

in the offing: after the usual ceremony, the sloop hauled her wind and stood in the supposed direction of the privateer. Shortly after our separation from the sloop, we heard two guns; the report came from the direction in which the sloop stood. Probably she had fallen in with the enemy.

13th, at 6 A. M. arrived in sight of Spithead; and shortly after came to an anchor: hoisted the Missionary colours, as signal to our friends at Portsmouth; when Mr. Griffin of Portsea, Mr. Eyre of Hommerton, Mr. Bogue of Gosport, and many other friends came off. Also we were boarded by a lieutenant from the admiral's ship, who knew nothing of the equipment, or the object we had in view. Our appearance, together with the strange colours, excited no little surprise among his majesty's servants. Here we expected to join the East-India fleet; but it had sailed 3 or 4 days previous to our arrival; we were then under the necessity of waiting the appointment of another convoy. Shortly after, his majesty's ship, the *Adamant* of 50 guns, was appointed as convoy to some vessels bound to Gibraltar; with whom it was determined we should join in company.

Captain Wilson, and brother Harris and Gillham, joined the ship; they having had some business to transact, could not conveniently embark in London. Brother and sister Hudden quitted the ship on the 17th, in consequence of Mrs. H. declining to accompany the mission. The Directors, therefore, thought it improper to continue Mr. H. as a Missionary under those circumstances. This was much regretted by