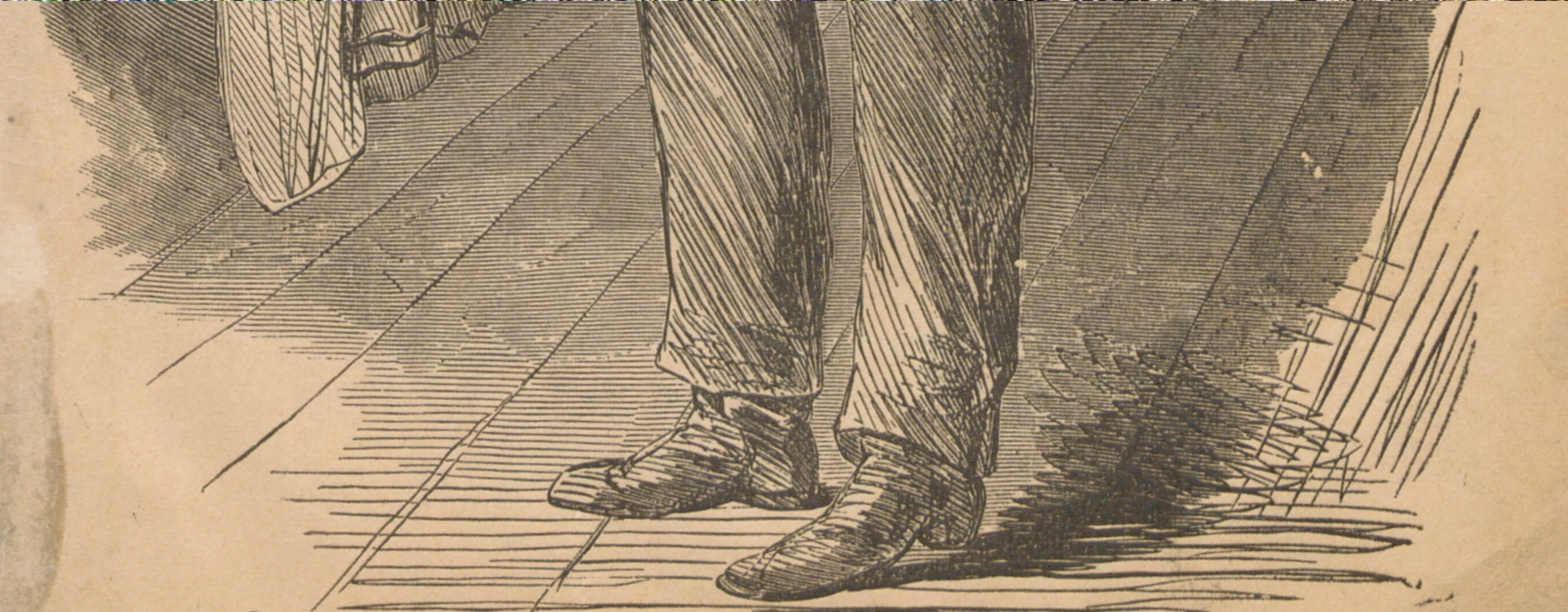
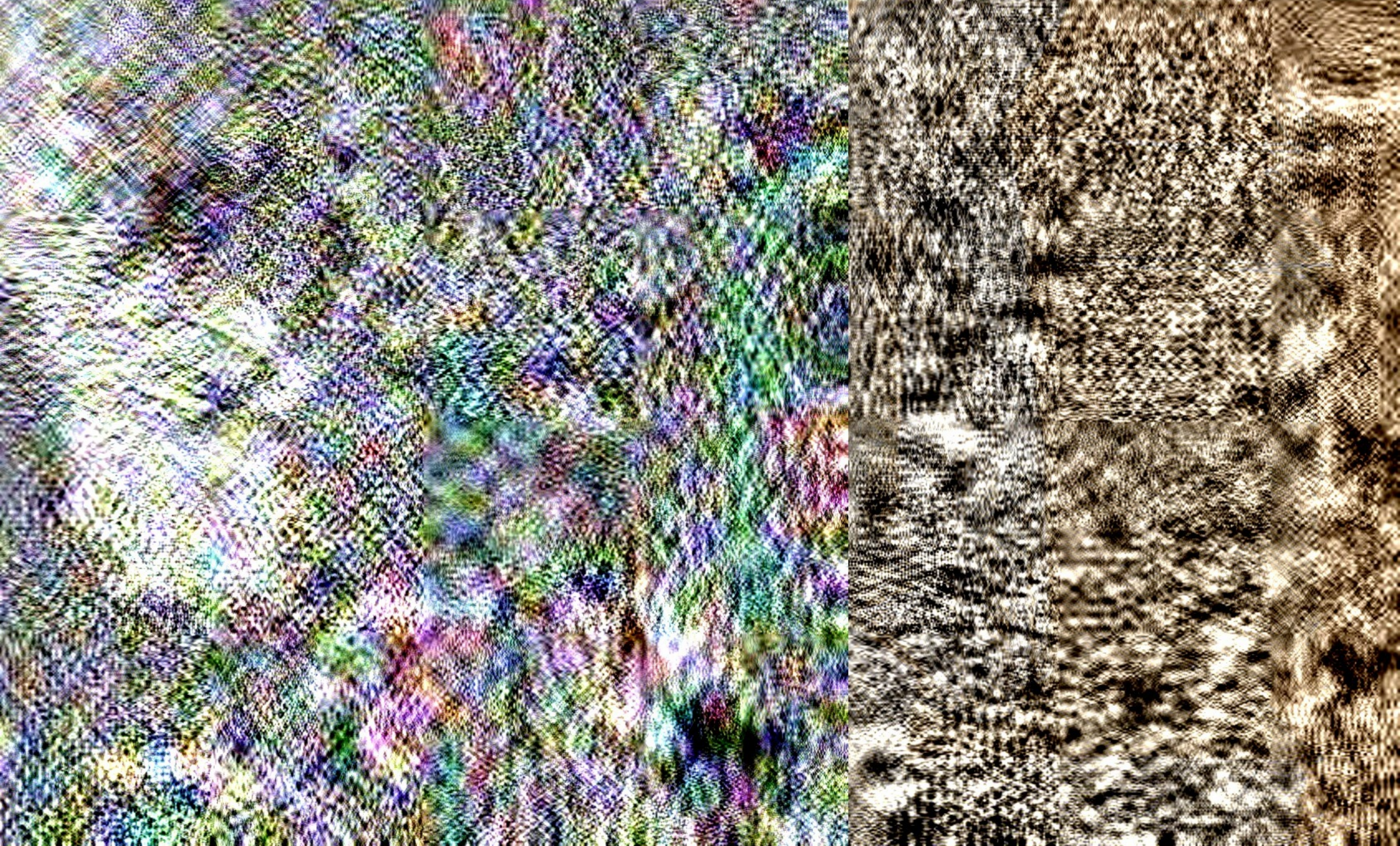
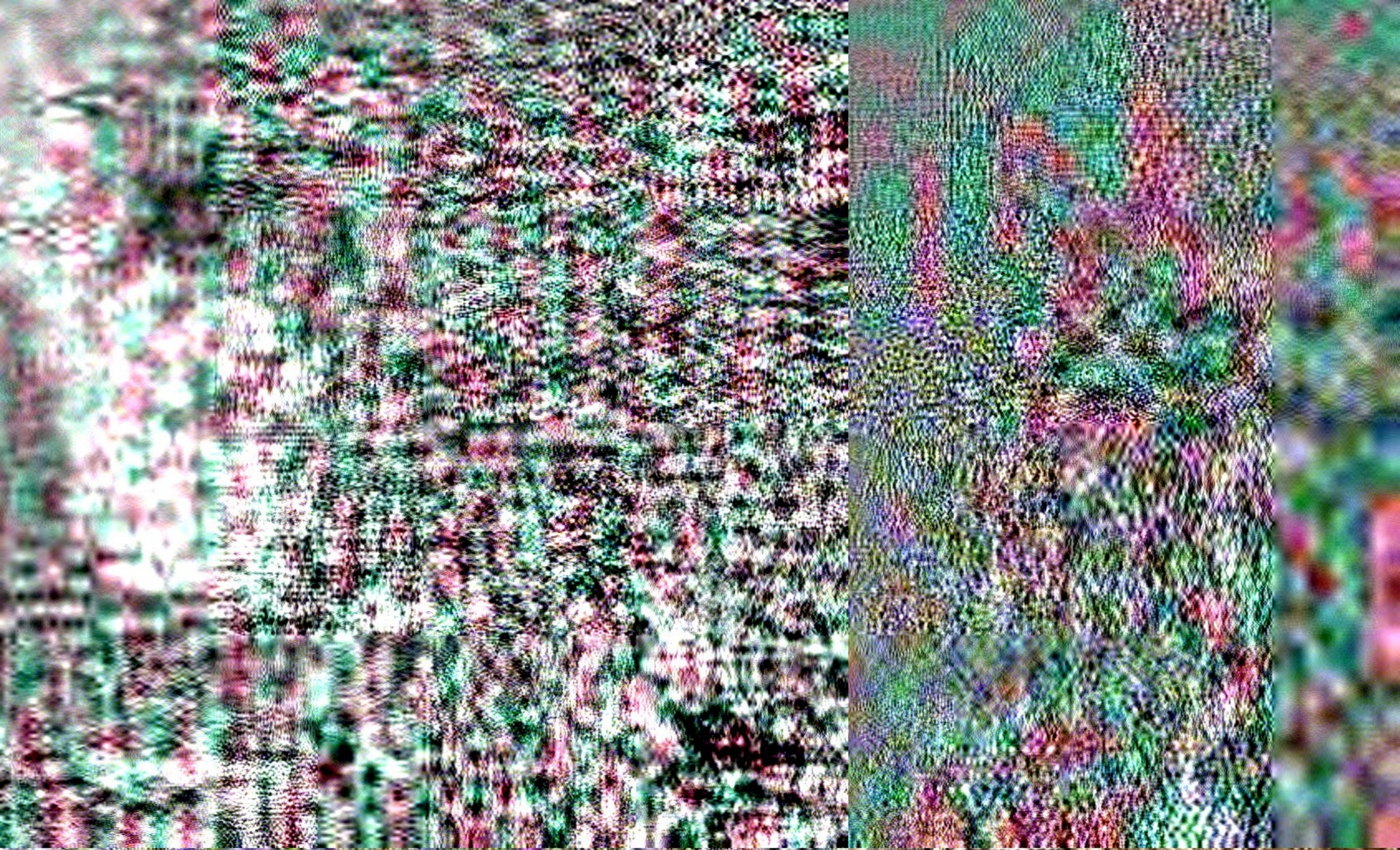
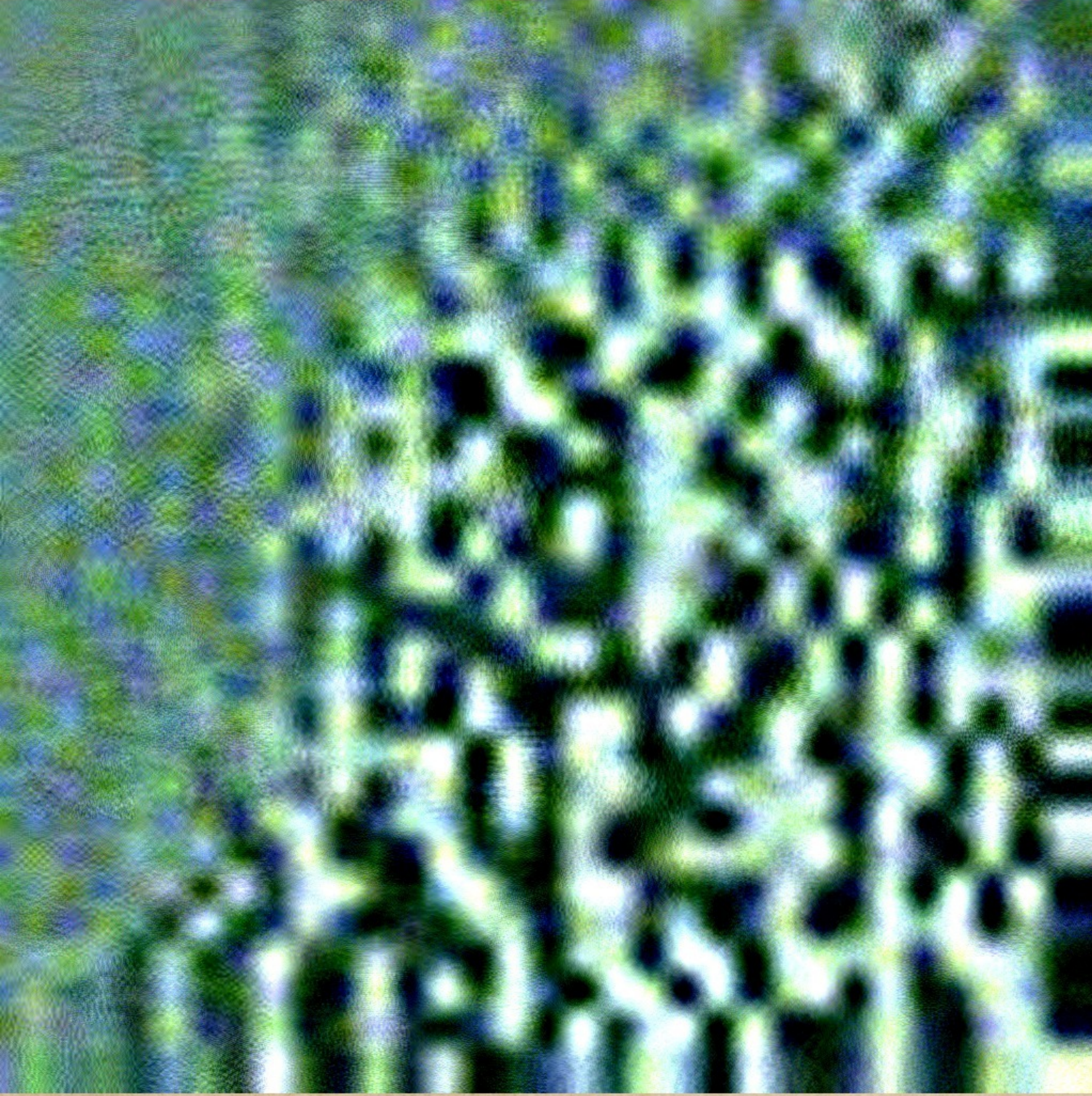
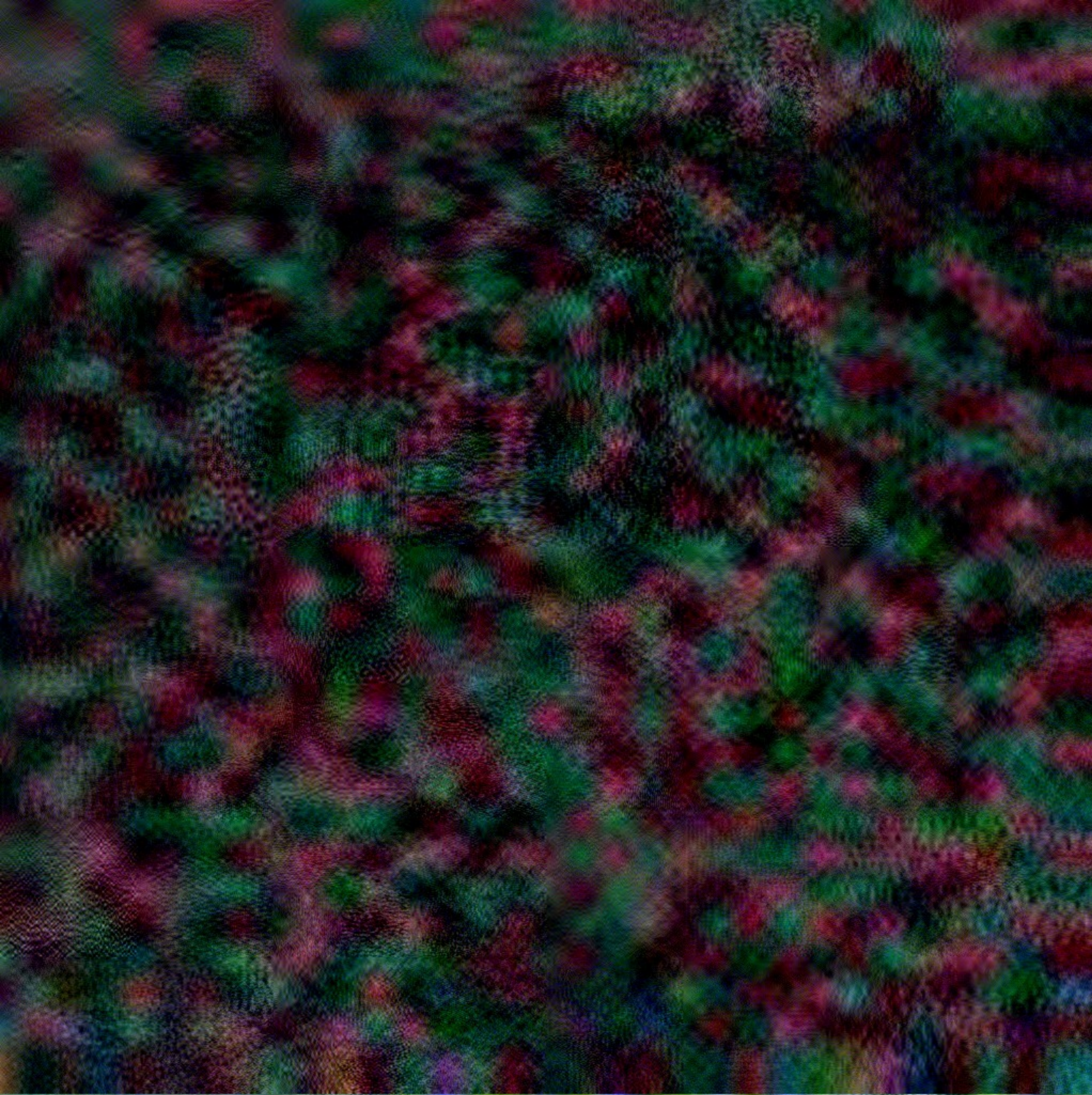
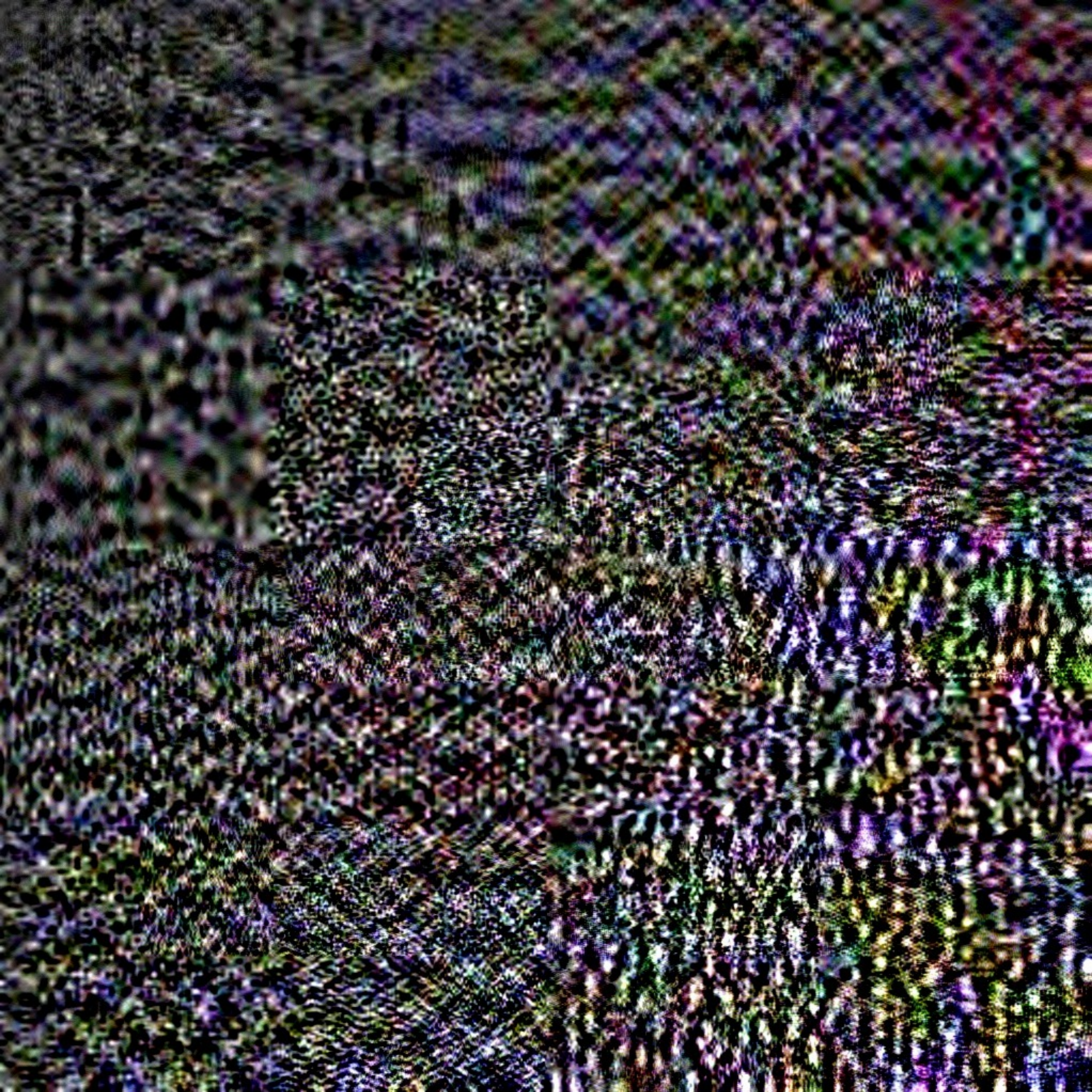


THE BOAT IN WHICH HICKS ESCAPED FROM THE OYSTER SLOOP.



