

other a long sentenced man. It was not long after our acquaintance  
the temptation being very great, that we made up our minds to take a  
boat which was lying handy to the Beach in a shed close by with  
sails and Bars in her - my free mate collected a lot of provisions  
also guns and ammunition and had every thing secreted secreted,  
waiting a favourable opportunity to proceed on our intended voyage  
we robbed no one but the owner of the boat by which we made our  
escape - We had not long to wait before a favourable opportunity  
presented itself - It occurred on a beautiful bright moon light night  
with the wind blowing from off shore from the Northward, we steered  
North, a little West and had a full sail breeze during the night  
and made the "Hunters" during the afternoon of the following day  
after staying on the Island for several days we shifted our quarters to  
Kings Island which place we found in a morning with  
Kangaroo & Wallaby and should have come across long ago  
to Melbourne with a cargo of skins but was frightened to chance it  
During my rambles over the island I picked up this piece of stuff  
I think it is metal of some kind, you may keep it if you like  
its of no use to me, handing to Mr Elliott a piece of yellow metal  
of about two or three ounces in weight - evidently a <sup>nugget</sup> piece of Gold  
which will be more fully described in the sequel - Mr Elliott  
put the metal in his pocket - he took the responsibility of disposing  
of the skins, he furnished the man with a stock of fresh provisions  
started them off on their return journey and has never heard  
from or seen them since

A Mr Britannia a goldsmith & jeweller who had established  
himself in business in the early days of the settlement of Melbourne  
was a great personal friend of Mr Elliott - to whom one night  
the latter introduced the piece of yellow metal for his inspection  
- to know as to what kind of metal it was - Mr Britannia  
tried it with several chemicals in the presence of  
Mr Elliott and eventually told him it was not gold  
strong indications of Gold being found  
whence it was taken - He sadly