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light puffs of wind, which came with showers of rain, put us out of danger. While we lay, as it were, becalmed, several of the islanders came off with hogs, fowls, fruit, and roots. Out of one canoe we got a goose; which was about the size of a Muscovy duck. Its plumage was dark grey, and the bill and legs black.

At four in the afternoon, after purchasing every thing that the natives had brought off, which was full as much as we had occasion for, we made sail, and stretched to the North, with the wind at East North East. At midnight, we tacked, and stood to the South East. Upon a supposition that the Discovery would see us tack, the signal was omitted; but she did not see us, as we afterward found, and continued standing to the North; for, at day-light next morning, she was not in sight. At this time, the weather being hazy, we could not see far; so that it was possible the Discovery might be following us; and, being past the North East part of the island, I was tempted to stand on, till, by the wind veering to North East, we could not weather the land upon the other tack. Consequently we could not stand to the North, to join, or look for, the Discovery. At noon, we were, by observation, in the latitude of $19^{\circ} 55'$, and in the longitude of $205^{\circ} 3'$; the South East point of the island bore South by East a quarter East, six leagues distant; the other extreme bore North, 60° West; and we were two leagues from the nearest shore. At six in the evening, the Southernmost extreme of the island bore South West, the nearest shore seven or eight miles distant; so that we had now succeeded in getting to the windward of the island, which we had aimed at with so much perseverance.

Thursday 24.

The Discovery, however, was not yet to be seen. But the