

those which came to China were of large burden, and to have it treated like the Americans coming from the north-west coast; notwithstanding the absurdity of assimilating the Bordelais to a Company's ship, the Chinese alleging the established custom, rejected my application: the only advantage I obtained was a reduction of 700 piastres in the payment to the Comprador, the best part of which, as well as other similar expenses, turns to the advantage of the authorities.

We left Wampou on the 23rd of April and cast anchor before Macao on the 25th. I passed the following day in that town to dispatch my packets for France, and to take in wine and some medicines. On the 27th we sailed in company with the *Indienne*.

Before I quit China I must acknowledge the kind reception given me by factors and merchants of the several European Nations. I shall not continue my narrative any further as the interest attached to the expedition of the Bordelais till its arrival in China does not extend to the voyage home, which could add nothing to the knowledge that we have already acquired by two centuries of constant intercourse. I shall content myself with saying that leaving Macao on the 17th of April, we stopped from the 1st to the 17th of July at the isle of France to repair a leak, doubled the cape on the 13th of August, and having been delayed by unfavourable winds in the voyage to the Azores, the Bordelais was obliged to ask a supply of provisions from three different vessels, and did not make the coast of Oleron till the 19th of November. She entered the Gironde on the 21st, and thus completed her voyage round the World in 37 months and two days, having been 22 months and 6 days under sail.

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