

which they retired to the boat. At this place some of the gentlemen belonging to this ship, in their outward bound passage, saw a Rhinoceros.

From Mew-island we had a very pleasant passage to and about the cape of Good Hope, which, in my opinion, was greatly owing to captain Hill's good conduct in coming in with the land betimes, I mean upon the Eastermost part of the bank, and keeping a moderate distance from the land. I cannot be positive, but I think we never exceeded a degree in distance from it, generally less, and sometimes even made the land itself. The three voyages I have been this way, I had the good fortune of being with gentlemen who proceeded in the same manner as captain Hill did, with the like success.

The small experience of my own before, and an instance or two in this last passage, makes me of opinion there is too much caution used in coming in with the land in foundations; for it is known that the severest gales in this part, viz. near the cape of Good Hope, reign from the North-west to the South-west. The first quarter blows off from the land, and the other is a bold wind on the coast, and it is likewise known, that the wind

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