PORTRAIT OF ALBERT W. HICKS, THE PIRATE.





0,
 AND OLIVER WATTS,
 JOHNSON.
 EN BY HIMSELF)
 S ARREST.
 RDER, MUTINIES,
 ING THE
 RDER!
 AL AND EXECUTION.
 ARACTER,

I hereby certify that the within Confession of ALBERT W. HICKS was made by him to me, and that it is the only confession made by him.

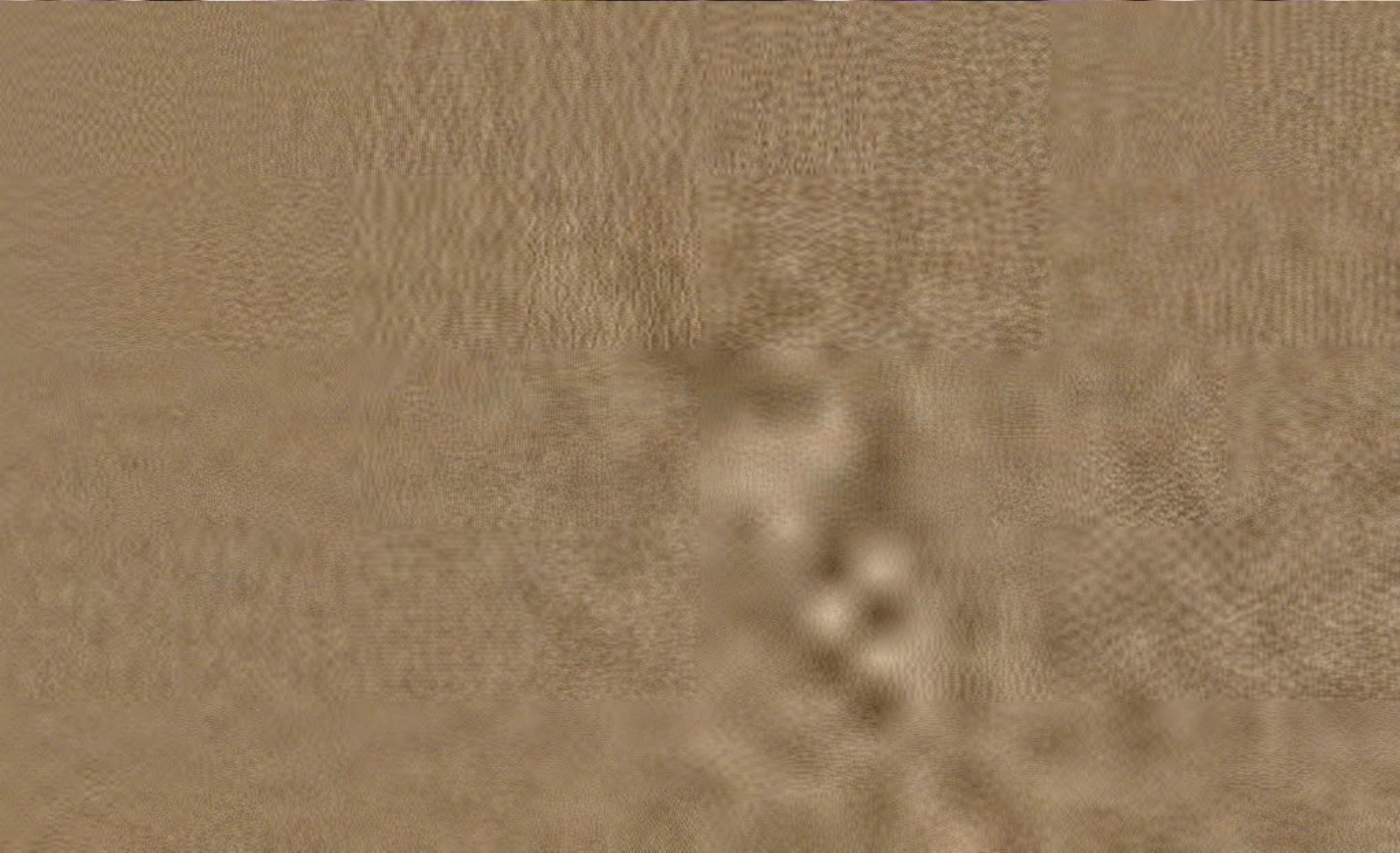
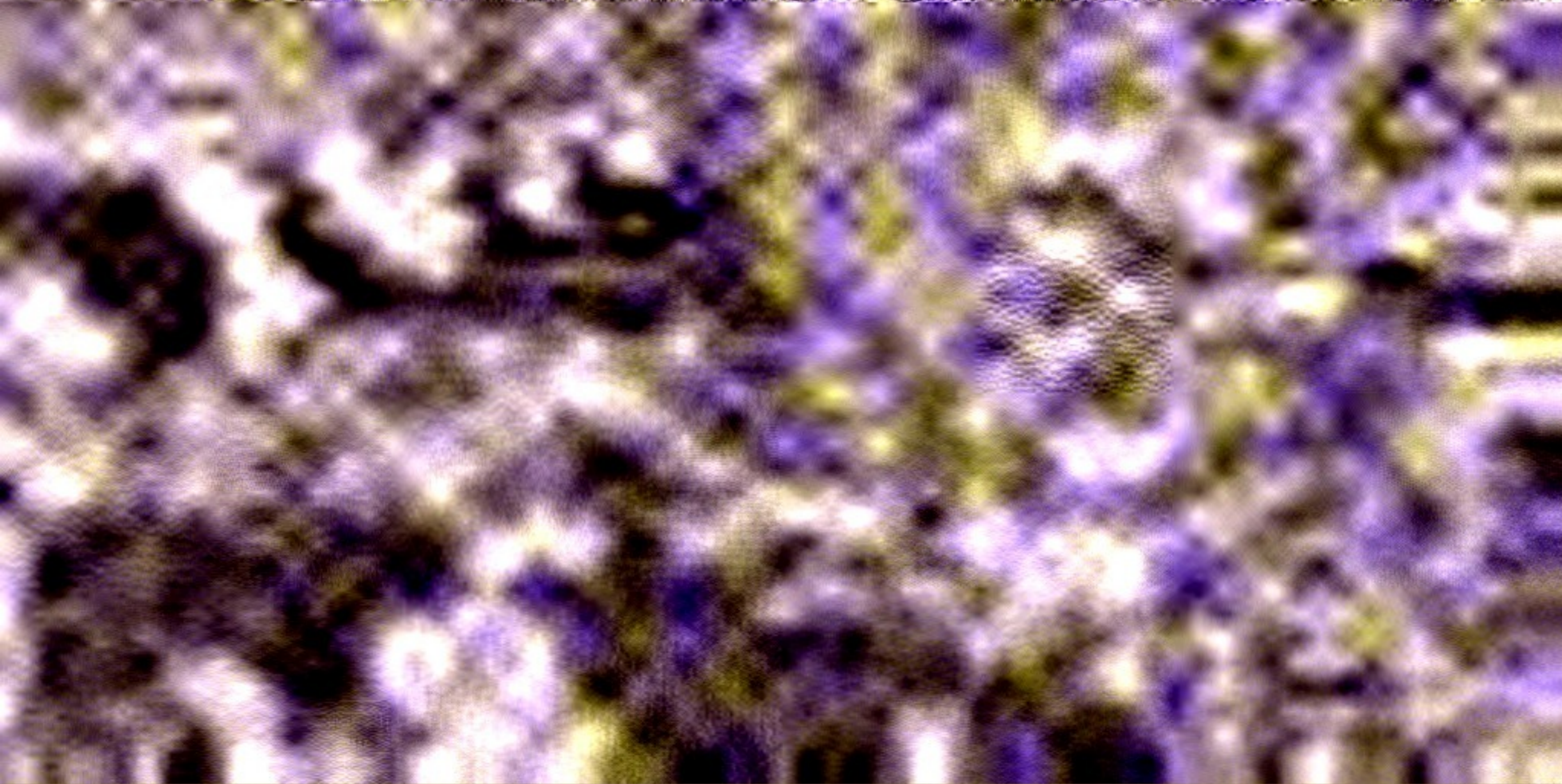
OFFICE U. S. MARSHAL,
 Southern District of New York. }

LORENZO DE ANGELIS, *Dep. U. S. Marshal.*

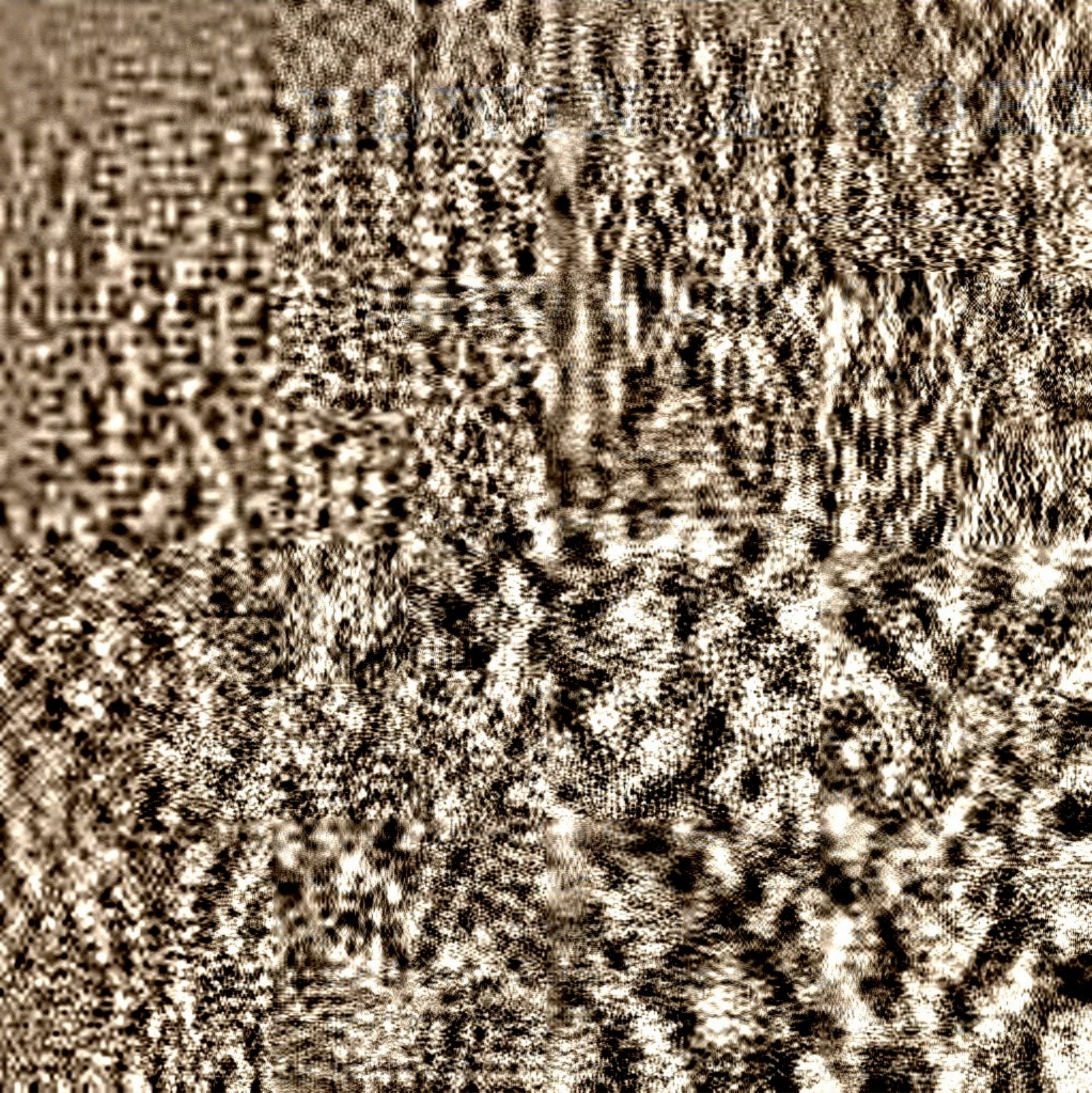
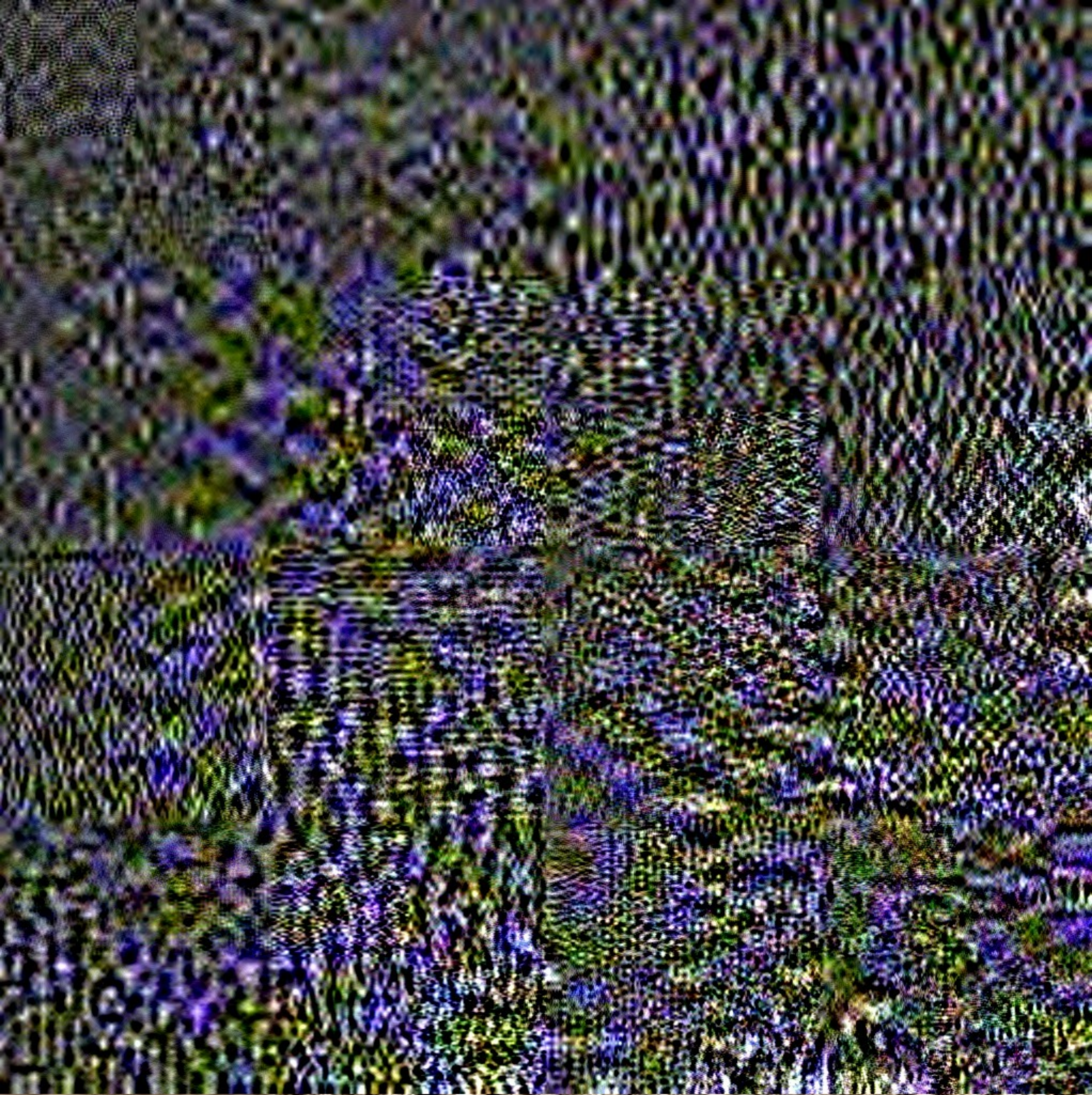
NEW YORK:
 ROBERT M. DE WITT, PUBLISHER,
 13 FRANKFORT STREET



, by
ern District of New York.



1870
1870
1870



NSON.

COURT.

Y.

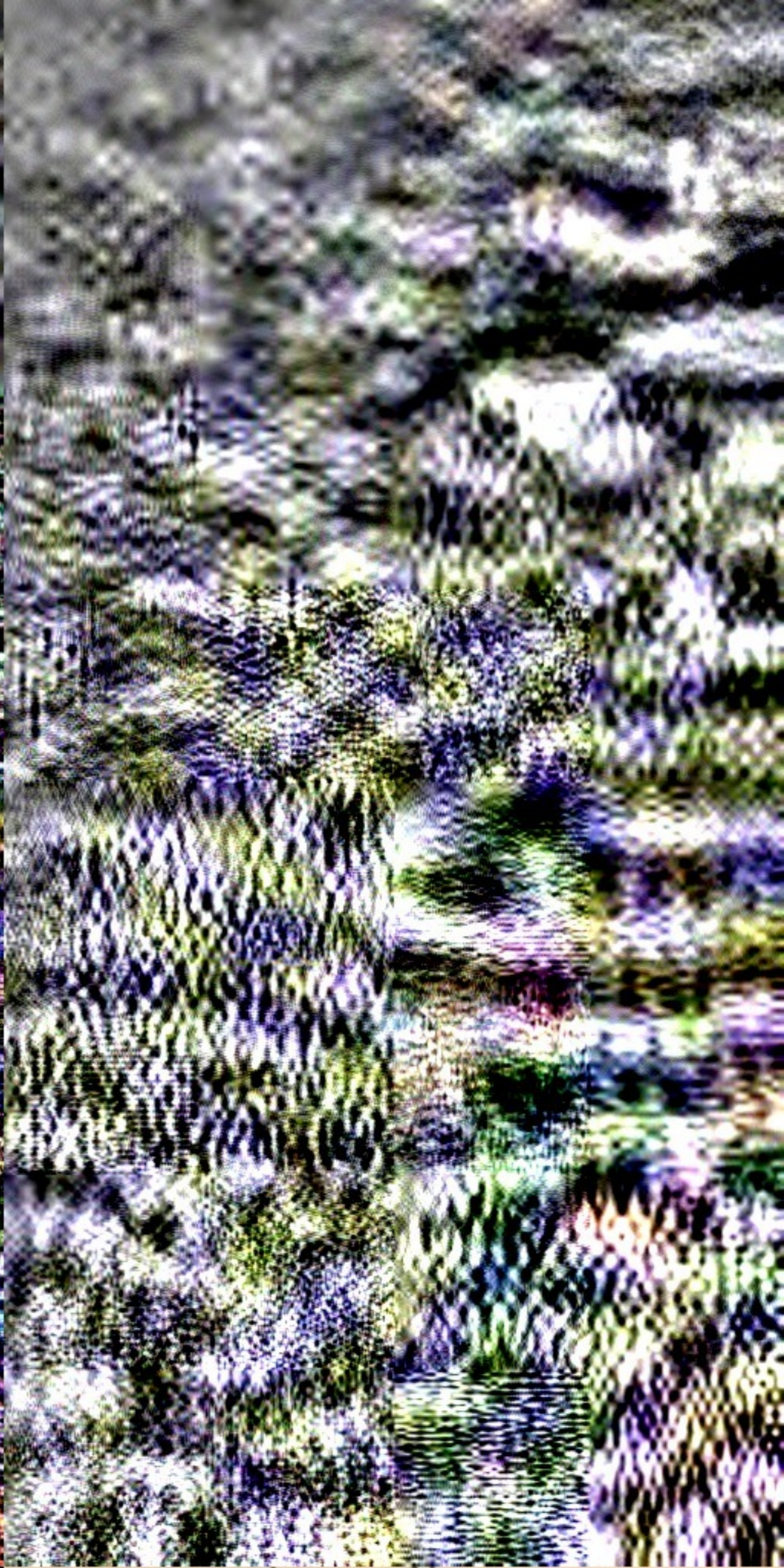
ASE.

," sailed from the foot
a cargo of oysters.

