

^{1792.} returned, the ship got under weigh, and proceeded towards that
 May 25. island, where she anchored in the evening.

26th. On the 26th a party of men was missing in the woods, and the
 27th. next day another party was sent in search of them; some of
 28th. the missing returned from the woods on the 28th, and the day
 29th. following the remainder of them much fatigued. Some of them
 had, whether wantonly or not I am ignorant, set fire to the long
 dry grass, which spread with much rapidity to a great extent,
 and continued burning for many hours; in the mean time several
 of the colonists had erected small huts and tents on shore; parties
 wandered wherever they pleased in the day, and returned to the ship
 or not as they thought proper in the evening: in short, nothing could
 be more irregular or improper than their conduct. Whether the members
 of the council in the *Calypso* had now influence enough to controul or
 direct the colonists, I cannot positively say; but believe not: indeed
 their own conduct had been so thoughtless and ill-judged, that whatever
 influence they might have had at first was, I believe, now entirely lost.
 The colonists could not be ignorant that the ships were at first unnecessarily
 separated by the fault of those on board the *Calypso*, and they were much
 disappointed at not receiving the refreshments of which they stood in so
 much need, owing to the precipitate sailing of that ship from *Teneriffe*.
 This disappointment was still increased by their being carried to *Goree*,
 where refreshments were not to be procured. *Dalrymple* was a good man,
 but he had not firmness enough to check, and keep in awe the unruly
 and turbulent of the colonists; nor had he zeal and activity enough to
 lead and direct their restlessness to some useful end. Indeed nothing
 could surpass the anarchy and