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His Catholick Majesty has given orders for a voyage to be undertaken, the principal object of which is to obtain exact hydrographick charts of the immense shores of the South Sea, and the Archipelago of the Philippines. The Chevalier Malaspina, an Italian in the Spanish service, is to have the command; and will be accompanied by proper persons to make observations and collections for the improvement of Natural History, Medicine, Geography, and Navigation.