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History: During the 18th century, Captain James Cook's voyages greatly contributed to European knowledge of the Pacific and the published accounts of the expeditions proved to be extremely popular. The first voyage in which Cook commanded HM Bark ENDEAVOUR arrived in Tahiti to view the Transit of Venus. The Royal Society of London petitioned King George III for a ship to be sent to view the planet's transit across the sun, due to take place on 3 June 1769. Cook then sailed south, where in October 1769 he reached New Zealand, as 'discovered' by Abel Tasman in 1642. After mapping both the north and south islands, it was clear this was not the Great South Land and he started on the journey home. It was during this voyage that Cook first approached eastern Australia. An attempt to land on 28 April 1770 failed due to rough surf so Cook sailed ENDEAVOUR round to a calm bay which ic now known as Botany

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IS HOW KHOWH as DULAHY Bay. Here on 29 April 1770, Cook and his crew first set foot on Australian soil. In accordance with the expedition's scientific purpose a number of samples of flora and fauna were collected, while drawings of the coast and specimens were produced. Cook's voyage continued north along the coast, where he narrowly avoided being wrecked on the Great Barrier Reef and was forced to undertake repairs in what is now known as Cooktown. Cook and his crew eventually returned home in July 1771 with many botanical specimens and reports of their encounters with the Indigenous peoples they met. John Hawkesworth was commissioned by the British Admiralty to edit Captain Cook's **ENDEAVOUR** voyage papers and publish an account of British exploration in the Pacific, 'An account of the voyages undertaken .. for making discoveries in the Southern Hemisphere'. Known as Hawkesworth's Voyages, the volumes are a chronological account of the British voyages of John Byron (1764-66), Samuel Wallis (1766-68), Phillip Carteret (1766-69) and James Cook (1768-71) on board the vessels ENDEAVOUR, DOLPHIN and

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