

an amazing number of monkies, to our great annoyance, as the greater part of our sailors found means to procure one if not two of these troublesome and mischievous animals.

The latitude of the anchoring-place at Prince's Island is  $6^{\circ} 36' 15''$  south, and its longitude  $105^{\circ} 17' 30'$  east.

We had begun to experience, from the time of our entering the Straits of Banca, the pernicious effects of this noxious climate. Two of the Discovery's people became dangerously ill of malignant putrid fevers; which, however, were prevented from being communicated to others, by putting the patients apart from the rest of the crew in the most airy births. Many of us were attacked with disagreeable coughs; several complained of violent pains in the head; and even the most healthy persons among us felt a sensation of suffocating heat, accompanied with an extreme languor, and a total loss of appetite.

Though our situation, however, was for a time thus uneasy, and even alarming, we had at last the inexpressible satisfaction of escaping from these destructive seas without the loss of a single life. This circumstance, in all probability, was partly owing to the vigorous health of the ships' companies, on our first arrival in these parts, as well as the unremitting attention, that was now become habitual in our men, to the prudent and salutary regulations introduced among us by Captain Cook.

Captain Gore had hitherto designed to proceed directly to the island of St. Helena, without stopping at the Cape of Good Hope; but, as the Resolution's rudder had been for some time complaining, and, on examination, was found to be in a dangerous state, he formed the resolution of repairing immediately to the Cape, as being the most eligible place, both for providing a new main-piece to the rudder, and for the recovery of his sick.

On Monday, the 10th of April, at break of day, the land made its appearance to the north-west.