughter among the savages was dreadful, yet, enraged as they were, they stood our incessant fire with astonishing intrepidity, insomuch that, in spite of all our efforts, they carried off the bodies of the dead, as a mark of triumph.

Besides Capt. Cook, whose death was universally deplored, corporal Thomas, and three privates, Hinkes, Allen, and Fadget fell victims to their fury. But it seemed as if it was against our Commodore that their vengeance

was chiefly directed, by whose order they supposed their king was to be dragged on board, and punished at his discretion. For, having once secured his body, they fled without much regarding the others, one of which they threw into the sea. Thus ended the life of the greatest navigator that this or any other nation ever could boast, after having successfully led his crews of gallant British seamen thrice round the World; had reduced to a certainty the non-existence of a Southern Continent, about which the learned of all nations were in doubt: had settled the boundaries of the earth and sea; and shewn the impracticability of a N. W. passage from the Atlantic to the Great Southern Ocean, for which our ablest navigators had contended, and in pursuit of which vast sums had been spent in vain, and many valuable mariners had miserably perished.—Reader, if thou hast any feeling for thy country in the loss of so great, so illustrious a navigator, or any tenderness for those whom he has left to lament his fate, thou wilt drop with me a tear at this melancholy relation; especially when thou reflectest, that he, who had braved dangers, and had looked death in the face in a thousand forms, should at last be cut off by the hands of a cowardly savage, who, dreading the impetuosity of his rage, came behind him, and, ruffian-like, stabbed him in the back.—But of this enough.—

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The dead being past recovery, the distressed situation of the living was now to be regarded. The Resolution was without her mast, and lay in a manner at the mercy of the savages, who, it was every moment expected, would have cut away her moorings and drifted her on shore. It was therefore the first care of Capt. Clarke, who succeeded to the command, to float away the mast, and to get the tents and all our other baggage on board. For this purpose no time was to be lost. While many of the Indians lay dead upon the beach, it was judged the properest time to take advantage of that interval of inactivity, which always succeeds any considerable exertion of Indian ferocity. Our whole force was therefore collected, and, being well provided with arms and ammunition, we made one bold effort to accomplish our purpose. Having landed under cover of our guns, we marched with bayonets fixed, and took possession of the Morai, which stood on elevated ground, and gave us an advantage over the savages, who could not approach us from the shore, neither could they attack us from the towns, without being exposed to our fire from the ships. They made several unsuccessful attempts to dislodge us, but were repulsed with loss. After sustaining an unequal conflict for three hours, in which more than thirty of them were killed, without being able to make any impression on our small body; and without

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our losing a man, though several were much hurt by the stones from their slings; they at length dispersed, and left us masters of our tents and of all our other property.

Our business now was to decamp; all hands were therefore employed in that service, and happy we thought ourselves when we had got every thing safe on board.

Our next care was to recover our dead. A strong party were sent out in the pinnaces and boats, with a white flag in token of peace, to endeavour to procure their bodies. They were met by Ow-a te, a man of chief note among the savages, at the head of a vast multitude without answering our signal, who informed us, that the warriors were then on the back of the hill, cutting up and dividing the bodies, but that if Ta-tee, the name they gave Capt. Clarke, would land, what remained of Tu-tee should be delivered to him; but our party being inconsiderable in proportion to the numbers of the enemy that were then assembled, we were apprehensive of some treacherous design, and therefore our Commander very wisely declined the invitation. While we remained in our boats, several other chiefs came to the water-side; and one in particular, with Captain Cook's hanger, which he drew in a vaunting manner, and brandished it over his head; others shewed themselves with the spoils taken from the dead, one having a jacket, another a shirt,
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a third a pair of trowsers, and so on; insulting us, as it were, with the trophies of their victory.

At this time it was thought prudent to stifle our resentment, and to reserve our vengeance till a more favourable opportunity. We were now in want of water, our sails and rigging in a shattered condition, our cordage bad, and our repairs not near finished; all therefore we had to do, was to remain upon the defensive till we were better provided.

Towards the close of the evening, we saw from the ships, at a considerable distance, a canoe with eight or nine Indians making towards us from the N. W. and, on their nearer approach, observed one of them standing up with our late Commanders hat on, and apparently daring us, by first clapping his hands, and then applying them, with a quick motion, to different parts of his body; by which we afterwards discovered, that nothing more was meant than a kind of joy that he had something to give, which he thought we would be glad to receive. Under the first misapprehension of his meaning, a gun was fired at him from the Resolution, which wounded him in the leg; but, notwithstanding this, the canoe came close under the ship's stern, haling us, and at the same time the whole crew calling out Tu-tee, Tu-tee, as loud as they could bawl. This excited every one's curiosity, and orders were given

ven to admit them on board. When the wounded man produced a piece of flesh, carefully wrapped up in a cloth, which he solemnly assured us was part of the thigh of our late Commander; that he saw it cut from the bone, but believed that all the rest was eaten. He was instantly carried into the surgery, had his wound dressed, and during the operation was questioned closely concerning any other part of the Captain's remains, all which he declared had been divided among so many of the warriors, as he called them, that he supposed by that time every other part must be devoured. He was then asked if he knew what became of the other dead bodies; which he answered in the negative. As soon as his wound was dressed, he desired to be set at liberty, which was granted; and when the canoe departed, the Indians were desired to bring us hogs and provisions, and to trade as before. Their answer was, they were taboo'd.

On the 15th, the different promotions took place, and according to their succession, the officers changed ships, Capt. Clarke went on board the Resolution; and Mr. Gore, 1st Lieut. of the Resolution, took the command of the Discovery.

In the evening of the 16th, the flesh belonging to the deceased commander was deposited in a box, and with much solemnity committed to the deep.

On the 13th both ships were again warped near the shore, and a spring put upon their cables, in order to cover the boats, who were sent to compleat our stock of water, lest the people of the neighbouring isles, hearing what had happened to us here, should refuse to supply our necessities. On this movement crowds of inhabitants were seen to flock together with a large black flag displayed, which we interpreted as a signal for war; but we afterwards found, that it was part of their ceremony in burying their dead. Under this mistake a few guns were fired from the ships to disperse them, by which the king's second son, Mea-Mea was killed, and a poor woman lost her arm. This made a strong impression on the whole body of Indians, and we were left in quiet both this and the next day, to pursue our repairs and compleat our hold.

On the 19th they began again to be troublesome. In the morning while the boats were loading at the well, the stones came about the crews like hail, some of them of more than a pound weight; one in particular was seen to come from an invisible hand, which being attended to, an Indian was observed to creep out of a hole, who as soon as he had discharged his stone, retired back to his place of shelter. Him we marked, and returned to our ships; and it being now apparent, that nothing was to be gained by fair means, orders were given to strike terror among them, by pursuing them with fire and sword.

sword. About two in the afternoon all who were able to bear arms, as well sailors and artificers as marines, were mustered; and preparations made to sustain them, while with lighted matches they rowed on shore, and set fire to the S.E. town, pursuing the frightened inhabitants while their houses were in flames, with unrelenting fury. Many were put to death without mercy, and all driven to seek shelter in the other town; scarce a house in this having escaped the fury of the flames. In this general desolation, the hut or hole of the crafty Indian whose cowardice had been one principal cause of the destruction that followed, was not forgotten. His hole had been marked, as has already been observed, and on seeing our sailors approach it, such was his malice, that he heaved a huge stone at the assailants, one of whom he dangerously wounded, but was instantly dispatched by the discharge of three muskets, and a bayonet run through his body. Our orders being fully executed, we returned to the ships before night, loaded with Indian spoils, consisting of bows and arrows, clubs and arms of all kinds which they use in battle, and having the heads of two of their fighting men, of which the obnoxious Indian was one, stuck at the bows of the pinnaces, as a terror to the enemy from ever daring again to molest us.

It is however not a little remarkable, that the father and mother of two girls who were on board our ship, came in the dead of night, in their

their canoe, loaded with cocoa-nuts and bread-fruit, which they had been gathering in the day for their own subsistence, and acquainting us with a treacherous design of their countrymen. to cut our cables and drift the ships ashore, at the same time imploring our protection, as not knowing where to shelter themselves with safety. They were taken on board, and remained prisoners till morning, when not an Indian was to be seen near the harbour, but such as were old and feeble, and knew not how to make their escape. The informers were tenderly treated, had presents made them, and afterwards dismissed at their own desire, upon a neighbouring island, with every token of kindness. The waterers now filled their casks in quiet; and it was not long before the chiefs of the island came to sue for peace.

About four in the afternoon of the 20th, ten girls came down to the well, where the waterers were busy, with quantities of fruit, as much as they could carry, for which they would take nothing in return, only praying to be taken on board. This was denied them, as peremptory orders had been given by Captain Clarke, forbidding their admission.

On the 21st, a chief, never before seen on board either ship, attended by about 300 of his people, with a white flag displayed, and carrying boughs and green branches in their hands, came singing and dancing to the water side. On seeing his ensign answered by a white flag at each mizzen-top-mast-head, he, accompanied with

with three other chiefs, came on board, having some cocoa-nuts, plaintains, and bread-fruit, as presents to the commander, for which they would accept of nothing in return. This chief, whose name was A-nu-a, came to make submission, and, as a token of his sincerity, promised to collect the bones of our deceased warrior, as he called him, and to bring them, and lay them at his feet. This was the token of the most perfect submission that an Indian warrior could make to his conqueror; and this was accepted on the part of our commander. In this manner, and on these conditions, peace was to be restored.

At nine in the morning of the next day, the same old chief returned, attended by a more numerous suite than before, having several large hogs added to his peace-offerings, and with him, likewise, he brought the bones of Capt. Cook, those of his back bone and feet only excepted, which he promised to produce the next visit he made. On examination, the head appeared to have been scalped; the face was entirely gone; the hands had the flesh on, but scored and salted; and, as he assured the Captain, most of the flesh besides was eaten. Our Commander made signs to return the cutter; but was told, it was broke up and burnt for the iron. Some presents were made to this friendly chief, who departed well satisfied. We were now preparing to depart, when provisions
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of all sorts came pouring in upon us faster than we could consume them. The Indian kept his promise, and

On the 23d brought the bones of the Captain that were missing: these were all placed in due form in a case made for the purpose, and under a triple discharge from the ships buried in the bay. The terror of the Indians on this occasion was increased by a four pound ball being loaded by mistake, which fortunately did no other mischief, than that of exciting the jealousy of the Indians that our professions of peace were not sincere, which possibly might be the case with him who loaded the gun, as the sailors in general could hardly be restrained from violence, whenever an Indian came within their power. Nothing more remained now to be done. The repairs being compleated, so far, at least, as our circumstances would allow, we bent our sails in the morning, and were visited by many of our former friends, among whom was the king's youngest son, a boy of about fourteen years of age, of whom Captain Cook was remarkably fond, and the boy, in return, was no less attached to the Captain. He came to express his sorrow for the accident that had happened, which he did by a plentiful flow of tears. He gave us to understand, that his two brothers were killed, and that his father was fled to the adjoining island. Captain Clarke made him some presents that were plea-

sing to him, and he departed very much comforted.

