

*Au.* 168- the mouth of the Jar they put a thin chip cut round, just so as to cover the mouth, over that a piece of paper, and over that they put a great lump of clay, almost as big as the Bottle or Jar it self, with a hollow in it, to admit the neck of the Bottle, made round and about 4 inches long; this is to preserve the Liquor. If the Liquor take any vent it will be sowre presently, so that when we buy any of it, of the Ships from *China* returning to *Maderas*, or *Fert St. George*, where it is then sold, or of the *Chinese* themselves, of whom I have bought it at *Achin*, and *Bancouli* in *Sumatra*, if the clay be crackt, or the Liquor mothery, we make them take it again. A quart Jar there is worth Sixpence. Besides this present from the Governour, there was a Captain of a Jonk sent two Jars of *Arack*, and abundance of Pine-apples, and Water-melons.

Captain *Read* sent ashore, as a Present to the Governour, a curious *Spanish* Silver-hilted Rapier, an *English* Carbine, and a Gold Chain, and when the Officer went ashore, three Guns were fired. In the afternoon the Governour sent off the same Officer again, to complement the Captain for his civility, and promised to retaliate his kindness before we departed; but we had such blustering weather afterward, that no Boat could come aboard.

We stayed here till the 29th day, and then sailed from hence with the wind at S. W. and pretty fair weather. We now directed our course for some Islands we had chosen to go to, that lye between *Formosa* and *Luconia*. They are laid down in our plots without any name, only with a figure of 5, denoting the number of them. It was supposed by us, that these Islands had no Inhabitants, because they had not any name by our Hydographers. Therefore we thought to lye there secure, and be pretty near the Island *Luconia*, which we did still intend to visit. In