I. on Friday, getting
re she laid till Sunday
e Bay.

ernoon, and remained
when she set out to
, and two boys, named

the sloop was picked up
e lower bay, between
the West Bank and the Romer Shoals. On being boarded, she was found to
have been abandoned, as also to bear the most unmistakable evidences of foul
play having taken place at some time, not remote. It was also evident that
a collision had taken place with some other vessel, as her bowsprit had been
carried away, and was then floating alongside, attached to her by the stays.
Upon further examination, her deck appeared to have been washed with
human blood, and her cabin bore dire marks of a desperate struggle for life,



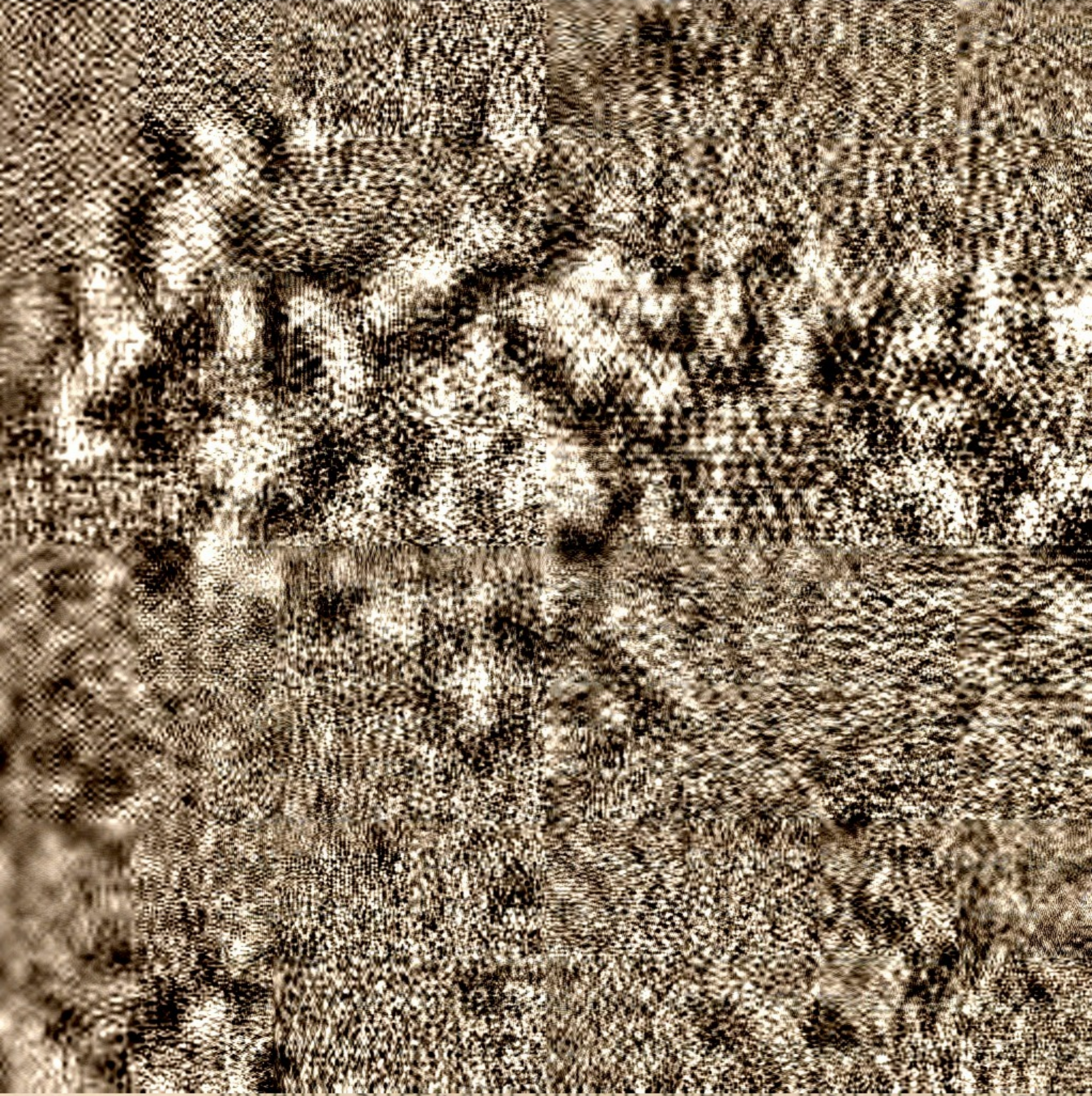
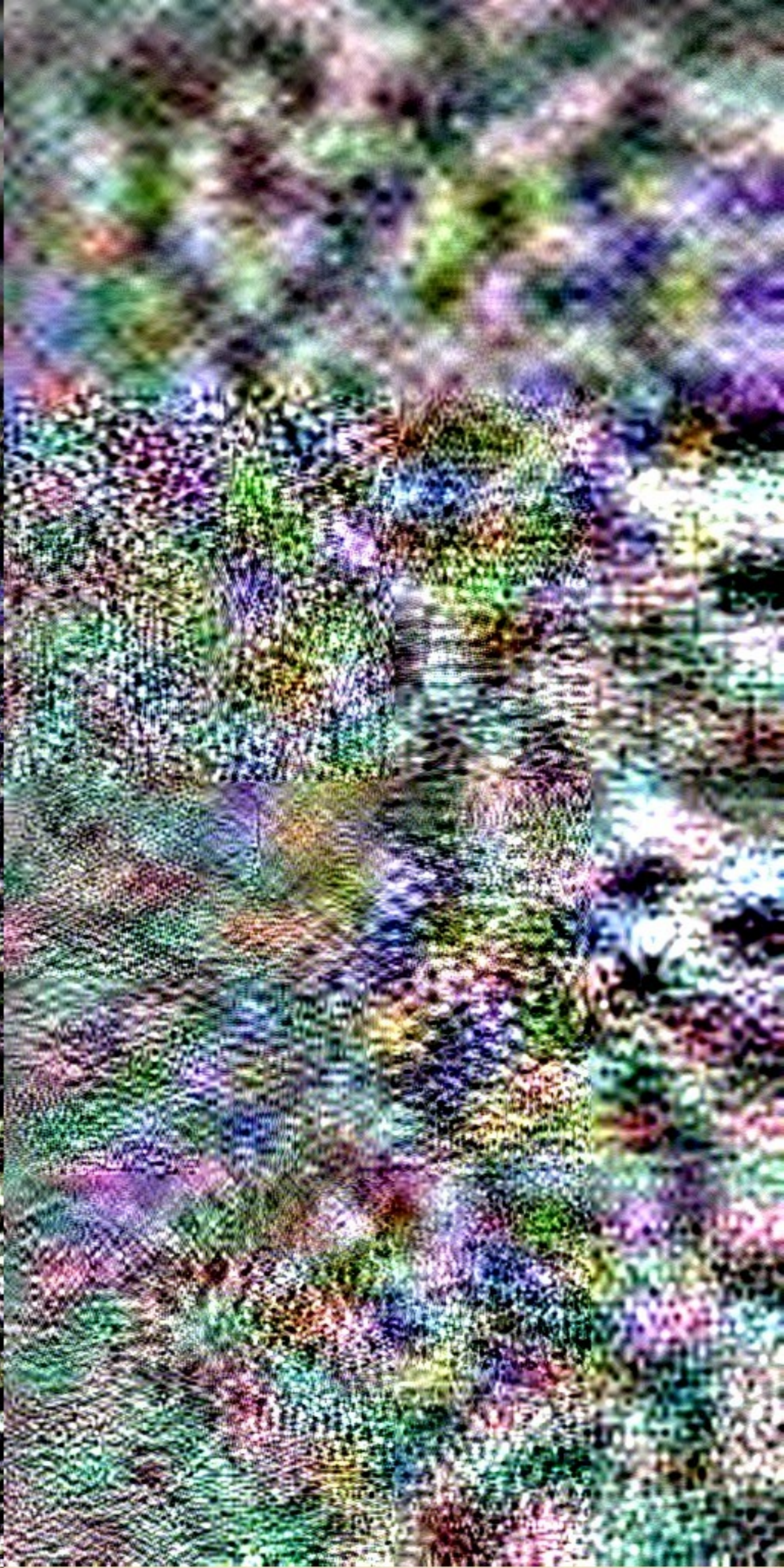
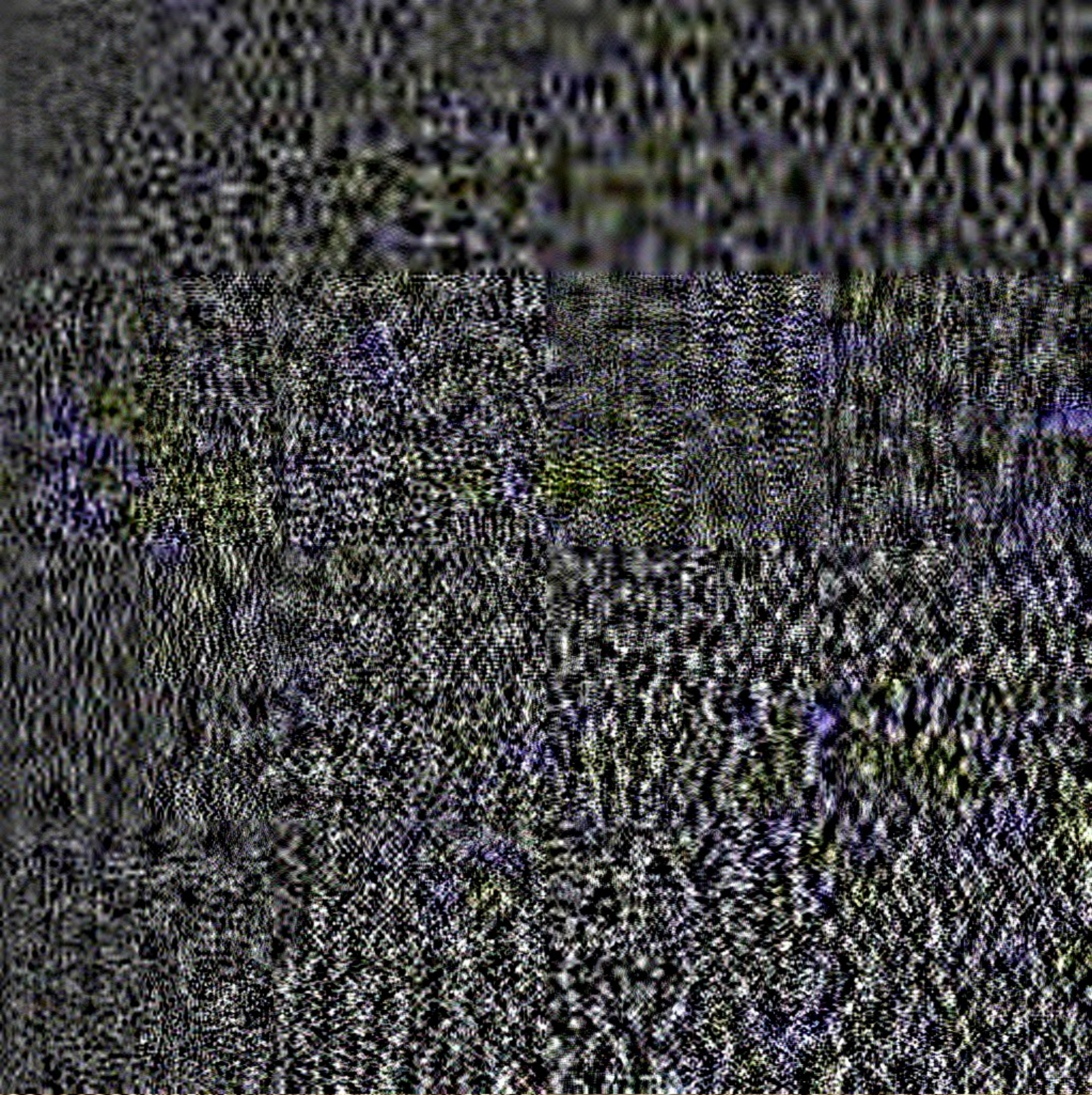
that one of the hands
the foot of Spring street,
said that a man, named
, had come home sud-
with him an unusual
size money for picking
description, told which
ly Officer Nevins and
ce, to which city they

with the mystery. The
"B. Mathew," Captain
the only one man was
ed to lower the boat
k place just off Staten
Mathew " unfit for sea.

Johnson, officers Bur-
in search of the yawl
Staten Island. This
ter a tedious passage
two oars, a right boot,
; the hostler at Fort

Richmond, south of which the boat was found, said that shortly before six o'clock the previous morning, he had seen a man land from the boat, whom he described in such a manner as to show that Johnson might be the individual.

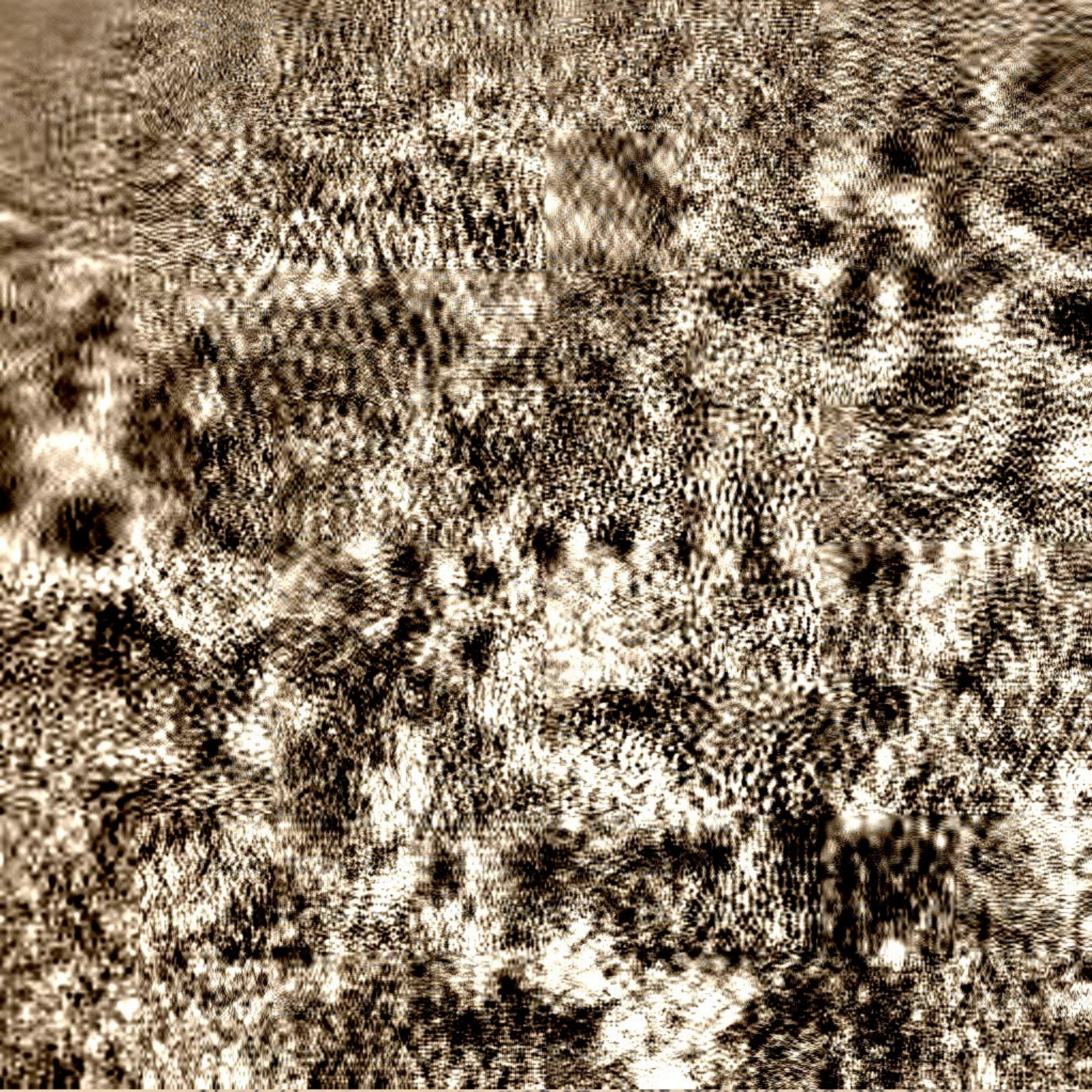
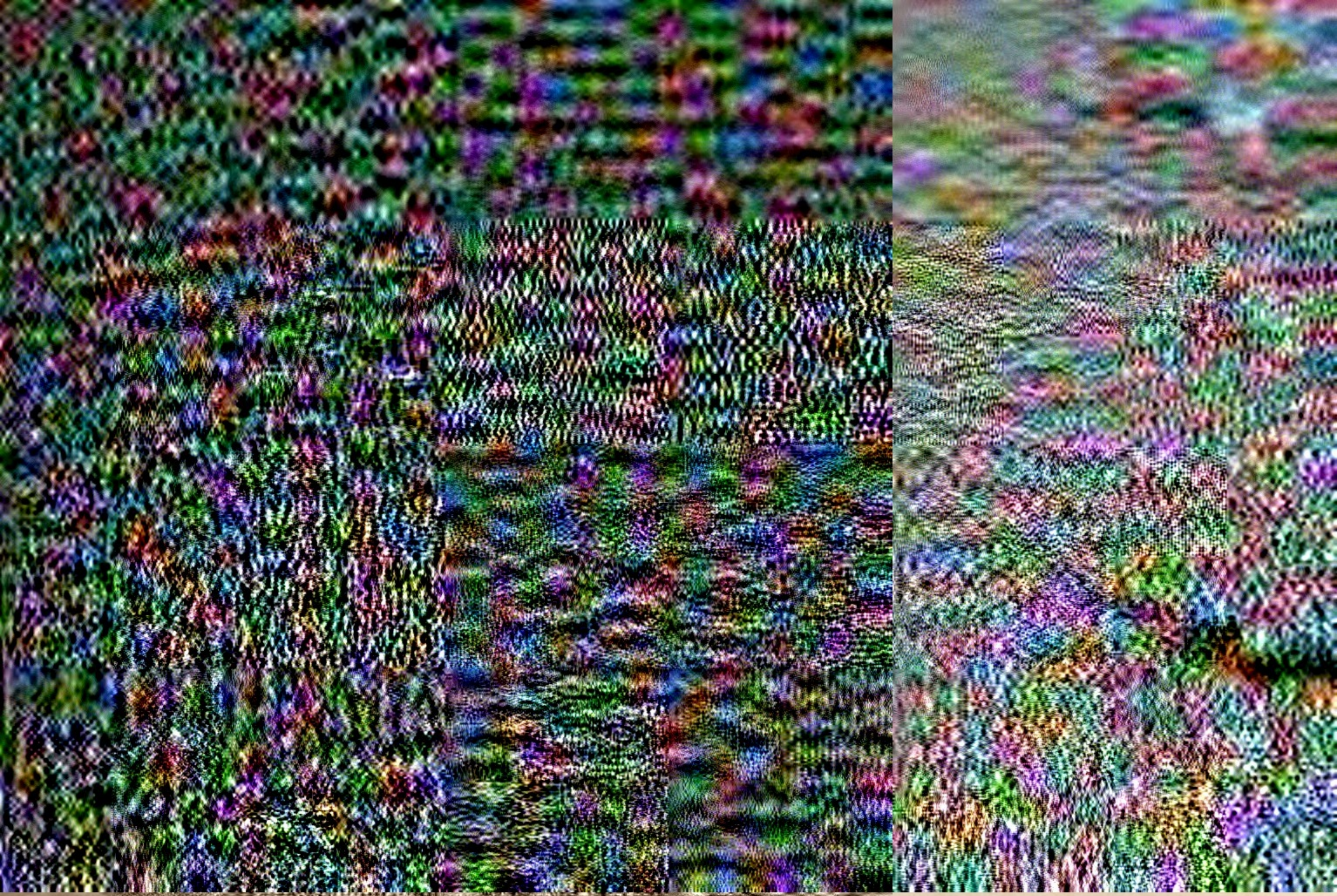
It was next ascertained that a man answering the same description had made himself conspicuous at the Vanderbilt landing, where he had indulged freely in oysters, hot gins, and eggs. He was seen on the seven o'clock boat coming up to New York, by a deck-hand, who had, by his own solicitation, counted a portion of his money, which he carried in two small bags, like



and the woman who
reached the cabin of the
coat and a clean shirt,
the folds as if with a
ut seven inches long,
n it. They ascertained
used to bore two holes
ng off the blood, which
lected in the run be-
ck, and the starboard
ences of a tremendous
tted with the utmost
he murderer, for three
the cabin.

