

A man (one of the 60<sup>th</sup>) was proceeding with a turban of pea  
 soup. Followed by another servant with a piece of beef; from the  
 caboose a great strapping Irishman, hurrying along with a pail  
 of water for her mistress, joined the cavalcade, when the ship gave a most  
 glorious heel; the woman, feeling she had lost her feet, caught hold  
 of the first object she could grasp; which proving to be the Irishman  
 she brought him, soup & all on the top of her self; at the same  
 time smothering her own pail to atoms. Fortunately the Irish  
 was not scalding hot. The fellow with the beef was sent to leeward  
 also, having set his foot into a bucket. & the next moment the  
 two with the fragments were sociably floating together in the  
 scupper. From the sea we had ship'd. On the 20 a large shark was taken  
 8 feet long, which caused much fun. Among the animals in this boat's ark  
 we have a Subler De la Cinque. I imagine him to be about 20, tho'  
 he has nothing nearly about him being a pert ignorant conceited  
 boy. He is going to India I believe under promise of patronage from Lord  
 & he calls his Uncle. His relations he is however spumed. I know; tho'  
 maybe some distant connection, however my gentleman or manufacturer  
 out relations & acquaintances, with vast facility, talks very high &

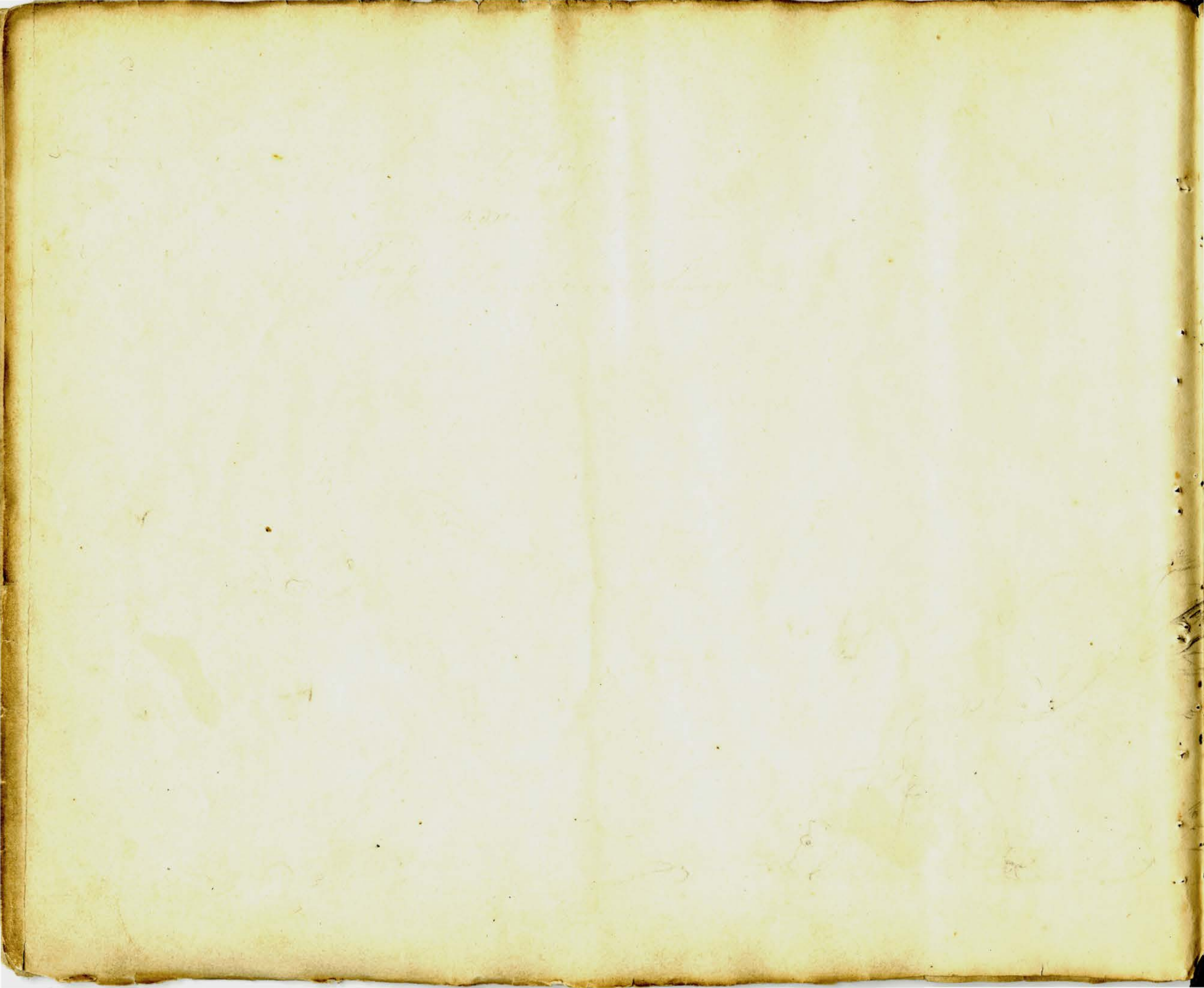
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dresses in Dandy style. his unfortunate name has caused much fun  
 among the Sailors, who have distorted it into De la Stink, Devils Stink and  
 half a hundred more. Next we have a D<sup>r</sup> Andrew Mc Geyn a gas-headed  
 headed Scotch Hospital Assistant, as proud & stiff as if he was head of  
 the College of Disburgh: of his professional knowledge I of course can say  
 nothing, but in other respects he is an ignorant, opinionated pedant.  
 Thirdly comes Mr Claudius Mahony: who is going to fill some situation  
 in the Naval Department: with all the native drollery of an Irishman  
 he has read a good deal, while in College at Dublin, & really formed  
 a very fair knowledge of things in general. he is extremely good natured  
 & the first to promote any fun. De la Guigue, & the D<sup>r</sup> form a  
 capital field for his quizzical abilities. The D<sup>r</sup> retires in the sulks,  
 but the other gets angry, & would be sunny, but rather think he  
 stands as much in awe of Mahony's fist, as his jokes. In fact  
 is six foot, & stout in proportion. It was just about dinner time  
 when the shark was landed in at the bows: from his violent  
 struggles, no effectual cut could be made, at the tail, & he lay  
 floundering in the Ironcable, at a furious rate. Most of us ran  
 forward to have a sight of him & amongst the rest the above  
 trio: who were all crowded close to each other. The D<sup>r</sup> anxious.



