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*Leave Wampo.—Anchor in the Roads of North Island.—
A dangerous storm.—proceed to St. Helena—procure wa-
ter there, and some fresh beef—Arrive off Dover.*

TO attempt to give a new description of China, a place so much frequented by Englishmen, so universally known, and so often described already, both by ancient and modern writers, would be adding to the bulk of our performance, without increasing its utility.

About noon on the 9th of February, we weighed anchor and stood down Macao Roads, having light baffling winds. The tide being done at half past seven, we came to. At five in the morning of the 10th, we weighed, and at ten the Peak of the Grand Ladrone bore north-east, seven leagues distant.

From the 10th to the 17th we had variable weather; and from the 17th to the 20th we had fine weather and a steady breeze. In the morning of the 20th, we saw the island Pulo Sapata, bearing south-west.

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