

King George's Sound the 3d of July following; which was a passage that exceeded our most sanguine expectations.

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The future navigator from China to America, is here presented with four different tracks of that voyage. But if it should be my lot to be again engaged in it, I should leave China early in the month of March, and endeavour to make a passage between Luconia and Formosa, in order to gain the Pacific Ocean, where, at that season, variable winds might be expected to the Northward of  $20^{\circ}$ ; and when the violence of the North East Monsoon would also be much abated in the China seas. Indeed in the month of April, there would be almost a certainty of meeting the South West Monsoon or Westerly winds in the latitude of  $25^{\circ}$  or  $30^{\circ}$  North, which prevail there, and blew us home to the American shore.

On leaving Canton, great care should be taken to work some distance up the coast of China, between the Lema Isles, and as high as Pedro Blanco, or the White Rock, before the China sea is crossed for Formosa: but no passage, I think, should be attempted between the rocks of Ville Rete and the South-end of Formosa, except during the day, in clear weather, and with the appearance of a free channel.