

which they had given orders for the purchase of; and eight of these animals were procured, and with difficulty got on board. A circumstance relative to these animals, which was considered as no less singular than their gentleness towards children, and seeming affection for them, was, that they had not been a whole day on board before they were as tame as possible. Captain King kept two of them, one of each sex, for a considerable time, which became great favourites with the seamen. Thinking that a breed of animals of such magnitude and strength, some of which weighed, when dressed, seven hundred pounds, would be an acquisition of some value, he intended to have brought them with him to England; but that design was frustrated, by an incurable hurt which one of them received at sea.

Pulo Condore is elevated and mountainous, and is encompassed by several islands of inferior extent, some of which are about two miles distant, and others less than one mile. Its name signifies the island of calabashes, being derived from two Malay words, *Pulo* implying an island, and *Condore* a calabash; great quantities of which fruit are here produced. It is of a semi-circular form, and extends seven or eight miles from the most southerly point, in the direction of north-east. Its breadth, in any part, does not exceed two miles.

The anchorage in the harbour between Pulo Condore and Little Condore is very good; the depth of water being from five to eleven fathoms; but the bottom is soft and clayey. There is shallow water towards the bottom of the harbour, for the extent of about half a mile, beyond which the two islands make so near an approach to each other, that they leave only a passage at high-water for boats.

The inhabitants of Pulo Condore, who are fugitives from Cochin-China and Cambodia, are not numerous. They are very swarthy in their complexion, of a short stature, and of a weak unhealthy aspect; and as far as we had an opportunity of judging, of a gentle disposition.

The ships continued at this island till Friday the 28th of January; and when the Mandarin took his leave, Captain Gore gave him, at his request, a letter of recommendation to the commanders of any other vessels that might put in here. He also bestowed on him a handsome present, and gave him a letter for the Bishop of Adran, together with a telescope, which he desired might be presented to him as a compliment for the favours received, through his means, at Pulo Condore.

The latitude of the harbour at Condore is 8 deg. 40 min. north; its longitude, deduced from many lunar observations, 106 deg. 18 min. 46 sec. east; and the variation of the compass was 14 deg. west.

The ships weighed anchor on the 28th, and had no sooner cleared the harbour, than they stood to the south-south-west, for Pulo Timoan. At noon, on the 1st day of February, the lati-