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'Oh come, my lord,' said Stephen, 'what you say sounds

very like the French of the northern provinces: and I do assure you I have patients aboard to whom I owe my first duty, to say nothing of what awaits me at the Cape.'

'My lord,' said Jack, 'even an admiral cannot overrule a medical man -- it is in the Articles of War -- and even if he could he would have no success with Maturin. You may turn a bear from his vomit, but I do solemnly affirm that