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Vienna, 16th instant. The savants proposed by Privy Counsellor von Born, one of the most learned men in the Imperial states, and appointed by His Majesty the Kaiser to go to America and India, are Herr Heidinger, Adjunct to the Imperial Natural History Cabinet, and Doctor Märter, Lecturer in Natural History at the Theresianum; with them will go a gardener and a painter. They will voyage round Cape Horn to Otahaite [Tahiti]; with them will go as well a certain Zimmermann from the Palatinate, who already has sailed once around the world with the English Captain Cook and now draws a midshipman's monthly salary in the Imperial and Royal service; and from thence they will go to the Sandwich Islands, to the coasts of America and the northern part of California, and finally to China. Both of them possess knowledge of all areas of Natural History, and it can be assured that their discoveries will be of a greater extent and use than all those made hitherto, as Banks, Solander and Forster apart from Botany directed their attention to few other branches of Natural History. They hope that at the end of August they can sail on the ship Graf Kobenzel.