

The King of SPAIN has given orders for a voyage round the world, under the direction of the Chevalier MALASPINA, an Italian, and captain of a frigate.

The principal object of the voyage is to obtain exact hydrographic charts of the immense shores of the *South Sea*, and the *Archipelago* of the *Philippines*.

But, desirous of seconding the efforts of other nations, in the improvement of Medicine and Natural History, as well as Geography and Navigation, the King has extended and enlarged the design of this voyage.

Two vessels were ready to sail at *Cadiz*, the beginning of this month; having on board, botanists and painters, with excellent instruments for astronomy, land-surveying, and chemical experiments.

In the construction of marine charts, that method will be followed which *M. Tafino* used on the coasts of *Spain* and *Africa*; and in other matters, *Don ANTONIO ULLAS* has given ample instructions to the Captain.

Most of the shores of *Spanish America* will be run over, the lands between *Cape Horn* and *Chili*, *Pacific Ocean*, the *Marianes*, the *Carolines*, the *Philippines*; and astronomical charts made of them.

The Navigators will also be employed in studying the inhabitants and natural history of each country, in the manner of *Capt. Cook* and *M. de la PEROUSE*.