

east and south-west by west ; and the distance from the nearest islands was about two miles. They sailed to the northward of the islands, and stood towards a harbour at the south-west end of Condore, which, having its entrance from the north-west, affords the best shelter during the north-east monsoon. At six o'clock anchored in six fathoms' water, with the best bower ; and the Discovery was kept steady with a stream anchor and cable towards the south-east.

They had no sooner let go their anchors, than Captain Gore fired a gun, with a view of giving the inhabitants notice of their arrival, and drawing them towards the shore ; but it had no effect. Early the next morning parties were dispatched to cut wood, as Captain Gore's principal motive for touching at this island was to supply the ships with that article. During the afternoon, a sudden gust of wind broke the stream cable, by which the Discovery rode, and obliged her people to moor with the bower anchors.

As none of the islanders had yet made their appearance, notwithstanding the firing of a second gun, Captain Gore desired Captain King to accompany him ashore in the morning of the 22nd ; they proceeded along the shore for the space of about two miles, when perceiving a road that led into a wood, they landed. Here Captain King left Captain Gore, and attended by a midshipman and four armed sailors, pursued the path which appeared to point directly across the island. Arriving through a wood in an open, level, sandy country, interspersed with groves of cabbage-palm and cocoa-nut trees, and cultivated spots of tobacco and rice ; they descried two huts, situated on the extremity of the wood, to which they directed their march.

Captain King and an old man in one of the huts quickly came to a perfect understanding. A few signs, particularly that significant one of shewing a handful of dollars, and then pointing to a herd of buffaloes, as well as to the fowls that were running in considerable numbers about the huts, left him under no doubts with respect to the real objects of the Captain's visit. He immediately pointed to the spot where the town was situated and made Captain King comprehend that, by repairing thither, all his necessities would be supplied.

By this time two fugitives who ran away on first seeing Captain King, had returned, and one of them was ordered by the old man to conduct the party to the town, as soon as an obstacle, of which they were not aware, should be removed. On their first leaving the wood, a herd of buffaloes, consisting of at least twenty, ran towards them, tossing up their heads, snuffing the air, and making a hideous roaring. They had followed the people to the huts, and now remained at a small distance drawn up in a body ; and the old man signified to Captain King, that it would be extremely dangerous for the party to move till the buffaloes had been driven into the woods ; but these animals had

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