About 7 in the evening, a breeze springing up in our favour, we unmoored, and soon left the harbour, shaping our course to the N. W. Nothing remarkable till

The 28th, when we opened upon a fine bay, in one of the Leeward Islands, called by the inhabitants O-aa-ah, where the ships came to an anchor, and where both Captains landed but made a very short stay. Several of the inhabitants came on board, who were so immoderately fond of iron, that they endeavoured to wrench the ring-bolts from the hatches. Here we put ashore the family that accompanied us from O-why-e, and here we purchased a few small swine, bread-fruit and plantains, and a quantity of a root, called Ta-ee, not unlike fern root, but of an enormous size, some weighing from 60 to 70 pounds. It is an excellent anti-scorbutic of the saccharine kind. Pounded, we made an excellent liquor from it, very pleasant and exceedingly wholesome: we had quantities of it when we reached Kamshatka, and as good as when first purchased. Having found nothing else to engage our attention in this island, we set sail in the evening, and

This day, March 1, about noon, we arrived at the Island of Ne-hu, and moored in our old birth, where we victualled and repaired the winter before. Here we were received with
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seeming kindness. Hogs and the produce of the island were brought us in abundance; but when our casks were landed, in order to exchange our water, (that of O-why-he being both bitter and brackish, and the water here excellent) the coopers were no sooner set to work, than one Indian snatched up his adze, another his bucket, a third his bag of nails, and so on; and this among a croud of natives of more than 4 or 500 in number. To put a stop to these depredations, orders were given to fire over their heads; but this not having the desired effect, a gun from the ships threw them all into confusion. Two were seen to drop, and by the shrieks and cries of the women, more were supposed to have been killed or wounded. For a while the multitude retreated; but being rallied by some of their chiefs, who doubtless had heard that we were not invulnerable, they returned in greater numbers than before, when it was thought prudent to lay aside watering, and to provide for our own safety. All hands were now ordered to their posts, and an engagement commenced in earnest, when the Indians instantly gave way, after a few being killed and wounded by our fire, and they never again offered the least violence during our stay. A perfect agreement took place, and presents were mutually exchanged on both sides. Here all the bad water was started from both ships, and a plentiful stock of good water taken on board, to

serve us during our long run to Kamshatka, for which we were preparing. Here one of the chiefs, named Noo-oh-a expressed a desire to accompany us in our voyage, when, being told that we were never more to return to that island, he lamented the opportunity he had lost when we were here before ; and pointing to the sun, seemed to suppose that we should visit that luminary in our course, and that the thunder and lightning of our guns, and that which came from the heavens were both derived from the same source.

From this harbour we sailed on the 9th, and visited the opposite side of the island, where we had likewise passed a part of the former winter. Here we were received with much kindness and hospitality ; and here we purchased yams and potatoes for our summer's consumption, which the companies of both ships were glad to exchange for their allowance of bread, that part of their food being both scanty and bad. Besides the natural productions of the country, we purchased in these islands many tons of salt ; much of their cordage and cloth ; and a great variety of artificial curiosities, such as their weapons of war, their instruments for fishing ; their cloaks and coverlids ; their caps, masks, nets, instruments of music ; their needles, thread, working-tools, bracelets, ear-jewels, and, in short, almost every thing that was new to us, or which was peculiar to them ; a-
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mong which were some household utensils, and prints for impressing their cloth. The island we are now preparing to leave lies in lat. 21 deg. 49 min. N. and in long. E. from London 193 nearly.

On the 15th we came to sail, and soon after we were informed that Capt. Clarke was taken ill. We at first stood to the westward, veering a little to the south, in search of a small island, which we were told abounded in turtle. We continued this course till

The 30th, when we were in lat. 20 deg. 19 min. N. long. 180 deg. 40 min. per watch. We now altered our course, and steered N. W.

April 1, we continued steering N. W $\frac{1}{2}$ W. lat. 21 deg. 46 min. N. long. 180 deg. 2 min.

On the 3d we crossed the Northern Tropic, long. 176 deg. 39 min. E. steering N. W. by N. in a direct course for Kamshatska. On the third day after leaving the Island of Ne-hun, it began to blow a hard gale, which continued with very little intermission till the present day, when our ship became very leaky, and we were informed, that the Resolution was much worse than the Discovery.

On the 9th, for the first time, since our leaving Ne-hun, we had an observation, and found ourselves in lat. 32 deg. 16 min. long. 167 E.

On the 10th we observed a tropic bird hovering about the ship, and by her motions we expected her to light, being far to the north-

ward of her proper climate; however she left us, and made for the Resolution. In the evening it began to blow with heavy rain, and continued an unremitting gale till

The 13th, when we were in lat. 39deg. 50min. very cold and foggy. As we now began to approach the higher northern latitudes, the flannel jackets, that had been stored up while we were among the Tropical islands, were again brought into use, and were of infinite service to the poor men. We now altered our course to the eastward, having great signs of land on our larboard beam.

On the 15th, being in lat. 41 deg. 59 min. the signs of land increased. The weather being fine and clear, we seized this opportunity to search for the leak, and, knowing it to be forwards, we moved the sails from the fore-sail room, and found them wringing wet; but the leak was out of our reach; however, when the weather was fine, it gave us very little trouble.

On the 16th the Resolution's boat came on board, and Capt. Gore and our 1st Lieutenant went to visit Capt. Clarke, who still continued very ill. On their return, they brought a dismal account of the condition of the Resolution; she became leaky on the 7th, when it blew a tempest. On the carpenters going down to the cockpit for lights, they were alarmed by finding themselves over their shoes in water, and, upon further examination, the casks in
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the fish-room and spirit-room were driving one against another, by which two casks of French brandy were staved. They then searched forwards, where they found the coal-hole six feet deep in water, and the ship's whole complement of paint destroyed; several casks of shells and curiosities staved, the light-room deck blown up, and the bulk-head between the gunner's store-room and the coal-hole burst open. In this alarming situation they continued during the whole time that the stormy weather lasted, pumping night and day, and every officer in the ship (the Captain, who was ill, only excepted) took his turn with the common men, who were sickening apace with fatigue; nor were they then relieved from hard duty, when our gentlemen left the ship; which was the reason we could make no stay, to examine the extent of De Gama's or Company's Land, which, however, we discovered, by our run, not to extend farther to the eastward than it is marked in our ordinary maps. Their misfortune did not end with the damages above recited; much of their bread was spoiled, and they were forced to take from us a ton of yams to supply its place.

On the 18th we lost sight of the Resolution; but by every appearance, were at no great distance from land. Large pieces of timber drifted by us, and land-birds innumerable were seen to the westward. We were now in lat. 46

deg. 10 min. running at the rate of 7 or 8 knots an hour.

On the 19th we came in sight of the Resolution: and, though it blew hard, they threw out the signal for us to make sail, from whence we concluded that their leak still distressed them. At noon we were in lat. 48 deg. 38 min. and long. 159 deg. 10 min.

On the 20th we had a deep snow, attended with frost, by which our men were exposed to incredible hardships. It fell so heavy upon the decks and rigging that it was next to impossible to keep them clear, or, not being clear, to make the ropes traverse. Fortunately it ceased freezing in the night.

On the 20th we were in lat. 49 deg. 48 min. when we began to get every thing in readiness for coming to anchor.

On the 22d we were in the latitude of London; the water of a milky colour, but no soundings at 85 fathom. In the evening the Resolution made the signal to tack ship, and we never afterwards saw her till our arrival at our destined harbour.

On the 23d we came in sight of land, very barren, very rugged, and covered with snow; from whence we were distant not above a league with our starboard tacks on board, the water near the shore black with wild-fowl, and a sheet of ice skirting the land, covered with sea-lions, seals and other amphibious animals. At half
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past 10, P. M. we put about, finding by our log-book and watch that we were 50 miles to leeward of our port.

On the 25th we were out of sight of land, with a heavy gale, a fall of snow, piercing cold, and 20 of our hands frost-nipped.

The 26th it blew hard from the N. E. We kept working to windward, which doubled our labour, and our concern for our Commodore increased so much the more, as we judged by our own sufferings, what must be the fate of the Resolution, that was much less able to struggle with the storm than the Discovery. The storm continuing with sleet and snow, three men could scarce do the work of one.

Amidst these complicated distresses, our leak increased to an alarming degree.

On the 28th we made 17 inches in 3 hours. The wind dying away, we tried the current, and found we drifted half a mile an hour to the southward. A man was sent up to the mast-head to look round for the Resolution, but without succeeding. We now gave her over for lost.

On the 29th we stood in for the land, and at 2 in the afternoon, we came in sight of the entrance of the bay of Kamshatska, then distant between seven and eight miles to the southward. We made sail and stood right in; but finding it frozen over, we judged that the Resolution could not possibly be there, and therefore concluded that she must have gone to the bottom.

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Early next morning we once more attempted the entrance of the bay, and finding the ice drifted, we conceived hopes, that we might be able to force a passage through the loose ice, which, now the weather was fine, did not appear so formidable as before. About noon a pleasant breeze sprung up, and we directed our course to a flag we saw displayed just within the bay, and happily succeeded, dropping our anchor in 20 fathom water, within less than three leagues of our intended harbour. In about half an hour, while our boats were still looking out for a passage, we observed at a distance two boats making towards us, one of which we knew to belong to the Resolution. The other belonged to the Russians. No joy could exceed that, which the news of the safety of the Resolution spread through the whole ship's company of the Discovery. She had been in port ever since the 25th and had given us over for lost, never expecting to see us more. She had met with some damage in her sails and rigging; but by her fortunately hitting the harbour, she had escaped much of the distress that we suffered from the severity of the weather.

Early on the first of May, we weighed, having the Resolution's boat to direct us. Soon after day-light, we were within the light-house near the entrance of the harbour, but were opposed by a strong tide from the shore, which drifting huge pieces of floating ice against us, made our further progress both dangerous and fatiguing;

fatiguing; but, having the wind fair, about five in the evening we came to in sight of the town, and soon after dropt anchor near the Resolution.