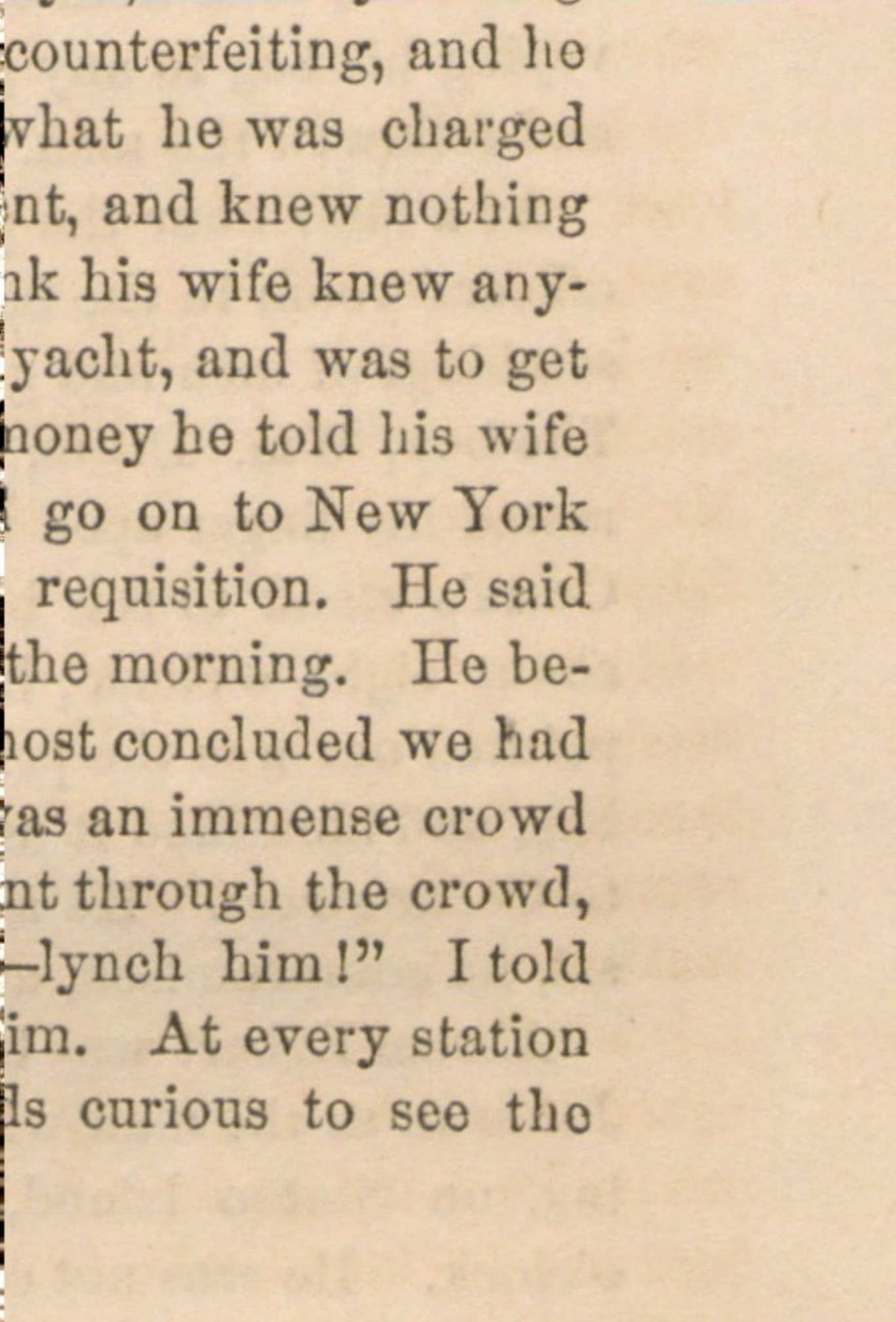
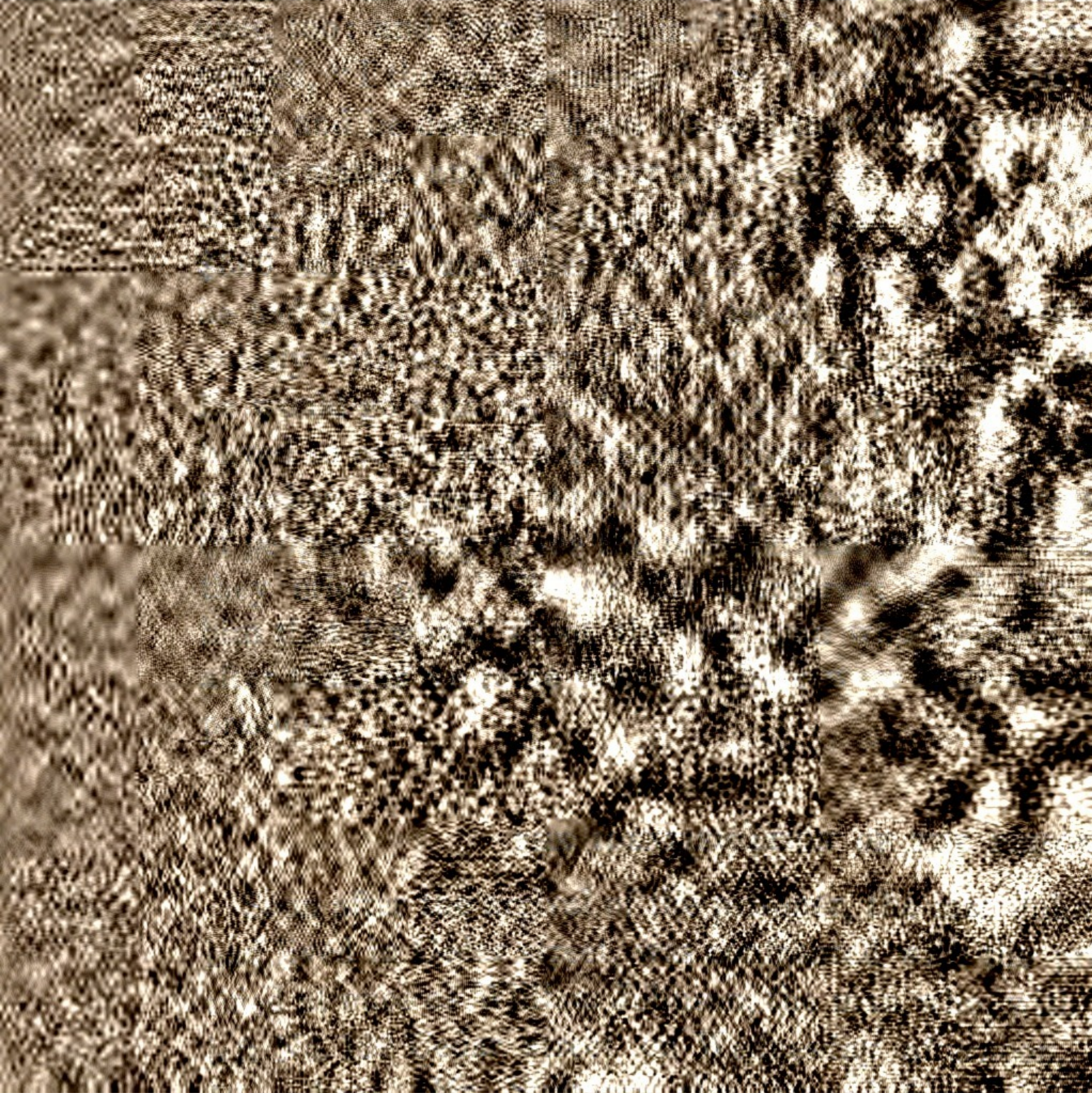
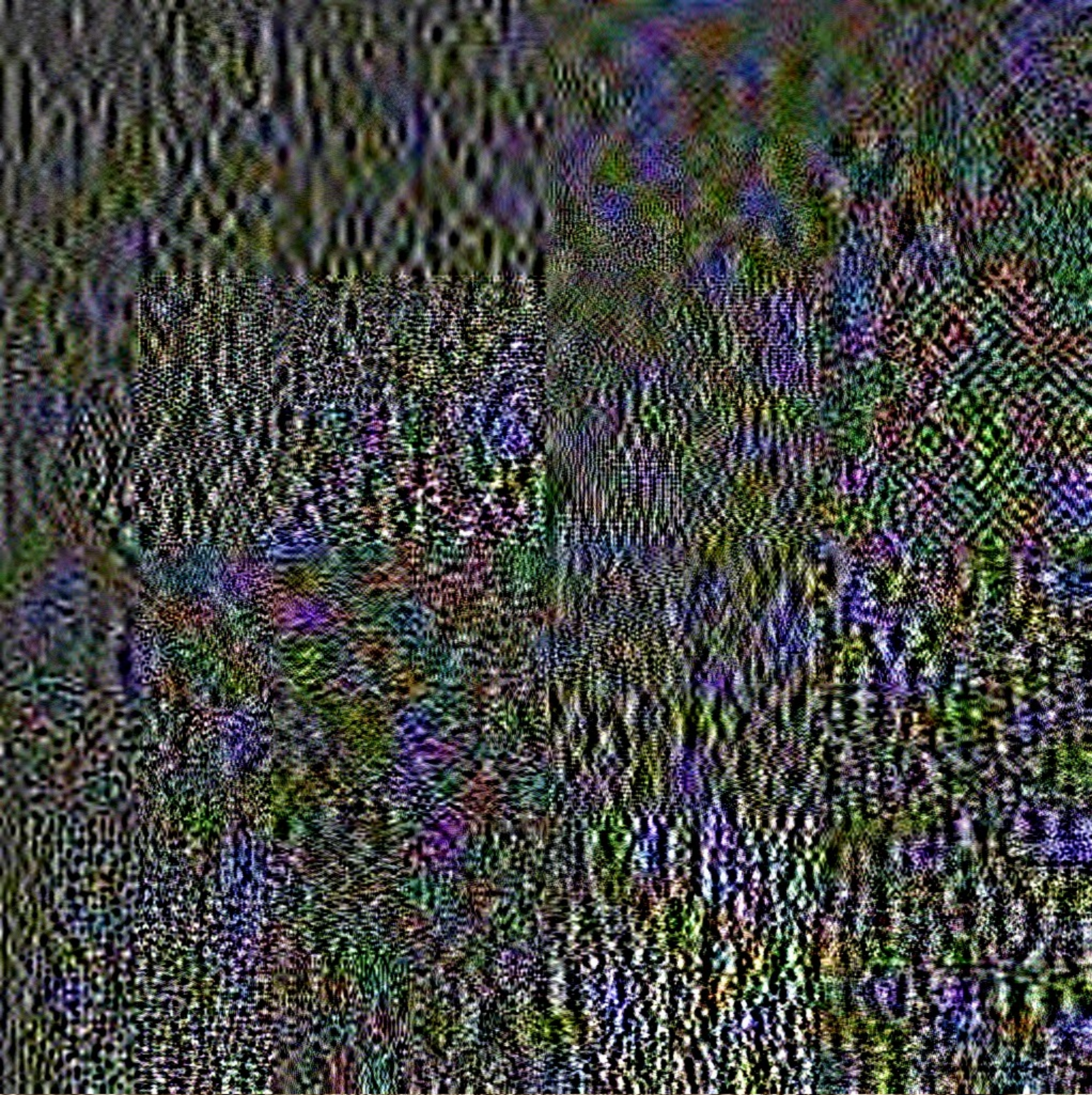
the public were waiting
ers, when, on Friday
Providence, intimating
se, where he had taken
On Saturday, this news
ne greatly intensified,
o lynch the prisoner on
way depot, at Twenty-

seventh street and fourth avenue, also at forty-second street, at the upper
end of the Harlem Railroad. At 5 o'clock, P.M., the train arrived, contain-
ing the officers and their prisoner. But the multitudes who waited and
looked for the prisoner were doomed to disappointment, for the officers had
prepared themselves before reaching the city for avoiding any attack from
infuriated mobs, by taking their places in the first or baggage car, thus
avoiding suspicion. In this way they came down to the lower depot, and



...a woman, and child,
that on the arrival of
morning, we left in the
morning at Canton, how-
ever in search of, so
that the murderer
evidence we called upon
other officers, cheer-
fully and the city to all the
questioning baggage-
men but could get no satis-
faction by the Fall River
at Bradford Durfee, to
on the previous morn-
ing we came up with them, and
retired part of the city,
I did not, but referred
to the city. The hack-
man's circumstances, and where
ward against accidents,
I inquired of the landlady if
she had quarter dollars which he
had. The landlady told him

that the man was not in, but would be in that night. Arrangements were then made for a descent upon the house at two o'clock on Saturday morning. At this hour I knocked at the door, and at first the landlady did not seem inclined to let me in. I told her I was an officer who had arrested the hackman for passing counterfeit quarters, and as he had stated that he got them from the sailor, I had come to satisfy myself of the truth of the story. She opened the door, and we went up to this man's room, some seven or eight




counterfeiting, and he
what he was charged
nt, and knew nothing
nk his wife knew any-
yacht, and was to get
money he told his wife
go on to New York
requisition. He said
the morning. He be-
most concluded we had
was an immense crowd
nt through the crowd,
—lynch him!" I told
im. At every station
els curious to see the

ER.

Burke, with whom he
soner, whom he iden-
his wife and child, had
and went on the Fall
River boat. Mr. Simmons also stepped forward, and recognized the pri-
soner as one of the hands who sailed from this port with Captain Burr on
board the sloop E. A. Johnson. Upon being asked if he knew Captain Burr,
he said he did not, he never saw him, and never sailed in the vessel com-
manded by him.

On Sunday afternoon, an old man, named Charles La Coste, who keeps a



up to him, took hold of his bag, and implored him for the privilege of conveying his bag to any given point of the metropolis. The boy took the bag and followed the man.

At a later hour the prisoner was brought from his cell and taken into the officers' room in the back part of the station house, where a promiscuous assemblage of men had gathered in. The prisoner took his place among them. The boy, Wm. Drum, was then brought into the room, and in a moment rested his finger upon the man whose clothes-bag he had carried from La Coste's stand to the house No. 129 Cedar street, one morning last week, about eight o'clock; he did not recollect which morning. The man thus pointed out was the prisoner. The same boy immediately afterward saw the bag, and identified it as the one which he had carried from the South Ferry to Cedar street. He asked Johnson fifty cents for the job, but, on his refusal, he compromised, and took three shillings.

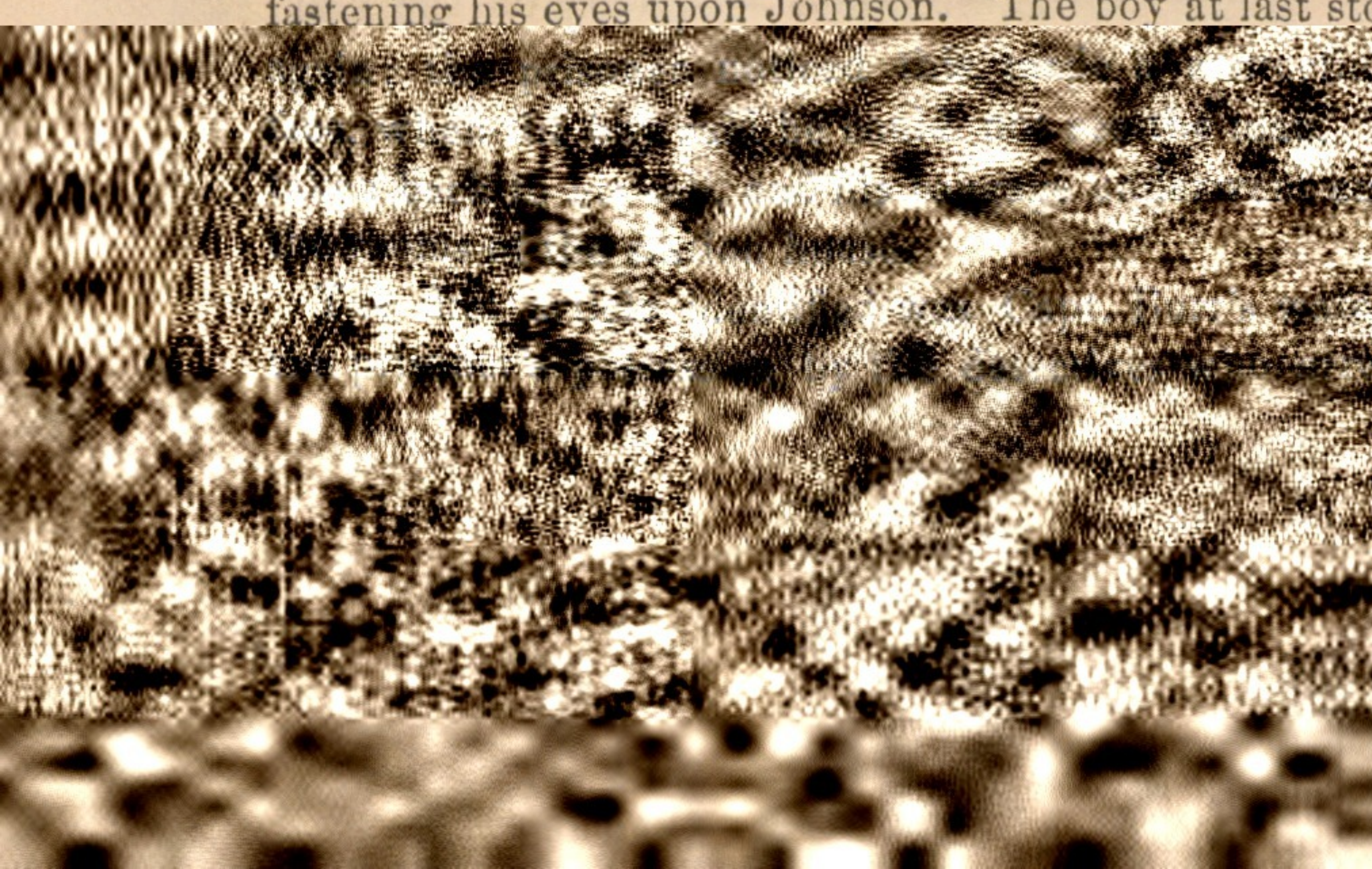
Abram Egbert was introduced in the same manner as the boy, and selected Johnson as the man who spoke to him on the bridge of the Vanderbilt landing, on Staten Island, last Wednesday morning, between six and seven o'clock. He was not certain, but he thought he was the man.

