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at South South East, we steered to the North North West, in for the land. Soon after, a few canoes came along-side with some hogs, but without any vegetables, which articles we most wanted. We had now made some progress; for at noon the South point of the island bore South,  $86\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East; the South West point North,  $13^{\circ}$  West; the nearest shore two leagues distant; latitude, by observation,  $18^{\circ} 56'$ , and our longitude, by the time-keeper,  $203^{\circ} 40'$ . We had got the length of the South West point of the island in the evening; but the wind now veering to the Westward and Northward, during the night we lost all that we had gained. Next

Thursday 14. morning, being still off the South West point of the island, some canoes came off; but they brought nothing that we were in want of. We had now neither fruit nor roots, and were under a necessity of making use of some of our sea-provisions. At length, some canoes from the Northward brought us a small supply of hogs and roots.

Friday 15. We had variable light airs next to a calm, the following day, till five in the afternoon, when a small breeze at East North East springing up, we were at last enabled to steer along shore to the Northward. The weather being fine, we had plenty of company this day, and abundance of every thing. Many of our visitors remained with us on board all night, and we towed their canoes astern.

Saturday 16. At day-break on the 16th, seeing the appearance of a bay, I sent Mr. Bligh, with a boat from each ship, to examine it, being at this time three leagues off. Canoes now began to arrive from all parts; so that before ten o'clock, there were not fewer than a thousand about the two ships, most of them crowded with people, and well laden with hogs and other productions of the island. We had the most satisfying proof of their friendly intentions; for we did not see a single