

gulls without number, and plenty of fish, but could not catch any. This day died JOHN CORNELIUS SCHOUTEN, brother to the master of the ship, and pilot of the Fuste, which was burnt; he had been ill a month, and was afflicted with the scurvy. 1616.

\* "The 10th, after breakfast, saw the land NW to NW by N about three leagues distant: it was a very low small island, and we saw a great quantity of fish and birds. We steered for it, hoping to find some refreshments, of which we were in great want; about noon we approached the land and founded, but had no ground, wherefore we hoisted out our boat to try if we could get soundings fit for anchoring. Our men, on their return, reported to have got ground at 25 fathoms, a short musquet shot from the shore; they said also they had seen plenty of sea-snakes, and other fish of the same kind as at JUAN FERNANDES; but we did not chuse to go near the shore with the ship for fear of an accident. About noon we again sent the boat to the shore, to see if we could get any thing; but coming near it they found it impossible to land with the boat, on account of the great surf against the shore, wherefore they left the boat at anchor a little off shore †, swimming and hawling each other ashore with ropes. *Emissoles.*

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\* 10th April wind moderate, with some rain, we threw the dead body overboard, not without grief. The service being over the surgeon saw the land, towards which we immediately stood, intending to anchor there, but this was impossible." Le Maire.

† "The first patron ventured ashore, where he got easily enough; but returning he was obliged to throw himself into the sea with a rope and swim to the skiff, at the great hazard of his life. He recounted to us that there was no fresh water in this country, except some ponds of rain water which was very bitter; plenty of fish near the  
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