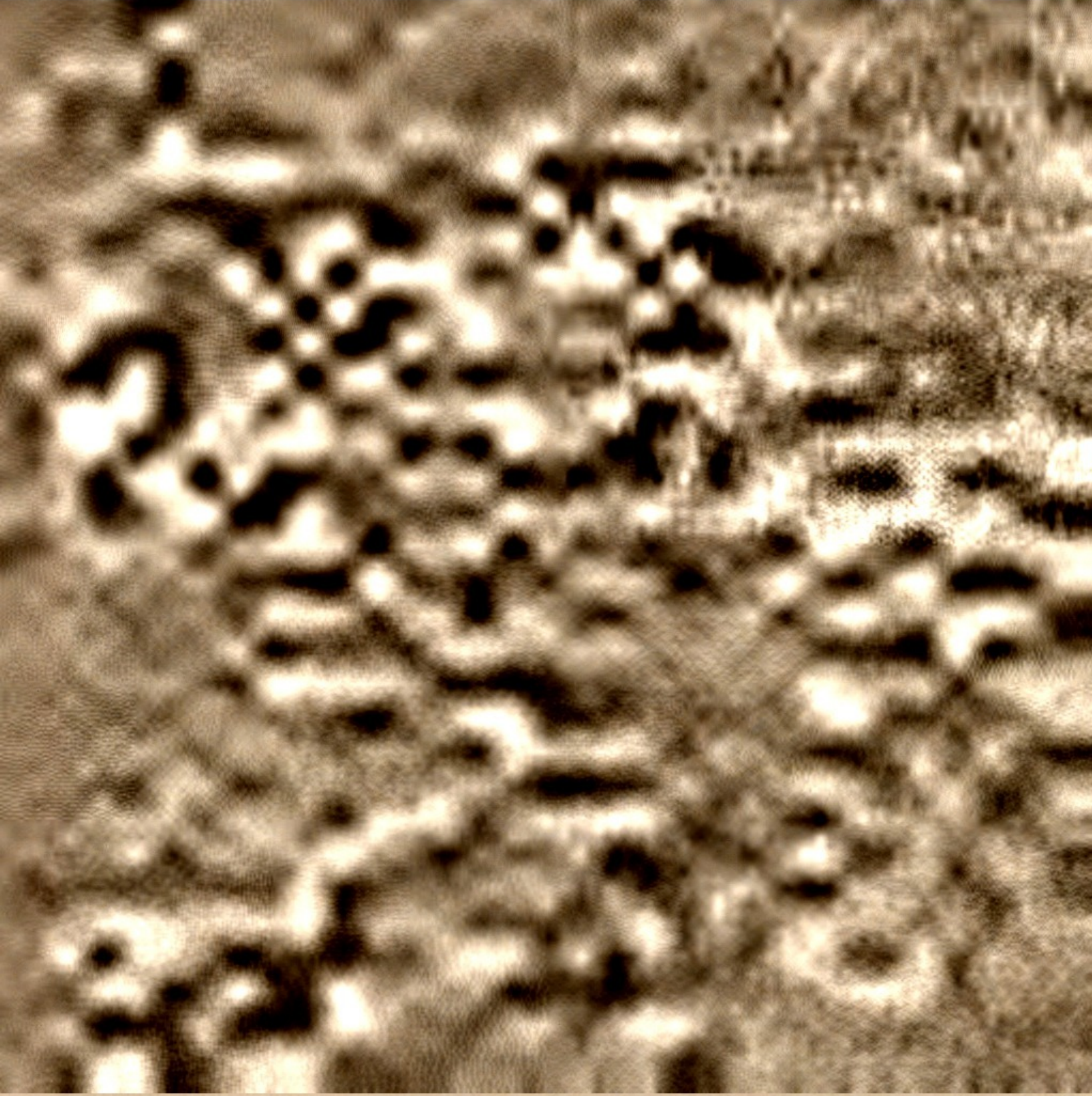
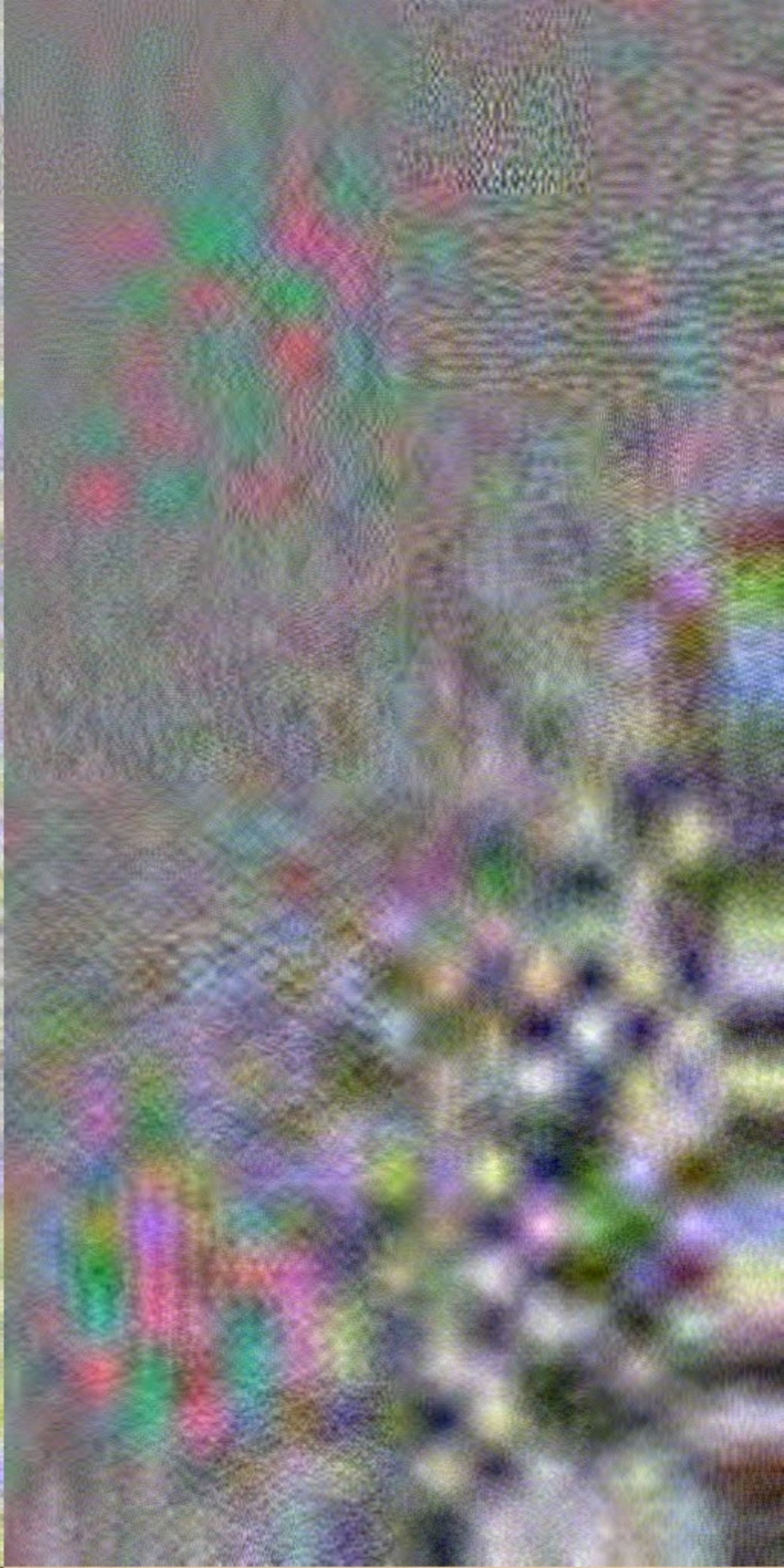
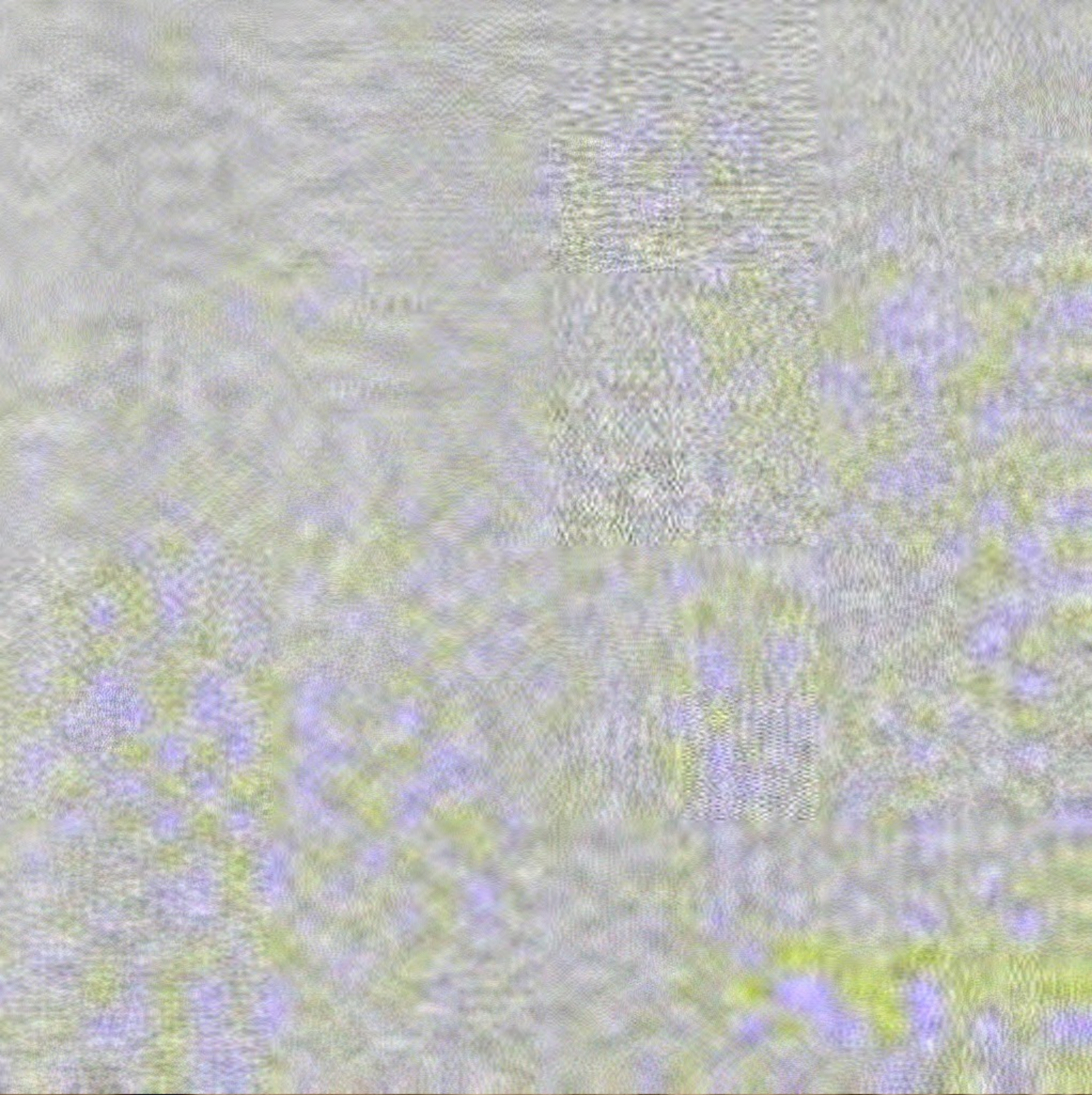
Augustus Gisler, the boy who sold Johnson the oyster stew, the eggs, and the numerous hot gins, was also introduced in the same manner. He at once pointed out Johnson, and said, "That is the man."

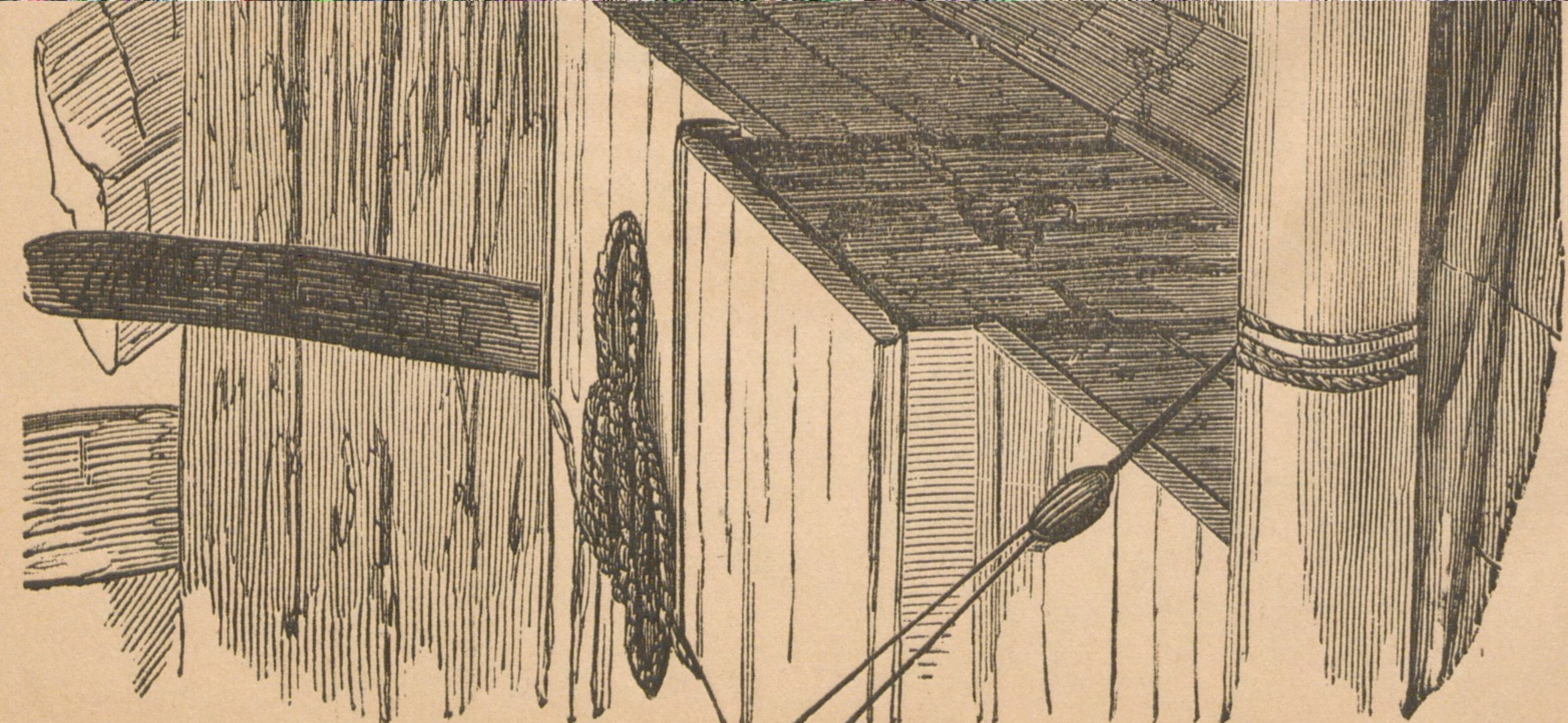
Another little boy, who had asked to black Johnson's boots, at the South Ferry, was introduced. He looked carefully through the crowd, repeatedly fastening his eyes upon Johnson. The boy at last stopped opposite Johnson

and turned away his back. The prisoner was then examined in one of

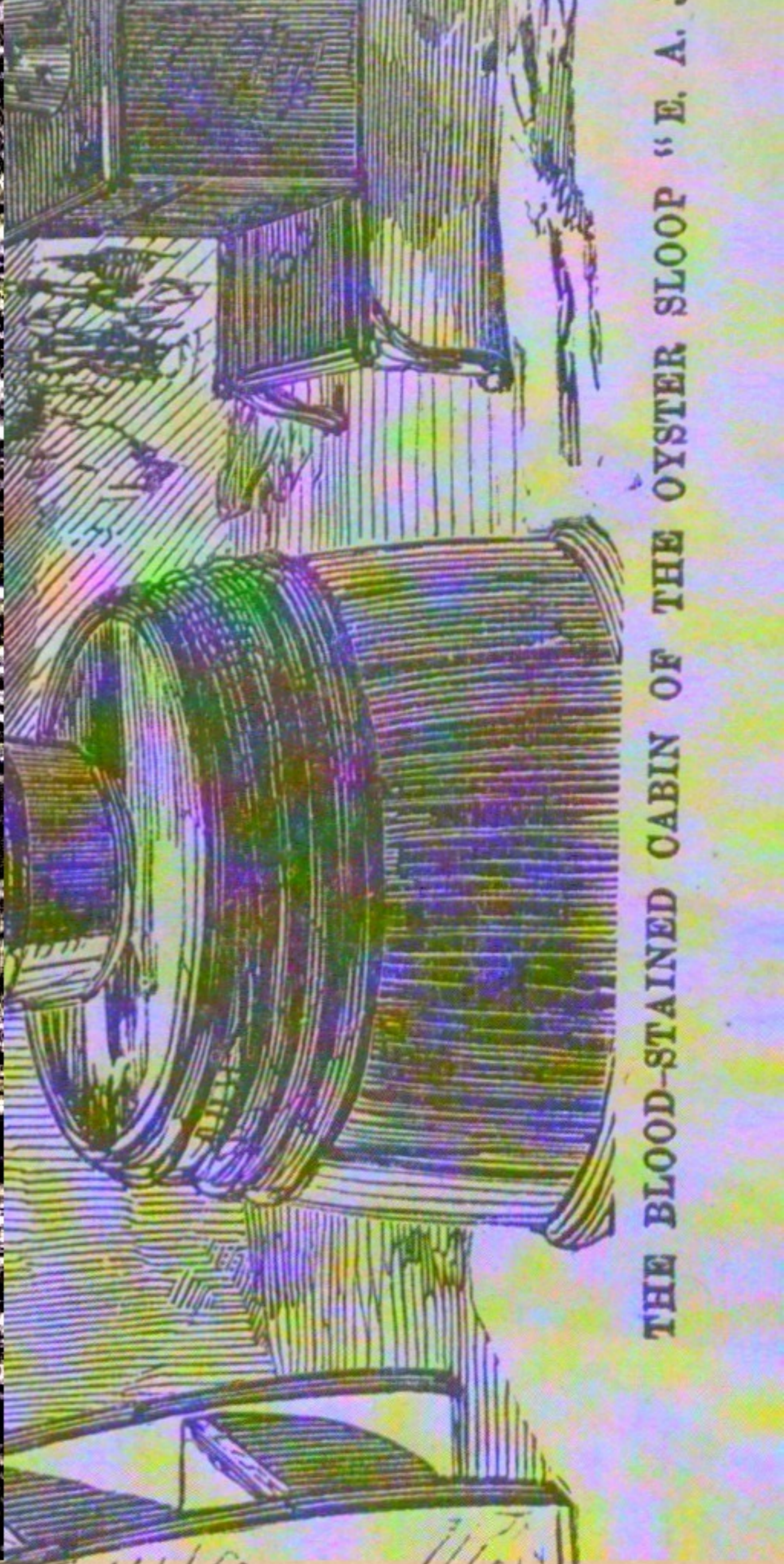
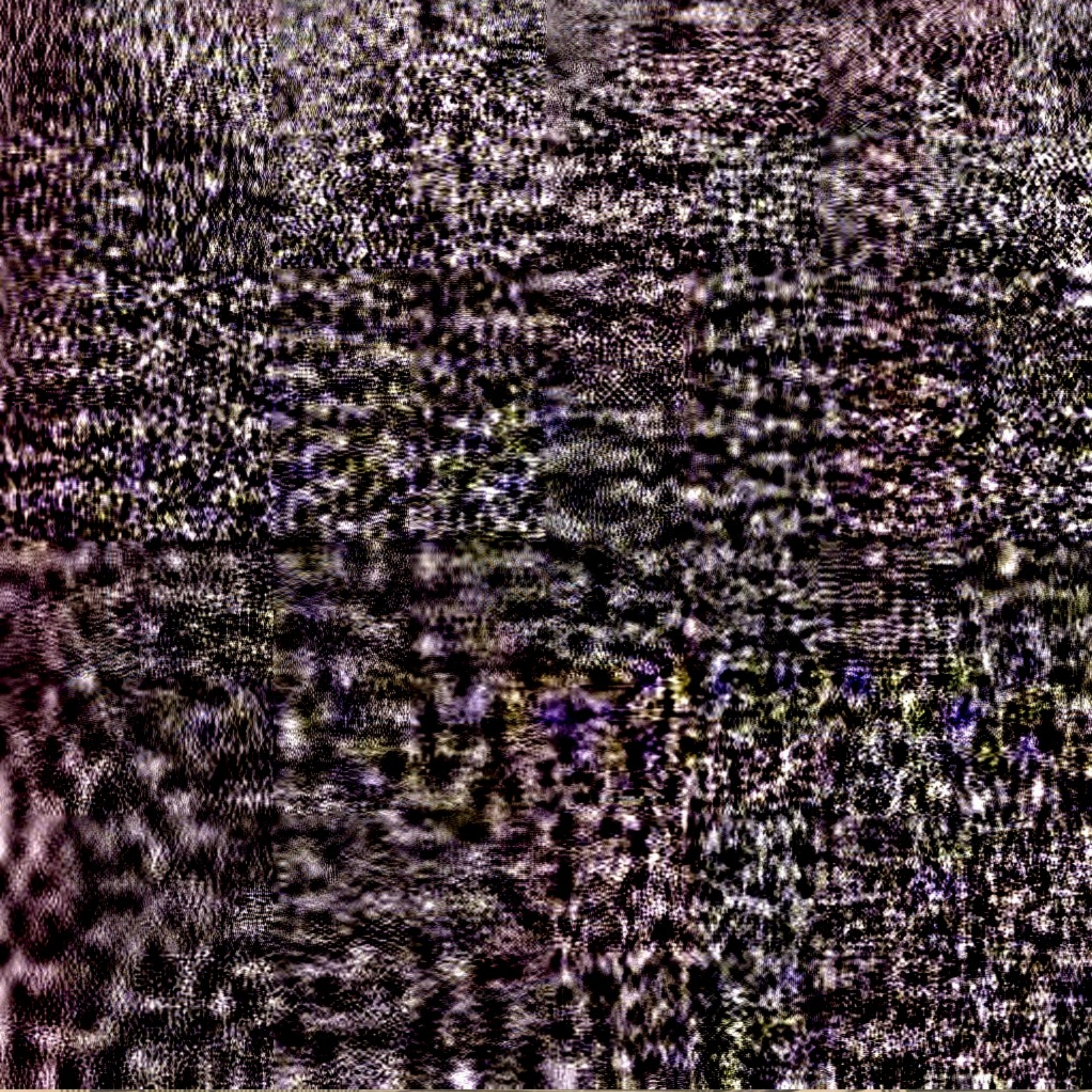
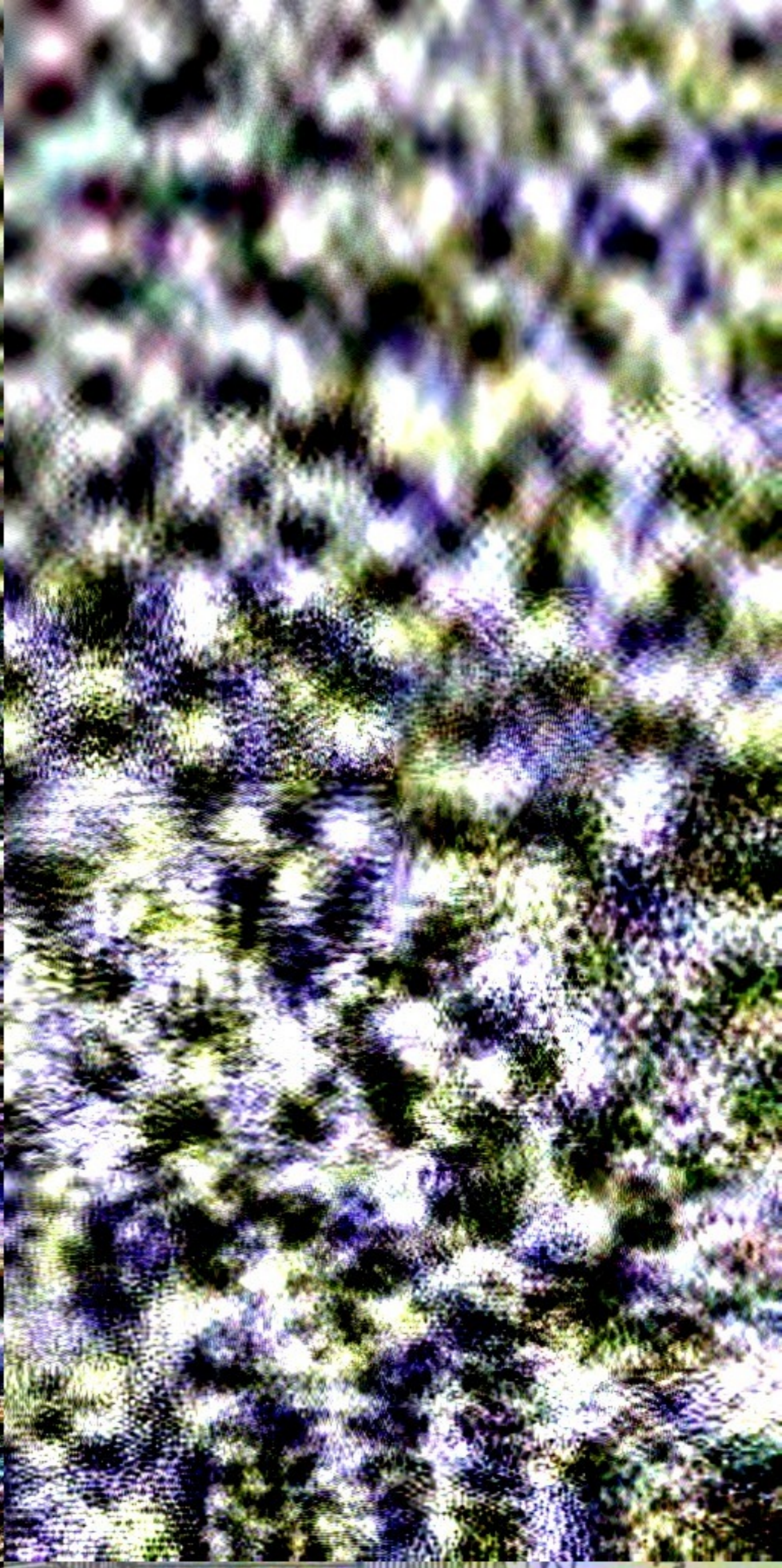
rooms, which was found in his possession. This watch



