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Some Vessels sent from Cachao to Tenan to fetch Rice. A Rencontre with some supposed Robbers. Cash, a sort of Coin, and Pearl-Oysters. The Author's second Journey up to Cachao : Of the Pagoda's and Funeral Tower and Feast he met by the way. The French Bishops and Missionaries at Hean, their House, the Author's entertainment there, and discourse with one of their Priests. The state of their Mission, and of Christianity, in these Idolatrous Countries. His making of Gun-powder. He goes on from Hean to Cachao, and after a short stay there, back again to the Ships. Of the improvements that might be made of our English Factory here. The Author's departure from Tonquin.

I Have already spoken of my first going up the River to *Cachao*, and my returning back again to our Ships after a few days. There I lay on board for a great while, and sickly for the most part ; yet not so, but that I took a Boat and went ashore one where or other almost every day : and by this means I took as particular notice as I could of the Country, and have supplied my own observations with those of our Merchants residing there, and other persons of judgment and integrity.

During this interval, Rice being dear at *Cachao*, as it had been for some time, both our Merchants and Natives were for making up a Fleet of small Vessels

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