On the 2d the Resolution unmoored, and both ships came to, and moored within a mile of the town, and within a cable's length of the ice, which entirely shut up the head of the bay. Here we found only one small sloop, about 50 tons, which, as soon as the ice was clear, was bound on a trading voyage to the northward. We had no sooner dropt anchor than our boat was ordered out, and our Captain, with several other gentlemen, went to visit Capt. Clarke, and to take his orders for our future proceedings. We found him still growing weaker and weaker; we therefore shortened our stay.

On the 3d both Captains, attended by the principal officers and gentlemen, went on shore, and were received by a subaltern who now had the command of the fort, situated close by a little miserable town, called A-watch-a, which, by its appearance, could not be supposed to furnish provisions for the ships crews a single week. We soon learnt that the governor lived at a town, called Bolchaia-reka, distant about 70 miles, and that an express had been sent to him to notify our arrival. The subaltern, in the mean time shewed us every civility. We found on our landing, a sledge drawn by dogs in readiness to receive our Commodore, who was in so
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weak a state as not to be able to walk, and to conduct him to the residence of the governor when at Kamshatka, where most of the officers and gentlemen had apartments allotted them during our stay. It was not however a little strange, that though we were expected, and that the empress of Russia had given orders to her governor, to furnish us with every accommodation in his power, that not a creature was to be found that understood any other language than that of the natives of the place, and of Russia; neither of which languages was intelligible to any of us, so that having no interpreter, every thing was to be learnt by signs.

Capt. Clarke, with some gentlemen who attended him, slept on shore for the benefit of the air. They were entertained with stewed fish, venison-soups, and other dishes, dressed after the manner of the country; and the officer who now acted as deputy governor, behaved with an uncommon degree of civility, or more properly, servility, by paying every attention that his circumstances would admit, to make the Captain's accommodations comfortable. He made him understand, that at the distance of about 16 wrosts, at a town called Parantanka there lived a priest who might possibly be able to converse with him; and with that view he the very next day sent an express to invite him to the fort, at the same time intimating, that the governor was a German, who could talk all languages,

guages, which accounts for the omission before complained of; and indeed, as it afterwards appeared, we were expected here the preceding summer, and that our arrival now was unlooked for. On board, the carpenters were busy in stripping the ship's bows, and the sailors in getting the sick on shore, with every part of the ships stores that stood in need of revivification; and though the weather continued piercing cold, no time was lost in forwarding the repairs.

On the 4th one of our boats, in putting the astronomer's assistant on shore at the influx of the tide, was suddenly encircled by the floating ice in such a manner, as not to be able to move one way or the other, another boat sent to her relief was soon enclosed in the same manner, and till the return of the tide both were forced to remain in that deplorable situation, not a person on board daring to trust himself among the floating ice to endeavour to make his escape. About 12 at night they were released, and the icy prisoners returned on board almost perished with cold.

On the 5th six gentlemen arrived from Bolchaia-reka, among whom was a merchant who came to trade for skins, some of which he purchased from us, as we thought, at great prices; but as we afterwards found for little more than half their value. These are all monopolized by the Russian Company already mentioned in our account of the last summer's voyage, and not a skin to be had from the Kamshatskades.

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The gentleman was accompanied by the governor's secretary, who could speak both German and Dutch, and who brought a letter from the governor, written in German, complementing the Commodore on his arrival, tendering his best services, and excusing his absence; adding at the same time, that when he was made acquainted with the necessaries of which we stood in need, he would give immediate orders for their supply as far as was in his power, and that he would then embrace the first opportunity of waiting upon the Commodore. It happened, that Mr. Webber, our draughtsman, was master of the German; and on reading the letter it was thought more respectful, as well as more suitable to the occasion, for Capt. Gore, in the illness of our commander, to be the messenger himself, as he could give a more particular account of our many wants, than could possibly be transmitted in a letter. On the 6th the Russian gentlemen were entertained on board the ships, Mr. Webber acting as interpreter to the merchant, and the governor's secretary being master of the French, was well enough understood to make the conversation and the bottle pass jovially round. About ten at night the company parted; and

In the morning of the 7th Capt. Gore, attended by lieut. King, of the *Resolution*, and Mr. Webber, and accompanied by the merchant and Russian secretary, set out for Bolchaia-reka, where, after a most fatiguing journey, they

they arrived on the 13th, and were received by the Governor with a politeness that did honour to the post he filled.

After the usual salutations, they entered into general conversation, when our gentlemen soon discovered that the governor was not only a man of breeding, but of general knowledge; that he had been made acquainted, by his court, with our intention of touching at Kamshatska; but that the character of our first commander, Capt. Cook was known to him, by the account given of his former expeditions; and the whole route, that he was supposed to pursue in the present expedition, he had deduced from his own conjecture. Capt. Gore, when he came to speak of our north-west course, put the letter into his hands, which our Commodore received from the Russian factor at Samgannuida (of which notice has already been taken,) and which chiefly related to the business of the factory, having only slightly touched upon the civilities he had received from us, and had represented us as merchant ships, engaged in a new line of commerce, which he apprehended might be injurious to that in which the factory was engaged. Such is the jealousy the Russians entertain of the trade to the north, which they now look upon as we did formerly upon the trade to America, as of right belonging to them;—founding their claim on their priority of discovery, Bhering having first traced the way to the north west continent of Ameri-

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ca, though he lost his life in the pursuit. This observation however being foreign to the subject of his commission, Capt. Gore passed unnoticed; and having dined and spent the day of his arrival agreeably, he next morning took occasion to deliver to the governor, a list of those articles of which the ships stood most in need; representing at the same time the shattered condition of the ships, and how much they were in want of sails and cordage, as well as provisions, having met with no supply of beef or bread from the time they left England in 1776, to the present day; nor of tobacco, a chief article with our sailors, tho' for three months they had been under the necessity of subsisting without. The governor heard him with attention, and assured him, that he had her imperial majesty's positive orders to furnish the British ships upon Discovery with every assistance in his power; and that his inclination as well as his duty, led him to do his uttermost to comply with his request; that he would ransack the country round as far as his jurisdiction reached, to supply him with rye meal, but that wheat meal could not possibly be procured, because the country produced none; nor would it be easy to supply the ships with beef, except for present consumption, as the time of the year was unsuitable, none being killed there in the winter, nor any fit to kill till the grass in the summer had recruited their flesh. He added, that tobacco was not among the articles allowed by

by Her Imperial Majesty, but that he would for their use spare 400 weight from his own stores; and what canvas and cordage the magazines could produce should be at the Commodore's service, whose ill state of health he most sincerely regretted. These civilities were accompanied with the most lively expressions of esteem; and, when Capt. Gore took leave, he complimented him with his own carriage, ordered a horse round for the Commodore to ride out for the benefit of the air, and a cow to supply him with fresh cream and milk. And recollecting afterwards that the gentlemen might, probably, be in want of tea and sugar, he sent 100 weight of the latter, and 20 lb. of the former for a present supply,

We should be wanting in justice to this worthy Governor, were we to pass over his behaviour to us unnoticed, which was such as did honour to his feelings as a Man, and to Her Imperial Majesty as an Officer.

Our gentlemen had not been returned many days, when they were followed by the Governor himself, who, after enforcing his orders for our immediate supply from the country, came to examine what could be spared from the fortress. He was received by Capt. Clarke, on board the Resolution; and every mark of attention paid him, which his services so well deserved. 9000 weight of rye meal was soon after collected from different districts at a great

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distance, and conveyed to us at no inconsiderable expence, accompanied with 20 head of horned cattle. These our sailors rejoiced to see, and, tho' skeletons compared with those of England, were received by us with an eagerness not easily to be exceeded; for not having had the relish of fresh beef for more than three years, the very scrapings of the bones would have been to our sailors, at this time a treat infinitely more grateful than at home they would have thought the most profuse feast.

It was the 23d before the Governor arrived at Parrantanka, in the vicinage of which the priest resided, of whom we have already spoken. With him the Governor spent the afternoon, but when night came he slept at the fort.

On the 25th the pinnace from the Resolution was manned and properly equipped to bring him on board. He was saluted with 11 guns from the Resolution, and the same number from the Discovery; and when he entered the ship he was received with music, and with all the honours that circumstances would admit; and he was so well pleased with his reception, that he staid two days and two nights on board: during which time he had but very little sleep. Capt Clarke, being ill, slept on shore, and left the care of his entertainment to his officers, who did not fail to make it agreeable. Some very noble presents were made him at his departure,

parture; consisting of curiosities collected from every part of the world, with a gold watch, two fowling-pieces, a brace of silver-mounted pistols, and other valuable articles of English manufacture; to all which were added, near 100 gallons of brandy from the ship's stores, as a present from the sailors out of their allowance, in lieu of the tobacco that he had generously ordered to be divided amongst them gratis, which at that time was in such estimation, that he, who had been provident enough to make a reserve, sold it nearly at the price of silver.

Orders were now given to get every thing on board, and prepare to sail as fast as possible; both ships had been stripped of their sheathing to the water's edge; but the leak of the Discovery was found much lower, being a hole worn in her bow, which, had not the hull been cleared, could never have been come at.

Having now got the meal on board, the crews were served with an allowance of half rye and half flower; which, however, not being accustomed to it, they did not very well relish, though it was found to be very wholesome. The Governor had made Capt. Clarke a present of a cow, for which it was necessary to provide provender; and large quantities of ducks, geese and poultry were taken on board to supply the want of other live-stock; for here they had no sheep, nor any other domestic animal, except dogs, which serve the natives both for horses

and hunting; nor was there a cow in the country, that we saw, except that the Governor sent by Capt. Clarke, and one in possession of the priest.

We had now been here a month, when
 On the 4th of June, being his Majesty's birthday, the same was celebrated with great magnificence on board and on shore. The ship's were dressed with streamers and with the colours of all nations; and a flag was displayed at the tents. The Russian gentlemen were sumptuously entertained on board; and the common men were served with double allowance of meat and liquor, and, being permitted to divers themselves on shore, many of them made parties and traversed the woods in pursuit of game, with which they were told the country abounded. But, as they were ignorant of their haunts, they met with no success.