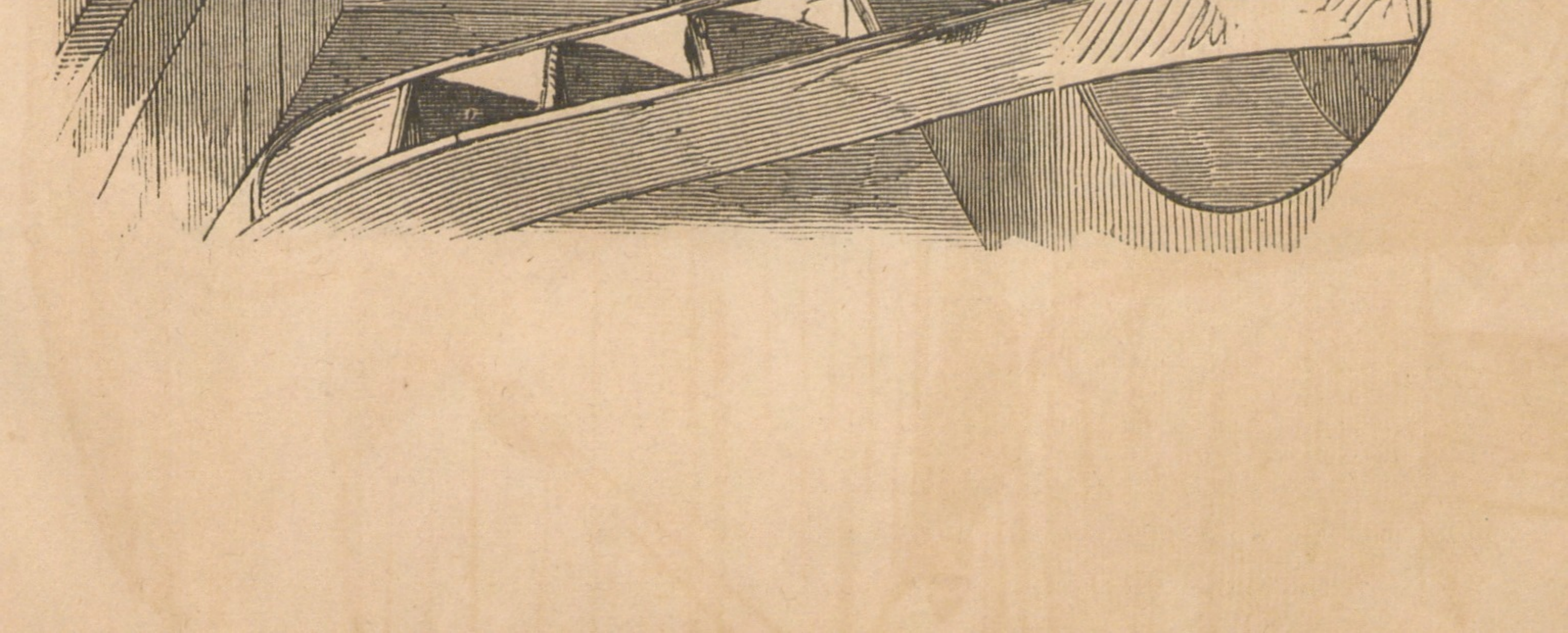




VIEW OF THE D



THE BLOOD-STAINED CABIN OF THE OYSTER SLOOP "E. A."





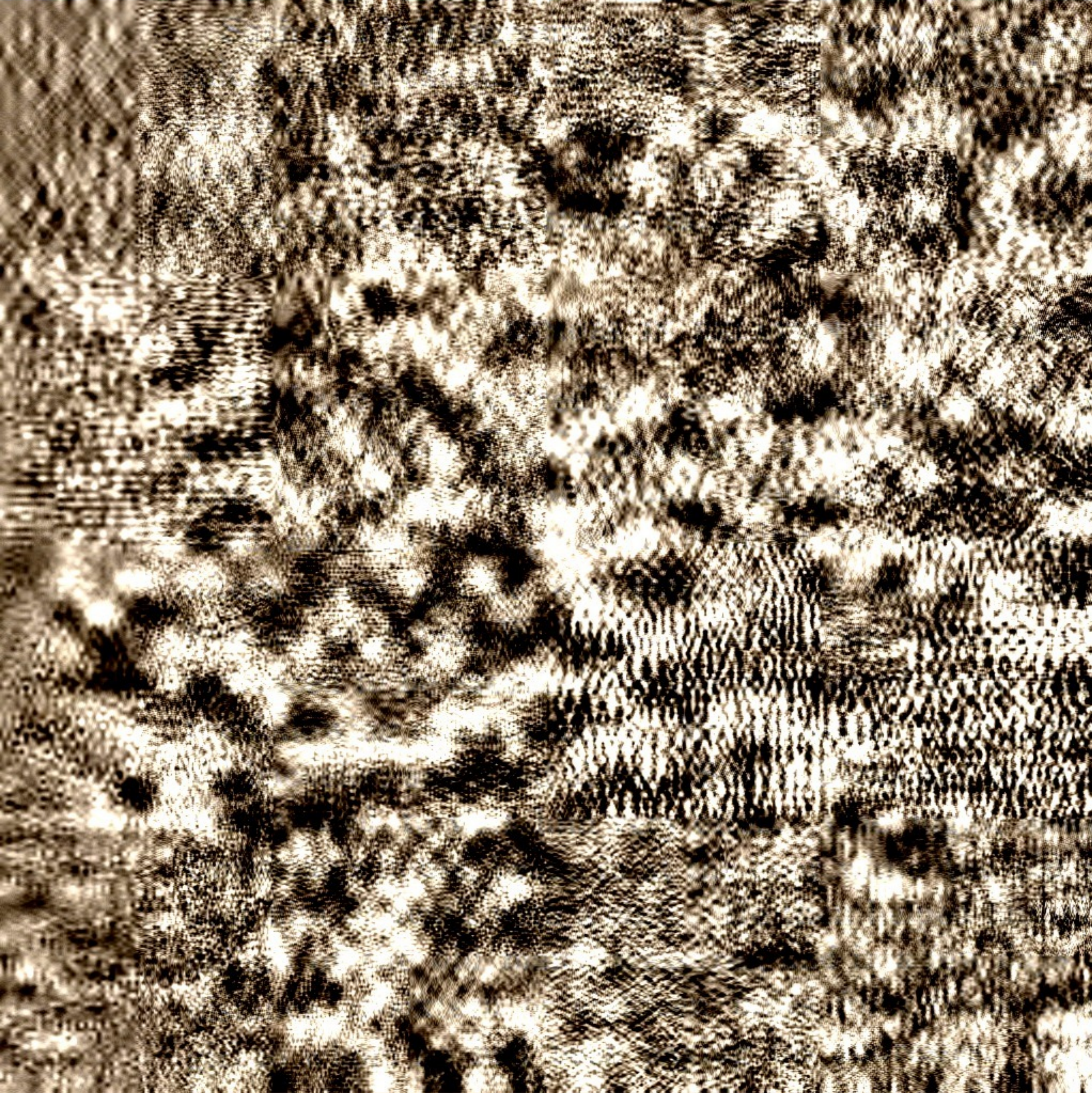
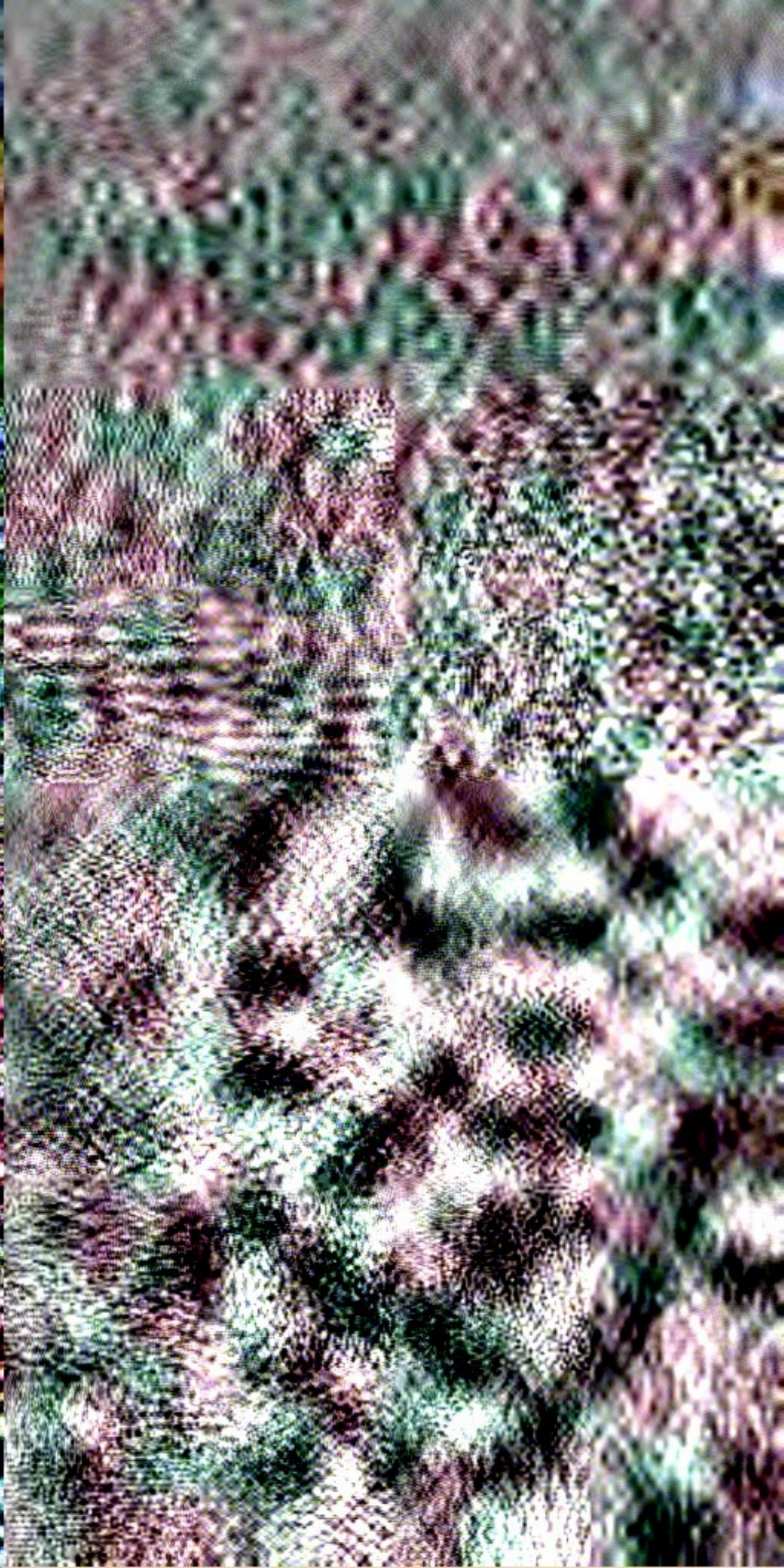
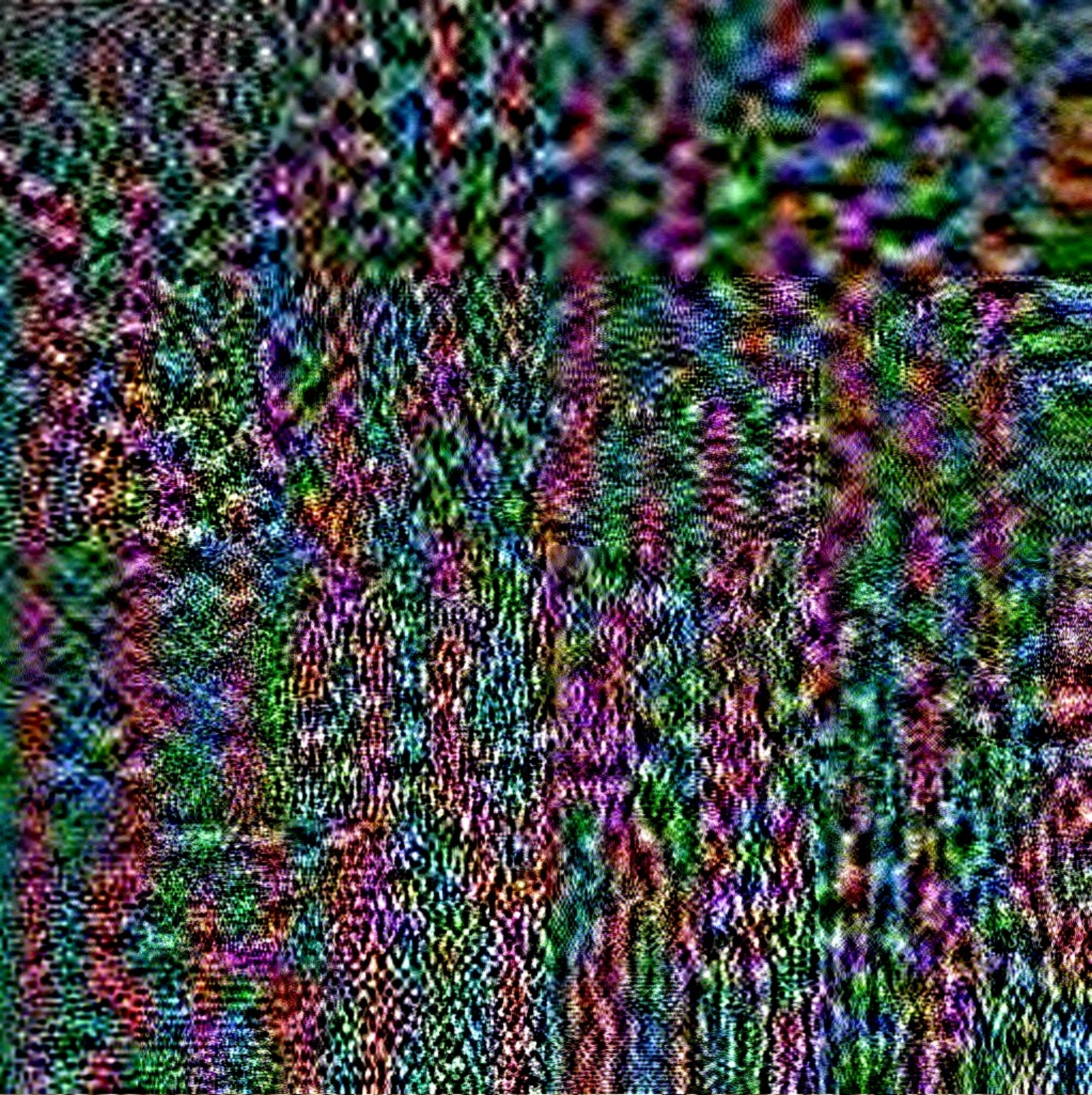


maker and the number
e and number on the
wo small bags, which
d by Mr. Seaman, and
e property of Captain
ed the daguerreotype
s, which was found in
ng lady friend of his
Spring street market,
on board the sloop E.
quently seen him.
of the prisoner, as he
who took supper with
t before she sailed.
a leave the yawl-boat
mond, identified the
found in Hick's bag-
an whom he had met

on the road between Fort Richmond and the Vanderbilt landing, last Wednesday, about six o'clock.

HIS INTERVIEW WITH HIS WIFE.

The wife of Hicks arrived in this city from Providence, on Sunday morning, and in company with John Burk visited her husband at the station



which nothing more
neighborhood of this
who committed the
it is entertained, and
of public justice.

...

...wing account of the
oucester, a few miles
er in that neighbor-
About fourteen or
. Simon Hicks, the
ns several years ago
ned Crossman, under
oucester. He was an
re very friendly, and
ever, Simon went to
man was in bed, and
f to several hundred
left for Providence, a
, taking with him a
Providence he bought

her a gold watch, and various other articles of finery. This lavish conduct caused suspicion, and he was arrested. He was examined in Chepachet, and afterward acknowledged his guilt. He was subsequently tried in Providence, convicted of murder, and sentenced to be executed. While awaiting execution, one of the prisoners in the jail, whose time had almost expired, opened a number of the cells, and there was quite a stampede of prisoners, among whom was Simon Hicks. They were all recaptured within



... hand; can turn his
ne says, and has got
at, only is not a very
to windward; he un-
s a man that has been
t fast. We often get
es a nice helmsman;
elmsman close by the
write the first chance
ve are going to Pion-
ut five miles short of
I have nothing more

