

weather being dry, saw on the hills many fires and smokes, which I was told were made by the Haraforas, for purposes of agriculture. Found on the island, close by the beach, a Papua burial place, rudely built of coral rock. On it was laid the wooden figure of a child, about eight years old, represented completely clothed. A real scull was put into the upper part, on which ears were cut in the wood.

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February.

*Sunday* the 12th, fine weather, and S. E. winds; went round Manafwary island. To day found the variation of the compass, by the medium of several amplitudes taken ashore, to be  $01^{\circ} 30'$  E.

*Monday* the 13th, all day long cloudy weather, with variable winds. This being the first day of the Mahometan year, Tuan Hadjee and all the Mahometans had prayers ashore. In compliment to them, I fired twelve guns, six ashore, and six on board. After prayers, they amused themselves in throwing the lance, and performing the whole exercise of the sword and target. Tuan Buffora was the most distinguished for alertness.

On *Tuesday* the 14th, fine weather, and S. E. winds; went to Manafwary island, with a numerous party; landed on different parts, and made the tour of it a second time. We saw no wild hogs, but by the prints of their feet, perceived plainly where they had been: within the island, about a quarter of a mile from where we landed, we reached a rising ground. The island is about five miles in compass, everywhere full of trees, among which is good walking, there being no underwood.