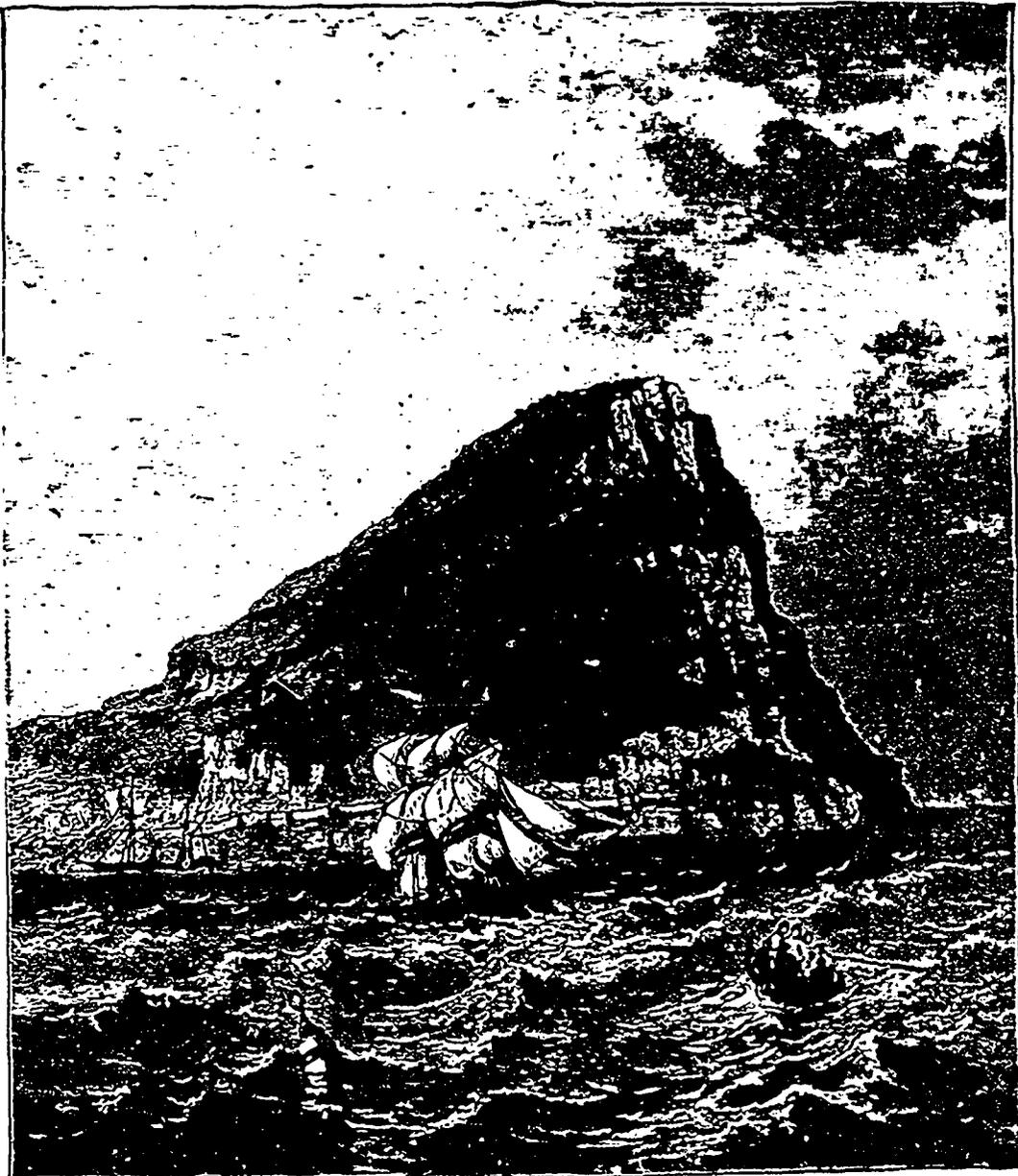


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pierced for heavy guns, of which over one thousand are in position. Immense sums of money have been expended in making this fortress very strong. It was captured by the British and Dutch in 1704, and is still held by the former. From 1780 to

1783 it was besieged by the French and Spanish without success. Forty-seven ships, one thousand guns, and forty thousand men, failed to capture this stronghold defended by seven thousand men. It is fifteen miles across the Straits to the African shore.