

tween the Grand Ladrone and the island of Potoe, having passed to the east of the latter. The tide beginning to ebb at nine o'clock, we again cast anchor in six fathoms water ; the town of Macao being at the distance of nine or ten miles, in a north-west direction ; and the island of Potoe bearing south half west, six or seven miles.

On the 2d of December, in the morning, one of the Chinese contractors, who are known by the appellation of *Compradors*, came on board the Resolution, and sold to Captain Gore as much beef as weighed two hundred pounds, together with a considerable quantity of eggs, oranges, and greens. The Discovery received a proportional share of the articles ; and an agreement was made with the *Comprador* to provide us a daily supply, for which, however, he insisted on our paying beforehand.

As our pilot now pretended that he could conduct the ships no farther, Captain Gore was under the necessity of discharging him ; and we were left to our own guidance and direction. At two o'clock in the afternoon, the tide flowing, we took up our anchors, and worked to windward ; and, at seven, anchored again in three fathoms and a half water ; at which time Macao bore west, at the distance of one league.

Captain Gore, in the evening, dispatched Captain King to Macao, to pay a visit to the Portuguese Governor, and to request the favour of his assistance, in supplying our people with provisions, which he imagined might be done on more moderate terms than the *Comprador* would undertake to furnish them. Captain King, at the same time, took an account of the naval stores, of which both our ships were in great want, with an intention of repairing immediately to Canton, and making application to the servants of our East-India Company, who resided there at that time.

Upon Mr. King's arrival at the citadel, he was informed by the fort major, that the Governor was indisposed, and was therefore unwilling to receive visitors, but that we might depend on meeting with