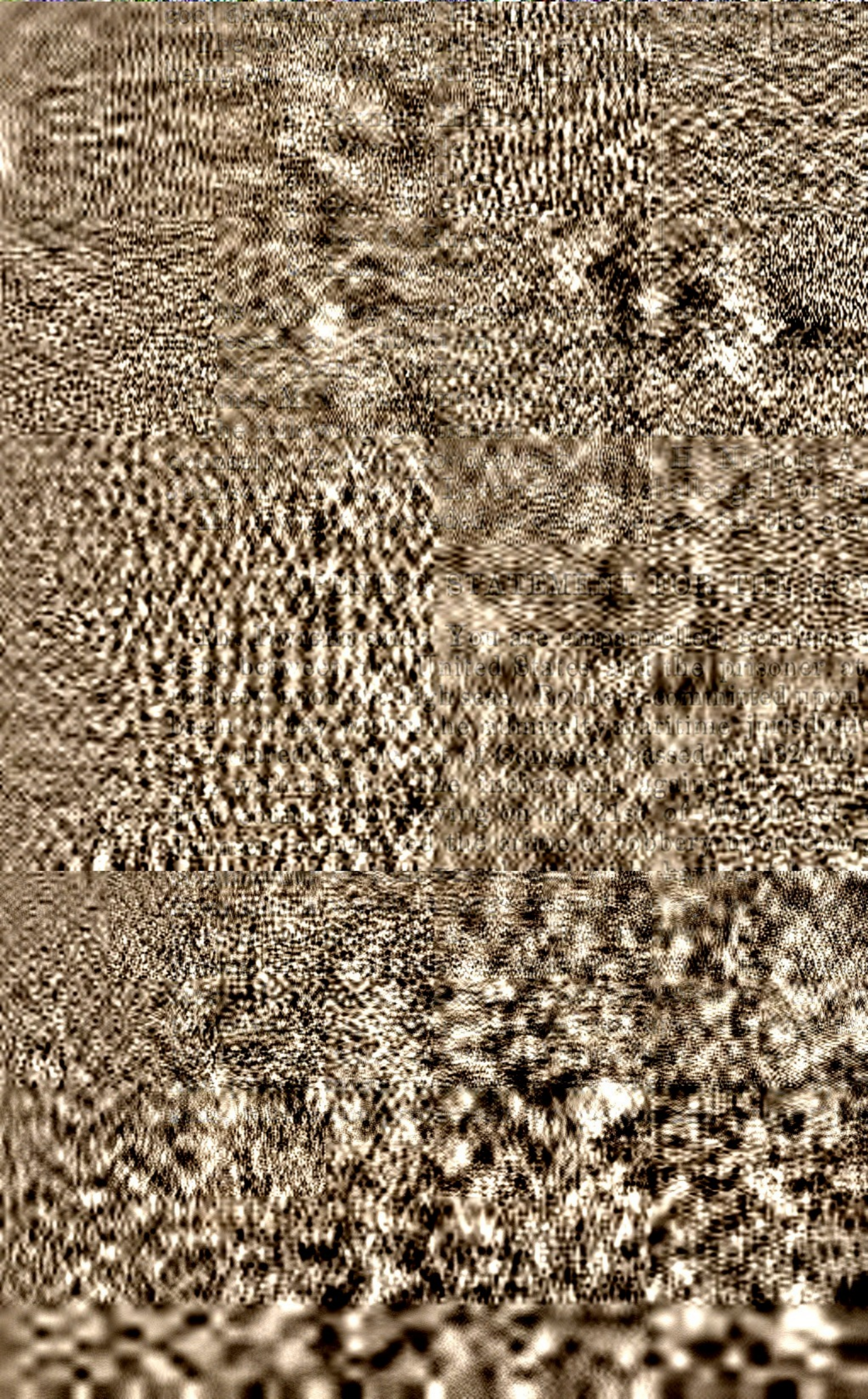
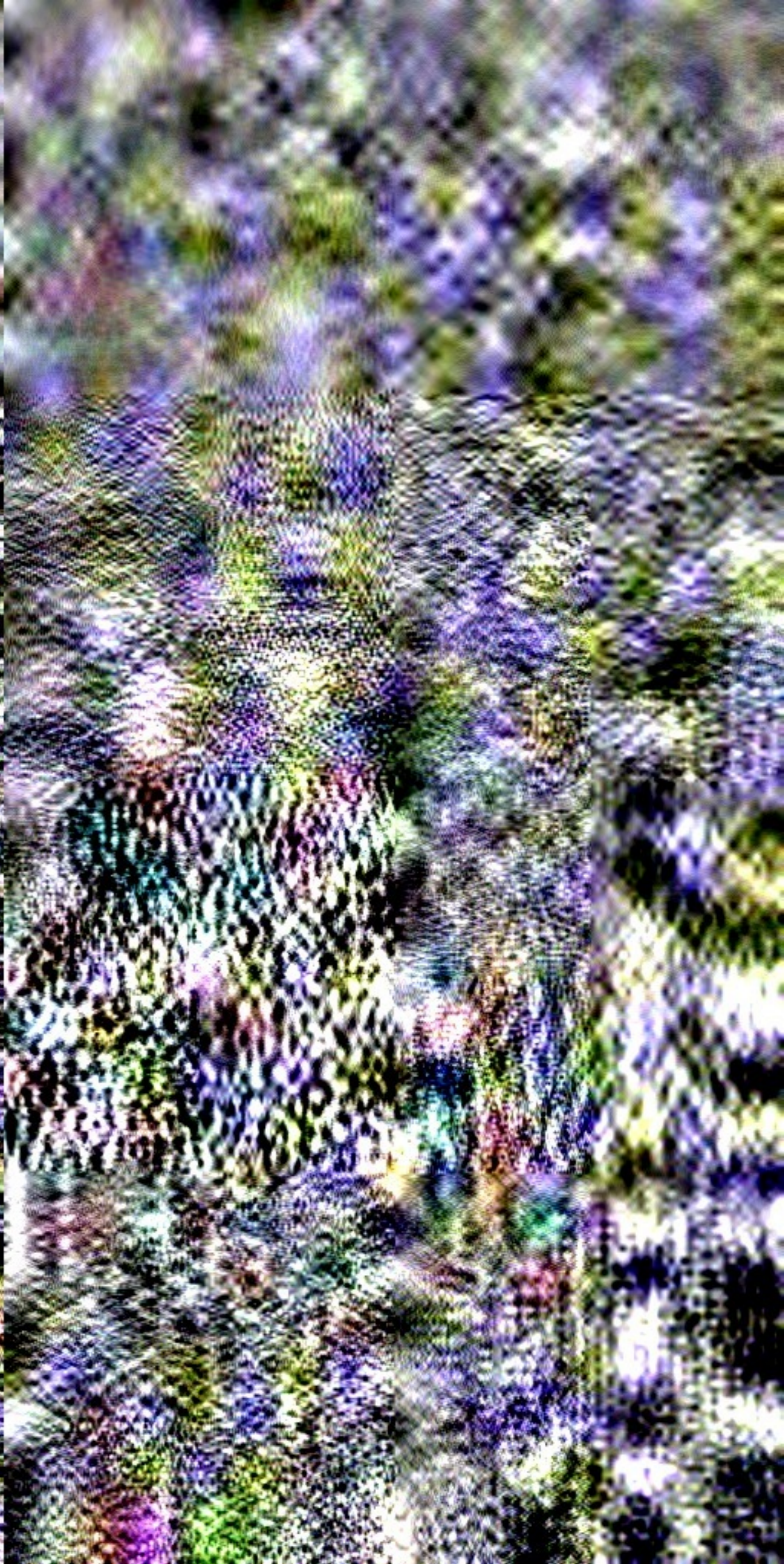
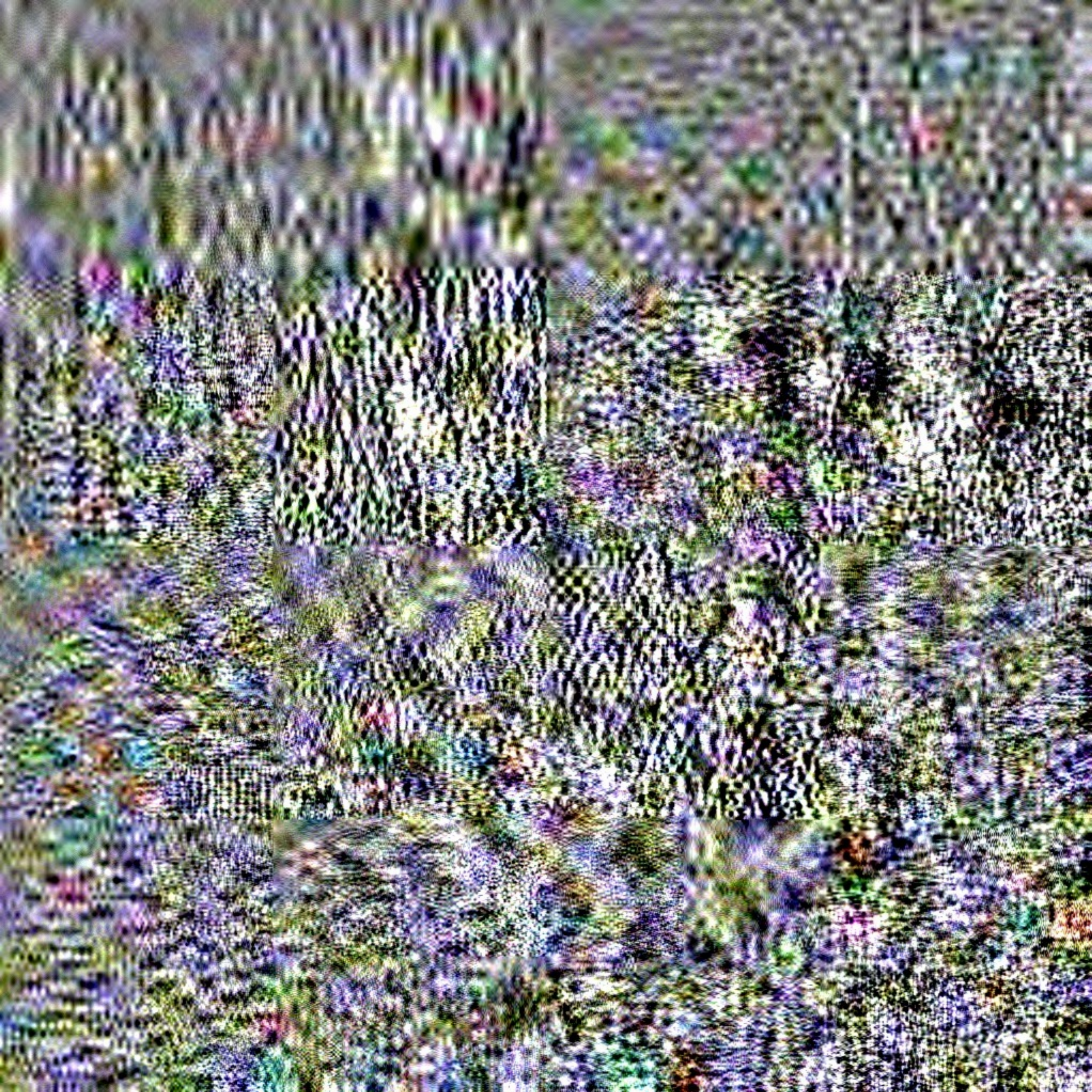
usband, ever,
"GEO. H. BURR."

ted above were given
Grand Jury found a
seas against him.

ted five days, during
difference to the pro-

May 14—FIRST DAY.

It being announced that this extraordinary and mysterious tragedy would be brought to trial this morning, the court-room was densely crowded. Judge Smalley said he was informed by the District Attorney, that there were a large number of witnesses for the prosecution, and as the District Court was larger than the Circuit room, the proceedings would be conducted in the District Court room.



out the whole case.
e challenges, and some
nion :

Brady,
W. Allen,
rell,
Fuller,
Calvey,
n Sherman.

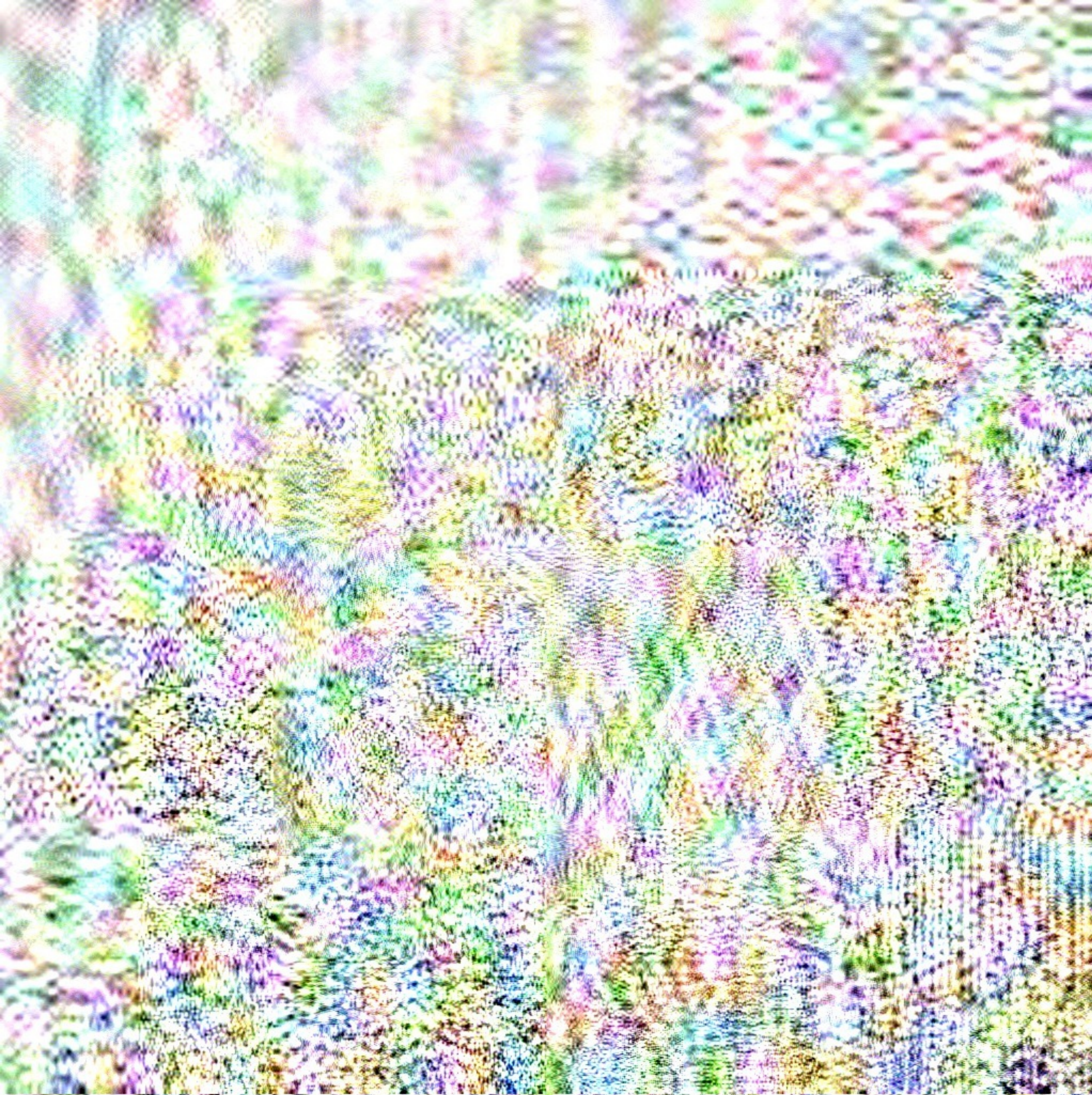
e, having formed and
Martin, Jos. J. B. Del-
urbeck, John Latham,

orily by the prisoner's
B. Lawton, and Oscar
lleged for doing.

the government.

ERNMENT.

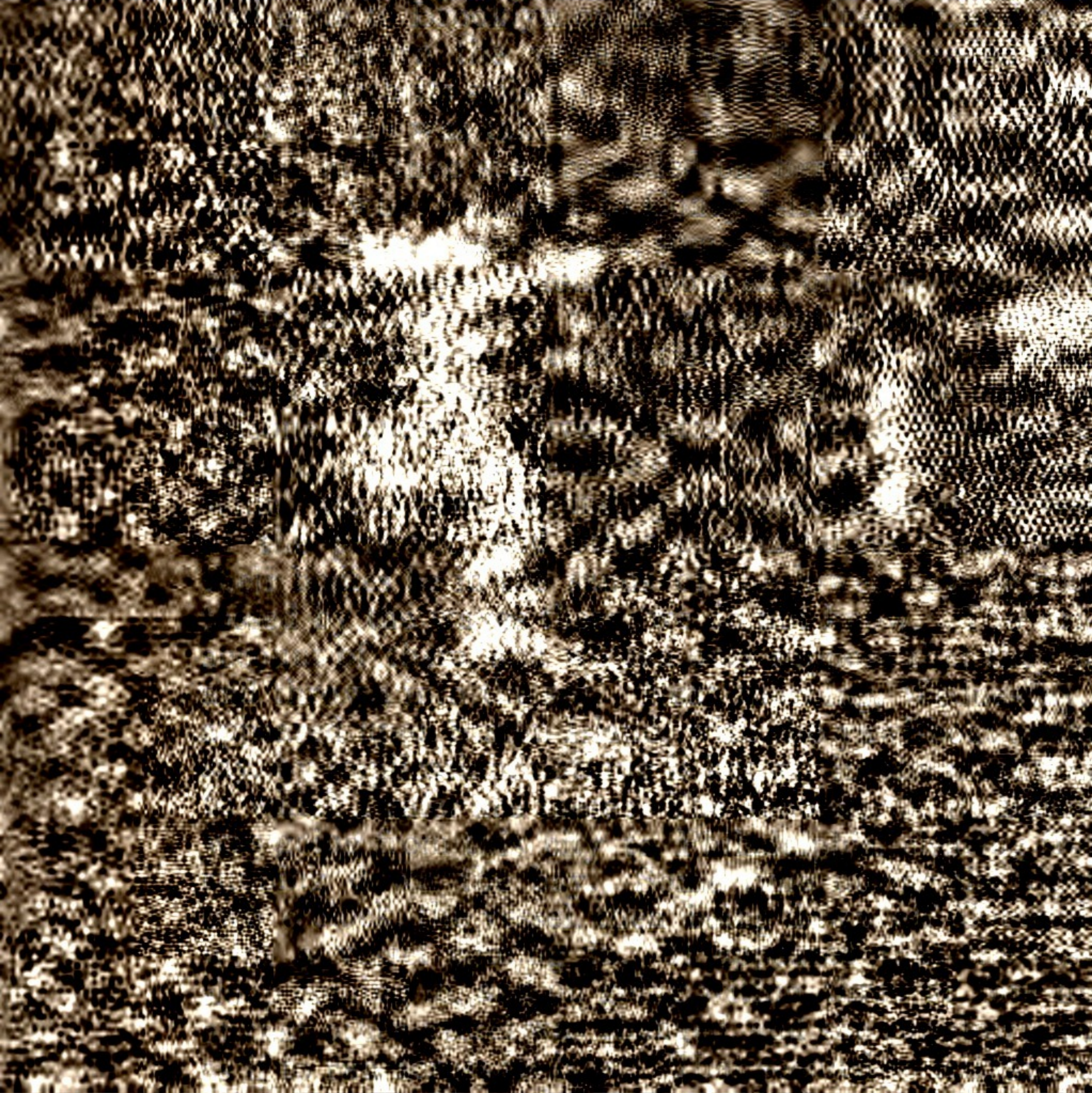
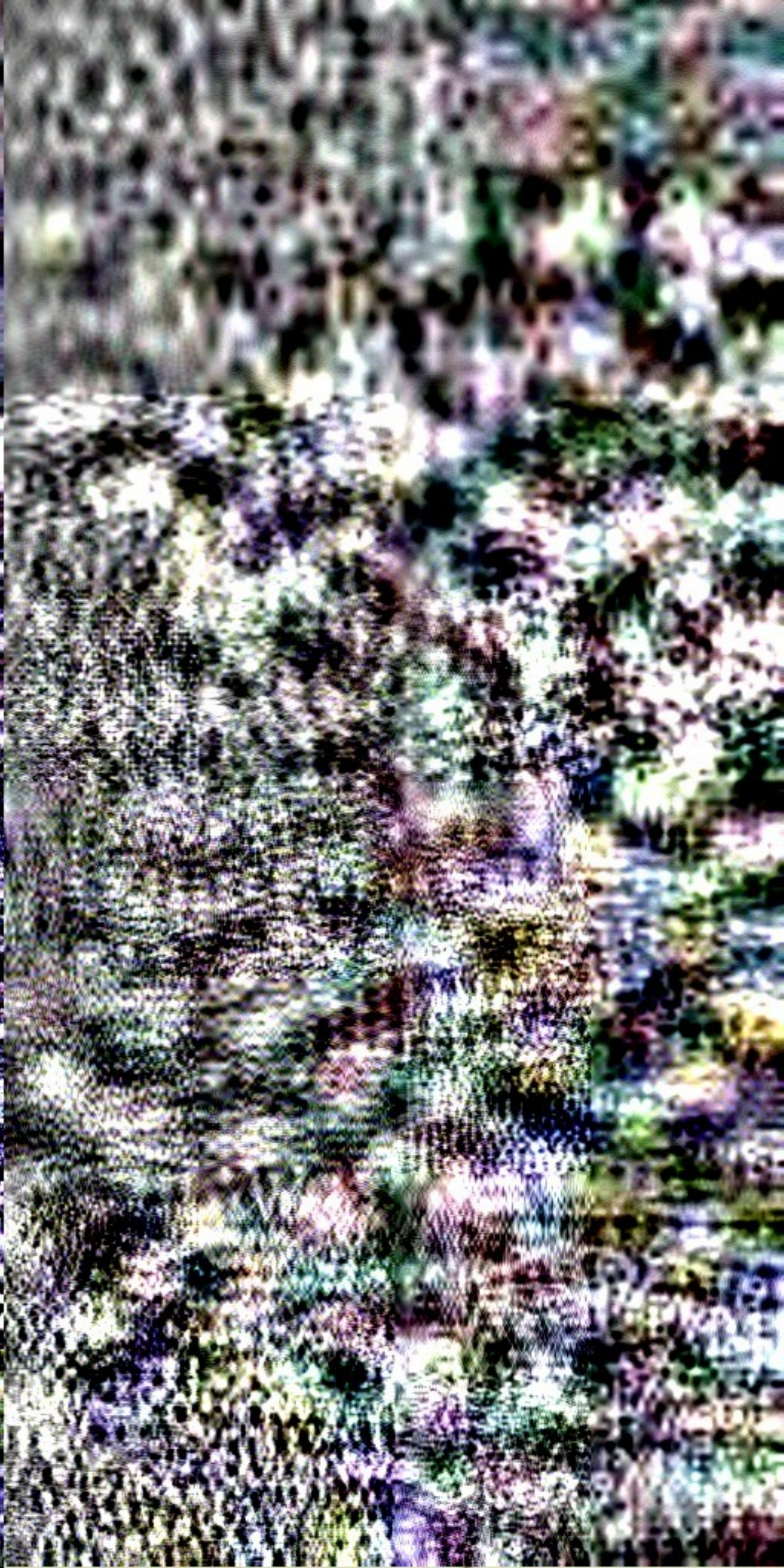
of the jury, to try the
the bar, charged with
the high seas, or in any
of the United States,
passed in 1820, to
and punish
er charges him in the
on the sloop Edwin A.
ge H. Burr, master and
sly and violently taken
wearing apparel. Rob-
y of another from his
e or by putting him in
unishment, as you will
s, is different from its
otect more effectually
vessels upon the high
not so great as it can



in down the side of the companionway, they found in the middle or forepart of the vessel having been dragged upon the rail and overboard. An effort was made to wash it off. On inspection a confusion appeared there. The companion-way steps on the companion-way had bore signs of having been washed off which had been washed off and found there. Upon the deck the hand would naturally be found in the

