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On the 12th of January, 1780, at noon, we unmoored and scaled the guns, which, on board my ship, now amounted to ten; so that, by means of four additional ports, we could, if occasion required, fight seven on a side.

We thought it our duty to provide ourselves with these means of defence, though we had some reason to believe, from the public prints, last received at Canton, that the generosity of our enemies had, in a great measure, rendered them superfluous. As this intelligence was farther confirmed by the private letters of several of the supercargoes, Captain Gore thought himself bound, in return for the liberal exceptions made in our favour, to refrain from availing himself of any opportunities of capture, which these might afford, and to preserve throughout his voyage the strictest neutrality.

At two in the afternoon, on the 13th, having got under sail, the Resolution saluted the fort of Macao with eleven guns, which was returned with the same number.

In the morning of the 20th, we steered for Pulo Condore; and at half past twelve we got sight of the island. As soon as we were come to anchor, Captain Gore fired a gun, with a view of apprizing the natives of our arrival, and drawing them towards the shore, but without effect. Early in the morning of the 21st, parties were sent to cut wood, which was Captain Gore's principal motive for coming hither.

None of the natives having yet made their appearance, notwithstanding a second gun had been fired, Captain Gore thought it advisable to land, and

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