Before our departure, pacquets were entrusted to the care of the governor, to be forwarded to England by the way of Petersburg, both for government and to private friends; these we have since found were carefully transmitted. And now, having all things in readiness, our full complement of wood and water on board, and of every necessary the country afforded, and waiting only for a wind,

Early on the 12th of June we weighed and sailed, directing our course to the northward; but were detained in the bay till

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The 15th, when we were alarmed with a noise louder than the loudest thunder, and presently were almost blinded with a fall of ashes, which, in less than an hour, covered the decks all over from stern to stern, among which were mixed pumice stones as large as walnuts. We were all driven down between decks; but about ten in the morning were released by the shower ceasing. On looking round, we found they issued from a volcano at the distance, as we supposed, of about 20 miles, then bearing from us W. S. W. During this eruption, we were not only obliged to retire ourselves, but to bettan down the hatches fore and aft; so that what with the closeness of our confinement, and the sulphureous smell from the flames, we were almost suffocated. But we were no sooner released, than we weighed anchor and steered to the eastward.

On the 17th and 18th we continued our course E. and E. by N.

On the 19th steered E. by N. Lat. 54 deg. 56 min. N.

On the 20th came in sight of land, high, and covered with snow; called by Bhering, Kamtschatska-nofs, but found that Cape a degree more to the southward than he had laid it down. Lat. 55 deg. 52 min.

On the 21st we continued to steer E. N. E. saw a whale, two seals and a number of sea-lions.

On the 22d we stood to the N. E. and, seeing a change in the colour of the water, we sounded, but found no ground in 100 fathom. We continued the same course till the 25th, when we were in lat. 59 deg. 9 min. and long. 168 deg. 30 min. E.

On the 26th we changed our course E. N. E. and finding the sea covered with gulls and shags, we sounded, but found no ground at 120 fathom.

On the 27th we stood E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. and found ourselves by observation in lat. 59 deg. 57 min. long. 172 E. We changed our course, and stood N. N. W.

On the 28th, early in the morning, we came in sight of land, very high and covered with snow, the extreme point of which bore N. E. distance about 6 leagues. We continued our course along shore, with regular soundings at about 54 fathom, free from reefs, and a very bold shore. We steered this course till

The 30th, at noon, when we were in lat. 62 deg. 1 min.

On the 1st of July, the weather began to grow hazy, with thick fogs. We still kept coasting on till

The 3d in the morning, when the fogs left us and it began to rain. At ten in the morning, saw a very high point of land, bearing from us N. N. E. distance about 7 leagues.

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We hauled upon a wind, and stood E. N. E. till two in the afternoon, when we passed a small island, called by the Russians, St. Nicholas; in some parts very high and covered with snow. Lat. 63 deg. 45 min. long. 187.

On the 4th at one in the morning, we bore away N. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. and about noon, the next day, saw land from W. to N. E. appearing like two islands. At four o'clock we hauled up to W. N. W. being near land, and sounding from 26 to 29 fathom.

On the 6th we continued coasting from N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. to N. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. with the land to the westward high and snowy. Lat. 67. deg. 10 min. long. 187 E.

On the 7th, saw ice in a large body to the eastward, distance about 2 or 3 leagues, and about noon passed several large fields of ice. We tacked and stood N. W. by W. with a stiff gale and heavy snow.

On the 8th fell in with the ice again in a solid body; at the same time bore away S. S. W.

On the 9th, at three in the morning, we hauled up along side the solid ice, freezing cold all day. Lat. 69 deg. 12 min.

On the 10th continued our course all the morning, and at nine passed a large field of loose ice, distance about 3 miles, and at noon went through it.

On the 11th we found ourselves surrounded with ice. We kept working to the S. E. pas-

ing many large fields of ice, covered with sea cows. We kept luffing up and bearing away till with some difficulty we got through. Lat. observed 67 deg. 40 min. long. 186 deg. 10 min. We continued working through the ice till

The 14th, when by observation we were in lat. 69 deg. 37 min. We continued bearing away to the northward, till

The 18th, when by observation we were in lat. 70 deg. 28 min. and, being very near the ice, a large white bear passed us in the water; but made for the ice at a great rate. In half an hour, we saw multitudes of them upon the ice, making to the eastward, when we observed the sea-cows, as the bears approached them, flying like sheep pursued by dogs.

On the 20th we came in sight of land at the distance of about 5 or 6 leagues, bearing from S. to S. E. sounded from 24 to 21 fathom.

On the 21st we stood from W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. to W. N. W. and at six o'clock we passed a large island of ice, on which were whole herds of sea-cows of an enormous size. We fired several muskets among them, which sent them to the water with dreadful yellings. At nine in the evening we came in sight of the American shore, distant about 6 leagues. We steered all night W. by N. and next morning found ourselves almost surrounded with fields of ice drifting to the southward. At twelve o'clock

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we hauled our wind to the southward, and, by the alertness of our seamen, we passed it with very little damage.

On the morning of the 23d it came on to blow very hard, and, before noon, we found ourselves closely blocked up in the ice, and could see it all round us in a solid body, to a great distance. At the same time we saw the Resolution bearing N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. some miles off, which was the last sight we had of her, during the whole day. In this horrid situation, we handed all our sails, unbent our fore-top-sail, and moored ship with both our ice-anchors, one to each bow.

We now began to reflect on our condition; The winter drawing on apace; our provisions short, and what we had but very indifferent; and no relief to be expected; our people's spirits began to sink, and it was with difficulty that they were persuaded to exert themselves for their own deliverance. Fortunately for us, we had, in the evening, a shift of wind from W. N. W. with a steady breeze, when our Captain, looking over our starboard quarter, discerned the ice to the southward, seemingly to leave the ship, and soon heard a crash, as if a thousand rocks had been rent from their foundations; which we afterwards perceived to be the parting of the ice in different directions; and soon after found ourselves released. We instantly got up our ice-anchors, and shaped our course from
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S. E. to E. S. E. but were frequently stopped by large pieces, which carried away great part of our sheathing forward, and damaged our stern, so that the ship made water at the rate of three inches an hour.

On the 24th we continued our course E. S. E. and came in sight of the Resolution, which had likewise received much damage about her bows. We were now clear of the ice, and, till three in the afternoon, sailed in company, till we came up with a solid body, on which we saw a number of amphibious animals, some of them very large. We instantly got out and manned our boats, and in three hours returned with eleven of the largest, about which all hands were employed the next day in skinning and cutting them up for blubber.

On the 25th we passed several fields of ice. And at noon was at the extreme of the easternmost land in sight. Being then in lat. 69 deg. 12 min. and, by lunar observation, in long. 187 deg. 16 min E. of London.

On the 27th we found ourselves involved again among the loose ice, some of which it was out of our power to escape, and the leak still continuing rather to increase than abate, our Captain, with Mr. Bailey the astronomer, and Mr. Burney, our 1st lieutenant, went on board the Resolution, to report our situation to the Commodore, whom they found so ill as to be past all hopes of recovery. Upon calling

ling a council of officers, it was unanimously agreed, that we should proceed as fast as possible to some port, where we might repair our damages, and Kamshatska was appointed our place of rendezvous. We were now in lat. 68 deg. 10 min. and in long. 183.

On the 28th, at two in the morning we came in sight of the Asia shore, very high and covered with snow, distance about 7 or 8 leagues, we made sail and stood to the southward. About noon we found ourselves in lat. 67 deg. 11 min. and in long. by double altitudes 188 deg. 10 min. E. The extreme of the easternmost land distant about 6 leagues. At ten at night we saw a great number of ducks, geese, and sea parrots very near us, by which we judged land could not be far off.

On the 29th at noon we were in lat. 65 deg. 50 min. and long. 188 deg. 27 min. but no land in sight.

On the 30th we steered till noon to the S. E. with a steady breeze, and came in sight of two islands right a-head, distant about five or six leagues. The weather then became thick and hazy, and though we were certain that the main land of Asia and America were at no great distance, we could see neither till about four o'clock in the afternoon, the weather clearing up, we saw a passage or streight, to which we bore away, and found the two continents at seven o'clock on each side of us. This streight was called
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Bhering's streight, the entrance of which we found the same as has been already described; and the current at this time setting to the N. W. very strong, made our passage not only difficult but dangerous.

On the 31 we passed Ischutiolskoi-nofs, called by the sailors Tuskan-nofs, and soon came in sight of Cook's town, which we visited the last season, as has already been mentioned.

Nothing remarkable till August the 5th, when we had an observation, and found ourselves in lat. 62 deg. 37 min.

On the 7th at noon we were by observation in lat. 61 deg. 12 min. and in long. 183 deg. 45 min. and at no great distance from the land. At four o'clock having a dead calm, the companies of both ships employed themselves in fishing, and very fortunately caught a number of large cod, which were equally distributed among the crews. To this place we gave the name of the Bank of Good Providence; and as soon as the breeze sprung up, we made sail and stood to S. W.

On the 9th at noon we were by observation in the long. of 183 deg. 36 min. 14 sec.

On the 10th we continued our course, and on the 12th at noon we were in lat. 56 deg. 37 min. with the ship's head to the S. W.

In the evening of the 13th we had the Resolution's boat on board, to compare time, who brought

brought the disagreeable news of the Captain's being given over by the surgeon.

On the 13th being in foundings, and the weather calm, we hove to, in order to get some fish for the sick, and a few cod were caught and distributed accordingly.

On the 17th the wind that had been against us for some days past shifted in our favour, and at nine in the morning the man at the mast head called out land to the N. W. which was soon known to be Bhering Island, lat. at noon 53 deg. 50 min.

Nothing remarkable till the 21st, when early in the morning the man at the mast head again came in sight of land. It was then at a very great distance, and upon our starboard bow, but before night we were only distant from the mouth of Kamshatska bay, 12 or 13 leagues.

On the 22d at nine in the morning we had the Resolution's boat on board, to acquaint Capt. Gore with the death of our Commadore. We were then within sight of the flag, at the mouth of Kamshatska bay, of which mention has already been made, and the wind being favourable, we continued our course for the entrance of the harbour, which then bore from us W. S. W. lat. at noon 52 deg. 54 min.

On the 23d a little before midnight we came to anchor within the light-house.

On the 24th our Capt. being now Commadore, made the signal to get under way by towing
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ing, all the boats were accordingly got out, and the Commodore went on board the *Resolutoin*, where it was resolved, for the greater convenience of repairing the ships, and for erecting the tents and forge to go within the upper harbour. And about four in the afternoon both ships came too, and were moored in three fathom and a half water, muddy bottom.

Early next morning the tents were erected, and the sick were got on shore.

From the time we set sail out of this bay in June, till the present day, we had been in no harbour to refit; and had been driven from island to island among the ice, till our ships had in a manner lost their sheathing, and were otherwise in a miserable condition; we were therefore happy in arriving safe.

