

On the 9th, we observed another little land-bird, a tropic bird, some flying fish and porpoises. The wind blowing from the northward, we continued to steer a south-west course, without any memorable occurrence, till Friday, the 11th, when, from the same quarter, a most violent gale arose, which reduced us to the mizen stay sail and fore-sail; and, on the 13th, in the morning, the wind veered to the north west point, and was accompanied with fair weather; but though we were, at present, nearly in the situation attributed to the island of St. Juan, we perceived no appearance of land.

In the morning of Sunday the 14th, we had fine weather, and the wind, which blew moderately, shifted by degrees to the north-east point, and proved to be the trade wind. At ten o'clock Mr. Trevenen, one of the young gentlemen who accompanied Captain King in the Discovery, after the death of Capt. Clarke, saw land in the direction of south-west, which had the appearance of a peaked mountain. At noon, the longitude was $141^{\circ} 2'$, and the latitude $24^{\circ} 37'$.

The land in view, which we now discovered to be an island, was nine or ten leagues distant, and, at two o'clock in the afternoon, we descried another to the west-north westward. This second island, when viewed at a distance, appeared like two; the southern point consisting of a lofty hill of a conic figure united by a narrow neck to the northern land, which is of a moderate elevation. This island being manifestly of greater extent than that to the southward, we directed our course towards it.

The next morning at six, we made sail for the southern point of the larger island; and, about this time discovered another high island. At nine o'clock, we were abreast of the middle island, and within the distance of a mile from it: but Captain Gore, finding that a boat could not land without running some risque from the heavy surf that broke against the shore, continued his course to the westward.

The length of this island in the direction of south south-west and north-north east, is about five miles. Its south point is an elevated barren hill, rather flat at the summit, and when seen from the west south west, exhibits an evident volcanic crater. The land, earth, or rock, (for it was difficult to distinguish of which of those substances its surface was composed) displayed various colours; and we imagined that a considerable part was sulphur, not only from its appearance to the eye, but from the strong sulphureous smell perceived by us in our approach to the point. The Resolution having passed nearer the land, several of the officers of that ship thought they discerned streams proceeding from the top of the hill. These circumstances induced Captain Gore to bestow on this discovery the appellation of Sulphur Island.

A low and narrow neck of land unites the hill we have just described, with the south end of the island, which extends itself into a circumference of between three and four leagues:—