

The corvettes *La Scoperta* and *L'Audace*, and *La Sottile goletta*, that sailed from Cadiz in July 1789, have returned, as we have said, from a voyage on discoveries on the coast of South America, and the adjacent islands, from Cape Horn to the extremity of that coast. The *Sottile* and *Messicana golettas*, being detached from the rest ever since the commencement of the year 1792, in concert with the English vessels, under Captain Vancouver, contributed very much towards determining upon the position of the immense Archipelago, known under the name of the *Admiral Fronte y Gio de Fucca*; and employed the greatest part of that year in examining the islands of *Mariana*, the *Philippines*, and that of *Macos*, upon the Coast of *China*; keeping company from the island of *Mandanoa* to those of *New Guinea*, and from thence passing the line to the Eastward, they sailed upward of 500 leagues upon an unknown sea: they also traversed the *New Hebrides*, visited *New Zealand*, *New Holland*, and the *Friendly Islands*, taking their course by that of *Babou*, never before discovered by any other navigator: and, what is mentioned as peculiar to this voyage is, that it had not cost humanity a drop of blood, or a single tear; the natural death of *Don Antonio Pineda* being the most lamentable event in the whole expedition, the particulars of which are to be published, under the inspection of *Captain Malaspina*.