

of the crowded creative last years of a young man's life we know something.

On a voyage where, allegedly, Cook cursed all civilian scientists and 'science into the bargain'<sup>34</sup> Ellis, approved by naval commanders to prosecute science and art, is a bonus. Anything he adds is noteworthy.

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#### NOTES

1 Smith, Bernard. *European vision and the South Pacific, 1768-1850*. . . Oxford, 1969, p. 58 (quoting from Hodges, William. *Travels in India, 1793*, p. 153).

2 Ibid, p. 7.

3 Beaglehole, J. C. *The Life of Captain James Cook*. London, 1974, p. 686.

4 Ibid, p. 501, Samwell to Gregson, 20 November 1781.

5 Cook, James. *The journals . . . ; III, The voyage of the Resolution and Discovery 1776-1780*. Edited by J. C. Beaglehole. 2 parts. Cambridge, 1967, p. lxxxvi (quoting Samwell to Gregson, 16 May 1782). This work subsequently referred to as *Journals III*.

6 *The Gentleman's Magazine*, LV, Pt. II, 1785, p. 571. This is the only short obituary notice so far known on Ellis.

7 *Journals III*, p. lxxxvi.

8 Beaglehole, op. cit., p. 682.

9 *Journals III*, pp. 1513-4, Clerke to Banks, 1 August 1776.

10 Ibid, p. 1542-4, Clerke to Banks, 10 August 1779. Original in the Mitchell Library, Brabourne Papers, MS 78<sup>-1</sup>.

11 Ibid.

12 Artist and engraver are given for these plates.

13 *Zuverlässige Nachricht von der dritten und letzten Reise . . .* A copy is in the Alexander Turnbull Library. The best bibliographical description of Ellis's books is in du Rietz, Rolf. *Bibliotheca Polynesiana . . .* Oslo, 1969, pp. 126-7.

14 St. 54, 4 May 1782, pp. 433-40.

15 *Journals III*, p. ccvii.

16 Ibid, Samwell to Gregson, 16 May 1782.

17 *A collection of drawings executed between 1776 and 1780 by William Ellis . . .*, typescript catalogue prepared (1975?) by the South Sea Library, London. This catalogue, copies of which are in the Alexander Turnbull Library, provides the first catalogue of the collection. It contains the numbers of drawings referred to in the text hereafter.

18 Evidence is presented briefly in the above catalogue.

19 Banks to Ellis, 23 January 1782, copy in Dawson-Turner Copies, 2, 89, British Museum (Natural History). See also Smith, Edward. *The Life of Sir Joseph Banks . . .* London, 1911, pp. 52-3. Ellis had addressed an apologetic letter of 25 December 1781 to Banks from Gough Square, Fleet Street, just as his book was coming from the press. See *The Banks Letters . . .* edited by W. R. Dawson, London, 1958, pp. 220-1.

20 Banks to Ellis, 23 January 1782.

21 Webber to Banks, London, 27 September 1782, *Banks Letters*, p. 862.

22 A watercolour, 'View of Christmas Harbour in Kerguelen's Land, 1776', attributed to Webber, is in the Dixon Library, Sydney, and another wash drawing of the same picture is in the British Museum. The Alexander Turnbull