

from these depredators they have no other means of safety than crowding close together, and leaving the outmost bands the danger of being first devoured; or by approaching the first shores they can find, which, to the squadron holding an eastern course, is Iceland, where they cover an extent of shore not less than the island itself.

The first opposition met with in their journey southward, is from the Shetland isles, which divide the eastern army again into two parts, and where the fishermen, prepared for their reception, take sometimes two thousand barrels at a single draught. Hence they pass the Western shores of Britain; and fill every bay and creek with their numbers: others advance towards Yarmouth, the great and ancient mart of herrings; and pressing through the British channel, in a great degree disappear. From the Shetland isles, and after visiting the Hebrides, a body proceeds to the north of Ireland, to feed and rejoice the inhabitants of most of the coasts that border on the Irish sea. But those brigades, as we may call them, thus separated from the greater columns, are often capricious in their motions, and do not shew an invariable attachment to their haunts.

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