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could not endure the thought of being crushed by the  
deck which was lifted by each wave. The crew in  
the meanwhile were above them fixing to get off at  
low tide.

The great South Beach is the principal one on the South Shore  
of Long Island. It is separated from the mainland by a  
very long & shallow bay four or five miles wide, ~~then a~~  
which at low sand hills loom up in the horizon at  
small islands. The Bay is famous for oysters & clams &c.  
It took me 5 hours to cross it in two instances  
on account of head winds. This beach alone is 40  
miles long, without an inlet, & half a mile wide  
rarely rising 25 feet above the ocean at any  
point. It is pure sand without rocks, thinly covered  
with beach & ocean grass, & shrubbery. The western  
end near Fire Is. inlet is called Fire Is. Beach from  
some half sunken islands of that name in the  
Bay opposite. There are but 4 houses worth naming  
on the whole beach. Selah Strong's at the Lighthouse  
one mile from the Western extremity - Felix Tominy's  
public house a mile further east. Smith Baker's another  
low public house 3 miles further, & Homans 10  
miles further E. Still. There are 2 or 3 temporary  
fishermen's banks beside. People come off from the  
neighbouring shore & from N. Y. to various parts of  
the beach to bask in the sun. A sail to the beach  
is a common recreation of the inhabitants of the neighbour-  
ing towns. One mile further west across the inlet



is West Beach. Almost every family in the neighbourhood has a large Oyster boat, & all who were not already on the spot, & to whom the wind was fair, repaired immediately to the wreck - even some women, taking their provisions with them. The inhabitants of Babylon were mostly delayed by a head wind. But those of Sayville, Patchogue, Quorum &c were early there. They were for the most part idle & reckless persons, with a large proportion of low thieves & a few genuine pirates among them. There were thieves of high & low degree whose deeds were described to me by themselves. Some had heard that there were 3000 dollars in

in all on the fingers of the Marchioness. They stole from one another extensively - & property which a guard placed over it, they rolled off across the beach to their boats in the night. Almost every chest & box was broken open with thievish & dore devil curiosity by night & by day in spite of the guard &c &c.

I found the engravings (some small engravings of Italian pins & pins in Villa Gardens - one or two others) at Patchogue. They said they were left out of the trunk. The clothing at Daniel Jones' & John Skinne's Patchogue. The hats of the young men, who were playing at dominoes, were ornamented with the buttons & laces of the dresses which their mother had already fitted to herself. They said that they picked them up a mile or a half or two miles east of the wreck.