August 25, an express was sent to Balchaia-reka, to acquaint the governor of our arrival, and of the death of our late Commander; at the same time another express was sent to Par-rantanka, to desire the attendance of the priest, in order to consult with him concerning the interment of Capt. Clarke, whose desire was, to be buried in his church; while we were waiting the issue of these messages, the several promotions took place that followed in consequence of the Commander's death. Mr. Gore went on board the *Resolution*, and Mr. King, first Lieut. of the *Resolution*, took the command of the *Discovery*. Other promotions took place, which the reader will remark by the sequel. The first
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care of the commanders of both ships was to provide for the recovery of the sick, and the repairs of the ships; and for that purpose a house was procured for the reception of the former, and a contrivance made for heaving the latter dry.

The weather being now temperate and the country delightful, the officers and gentlemen rather chose to sleep in their Marquees on shore, than in the apartments in the fort, or in the houses in the town. It was however thought expedient to shew every mark of respect to the Russian officers, who, though not of the first rank, were notwithstanding the only people with whom we had any concern, or with whom we could have any communication; they were therefore frequently invited to dinner, and they as often attended.

On the 26th the priest arrived, when Capt. Gore acquainted him with the death of our commander, and of his desire to be buried in his church. The good old gentleman seemed much concerned; but started several difficulties; and appeared very unwilling to comply with the dying request of the deceased. He urged several reasons to shew the impropriety of it; those of most weight were, that the church was soon to be pulled down; that it was every winter three feet deep in water; and that in a few years no vestige of it would remain, as the new church was to be erected near the town of A-watch-a.
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upon a drier and more convenient spot. He therefore advised the remains of the Commander to be deposited at the foot of a tree, the scite of which was to be included in the body of the new church, where the Captain's bones might probably rest for ages undisturbed. These reasons, whether real or fictitious, the officers who had charge of the funeral could not disprove, and therefore people were sent to dig the grave, where the priest should direct.

The 30th was appointed for the interment, and to make the funeral the more solemn, every officer was desired to appear in his uniform; the Marines to be drawn up under arms, and common men to be dressed as nearly alike as possible, in order to attend the corpse from the water-side to the grave. All this was readily acceded to, and the procession began about ten in the morning, when minute guns from the ships were fired, and the drums, muffled as usual, beat the dead march. When the corpse arrived at the grave, it was deposited under the triple discharge of the Marines; and, the grave being covered, it was fenced in by piles driven deep in the ground, and the inside afterwards filled up with stones and earth, to preserve the body from being devoured in the winter by bears or other wild beasts, who are remarkable for their sagacity in scenting out the bodies of dead passengers, when any happen to perish and are buried near the roads.

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This ceremony over, an escutcheon was prepared and neatly painted by Mr. Webber, with the Captain's coat of arms properly emblazon'd, and placed in the church of Parrantanka, and underneath the following inscription.

There lies interred at the Foot of a Tree,
near the Ostrog of St. PETER and PAUL,
The BODY of
CHARLES CLARKE, ESQUIRE,
COMMANDER of His Britannic Majesty's
Ships, the Resolution and Discovery;
To which he succeeded on the Death of
JAMES COOK, Esquire,
Who was killed by the Natives of an Island we
discovered in the South Sea, after having explored
the Coast of America, from 42 deg.
27 min. to 70 deg. 40 min. 57 sec. N.
in search of a North-west Passage
from EUROPE to the
EAST-INDIES.

The Second Attempt being made by
CAPTAIN CLARKE, who failed within some few
Leagues of Captain COOK; but was brought
up by a solid Body of Ice, which he found
from the America to the Asia Shore,
and almost tended due East and
West.—He Died at Sea,
on his Return to the
Southward, on the
22d Day of
APRIL, 1779.
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Another inscription was fixed upon the tree under which he was interred. This tree was at some distance from the town and near the hospital, round which several people had already been buried; but none so high upon the hill as the spot pointed out for the grave of Capt. Clarke. The inscription placed on this tree was nearly the same as that in the church of Parrantanka, and was as follows :

Beneath this Tree lies the BODY of
 CAPTAIN CHARLES CLARKE,
 COMMANDER of His Britannic Majesty's
 Ships, the Resolution and Discovery.
 Which Command he succeeded to, on the 14th
 of February, 1779, on the Death of
 Captain JAMES COOK,
 Who was Killed by the Natives of some
 Islands he Discovered in the SOUTH
 SEA, on the Date above.

CAPTAIN CLARKE Died at Sea,
 of a lingering Illness, on the 22d Day of
 AUGUST, 1779,
 In the 38th Year of his AGE.
 And was INTERRED on the 30th, following,

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On this occasion the inhabitants of both towns, and those of the whole country for many miles round, attended; and the crews of both ships were suffered to continue ashore, and to divert themselves, each as he liked best. It was the Captain's desire that they should have double allowance for three days successively, and all that while to be excused from other duty, than what the ordinary attendance in the ship required, but the season being far advanced, and a long tract of unknown sea to traverse before they could reach China, the officers representing the hardships and inconveniences that so much lost time might bring upon themselves, they very readily gave up that part of the Captain's bequest, and returned to their respective employments early the next day.

On the 2d of September the Governor arrived at Parrantanka, and with him an officer called by the Russians Proposick, the same as in England is called Collector or Surveyor.

They informed Capt. Gore, that a sloop was daily expected from Janeska, laden with provisions and stores of all sorts for our use; but expressed some apprehensions for her safety, as the boats had been looking out for her several days. This news was of too much importance to be slighted. Accordingly

On the 3d the pinnaces and boats from both ships were sent to the entrance of the bay, to

assist her, in case she should be in sight, in towing her in; but it was

The 11th before she arrived. She was a bark of about 100 tons, and had two guns mounted, which she fired as a salute, when she dropt anchor, and was answered by a volley from the garrison, which consisted of a subaltern and 25 soldiers. She was no sooner moored, than the Captain waited on the Governor for instructions, and then came on board the Resolution. He was introduced to the Commodore, to whom he delivered the invoice of his lading; among which was wearing apparel and tobacco, two articles that were above all others acceptable to the ships companies. As soon as the Governor had executed his commission, and delivered up the stores to the Commodore, he took his leave, and returned to Bolchaia-reka, and the ships being lightened before, and their bows heaved up dry, so that the carpenters could get at the leaks, the Captains and principal officers finding little else to amuse them, made a party to scour the woods for game; but this proved the worst season in the year for hunting. They had been told, that rein-deer, wolves, foxes, beavers, and stone-rams every where abounded in the forests of this country; and they had promised themselves great sport in pursuing them; but after staying out full two days and nights, during which time they had been exposed to several severe storms, they returned much fatigued,
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without having been able to kill a single creature. The parties who had been sent out to wood and water had succeeded much better. As soon as the ships were ready to launch, they were ready to compleat the hold. In short, the utmost dispatch was made to hasten our departure, so that by the latter end of September we were in readiness to put to sea. The cattle with which we were now supplied, one would have thought, had dropt from another region. It is among the wonders of nature, with what celerity every vegetable and every animal changes its appearance in this climate. On the 12th of June, when we left the harbour of Kamshatska, the spring had but just begun to announce the approach of summer by the budding of the trees, and the sprouting of the grass; but now, on our return, it was matter of surprize to find the fruits ripe, and the harvest in full perfection. The cattle were mere skin and bone, which we were glad to accept at our first coming; but those that were now sent us were fine and fat, and would have made no bad figure in Smithfield market. The grass was in many places as high as our knees, and the corn, where any grew, bore the promising appearance of a fine crop. In short, from the most dreary, barren, and desolate aspect, that any habitable country could present, this was become one of the most delightful; Mr. Nelson reaped a rich harvest of rare plants, and had the additional

pleasure of gathering them in their most exalted state.

In this interval of idle time; between completing our repairs, and clearing the harbour; we had leisure to take a view of the town near the shore, where we first moored, and that of Parrantanka, where the priest lived, and where the church was situated. These towns have received some improvement, since they became subject to the Russians; but are still most wretched dwellings. The houses are built (if we may call that building, which is half dug out of the earth, and half set upon poles) in two different forms; one for their summer, and the other for their winter residence.

Their winter habitation is made by digging a square hole in the earth, about five or six feet deep, the length and breadth being proportioned to the number of people that are to live in it. At each corner of this square hole they set up a thick post, and in the intermediate space between these corner posts, they place other posts at certain distances, and over these they lay barks, fastening them together with strong cords, which they make of nettles prepared in the manner of hemp. Across these they place other barks, in the manner of a bridge, then cover the whole with thatch, leaving a square opening in the middle, which serves at once for door, window, and chimney. On one side of this square is their fire-place, and on the opposite side is
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ranged their kitchen-furniture. On the two other sides are a kind of broad benches made with earth, on which each family lie, and in one of these huts or houses there live several families. To enter these huts by the only opening at top, they use a ladder, not made with rounds between two sides, like ours, but consisting only of narrow slips of wood fastened to a plank. This ladder the women mount with great agility, with children at their backs, and though the smoke would blind and suffocate those who are not used to it, yet the Kamshatskadales find no inconvenience from it.

Their summer huts, called Balagans, are made by fixing up pillars about 14 feet above ground, and laying balks over them as before. On these they make a floor, and then raise a roof, which they thatch with grass. To these balagans they have two doors, which they ascend by the same kind of ladder.

In the winter they use the balagans for magazines, the thatch secures what they lay up in them from rain, and, by taking away the ladder, it becomes inaccessible to wild beasts and vermin.

It being summer, we had no access to their winter dwellings, which were all shut up, and they were not over-fond of exposing their poverty; for, though they have little to boast of, they are not without pride. The whole furniture of the commonalty consists of dishes, bowls, troughs and cans; their cans are made of birch bark, their other utensils of wood,

which, till the Russians introduced iron among them, they hallowed with instruments made of stone or bone; but with these tools their work was tedious and difficult. In these bowls they dress their food, though, being wood, they will not bear the fire.

In the winter the men are employed in hunting, making sledges, and fetching wood; and the women in weaving nets, and spinning thread.

In the spring, the rivers begin to thaw, and the fish that wintered in them go towards the sea; the men therefore in this season are busied in fishing, and the women in curing what they catch.

