

dered several guns to be fired, to the intent that the inhabitants might know there were ships there. None however made their appearance that night, and the next morning a boat with an officer was dispatched to a small village on the other side the island, who returned in the afternoon with one of the natives Wood being an article which we could not procure at Macao, a party were sent on shore to cut some: among a variety of other trees, we found the wild nutmeg-tree in abundance, but the nut was totally void of smell and taste.

The day following we bought three or four fish of some of the natives, who had been fishing; one of them was shaped much like a dolphin, the others were of the albecore tribe, but marked or striped on the back and sides with a blackish blue colour. The chief man of the island, or the capitano, as they called him, came on board in the course of the day, when  
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