

morning, at which time the *Discovery* weighed and made sail, though, in heaving the anchor out of the ground, the old messenger was twice broken, and also a new one. This, however, was entirely owing to the miserable state of the cordage, since the strain was not very considerable.

The wind being fair, she came to an anchor, at twelve o'clock, off the south-eastern extremity of Prince's Island, in twenty-six fathoms' water, over a bottom of sand, at the distance of half a mile from the nearest part of the shore; the east end of the island bearing north-north-east, the high peak north-west, half-west, and the most southerly point in view south-west by south.

The *Discovery* had no sooner anchored, than Lieutenant Lannyon, who had been at this island in the year 1770, with Captain Cook, was dispatched in company with the master, to search for the watering place. The brook from which the *Endeavour*, according to the best of Mr. Lannyon's recollection, had been furnished, was now found extremely salt. They observed further inland a dry bed where the water had probably lodged in rainy seasons; and another run about a cable's length below, supplied from a spacious pool, whose bottom, as well as surface, was covered with dead leaves. This, though somewhat brackish, being far superior to the other, the *Discovery's* people began watering here early in the morning of the 13th, and finished that service the same day.

The inhabitants, who came to them soon after they had anchored, brought a considerable quantity of fowls and some turtles; the last, however, were in general very small. During the night it rained with great violence; and on Monday the 14th, at day-break, the *Resolution* was seen to the north steering towards the island, and about two o'clock in the afternoon she cast anchor close to the *Discovery*.

As Captain Gore had not completed his stock of water at Cracatoa, he sent his men ashore on the 15th, who repaired to the brook that was first mentioned, which was now become perfectly sweet in consequence of the rain, and flowed in great abundance. This being a treasure too valuable to be disregarded, Captain King gave orders, that all the casks which the seamen of his ship had before filled should be started, and replenished with the fresh water. This was accordingly performed by twelve o'clock the next day; and in the evening the decks were cleared, and both vessels prepared for sea.

On the 19th, the ships being favoured by a north-westerly breeze, broke ground, to the extreme satisfaction of the crews, for the last time in the Straits of Sunda; and on the 20th, had totally lost sight of Prince's Island.

The latitude of the anchoring place at Prince's Island is 60 deg. 36 min. 15 sec. south, and its longitude 105 deg. 17 min. 30 sec. east. The variation of the compass was 54 min. west; and the mean of the thermometer 83 deg.