In the summer, the men build both their winter and summer huts, train their dogs, and make their household utensils and warlike instruments; but the women make all the cloathing, even to the shoes. Their clothes, for the most part, are made of the skins of land and sea-animals, particularly deer, dogs and seals; but sometimes they use the skins of birds, and frequently those of different animals in the same garments. They commonly wear two coats, the under one with the hair inwards, and the upper one with the hair outwards. The women have besides an under garment, not unlike Dutch trowsers, divided and drawn round the knees with a string.

They are filthy beyond imagination; they never wash their hands or faces, nor pare their nails.

nails. They eat out of the same dish with their dogs, which they never wash. Both men and women plait their hair in two locks, which they never comb, and those who have short hair, supply the locks with false. This is said of the Kamshatskadales who live more to the north; those in the towns which we saw, had learnt of the Russians to be more cleanly.

They are very superstitious; and the women in particular, pretend to avert misfortunes, cure diseases, and foretel future events, by muttering incantations over the fins of fishes, mingled with a certain herb, which they gather from the woods in the spring with much labour. They pretend also to judge of good and bad fortune, by the lines of the hands, and by their dreams, which they relate to each other as soon as they wake. They dread going near the burning mountains, lest the invisible beings that inhabit them should hurt them, and think it a sin to drink, or to bathe in the hot springs with which their country abounds, because they suppose those springs to be heated by the evil spirits that produce them. They are said never to bury their dead; but, binding a strap round the neck of the corps, drag it to the next forest, where they leave it to be eaten by the bears, wolves, or other wild inhabitants. They have a notion, that they, who are eaten by dogs, will drive with fine dogs in another world. They throw away all the cloaths of the deceased, because they believe

believe that they who wear them will die before their time.

The country is said to abound with wild beasts, which constitute the principal riches of the inhabitants; particularly foxes, fables, stone-foxes, and hares, marmots, ermins, weasles, bears, wolves, rein-deer, and stone rams; but our gentlemen were much disappointed, who went in pursuit of them. They have a species of weasle, called the glutton, whose fur is so much more esteemed than all others, that they say, the good spirits are cloathed with it. The paws of this animal are white as snow; but the hair of the body is yellow. Sixty rubles (about 12 guineas nearly) have been given for a skin; and a sea-beaver for a single paw.

Of the bears, the inhabitants make good use; of their skins they make their beds, coverings, caps, collars and gloves; and of their flesh and fat their most delicate food.

The Kamshatskadales, all along the northern coasts, have a particular manner of dressing their food; which is the very reverse of that of the Indians in the south. There they roast or stew with stones made hot and buried, as it were, in the earth with their meat, by which its relish is said to be much improved. But here they boil it with hot stones immersed in water, by which its flavour is rendered more insipid. The same necessity, however, seems to have pointed out the same means to the people of the torrid
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and of the frigid zones; for both being equally unacquainted with iron, and wood being incapable of resisting fire; when brought in contact with it, though the principle was obvious, the application was difficult; those therefore of the torrid zone would naturally be led to call the warmth of the earth to their aid: while those in the frozen climates would think water a more ready assistant; add to this, that the colder regions abound with hot springs; some in Kamshatka, in particular, are so hot, as to approach nearly to the degree of boiling water; but these they think it sinful to use, as we have already observed.

The dogs of this country are like our village curs, and are of different colours. They feed chiefly on fish, and their masters use them to draw sledges, instead of horses or rein-deer.

The seas and lakes abound with a variety of amphibious animals, of which seals and sea-horses and sea-cows are the most numerous, and the most profitable. Of the skins of the seal they make their canoes, and on their flesh and fat they feed deliciously. Whales are sometimes cast upon the shores, but very seldom, unless wounded.

With the teeth and bones of the sea-horse and sea cow they point their arrows, and weapons of war; and of their fat and blubber they make their oil. They have otters in their lakes, but their skins bear a great price.

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They have birds of various kinds in great abundance. Among the sea-fowl, they have the puffin, the sea crow, the Greenland pigeon and the cormorant. They have swans, geese and eleven species of ducks; and they have plovers, snipes, and small birds without number. They have likewise four kinds of eagles; the black eagle, with a white head; the white eagle, the spotted eagle, and the brown eagle. They have vultures also, and hawks innumerable.

This country swarms with insects in the summer, which are very troublesome; but they have neither frog, toad nor serpent. Lizards are not rare; but they believe these creatures to be spies sent from the infernal powers to inspect their lives, and foretel their death; and therefore whenever they see one, they kill it, and cut it in small pieces, that it may not carry back any intelligence to their hurt.

But what is most remarkable, and deserves the attention of the curious, is, the remarkable conformity between the Kamshatskadales towards the east, and of the Americans, that live on the opposite coast just over against them, in their persons, habits, customs, and food; both dress exactly in the same manner, both cut holes in their faces in the manner already described, in which they put bones like false teeth; and both make their canoes exactly in the same manner. They are about 12 feet long and two broad, sharp at the head and stern, and flat at the bottom; they consist of flat pieces
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of wood, joined at both ends, and kept apart in the middle by a transverse piece, thro' which there is a round hole, just big enough for the man to set in his legs, and to seat himself on a bench made on purpose; this skeleton is covered with seal-skin, dyed of a kind of a purple colour, and the hole is skirted with loose skin, which, when the man is seated, he draws close round him, like the mouth of a purse, and with a coat and cap of the same skin, which covers his whole body, makes the man and his boat appear like one piece; and thus clad, and thus seated and surrounded, he fears neither the roughest sea, nor the severest weather.

And now we have had occasion to mention this similarity between the inhabitants on the opposite shores of Asia and America; we shall embrace this opportunity, to correct a very material error in our account of our last year's voyage, where, speaking of the Russian Discoveries, we took notice, after examining Bhering's Straits, though the Russians supposed that the lands were parted, here we found the continent to join, by which the Reader will, no doubt, imagine, that we have asserted, that the two continents of Asia and America join, which they do not; but are separated by a strait between two promontories, which, in clear weather, are so near as to be seen, in sailing thro', with the naked eye. But what is meant is this. When Bhering made his Discovery, in coasting along the American shore, he discovered a sound or
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strait, which having surmounted, he found himself in a great bay, which he imagined was another sea, and that the land which he had passed was not the American Continent, but a great island separated from the continent by the sound or strait just mentioned. This sound therefore, and this bay we examined, and found that what the Russians had mistaken for an island, is actually a part of the American Continent. Hence it appears that, notwithstanding all that was written against it, Bhering is justly entitled to the honour of having discovered all that part of the N. W. continent of America, that has been hitherto marked in our maps as parts unknown.

It remains now only to give a short description of the bay and harbour where we repaired; which at the entrance is between two very high bluff rocks; on the starboard as we enter is the light-house, of which mention has already been made, and at the distance of about 20 miles the volcano, from whence flames and ashes are sometimes emitted to a great distance, and to the great terror of the inhabitants. The bay is about 8 leagues deep, and lies from S. E. to N. W. And from N. E. to S. W. It is about 4 leagues. It is inaccessible during the winter, by reason of the ice; but very safe and convenient during the summer.

The harbour where we lay to careen and repair, would contain about 20 ships of the line in perfect safety, being closely surrounded with high hills, except at the entrance. The people are
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civil, and in their way very obliging; but their manner of living affords nothing very enchanting for sailors.

Our ships being now in as good repair as we had reason to expect from the length of the voyage they had passed, the rigorous weather to which they had been exposed, the boisterous seas they had shipped; and, above all, from the violent concussions of the ice that had shaken their very frame, and had stript them of their sheathing: and being likewise plentifully provided with provisions and stores, by the generosity of her Imperial Majesty of Russia, and by the care and benevolence of her governor and officers,

On the 9th of October, 1779, we weighed, and soon were without the light-house, shaping our course to the southward, and

On the the 10th were in lat. 52 deg. 36 min. when we had a dead calm, and went to fishing for cod, with good success. Thermometer 52.

On the 11th we pursued our course, and by noon were in lat. 51 deg. 1 min.

On the 12th we stood S. W. and at night sounded at 62 fathom, having in the afternoon passed three small islands to the westward of us. Lat. 50 deg. 19 min. Thermometer 48 deg. 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ min.

On the 13th we were in lat. 50. Course as before.

On the 14th we still continued the same course. Lat. 48 deg. 30 min.

The 15th we altered our course in search of
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some Islands, which the Russians said were inhabited by people of a gigantic size, who were covered with hair; but who notwithstanding were very civil, and would supply us with cattle and hogs, with which their islands abounded. These islands, however, we never found, though we continued searching for them till

The 19th, when a storm came on, and we lost sight of the Discovery; but next day were in company, and resumed our course, the gale continuing till

The 22d, when we found ourselves in lat. 41 deg. and long. E. from London 149 deg. 20 min. The wind which had abated in the day, freshened again about 9 at night, and soon increased to a gale, when we were obliged to lie-to, as we imagined, from the usual signs, and sounding at 80 fathom, that we must be near land.

In the morning of the 23d we stood N.N.W. in search of land, but found none. At noon by double alt. lat. 41 deg. 48 min. long. 146 deg. 17 min. E. About 10 at night we altered our course W. S. W. and so continued till

The 25th, when, by the time-piece, we were in long. 145 deg. 29 min. E. and continued our course with an easy sail. At 3 in the afternoon a large piece of timber passed us to the northward. And

On the 26th, early in the morning, the man at the mast-head called out Land, distant about

7 or 8 leagues, bearing E. by N. to N.W. We then found ourselves within sight of Japan. Lat. 40 deg. 56 min. long. 140 deg. 17 min. E. Thermometer 52 deg. 55 min.

Early in the morning of the 27th we saw a sail, seemingly very large, making towards us from the shore. We cleared ship, and made the signal to the Discovery to do the same. She was a square rigged vessel with two masts, very short, and built much in the manner of the Chinese junks. We hoisted English colours. She looked at us, but made sail to the westward, and we continued our course.

On the 28th we saw land bearing W. N. W. to S. half W. distant about 6 leagues. We then sounded 64 fathom, and stood from S. to S.E. by E. Lat. 39 at noon, long 140 deg. 10 min. Thermometer 59 and a half.

On the 29th we again stood S. half W. and in the morning observed another vessel making to the eastward at a great distance. We again hoisted English colours, but she paid no attention to them, and we pursued our course.

On the 30th we were in lat. 36 deg. 41 min. steering S. W. Thermometer 64 and a half.

On the 31st saw land very high, from W. half N. to N. W. at a great distance. Lat. 34 deg. 35 min.

November 1, steered all day from S. to S. W. saw a high mountain, which seemed to be a volcano; but at a great distance. Tacked and stood to the northward.