A Shark "Caught.."

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to procure the heart for dissection. When the Shark, with a side blow of his tail knocked down De la Conque who was full dressed for dinner, and Mahony on the top of him covering them with blood & dirt: at the same time the end of the tail, coming right at Stewart, Mr Gregory's face completely staggered him, & set his nose in a full stream of blood over the other two. Mahony gave a tremendous roar & jumping up declared upon his soul & conscience he thought the big baste had got him in his mouth & joined in the laughter. Mr Dandy who was almost crushed, by Mahony, falling on him, & viewing the blood which he fancied was his own, was half dead with fright, & declared himself serious by heart & limping off to his berth. Turned in for the rest of the day to reap open his new ball coat, which Mr Shark had effectually put out of dancing trim: Mr Gregory, after a plentiful bleeding, wearing a gown being in board, Scotch, attacked his dinner with as good appetite as usual, not withstanding Mahony's numerous questions about a Shark's heart: which subject will probably last for the rest of the voyage. We now began to see a number of birds as Shearwaters, terns, & a few Albatross, with straggling bunches of large Au. inced. *Buccinae* (few) the sea also had changed from a fine blue to a dirty muddy green - 26<sup>th</sup> July. We saw

birds in great numbers & of them which do not go a great distance from land in general, as Gannets, boobies, Albatross, Large Grey Gull & Penguins. The last exhibit a very curious appearance, not in the least like a bird. They never rise in the wing: but sleep with the head under the pinion: & when awake nothing but the head appears above water. They have not a vestige of feather, but are covered over with: a coating of a membrane like leather, laying in sharp pointed scales. & resembling much fine pointed feathers in appearance: it is almost useless to fire at them, as they either dive, or the shot glances off as from iron. From these indications we knew we must be near land & on the 27 had the pleasure of seeing it, we stood off during the night. & the next morning were enveloped in so thick a fog, as scarcely to be able to perceive anything on the forecastle from the stern of the ship. The lead was low & at one time we were in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  fathoms water, and as we drew 15. feet, we were comfortably near the bottom. However this was all of a piece. I believe they had let the ship go during the night, entirely in our way for had the log been low, they must have

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perceived, we were drifting rapidly out of our course, by a strong current, which in a very short time longer, would have run us aground. About ten the fog began to clear off when to our great surprise we faintly perceived the top-masts & c. of a large ship within gun shot of us, & as we began to make out her hull a little thro' the fog another of equal size began to <sup>also</sup> peep out, "Diablo!" two terrible Junkies, & we taken to a certainty. —

The fog was now gone: & we perceived, <sup>boat</sup> coming towards us, we were in a large bay about 4 miles from land, which was very high, & exhibited an appearance, the most barren, wild & desolate. We hoisted our English Insign, & to our great consolation they did the same. shortly after, a hunter of one of them came on board, who informed us we were in St. Helena Bay to the Northward of the Cape, & distant by land about 90. miles from Cape Town. He & his Companion were South Sea whalers, they had taken 13 fish between them. they had been a year out & had lately arrived in St. Helena bay, but had been trying for fish in a bay higher up, where his mate had

