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length about two hundred yards: it bears south of Pulo Pangir and Kaitan point. In this harbour, the passage between Pulo Gaya and the main is plainly to be perceived. It is full of rocks; but between them is said to be a passage close to Borneo. Beyond this strait is Patatan river. Here I learned that the Mindano prow, dispatched by the Sultan and Rajah Moodo to Mr. Herbert, was at Tawarran on her return. On this intelligence, I weighed and ran up to Gemel point, to the northward of Kaitan point. Dispatched three men to Tawarran over land, to fetch my letters. Felt here a great ground swell, in two and a half fathom water; upon which I weighed and stood out, and found the cable almost broken.

*Tuesday* the 30th. Lay to the greater part of the night, unwilling to pass Pulo Gaya. At day light, made sail for the harbour behind Pelampun, where we had lain before. Anchored in seven fathom sand and mud, close to the shore. In the evening my people returned without any tidings of the Mindano officers. Next morning I went ashore to Oran Caio Mahomed, the head man of the village Inanan, distant about six miles by sea, and two miles up a river from where we lay. He received me civilly, and told me that Mr. Herbert, the late chief of Balambangan, passing that way to Borneo, and being in distress for money, had demanded of him, and been paid, a debt of four hundred and eighty dollars. The money was due to me for a chest of opium I had sold to the headman about twelve months before. He presented me with some rice, fruits, and other refreshments. Oran Caio Mahomed also informed me, that a new chief had superseded Mr. Herbert at Borneo, and that the Mindano officers were at Abia on their return. That evening, I sent one of the two soldiers Rajah Moodo had appointed