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The two Royal ships that will make a new voyage of discovery round the world will as soon as possible be in a state of readiness and will set out on their voyage in July. His Majesty has entrusted the command of this venture to Captain Alessandro Malespina, and made many needful arrangements for the voyage, nominating picked Seamen, Astronomers, Naturalists and Draughtsmen. They will go first to South America and there draw up the most exact charts of the coasts of the Spanish possessions, and then they have the intention to go to the Philippine Islands, finally to examine the newly discovered parts of the world.