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forenoon was moderate, the weather thick and hazy, with a very heavy swell from the North North East.

At two o'clock we saw a small island bearing North 40 deg. West, about five leagues distant; and presently afterwards higher land appeared behind it, which we soon found to be an island, but considerably larger than the first. As we had no observation at noon to determine the latitude, we had various conjectures at first what land this could be, some thinking the large island to be the South point of *Formosa*, and the smaller one *Villa-Rete*, but we soon found these islands to be *Botel Tobago Xima*.

At six o'clock the land bore North 24 deg. West, 12 miles distant, the weather still thick and hazy. Towards nine o'clock we hauled by the wind to the Southward, making occasional boards during the night, as we judged *Villa-Rete* to be to the Westward, and consequently it was not prudent to stand on.

In the forenoon of the 5th, we had frequent squalls with rain, a heavy swell setting in from the Northward. Our latitude at noon was 21 deg. 35 min. North; and the longitude 239 deg. 37 min. West. The wind blowing a fresh gale towards evening, we close-reefed the topsails, and apprehending ourselves clear of any danger, we stood on during the night, steering West North West, with a fresh breeze at North North East.

At day-light in the morning of the 6th, we made sail, the weather being pretty moderate, the wind still hauling to the Northward. Our latitude at noon was 21 deg. 37 min. and the longitude 241 deg. 55 min. West. During the afternoon we had a strong breeze and cloudy weather, a heavy swell still setting