

but about eleven, the gale again increased, and continued till five the next morning, when the storm began to moderate.

On Friday the 11th of May, not seeing land, we steered to the north-east, having a fresh breeze at south-south-east and south, with squalls, and showers of hail and rain. About seven o'clock in the evening we descried the land, at the distance of twelve or fourteen leagues. At four the next morning, the coast was seen from south-east to north by west, the nearest part of it being five or six leagues distant. At this time, the northern point of an inlet, or, at least, what appeared to be one, bore east by south; and from it to the northward, there seemed to be many bays and harbours along the coast. Between eleven and twelve, we passed a cluster of little islands situate near the continent, to the northward of a southern point of an extensive bay. An arm of this bay seemed to extend in towards the north, behind a round lofty mountain that stands between it and the sea. To this mountain Captain Cook gave the name of Mount Edgecumbe; and the point of land projecting from it, he called Cape Edgecumbe. The latitude of this cape is  $57^{\circ} 3'$  north, and its longitude  $224^{\circ} 7'$  east.

We had now light breezes from the north-west, which continued several days. We steered to the south-west and west-south-west, till the morning of the 4th, when we tacked and stood towards the shore.

On the 6th, at mid-day, the nearest land was at the distance of about eight leagues. In a north-easterly direction, there appeared to be a bay, and an island near its southern point, covered with wood. In the afternoon we founded, and found a muddy bottom at the depth of about seven fathoms. Soon afterwards, having a light northerly breeze, we steered to the westward; and at noon, the next day, we were at the distance of four or five leagues from the shore.

On Sunday the 10th, at twelve o'clock, we were about three leagues distant from the coast of the continent. To the westward of the latter direction was an island, at the distance of six leagues. A point, which the Commodore named Cape Suckling, projects towards the north-eastern end of this island.

On the 12th, at noon, the eastern point of a spacious inlet bore west north-west, about three leagues distant. From Comptroller's Bay to this point, which the Commodore named Cape Hinchinbroke, the direction of the coast is nearly east and west. The wind was now south-easterly, and we were menaced with a fog and a storm; and Captain Cook was desirous of getting into some place to stop the leak, before we had another gale to encounter. We therefore steered for the inlet, which we had no sooner reached, than the weather became exceedingly foggy, and it was deemed necessary that the ships should be secured in some place or other, till the sky should clear up. With this view he hauled close under Cape Hinchinbroke, and cast anchor before a small cove, over a clayey bottom, in eight fathoms water, at the distance of about two furlongs from the shore.