

but the heavy dew every night that wetted
them (off them) as if they were to rise from
a tub of water... we had fresh beef delivered to
the Army today the first fresh meat we have
had since our arrival hitherto Salt Pork
^{fish} & water has been our Breakfast. Jim & I
I need not say how much we relished this the an
insipid stuff would just but without salt or
vegetables. Genl. M. sent to me to say Capt. Pappan
was ashore so that there was an opportunity of sending
on board I went to his tent & learnt dreadful news
from Capt. P. that the Master, Clerk, & the whole
of his long boats crew excepting 2 men were
drowned & the boat dashed to pieces that he sup-
posed upwards of 30 men were lost of the
different ships, & as of the ^{off. serv.} 14th Aug. by the boats
being dashed to pieces with the violence of
the surf this was the case with 3 of the flat
bottomed boats, out of the 7 the Army had to (I
was going to say disembark in) disembark in
the whole beach he said was covered with ^{boats}
belonging to the Army & wrecks of boats, lost by
endeavouring to land nearer the Camp than
we did the 5th day in order to save the walk
along the sand he also said that if there had
happened to be a gale of wind he would not be at all sur-
prised if the whole fleet were ~~driven~~ driven on the
breakers ~~from~~ which run the whole length of the beach
& from which they were not 3 cables long the 50