

the Col who was rather angry at
my having staid so long away.
In the morning Sunday 16th The
old fellow came off to me, with a
Goats, & some fish, for which we bartered
Salt Beef & Pork, of much more value
to him than money; the old Boy
very good naturedly brought me off
a Shrub of the Cotton Tree, for in ~~my~~
ramble with him yesterday, I happened
to say how happy I should be, were
it possible to take a tree of it home
with me, and he very handsomely
said, that ~~as~~ ^{it} seemed to admir^e yesterday
he had brought it off ~~off~~ ^{that}
if I would put a slip of it into a bottle
of water, it would preserve it & I might
take it to England; ~~that~~ I had not
the means of giving it a tryal, ^{tho'} for
my Brother Officers with the force of
their admiration, broke my poor Tree in