Len killed while on shore watering. by a shot from a Major man  
 with a poisoned arrow. Both he & his crew were captured from  
 the ship. He was very much surprised at hearing our bell strike  
 as he could not conceive what could have brought a ship there  
 & that we were carried in during the night by the current &  
 it was a thousand to one we had not grounded. There was  
 no village ashore or anything to be got: but a man who was  
 stationed at a signal house had a horse & mule might be  
 obtained on the way. He advised us to stand for Saldana Bay  
 about 30 or 40 miles off. where there was a delightful harbour  
 & plenty of fresh provisions & so to be got. & from whence any  
 wind, off shore, would take us round to Table Bay in a few  
 hours. The fish both here, & there were abundant beyond  
 conception: he had the morning before with an old torn net  
 taken 300, large Spiny lobsters, at one haul among the rocks.  
 & had, he had the least idea, we were from a voyage he would  
 have brought us off a boat load. he soon after left us, & the Lieut.  
 & the Surgeon of the St Jago went with him, in order to go  
 round by land they having both been at the Cape some years.

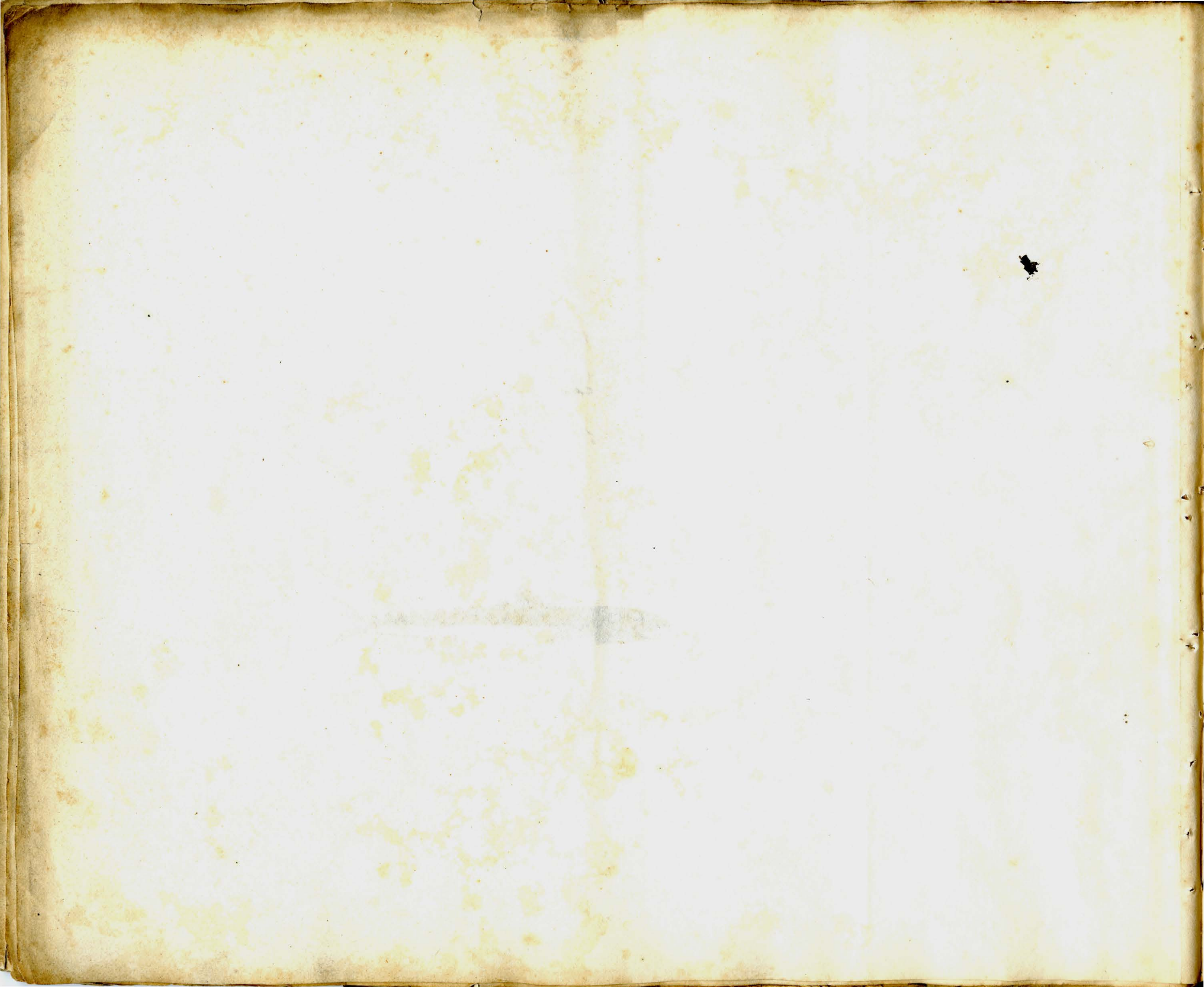


Had early in the morning caught a fine large fish: or rather, he was so  
 polite as to catch him self. I had generally a line over board astern, &  
 he had taken the bait & hooked himself; it was about 14 lb weight  
 shaped a good deal like a macrurus & having the scolloped fins  
 from the back fin to the tail: it was without scales, armed with  
 four long sharp teeth in each jaw like those of a cat. much of the  
 colour & shape of a fluke. It is called a Snook they are extremely  
 common in Cape Town: where they are very little esteemed, probably  
 owing to their sharpness being called in division two pennings; not  
 fetching much above that price. I however thought it most  
 excellent as well as every one who partook of it. & deemed myself  
 particularly obliged to him, for having preferred me as his Captain.  
 since he was the only edible fish, caught during the voyage  
 a gale breeze now sprang up, & the sea was literally alive with  
 fish, in shoals of myriads which seemed to be forced up to the  
 surface by those below: the birds taking them off as they rose  
 without diving for them: we however, caught none, indeed we  
 were going too rapidly thro' the water: we were now in

imagination on shore: but during the night the wind chopped  
 round foul: & any boat, but our boat, after his late escape &  
 ignorance of the coast would have put back & unhard in smooth  
 water. but he chose to stand off. when after pretty near pulling  
 our teeth out: the boat attempted to make St Johns, which  
 not being able to do, he got a foul wind, & then a calm.  
 On the 3<sup>d</sup>. much vivid lightning; several small blue sharks.  
 about the ship: one of which being caught was devoured by  
 the sailors. almost without the ceremony of shewing it the fire  
 light blowing winds thick horizon. it however cleared in the  
