

the captain informed him, as well as he could by signs, that we were in want of fresh provisions. He appeared to understand him very well, and the next day (Tuesday the 25th) set off in one of our boats to procure us some buffaloes, which were the only beasts he could furnish us with. Several other natives came on board, and brought a few trifling things to dispose of, but all, not even excepting their chief, were very poor and ragged. Every one wore turbans (if an old dirty piece of cloth wrapped round their heads deserves that name) and chewed the betel and areka. In the evening the boats returned with three or four young buffaloes, and were dispatched again the ensuing day in quest of more, and a party was sent to cut down some cabbage trees, to boil with the meat for the ship's company. Our sportsmen too made an excursion into the country, but met with very little success, having seen only a few