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obvious how impossible it would prove either to board or to cut out any vessel protected by a force, posted on the shore within pistol-shot, and where those who were thus posted could not themselves be attacked. All these circumstances seem to render this place worthy of a more accurate examination by those who may hereafter be entrusted with our naval affairs.

With regard to the adjacent country, few discoveries were made ; for the crew being few in number, they could not detach any of their people on distant discoveries ; for they were perpetually terrified with the apprehension that they should be attacked either by the Spaniards or Indians ; so that their excursions were generally confined to that tract of land which surrounded the part, and where they were never out of view of the ship. But even if they had at first known how little foundation there was for these fears, yet the country in the neighbourhood was so grown up with wood, and traversed with mountains, that it appeared impracticable to penetrate it : so that any account of the inland parts could not be expected from them. Indeed they were able to disprove the relations given by Spanish writers, who have represented this coast as inhabited by a fierce and powerful people ; for they were certain that no such inhabitants were there to be found, at least during the winter-season ; since all the time they continued there, they saw no more than one Indian family, which came into the harbour in a periaqua, about a month after the arrival of the *Pink*, and consisted of an Indian near forty years of age, his wife, and two children, one three years old, the other still at the breast. But if this harbour be, as there is reason to suppose, situated in an island, there
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