

to be in a dangerous state, he resolved to steer immediately for the Cape, as the most eligible place both for the recovery of the sick and for the repair of the rudder.

"In the forenoon of the 10th of April, a snow was seen bearing down to us, which proved to be an English East-India Packet, that had left Table Bay three days before, and was cruising with orders for the China fleet and other India ships.

"The next morning we stood into Simon's Bay. We found lying here the *Nassau* and Southampton East India-men, waiting for convoy for Europe. The *Resolution* saluted the fort with eleven guns, and the same number was returned.

"Mr. Brandt, the governor of this place, came to visit us as soon as we had anchored. He appeared much surprised to see our crew in so healthy a condition, as the Dutch ship that had left Macao on our arrival there, and had touched at the Cape some time before, reported that we were in a most wretched state, having only fourteen hands left on board the *Resolution*, and seven on board the *Discovery*. It is not easy to conceive the motive these people could have had for propagating so wanton and malicious a falsehood.

"On the 15th I accompanied Captain Gore to Cape Town, and the next morning we waited on Baron Pletenberg, the governor, by whom we were received with every possible attention and civility. Both he and Mr. Brandt had conceived a great personal affection for Captain Cook, as well as the highest admiration of his character, and heard the recital of his misfortune with many expressions of unaffected sorrow.

"During our stay at the Cape we met with every proof of the most friendly disposition towards us, both in the governor and principal persons of the place, as well Africans as Europeans.

"Having completed our victuelling, and furnished ourselves with the necessary supply of naval stores, we sailed out of the bay on the 9th of May.

"On the 12th of June we passed the equator for the fourth time during this voyage.

"On the 12th of August we made the western coast of Ireland; and, after a fruitless attempt to get into Port Galway, from whence it was Captain Gore's intention to have sent the journals and maps of our voyage to London, we were obliged, by strong southerly winds, to steer to the northward. Our next object was to put into Lough Swilly; but the wind continuing in the same quarter, we stood on to the northward of Lewis Island; and on the 22nd of