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that it must be inhabited, as they had seen smoak in some places.

“ Next day [7th April] we made sail with the squadron for it, to look for a port.

“ One of the inhabitants came out to us, two miles from the shore, in a canoe; we made signs for him to come aboard the admiral, where he was well received. A piece of cloth was given to him to cover himself, for he was quite naked. He was also offered beads and other toys; he hung them all, with a dried fish, about his neck. His body was all painted with every kind of figures. He was brown; *his ears were extremely long, and hung down to his shoulders*; it appeared he had wore earrings, which by their weight had extended them in this manner; as is also the custom of some of the natives in the *mogul's dominions*. He was pretty tall, strong, robust, and of an agreeable countenance. He was gay, brisk, and easy in his behaviour and manner of speaking. A glass of wine was given to him; he took it, but instead of drinking it, he threw it in his eyes, which surpris'd us very much; for my part, I believe this islander imagined we intended to poison him; which is much a custom amongst the Indians. We then dressed him, and put a hat upon his head; but it was very obvious he was not accustomed to it; he took it very awkwardly. They also gave him to eat, but he did not know how to help himself with spoon, fork, or knife. After he was regaled, the musicians were ordered to play on different instruments: the symphony made him very merry, and every time they took him by the hand, he began to leap and dance.

“ As for our part, we were charmed with this Indian's coming: as we could not get to an anchor that day, we sent him back with all the little presents we had made him, with intent that the others might know in what manner we had re-

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