

breaking that was thrown from the ship, together with a small skiff that was fastened to the boat. Immediate orders were given for manning the yawl, which being dispatched accordingly with proper directions, returned, and brought the people on board the next morning; from whom Capt. Cook learned, that the long-boat having filled with water, they had brought her to a grapple, and quitted her, and falling in with a reef of rocks on her return, they were forced to cut the fastenings of Mr. Banks's little boat, and send her adrift. The captain now dispatched another letter to his excellency, wherein he informed him of the accident, desired he would assist him with a boat to recover his own, and, at the same time, renewed his demand of the delivery of the pinnace and her crew. The viceroy granted the request, but in his answer to the captain's remonstrance, suggested some doubts that he entertained, whether the Endeavour was really a king's ship, and accused the crew of smuggling. Captain Cook, in his reply, said, that he was willing to shew his commission, adding, if any attempt should be made, to carry on contraband trade, he requested his excellency would order the offender to be taken into custody. The dispute being thus terminated, Mr. Banks attempted to elude the vigilance of the guard, which he found means to do, and got safe on shore on the 26th in the morning. He took care to avoid the town and passed the day in the fields, where he could best gratify his curiosity. Mr. Banks found the country people inclined to treat with him civilly, and was invited to their habitations. But it was afterwards heard, that search had been making for this gentleman when absent. He and Dr. Solander therefore resolved to run no more risques in going on shore, while they remained at this place.

On the 1st of December, having taken in water and provisions,