On the 2d we again tacked, and stood E. half S. and, finding the water of a milky colour, founded, but had no ground at 150 fathom. Lat. 36 deg. 30 min. Thermometer 70 and a half.

The 3d, the wind from the S. S. E. we still continued working to the southward; but made little way.

The 4th, the wind being against us, we advanced but slowly, being at noon in 35 deg. 49 min. only; with a great swell from the S. W. Thermometer 72 and a half.

The 5th we had only advanced 2 min.

On the 6th, the wind shifted to the N. E. made sail and stood all day S. by W. to S. S. W. Lat. 35 deg. 15 min.

The 7th, the sea all round was covered with pumice stones floating to the northward. We now approached the climate where bonnettoes, albatrosses, sharks, dolphins, and flying-fish are seen to play their frolicks.

On the 8th we saw sea-weed, pieces of timber, great quantities of pumice, and other signs of land; but none came in sight. At night we shortened sail.

On the 9th we stood the whole day S. W. Lat. 32 deg. 48 min. Thermom. 71 and a half.

The 10th, blew a heavy gale from N. N. W. Hauled our wind to N. E.

On the 11th bore away again S. by W. but, the gale increasing towards night, hauled our wind to the northward.

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The 12th the gale continued, lay-to, with the ships heads to the westward. Shipped many heavy seas, and the rain fell in torrents.

The 13th the storm abated. Stood S. S. W. all day. Lat. at noon 25 deg. 56 min. long. 140 deg. 18 min. E.

On the 14th made sail, W. S. W. At 11 A. M. the Discovery made the signal for land, which we answered. It then bore S. W. distant 7 or 8 leagues, and appeared like a burning mountain, from whence proceeded, as we supposed, all the pumice we had seen. In the night saw volumes of flame proceeding from it, very awful.

On the 15th lost sight of the volcano; but in the evening another made a still more awful appearance. We were now in lat. 23 deg. 56 min. long. 139 deg. 20 min. E. Thermometer 72 and a half.

On the 16th we bore away W. half S. Wind fresh from E. N. E. at noon found ourselves in lat. 24 deg. 25 min. having, by the variation and setting of the current gone 20 miles to the northward. Long. by watch, 138 deg. 16 min. 20 sec. E. Thermometer 75 and a half.

Early on the 17th, being near the tropic, and expecting the weather to continue fine, we shifted our canvas and running-rigging, and bent our old ones, knowing what we had still to expect before we reached our native shores; and we made the signal for the Discovery to go

on our hull beam in search of land, but found none. Lat. at noon, 23 deg. 46 min.

On the 18th we stood the whole day W.S.W. with a stiff breeze. And

On the 19th were in lat. 22 deg. 30 min.

The 20th continued our course without any thing material.

The 21st we were in lat. 21 deg. 42 min. a hard gale and heavy rain.

The 22d we kept our course the whole day. Lat. at noon, 20 deg. 46 min.

The 23d altered our course, and stood W. by N. Lat 21.

The 24th hauled our wind, and stood N. N. W. Hard gale from N. E.

The 25th, the gale increasing, we lay-to, with the ships heads to the northward. Lat. at noon, 21 deg. 29 min.

The 26th we again bore away W. S. W. and so continued all day.

The 27th continued the same course all day. At night shortened sail, and hauled up to N. N. W.

Early on the 28th we were surpris'd by breakers close under our bows. Made the signal to the Discovery, and immediately tacked to the southward. At 7 we wore ship, and again stood to the N. W. At ten, saw breakers from N. E. by E. to W. by S. the nearest distant about a mile. We founded at 54 fathom, and bore away W. S. W. keeping a pro-
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per distance from the reefs, and coasting along till we passed them. About noon, the S. W. end bore from us N. N. W. distant about 2 miles, lat. 22 deg. 30 min. long. 135 deg. 17 min. 23 sec. We then made sail N. N. W. which course we continued all night.

On the 29th, about 8 A. M. we came in sight of a whole fleet of small craft, which we took to be fishing vessels. They were at a great distance, and not one of them left their employment to come near us. Lat. 21 deg. 58 min. We were now only distant from Mocoa, the port to which we were bound, about 26 leagues

On the 30th we wore ship, and stood to the southward, and about 11 in the morning, the man at the mast-head called out Land, bearing W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. distant about 3 leagues. This proved one of the northernmost of the Ladrone Islands, As soon as we came within distance, we fired two guns for a pilot, and one came presently alongside, and our Captain agreed for 35 dollars to carry us into Mocoa.

December 1, about two in the afternoon, after a passage of one and twenty days, we cast anchor within four miles of the harbour, where we were met by two Chinese gentlemen, who told us of the French war, and of his majesty's ship the Sea-horse having left that place about the time we left Kamshatska. About 8 in the evening our boats were manned, and our 3d

Lieut. went to the English factory there for news, and about ten returned with the magazines and news-papers for 1776, 1777, 1778, being the latest they had received. He likewise brought a confirmation of the French war, and of the continuance of the American war; and that five sail of English ships were now at Vampo, near Canton, in China.

On the 2d early in the morning we made sail, and anchored a-breast of the island, and saluted the governor with 13 guns, which were answered with an equal number from the fort. We had scarce dropt anchor, when we were visited by two English gentlemen, who after learning who we were and what we had been upon, persuaded the Commodore to leave our then situation and to moor the ships in a safer birth to the leeward of a small island about two miles distant, where they might remain without danger.

It was now three years since we had been in any port, where we could converse any otherwise than by signs; and before any one was suffered to go ashore, the Commodore called all hands aft, and ordered them to deliver up their journals, and every writing, remark, or memorandum that any of them had made of any particular respecting the voyage, on pain of the severest punishment in case of concealment, in order that all those journals, writings, remarks, or memorandums, respecting the voyage, might be sealed up, and directed to the Lords of the Admiralty. At the same time requiring that every chart
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of the coasts, or of any part of any of the coasts where we had been, or draught of any thing curious might be delivered up in like manner, in order to accompany the journals, &c. all which was complied with ; and the papers were made up and sealed accordingly in sight of the whole crew, the papers of the commissioned officers by themselves, the papers of the non-commissioned officers by themselves, and the papers of the marines and common men by themselves. The boats were then ordered out and sent to Mocoa for fresh provisions, which next day were dealt out to the ships companies at full allowance. But before these could return, there came from the town boats with beef, veal, pork, ducks, geese, turnips, carrots, lemons, oranges, and every other article of provisions which the island produced ; some as presents to the Captains and officers ; but by far the greatest part to make their market.

Being now safely moored, the first thing that claimed the attention of the Commodore, was to provide as well as he could for the safety of the crews in their return home. The news of a French war, without letting us know at the same time the order issued by the French king in our favour, gave us much concern. Our ships were ill fitted for war ; the decks fore and aft being finished flush had no covering for men or officers ; it was therefore thought necessary to strengthen the stanchions and rails, and to raise a kind of parapet, musket-proof on both

decks; and likewise to strengthen the cabbins as much as possible, in case of action. And as it was agreed that both ships could carry more guns if any were to be purchased, the Commodore was for taking the ships to Canton, till persuaded from it by some gentlemen belonging to the English factory, who undertook to negotiate the business without giving umbrage to the Chinese, who certainly would, they said, be offended at the appearance of ships of war in their river, and would oppose their progress; reminding him at the same time of the disagreeable dispute in which Commodore Anson was formerly involved on a similar occasion; and how hurtful it was to the Company's commerce for several years after. Upon these representations the Commodore relinquished his design, and Capt. King, with other officers, were sent in a Company's ship, assisted by one or two gentlemen belonging to the factory, to Canton, to purchase cannon and such other stores as were not to be had at Mocoa.

On the 18th they set sail, and at the same time two Portuguese vessels from the harbour of Macao, came and anchored close by us. They were bound to Bengal and Madras, and very readily assisted us with ropes for running rigging, some canvas, and with 60 fathom of cable. They likewise exchanged four small cannon and some shot with the Discovery for a spare anchor.

The 25th being Christmas day, was kept, as

is usual with English sailors, in jollity and mirth; and what added to the pleasure of the day there was not a man ill in either ship.

On the 28th the Commodore received a letter from Capt. King, with an account of the disasters that had happened in the passage, having lost two anchors and their boat, and were several times in danger of running ashore; that they did not arrive at Canton till the 24th; but that he hoped soon to return with the cannon and stores, for which he had bargained, though at a great price.

Here they learnt that the skins we had brought with us from the N. W. continent of America, were of nearly double the value at Canton, as at Kamshatska.

Early on the 29th there came into the harbour of Macao a Spanish galleon from Manilla, said to have more than four millions of treasure on board; and before we left our station there came in another worth double that sum. We were unacquainted with the Spanish war, or these ships, had we been properly commissioned, might easily have been captured. It is astonishing, that none of our cruisers have ever lain in wait for these ships, as their voyage is annual, and their course known.

The same evening a quarrel happened between a party of our sailors, on shore with leave, and some of the town's people, in which several were dangerously wounded on both sides; and Mr. Burney, 1st Lieut. of the Resolution, had a dagger

dagger run through his left arm in endeavouring to put an end to the fray. For this insult the Governor sent to demand satisfaction; but upon examination the town's-people were found to be the aggressors. The Governor made a very handsome apology for his mistake, and the affair ended without any serious consequences.

We were now visited daily by strangers who came out of curiosity to see ships that had been so many years upon discovery; and every one was anxious to learn what he could concerning our course, but that we were not at liberty to tell. Among the rest came two French spies, as we imagined; but not being able to make out any thing criminal against them, they were suffered to depart. The suspicion arose from some of our men, who having particularly marked them, insisted that they had formerly sailed with them in the French service. Nothing remarkable till

Jan. the 8th, 1780, when Capt. King, with the officers that accompanied him, arrived in the Company's vessel, with the cannon, ammunition, and stores from Canton. These being shipped, nothing remained to be done, but to take on board the live stock which the Commodore and Officers had purchased for their own use, and nine head of cattle to be killed at sea for the use of the ship's company, the
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beef and pork which we brought from England being now scarce eatable. Provisions of all kinds were here very dear, and very indifferent; but what made us amends was the price they gave for our beaver-skins, on which they set a great value.

On the 11th of January we unmoored, and the wind being fair, came to sail with a pleasant breeze; but the wind dying away in the evening, we cast anchor, and in the night John Cave, quarter-master, and Robert Spencer, ran away with the great cutter. And

On the 12th we were the whole day detained in endeavouring to recover them; but to no purpose.

