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OR

VOYAGES AND ADVENTURES

IN THE

INDIAN ARCHIPELAGO

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A TOUR OF THE ISLAND OF JAVA—VISITS TO BORNEO, THE MALAY
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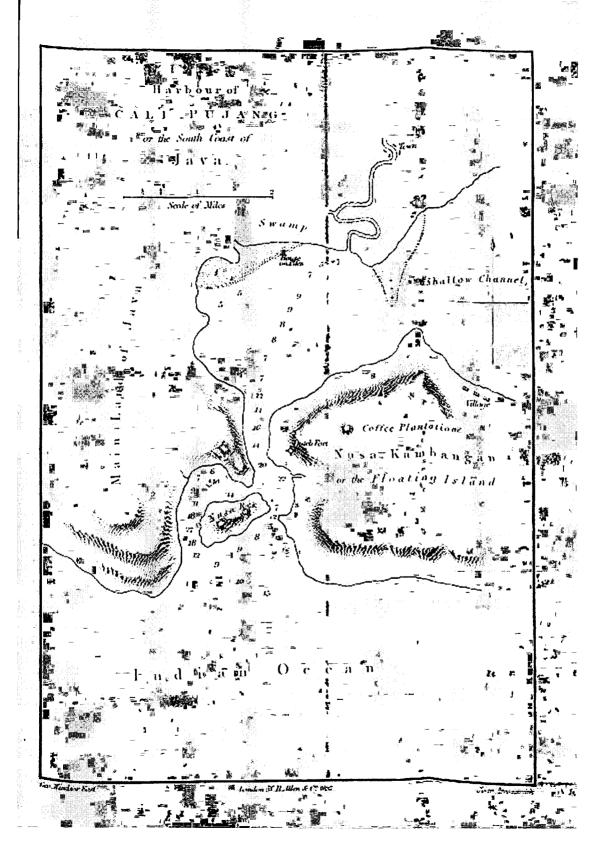
OBSERVATIONS ON THE COMMERCIAL RESOURCES OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.

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of these nests is a work of danger and difficulty: they are taken periodically, and it is necessary to station proper persons at the mouths of the caverns to prevent the birds from being disturbed by intruders.

Wild animals abound in the vicinity of Cali Pujang, great numbers of deer, wild-hogs, wild cattle, with a tiger occasionally, being to be met with by those who are fond of field-sports. We were shown the head and horns of an enormous wild bull, which had been killed on the spot on which the fort is erected, at the time that the artificers were employed upon the work. sequence of this circumstance the fort has been named Bantan Mati, the dead wild ox. deer are either taken in nooses or are killed by large stones thrown upon them, by men who watch for the purpose at the watering places to which they resort. A formidable quadruped. which, according to the description, must have been a rhinoceros, an animal which the natives hold in the greatest dread, had been seen several times upon the main land opposite the fort.

Numbers of large black apes, called *lutons*, crowded the trees near the anchorage, about the time of low water, for the purpose of catching