

1788.
January.

On the 7th of January, 1788, we sent to Canton 130 pekels of flints, a parcel of blankets, and several gross of buckles; a Hoppon boat was also loaded with flints from the King George. The blankets and buckles were brought out to trade with the Americans; and we were given to understand they were a very saleable article amongst the Chinese.

By the 14th, our quarter-deck being completely caulked, we paid it over with a composition of damar and oil; the main and fore-masts were also paid with the same composition.

On the 20th, two East India Captains came to survey our vessel, by the direction of the Supercargoes, previous to their sending any teas on board; they found several defects in our lower deck, and gave directions for having it properly secured; at the same time they sent us a carpenter and a caulker, to assist our people in expediting this business.

In the afternoon a boat came along-side, with 100 chests bohea tea. At eleven o'clock in the evening we parted our mooring junk, on which we got out the large kedje and stream cable to steady the ship.

The Surveyors having ordered our lower deck to be floated, on the 23d the Carpenters got the dams ready for that purpose; and at eleven o'clock, the Surveyors again coming on board, found the vessel completely fit for a cargo.

On the 25th we had the good fortune to recover our small bower, together with nine fathom of the junk.

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