Bowdler Sharpe Collection

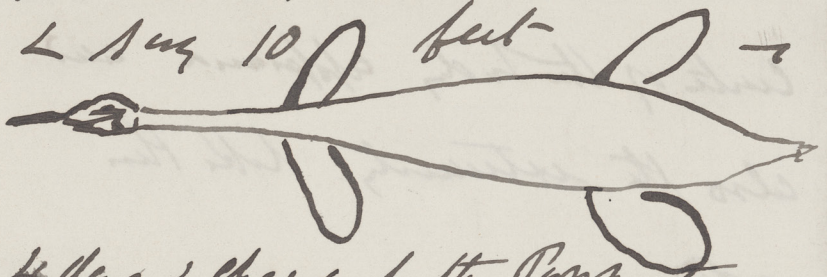
Worlcock
11. Feb 98

Dear Abdy.

The story of my encounter with the Sea. Serpent? is as follows.

One day in Oct 1890. I was returning to my home in Selvas's Bay. S. Africa, when my attention was arrested by Steer, the Capt Steer (an old Sea Capt & ex gold Pioneer) running down from his Cottage with a harpoon in his hand towards a little cove. I was then passing

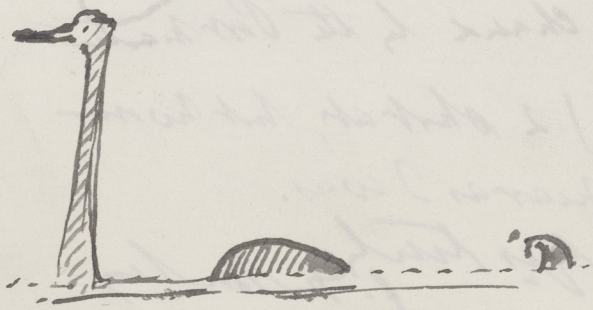
as the way on the boat happ[ened] as follows. The creature who was watching, as I was passing his rocks gave a distinct kick much as a swan wd & then dived under the boat. Just as Capt Steer was going to strike. I saw the whole body. like this.



This creature was in the bay 3 or 4 days & shared by the Post Master (Capt Wood) & others, but no one was so near as I was.

Yrs truly
J. Gerald Barclay

when down his dingy was lying. He called out to me to come & help & capture the most extraordinary creature he had ever seen & which he had been observing from his telescope for some time I jumped into & rowed the boat whilst he stood in the bow, harpoon in hand. After putting for about 10 minutes, I looked & looked round & found we were within 20 yds of a very curious looking animal dark colored like a whale. Head like a duck with a long bill & very bright eyes. Neck like a very large swan. The centre of the body appeared and also the extremity. Like this



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July 9 1893

Dear Sir

I wrote last Week
about the book and then
went down the 4th and
last number I think my
letter to Mr Selater could
not have been sent to
us however I must make
this last if it is not put
the binding done Dear
Please strike my name
out for the Second Copy
and let me have

the account for that
I have heard and
I will send an order
for the money in my
London Agent.

Very Truly Yours
R Bowdler Sharpe

PS/ I am sorry to find that
such a number of my notes
have been left out chiefly
by accident. Not meant in the
book particularly Beautiful

RBS