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November.

During the afternoon several pilots came on board. One of them who could speak English informed us, that we must come to anchor at Macao, and get a *choppe* or permit from the Custom-house there, before we could proceed to Canton. Our breeze grew light and variable, yet we kept standing on, and near midnight came to anchor in Macao Roads, in six fathom water, over a soft muddy bottom. Our soundings amongst the Lema Islands were, from fifteen to five fathom, over a soft bottom.

In my next I hope to give thee an account of our arrival at Canton, and our proceedings there. Adieu.

Thine ever,

W. B.

Macao, }  
November 9th. }

## L E T T E R XLIII.

THE situation of our anchoring birth in Macao Road, was 22 deg. 9 min. North latitude, Macao bearing West one-half South, about eight miles distant, the grand Ladrone South by East, and the peak of Lintin nearly East.

At day-light in the morning of the 9th, we saw a large ship at anchor, about three miles off our lee-quarter. On hoisting our colours, she shewed English ones in return, so that we took her for