

ten o'clock. The next morning, (Wednesday the 1st of December) he fell into an error of a similar kind; for, at five, on the appearance of black water, he directed that we should get under weigh; but the ignorance he had before manifested, had put us upon our guard. We were therefore willing to be convinced, by our own observations, before we weighed anchor; and, on examining the tide, we found a strong undertow, in consequence of which, we were obliged to keep fast till eleven o'clock. It appears from these circumstances, that the tide had run down for the space of twelve hours.

We stood on our tacks during the afternoon, between the Grand Ladron and the island of Potoe, having passed to the east of the latter. The tide beginning to ebb at nine o'clock, we again cast anchor in six fathoms water; the town of Macao being at the distance of nine or ten miles, in a north-west direction; and the island of Potoe bearing south half west, six or seven miles.

On the 2d of December, in the morning, one of the Chinese contractors, who are known by the appellation of *Compradors*, came on board the Resolution, and sold to Captain Gore 22 much beef as weighed two hundred pounds, together with a considerable quantity of eggs, oranges, and greens. The Discovery received a proportional share of these articles; and an agreement was made with the Comprador to provide us a daily supply, for which, however, he insisted on our paying before hand.

As our pilot now pretended that he could conduct the ships no farther, Captain Gore was under the necessity of discharging him; and we were left to our own guidance and direction. At two o'clock in the afternoon, the tide flowing, we took up our anchors and worked to windward; and, at seven, anchored again in three fathoms and a half water, at which time Macao bore west, at the distance of one league.

Captain Gore, in the evening, dispatched Captain King to Macao, to pay a visit to the Portuguese Governor, and to request the favour of his assistance, in supplying our people with provisions, which he imagined might be done on more moderate terms than the Comprador would undertake to furnish them. Captain King, at the same time, took an account of the naval stores, of which both our ships were in great want, with an intention of repairing immediately to Canton, and making application to the servants of our East India Company, who resided there at that time.

Upon Mr. King's arrival at the Citadel, he was informed by the fort major, that the Governor was indisposed, and was therefore unwilling to receive visitors, but that we might depend on meeting with every assistance in their power. This, however, Mr. King understood would be very inconsiderable, since they were perfectly dependant on the Chinese, even for their daily support. Indeed, the answer that was returned to Mr. King's first request, furnished a sufficient proof of the reduced state of