

Capt. James Cook 69 Admiralty

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Resolution at Madeira 1st Aug.
1772

Sir,

I have now the pleasure to acquaint you that the Resolution answers in every respect as well, nay even better than we could expect, she steers works, sails well and is remarkably stiff and seems to promise to be a dry and very easy ship in the sea: In our passage from Plymouth we were once under our Coercers but it was not wind that obliged the Resolution to take in her Topsails tho' it blow'd hard, but because the Adventure could not carry hers. in point of sailing the two Sloops are well match'd what difference there is is in favour of the Resolution,

I arrived here late in the evening of the 28th of last month and shall put to sea again this evening having got on board all our Wine Water &c. —

Three days before we arrived a person left the Island who went by the name of Burnett he had been waiting for Mr. Banks arrival about three months, at first he said he came here for the recovery of his health, but afterwards said his intention was to go out with Mr. Banks to some he said he was unknown to this Gentleman, to others he said it was by his appointment he came here as he could not be received on board in England, at last when he heard that Mr. Banks did not go, he took the very first opportunity to get off the Island,

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he was about 30 years of age and rather
ordinary than otherwise and employed
his time in Potteryizing &c. — Every
part of Mr. Burnett's behaviour and
every action tended to prove that he was
a woman, I have not met with a person
that entertains a doubt of a contrary
nature, he brought letters of recommendation
to an English House where he was
accommodated during his stay. It must
be observed that Mrs. Burnett must have
left London about the time we were
first ready to sail

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Letter from
Capt. Cook