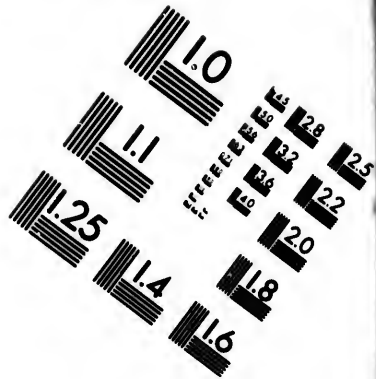
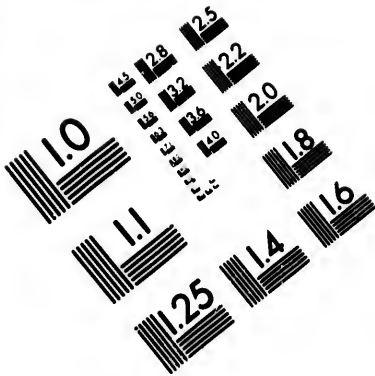
On the 13th we passed the fort, and saluted the garrison with 13 four pounders, which they answered with an equal number.

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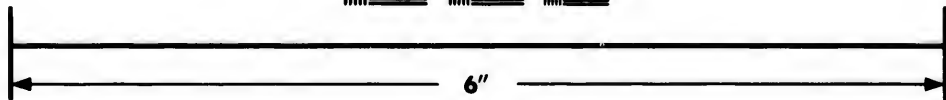
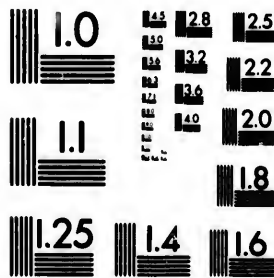
On the 20th we made the little group of islands known by the name of Pulo Condore, in lat. 8 deg. 40 min. N. at one of which we anchored, and found it inhabited. Here we both wooded and watered, and the carpenters felled some large trees, which were afterwards sawed on board. The trees on these islands are chiefly cedar, iron wood, mangrove, manchiconella and box. Some nutmeg trees there were, but of a wild kind, that bear a fruit with-

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out taste or smell. In pursuit of game, of which there was plenty, our gentlemen fell in with a party of natives, one of whom accompanied them to the ships. We made him understand, that we wanted provisions; and he had not left us long, before more than 20 boats came round the island laden with fruits, fowls, ducks, and other provisions, which they readily exchanged for any thing we offered them, though they were not wholly unacquainted with the use of money; for being informed, that buffaloes were on the island, we purchased seven, three of them of a large size, for four dollars. Here we found the cabbage-tree and other succulent greens, with which our people made very free without asking questions.

On the 28th we unmoored, and on

The 31st made the island of Banca, and having passed the straits

On the 5th of February we made the island of Sumatra, where we saw a large ship lying at anchor, and

On the 7th passed the island of Java, where we saw two more. We made the signal to the Discovery to prepare for action, and we did the same, hoisting English colours. It was some time before they shewed any, but at length they hoisted Dutch colours. We sent our boat on board, and received the first news of a Spanish war. We pursued our course, and

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On the 11th we made the island of Coo-terra. Here, from a healthy ship's company, several of our people fell ill of the flux, and so continued for some time; however, having got plenty of good water on board, we sailed

On the 13th, directing our course to Prince's island.

On the 15th we entered the bay of Prince's Island, where Capt. Cook, when he commanded the Endeavour, anchored in his return to Europe. Here we purchased turtles, fowls, and some deer; and here we laid in store of cocoa-nuts, plantains, and other vegetables; and having completed our stock of water set sail

On the 18th, directing our course for the Cape of Good Hope. Nothing remarkable till

The 25th of March, when we were attacked by a severe storm, attended with thunder, lightning and rain, which lasted five days without intermission.

On the 7th of April we were alarmed by finding our rudder-head almost twisted off. We got the pennants fixed to steer with tackles, it being the carpenter's opinion it could not last till our arrival at the next port. However, by proper application it lasted till we arrived at the Cape.

On the 9th we fell in with Cape Lagullas, where about 9 in the morning we saw a small vessel cruising, which proved to be the East-India Company's Snow, Betsey, looking out
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for the East India fleet. She left England the 5th of November, and False Bay on the 4th instant. She confirmed the account we had received of the Spanish war. We exchanged some trifles, and soon parted. And

On the 12th we entered Bay False, came to, and moored the same day, after having saluted the fort with 13 guns, which was answered by the same number. We had scarce dropt anchor, when the Governor came on board, bringing with him a packet of letters for Capt. Cook, which had lain there ever since the beginning of 1779; he had heard of the death of Capt. Cook by a Dutch vessel, and expressed great concern for that unhappy event; asking a thousand questions concerning the particulars.

The first care of our Commodore was to provide for the sick; and by three in the afternoon they were all landed, and sent to the hospital under the care of the Surgeon's mate: All hands were next set to their different employments, some to wood and water, and some to compleat the repairs. These they forwarded with the utmost expedition, every one being eager to get to his native country. Of the repairs, the Resolution's rudder was the most material. The first thing therefore to be done was to unhinge it and get it on shore: and though this was immediately put in hand, it was

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The 27th before it was restored again to its place.

By the 29th, the sick, who were numerous when we arrived at the Cape, we having 16 ill of the flux, were pretty well recovered: the repairs were in forwardness, and the stores ready to be taken on board at a moment's notice, when news was brought us, that an express was arrived at Table Bay from England, in the Sibbald frigate, which had only been ten weeks from Plymouth, and that she was to return again as soon as she had delivered her dispatches. Both Captains went instantly to learn the contents, and on their return, orders were given to prepare as fast as possible to sail. This was joyful news. The substance of these dispatches related chiefly to the course the East-Indiamen were to steer, to fall in with the convoy appointed to meet them; with some instructions for our Commodore, respecting the papers that were to be transmitted to the Admiralty, which were all put on board the frigate, and Mr. Portlock, master's mate, embarked along with them.

On the 30th they set sail; but it was

The 7th of May before we were in readiness to follow. About noon, on that day, the signal was made for unmooring. We had now 120 live sheep on board, and the Discovery a like proportion. We had all other provisions in equal plenty, and we had likewise a healthy

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crew in high spirits, wishing for nothing but a fair wind to shorten our voyage; but that was not yet to be obtained. We had scarce saluted the garrison on taking leave, when the wind died away, and a great swell ensued, which continued till

The 9th, when the snow came in sight, which we spoke with on the 8th of April. We sent our pinnace for news from sea; but she had seen only one sail pass since we first spoke with her.

On the 19th of April their whole crew were near being blown up, by the snow's taking fire forwards: the ship was much damaged, and they were putting into the Cape to refit, and then were bound for St. Helena.

On the 12th we made sail, and pursued our course home, without any material occurrence till

The 10th of June, when the Discovery's boat brought us word that, in exercising the great guns, the carpenter's mate had his arm shattered in a shocking manner, by part of the wadding being left in after a former discharge; another man was slightly wounded at the same time.

On the 12th it began to blow very hard, and so continued till next day, when the Discovery sprung her main-top-mast; and we were obliged to lie-to till another was put up.

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On the 13th we crossed the line to the northward, and observed a water-spout to the N. W. at no great distance; and for the remainder of the month had fine weather. Thermom. from 80 to $78\frac{1}{4}$.

July the 1st we had the Discovery's people on board to compare time, lat. at noon 20 deg. N. Long, 34 W.

On the 13th the ship's birth day was celebrated on board, and double allowance given to the whole crew, who were at this time in perfect health.

On the 27th at day-light, the Discovery made the signal for seeing a sail. We instantly began to clear ship in case of an enemy, and hoisted English colours; and on our near approach the sail did the same. She was bound to the southward, and we pursued our course.

On the 1st of August just at sun set we saw a sail at a great distance to the westward; but in the morning she was quite out of sight. We were then in lat. 43 deg. 56 min. N.

On the 7th we were in lat. 48 deg. long. 10 deg. 10 min. W. a heavy gale with rain.

On the 9th the wind shifted to the eastward; when we shaped our course to the north of Iceland. Blew hard all day.

On the 21st being then in lat. 58 deg. 4 min. N. long. 9 deg. 6 min. saw a sail standing to the southward, when we made the Discovery's

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signal to chace; but the gale continuing, could not come near enough to hale her. In the evening the man at the mast head called out land distant about 3 leagues.

Early on the 22d made the signal for a pilot, and at eight o'Clock a pilot came off, and by eleven we were safely moored in the harbour of Strumness, in the north of Scotland. We were soon visited by the gentlemen in the neighbourhood.

On the 23d fresh beef and greens were served in plenty to both ships companies; and the same day our passengers went on shore, and set out for London. The Captains and Officers went likewise on shore, and the men had liberty to divert themselves by turns during our stay.

By the 29th we had got wood and water enough on board to serve us to London; and at noon the signal was made to weigh; but the wind coming about, and blowing fresh from the S. E. obliged us not only to relinquish our design for the present, but detained us till the 19th of September.

On the 20th of September Capt. King of the Discovery, Mr. Bailey our astronomer, and Mr. Webber, left the ships, and set out for London, and Mr. Burney, 1st Lieut. of the Resolution, took the command of the Discovery in the absence of Capt. King.

During our stay the ships were visited by gentlemen from all the islands round; and by the

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the Apollo Frigate and her consort; they brought in a prize valued at 10,000 l. and both Captains came to visit Capt. Gore on board the Resolution, who now was taken very ill, and so continued to the end of the voyage. The same afternoon, the wind came round in our favour, when the signal was made for unmooring, and both ships got under way. At night we came to an anchor with the tide.

On the 23d Samuel Johnson, serjeant of marines, died, and next morning his corpse was committed to the deep.

On the 25th the wind came again to the eastward, and continued against us most of our passage.

On the 28th we passed by Leith, off which we again spoke with his Majesty's ship Apollo.

On the 29th John Davis quarter-master, died. Our detention at Strumness proved unfortunate for these two men, who died in their passage. Had the ships arrived in a direct course, their friends would at least have had the satisfaction of administering all in their power to their recovery, which, to persons who had been so long absent, would have been no small consolation.

On the 30th we came to an anchor off Yarmouth, in company with his Majesty's sloops of war the Fly and Alderney. Our boats were immediately sent on shore for provisions; and
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for a spare cable for our small bower, that we had being near worn out. We lay here till

The 2d of October, when we weighed and failed.

On the 4th we came too at the Nore. And

On the 6th dropt our anchors at Deptford, having been absent just four years, three months, and two days.

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