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On the 24th the wind blew a gale from the South
so that we were obliged to leave to under three
sails - On the 25th the wind went to four sails &
kept more over the weather more rugged as we
got to the southward - On the 26th made the
Island of Massapuro bearing S E 12 leagues
dist - run for it till night under short sail
at 7 P.M. bore two under three staysails the
wind blowing a gale from the Northward &
the sea running very high - The next morn-
ing at 8 o'clock set the fore & main topsails
& stood for the Island with an intention of
landing but found it so rugged & sandy
and the land that we were obliged to bear
a too bad off shore - At 1 P.M. we made sail &
kept off for Juan Fernandez at 11 bore
too - The Island of Massapuro is in lat 33° 45'
& long 80° 38' W - it rises in one continuous
mountain to a considerable height & its
shores abound with seals - The next morning
at daylight saw the Island of Juan Fernandez

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In the forenoon we landed on the S. side with a steep breeze in quest of a place to land for wood & water. - The land had a very fertile appearance & large herds of goats were feeding on the sides of the mountains & the tops were covered with green trees - finding no convenient place to land on this side the Island - we concluded to anchor but at a small bay on the S. side we stood off & on during the night & at daylight came to off the bay & went on shore with our ~~great~~ ^{quantity} of ~~whale~~ ^{oil} for the purpose of watering - we found three ~~Spring~~ ^{as a punishment} gardens on shore which were no doubt put there for some crime - ~~they~~ ^{there} were a few cows & horses near the landing that were tame & the Spring gardens informed us that there plenty that were wild in the mountains - This Island has been formerly inhabited by Spring gardens & the ruins of what has once been a most delightful Village may still be seen - The remains of some of the ~~Spring~~ ^{Spring} gardens