

found the surf breaking on the beach with such force, that it was with the utmost difficulty each launch brought a buffaloe on board in the evening; and the officers, who were sent on this service, gave it as their opinion, that between the violence of the surf, and the fierceness of the buffaloes, it would be extremely imprudent to attempt bringing any more off in this way. We had purchased eight, and were now at a loss in what manner to proceed to get them on board. We could kill no more than what was just necessary for the consumption of one day, as in this climate meat will not keep till the next. At last it was concluded, that the remainder should be driven through the wood, and over the hill down to the bay, where Capt. Gore and I had landed the day before, which being sheltered from the wind, was more free from surf. This plan was accordingly put in execution; but the untractable and prodigious strength of the buffaloes, rendered it a tedious and difficult operation.

The method of conducting them was, by passing ropes through their nostrils, and round their horns; but having been once enraged at the sight of our men, they became so furious, that they sometimes broke the trees, to which we were often under the necessity of tying them; sometimes they tore asunder the cartilage of the nostril, through which the ropes ran, and got loose.

On these occasions, all the exertions of our men, to recover them, would have been ineffectual, without the assistance of some young boys, whom these animals would permit to approach them, and by whose little managements their rage was soon appeased. And when at length they were got down to the beach, it was by their aid, in twisting ropes round their legs, in the manner they were directed, that we were enabled to throw