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They are exceeding good archers, and some of their arrows are six feet long; the bow is generally of bamboo, and the string of split ratan. They purchase their iron tools, chopping knives, and axes, blue and red baftaes, china beads, plates, basons, &c. from the Chinese. The Chinese carry back Misoy bark, which they get to the eastward of Dory, at a place called Warmasine, or Warapine; it is worth 30 dollars, a pecu^(133 lb.) on Java. They trade also in slaves, ambergrease, swallo, or sea slug, tortoiseshell, small pearls, black loories, large red loories, birds of Paradise, and many kinds of dead birds, which the Papua men have a particular way of drying.

The Dutch permit no burgher of Ternate, or Tidore, to send a vessel to the coast of New Guinea. They are not willing to trust those burghers, while they put a just confidence in the Chinese; that they will not deal in nutmegs, as formerly mentioned. The Chinese have a pass from the Sultan of Tidore, and wear Dutch colours. To day I found our mustard well sprouted.

On *Friday* the 10th, fine weather, and southerly wind; went to Manawary island, which I have sometimes called Long Island. There was a good party of us, and we searched for the nutmeg tree, as some Papua men said it grew there. We returned about sunset, without finding it.

Saturday the 11th. Had still fair weather, and easterly winds; went again to Long Island, in quest of the nutmeg tree. I promised a reward, to whoever should find it. Found some trees, that the Bat-chian officers said were nutmeg trees; but they had no fruit. The
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