 evening, when we found ourselves, at the back of Jubb Mountain.  
 stood off during the night. & next morning fetched in to Jubb  
 Bay, coming to anchor about 10: A.M. I had got a severe attack  
 of gout on the night of the 4<sup>d</sup>. & on the 5<sup>d</sup>. was scarcely able to get on  
 Deck. The Master of the Shorey, (the Paper I had lost my papers in  
 from Portsmouth) came on board & informed me all my  
 baggage was safe in the Gov<sup>t</sup> Store house, this was some  
 consolation: all except six went ashore: & we who remained  
 aboard, having got off plenty of fresh provisions, vegetables

and good wine, enjoyed ourselves amazingly. My Gent also, was so well pleased that it went off as suddenly as it came on. About 2 P.M. next day we bid adieu to the Stately putting off in the Long boat which as well as the Cutter was full of baggage, we lay about 3 miles from shore, & when we had got within a mile of the beach, a S.W. wind came on & after pulling for upwards of an hour & not gaining one yard, they were obliged to pull back again. The current now running extremely rapid, our ship being farthest to leeward, & having to pull direct across the bar, so as to expose the boats to every sea that broke on them. They were glad to make the Cape Packet lying at anchor which we effected about 5 o'clock. The Crew who had been ashore in the morning, were fatigued, drunk & turbulent, & the 2<sup>d</sup> Mate of the same stamp as his Master could do nothing with them. Two Dragon Officers insisted on being taken ashore, in the jolly boat which from her lightness was practicable enough: but as I knew the least to be expected was a thorough ducking & having no change ashore, I declined the trip: added to which we were received on board the Packet, with the greatest possible politeness, by the Master (Capt. Agnew being ashore) & much obliged to

stay: till the jolly boat should come back to take us to our own ship.  
 where we could stay till morning & about four hours they did return with the Boatswain  
 & four boys all drunk & these were to tow the long boat full of  
 baggage across the run of the sea for a mile in a dark night & a  
 gale of wind blowing, with a small boat; added to which had  
 they missed the strately the tide would have set them out to sea.  
 Altogether a very pretty prospect: The officers of the Packet, under  
 these circumstances would on no account allow us to leave the  
 ship. & after a deal of persuasion induced the Boatswain & his  
 drunken crew to leave the long boat, with a man to look after  
 her till morning, & make the strately in the jolly boat. The  
 two following days it blew so hard, no boat could live; & we  
 were thus unavoidably quartered on their bounty: they did  
 every thing in their power during our stay, to make us as com-  
 fortable as possible: & treated us most sumptuously: Altho  
 a summer month at the Cape & roasting hot in shore it was  
 so cold on board the Packet, that when I went on Deck for a few



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