

land to the other, more than forty or fifty boats. One of the said companies of boats came to the said point, and a great number of men landed on the shore, and made a great noise, and made signs that we should come on shore, showing us skins on pieces of wood ; and because we had but one boat we would not go to them, but we went to the other company which was on the sea, and they, seeing that we fled, prepared two of their largest boats to follow us, with which also five others of those coming from the sea united, and they came close to our boat, dancing and making many signs of wishing our friendship, saying to us in their language, *Napou tou daman asurtar*, and other words we understood not. But because we had, as has been said, but a single boat, we would not trust in their signs, but made signs to them to draw off, which they would not do, but came towards us in such great force that they completely surrounded us with their seven boats ; and, since they would not draw off for any signs that we could make, we shot off two pieces among them, and they made haste to return to the said point, and they made a wonderfully great noise, after which they commenced to return towards us as before, and when they were close to our boat we discharged two squibs at them, which passed among them and astonished them greatly, so that they took to flight in great haste, and followed us no more.

The next day a part of the said savages, with nine of their boats, came to the point and entrance of the creek where we were at anchor in our ships, and we, being informed of their coming, went with our boats to the said point and entrance where they were. But the moment they saw us they began to flee, making signs that they had come to trade with us, and showed us skins of little value, with which they clothe themselves. We made them signs likewise that we wished them no ill, and two of our men went on land to go to them to carry them knives and other iron wares, and a red hat to give to their chief, and seeing this, a part of them came on shore with their skins and traded with us, and showed a great and remarkable joy to have and to obtain the said iron wares and other things, dancing and making many ceremonies, pouring the sea water on their heads with their hands, and giving us everything they had, so that they went back altogether naked, without a single thing upon them, and they made signs to us that the next day they would come again with other skins.

On Thursday, the eighth of the month, since the wind was not good for going out with our ships, we set our boats in order to go to discover the said bay, and that day we went about twenty-five leagues within it ; and the next day, in the morning, we had good weather, and travelled until about ten o'clock, at which hour we recognized the end of the said bay, at which we were very sorry¹. At the end of the said bay there are over the low lands other lands with high mountains². Seeing there was no passage we began to return.

¹ Because they had hoped it was an open passage to the west.

² That is, mountains to the southward, as well as the northward.