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English navigator who commanded the *Swallow,* which accompanied Samuel Wallis during his circumnavigation on the *Dolphin* from 1766-68. Carteret was uncertain about commanding the *Swallow,* questioning her seaworthiness, but completed the voyage in spite of becoming separated from Wallis and losing most of his crew to disease or desertion. He completed a great deal of exploration in the area of what is now Indonesia, and discovered Pitcairn Island, where the mutineers of the H.M.S *Bounty* later sought refuge.