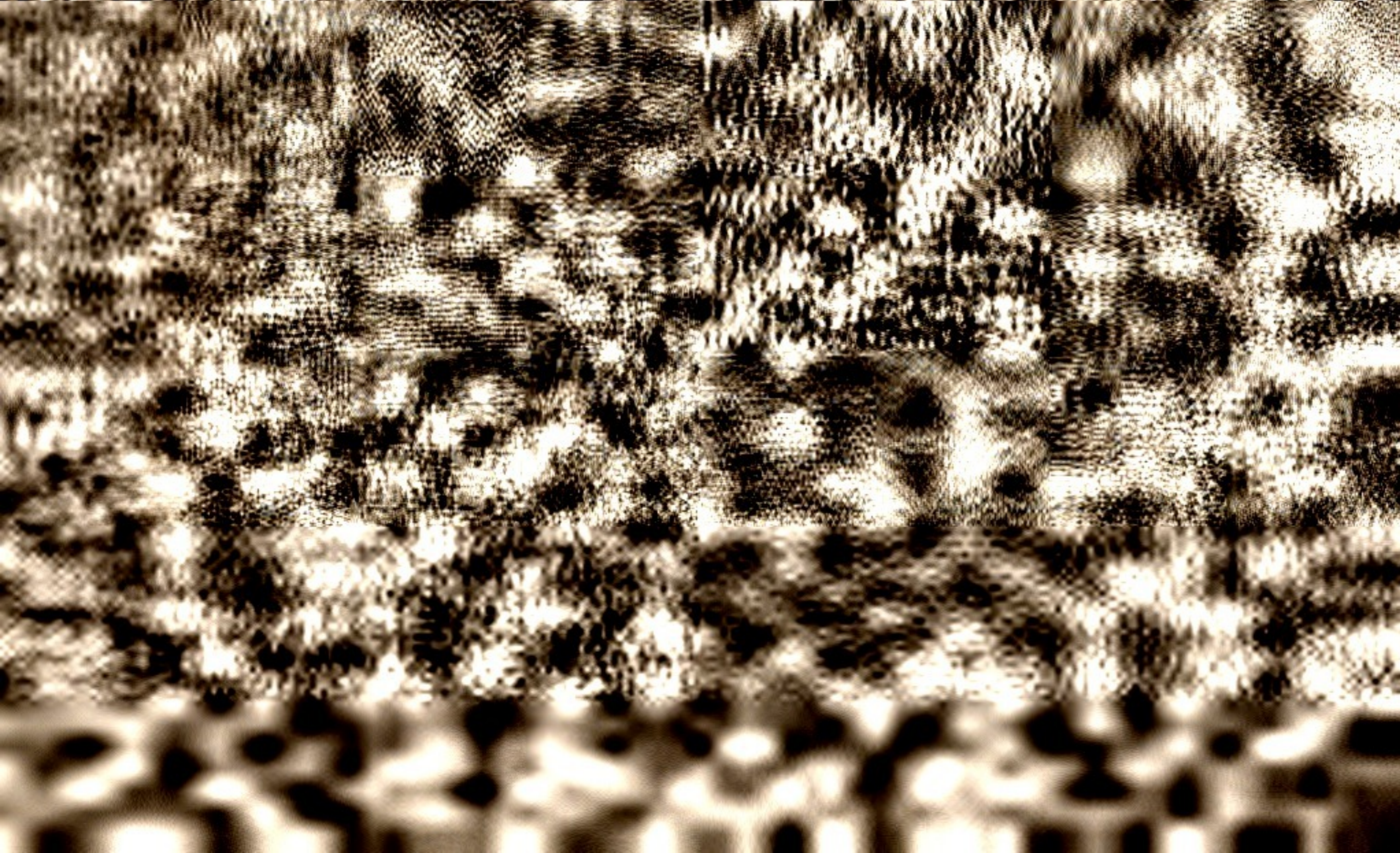
the articles lying in the hold in the lower part of the vessel an endeavor had been made to wash the water run down. The articles were found there, and also some of the articles. It seemed as if the vessel had been abandoned and a pile of wood under the deck a coffee-pot or a tea-pot was indented and covered with the articles found on the pail. The vessel was in commission, and the vessel was in commission on the morning of Wednesday, March 14th, 1861, at Market. On the affair

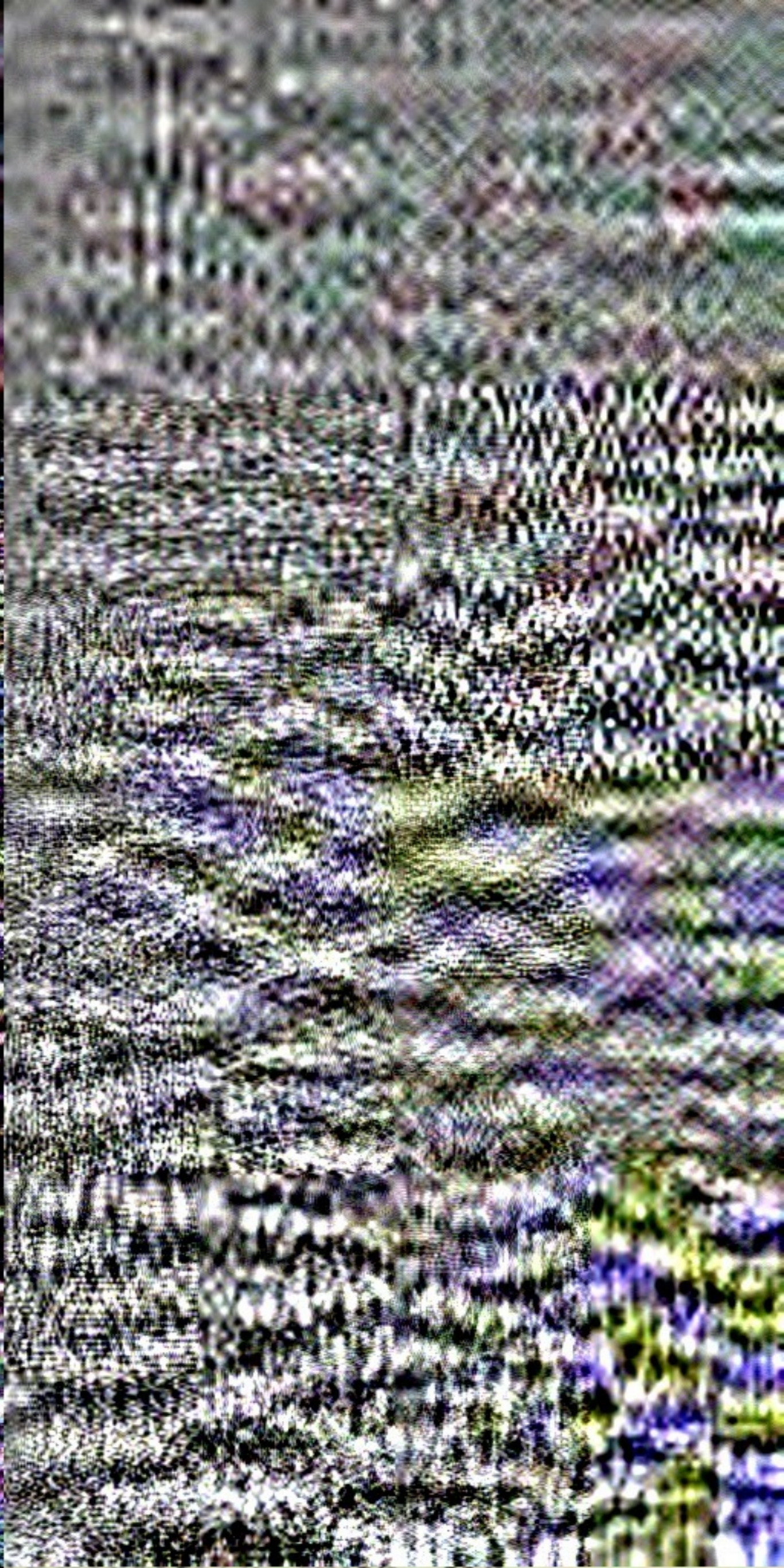
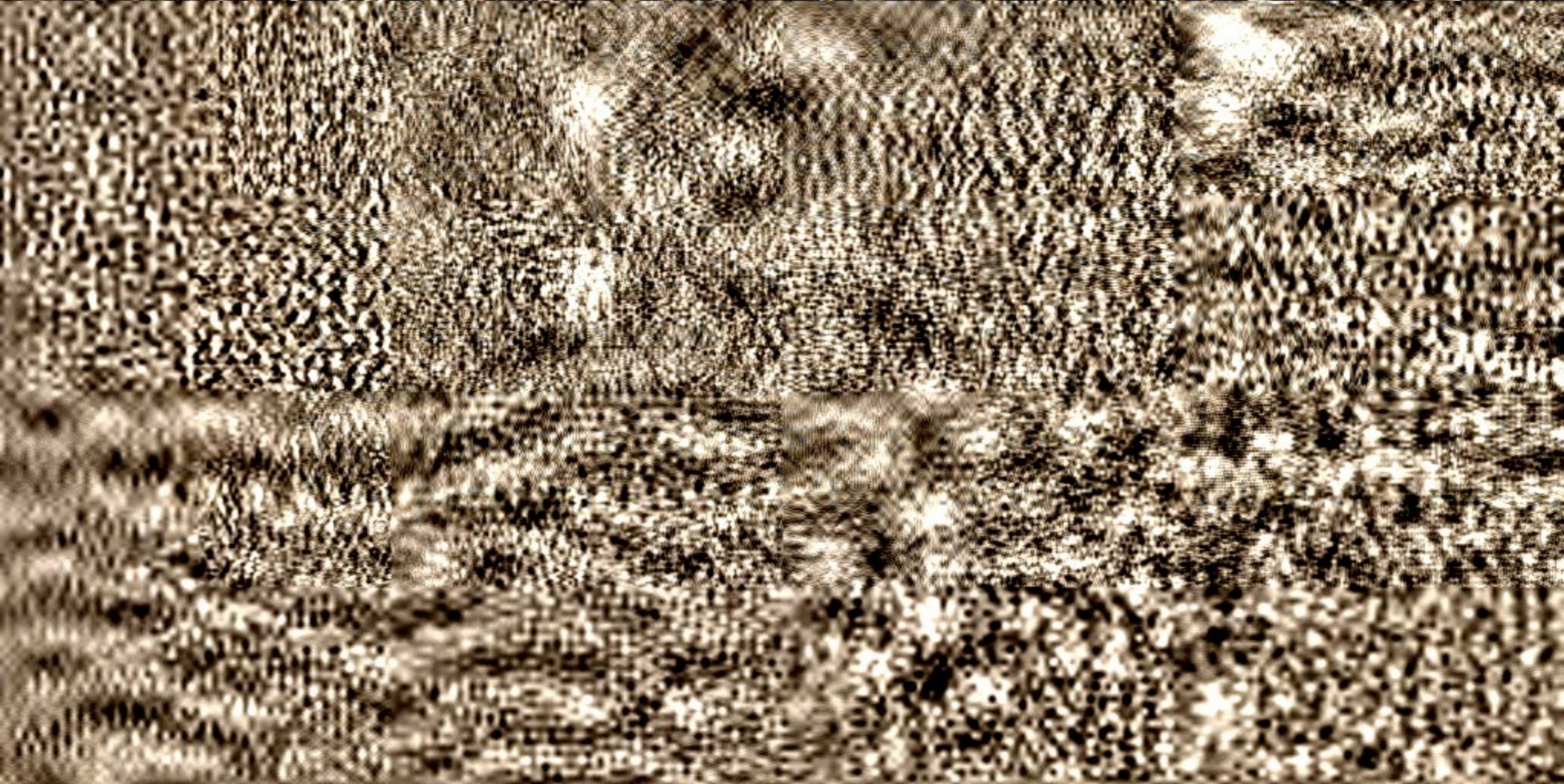
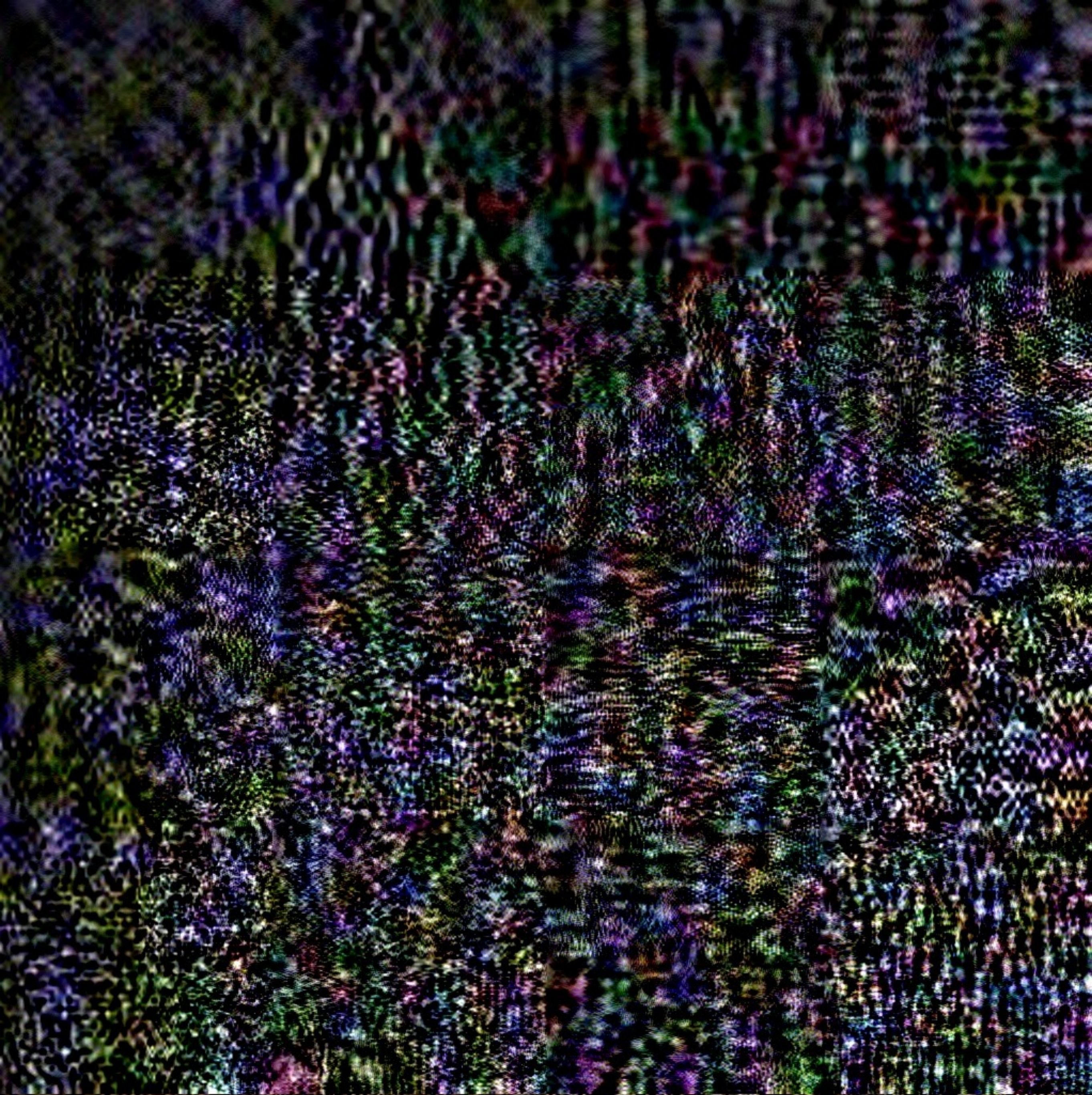
being noised about the town, the sloop was visited by a large number of persons; among others by persons acquainted with the vessel and those belonging upon her. It was found that this was the sloop E. A. Johnson, owned at Islip, Long Island—a vessel belonging in this district, and commanded by George H. Burr, who was also part owner. The sloop had been engaged in the oyster trade in Virginia, and had recently come in, and had on the 13th of March, a week previous, cleared from here to go to Virginia for another cargo of oysters. The crew consisted, when she cleared from here, on the 15th of March, of Geo. H. Burr, master, two sailors—Oliver Watts and Smith Watts—young men, brothers, residing at Islip, and the defendant, who, under the name of William Johnson, had shipped as first



urned on Tuesday, and
sea. The vessel had
the arrival of young
which was on board the
e. It was watched by
two vessels lying at
Island. This was the
f I remember rightly.
ng is known of that
ces.

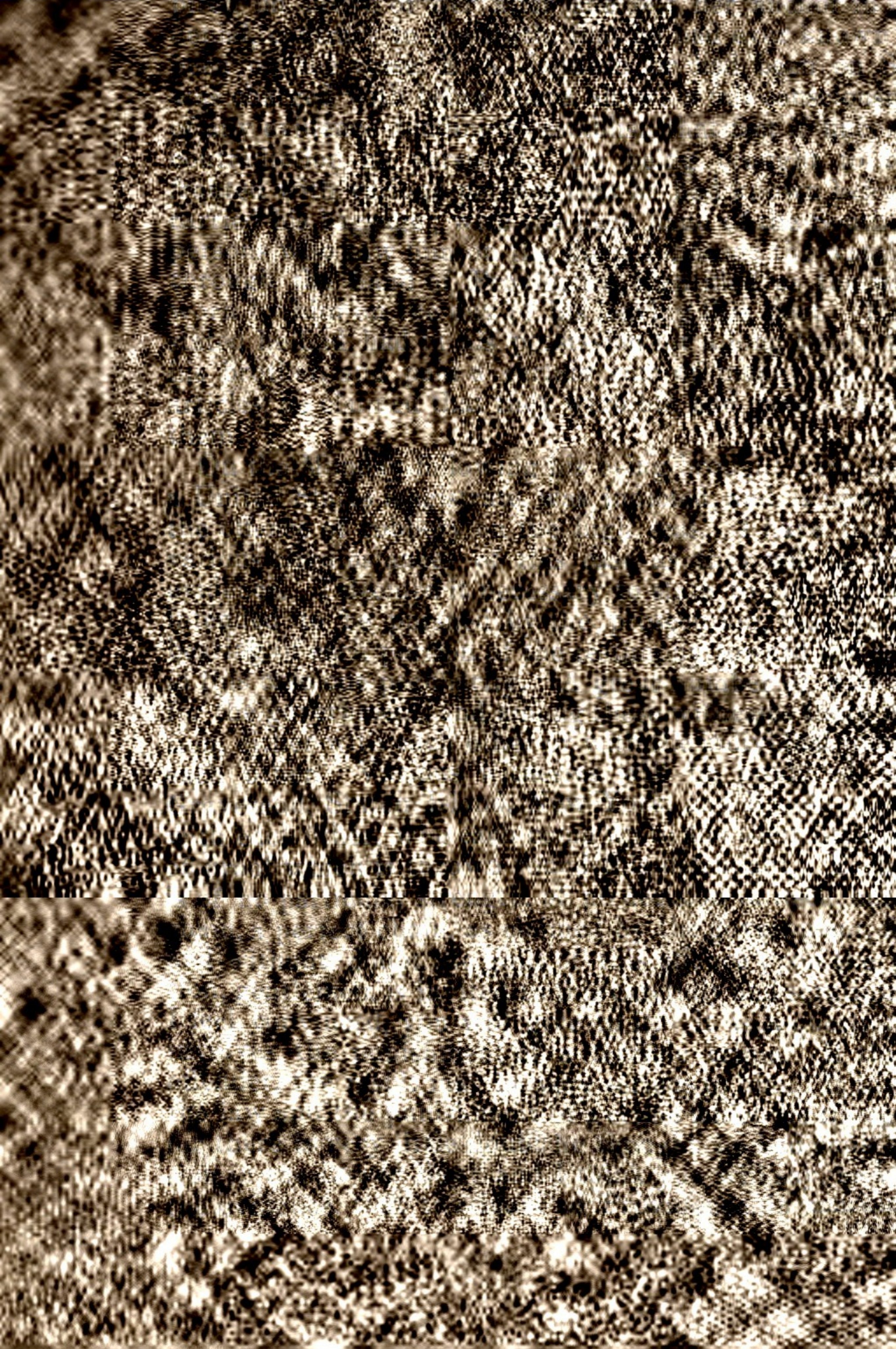
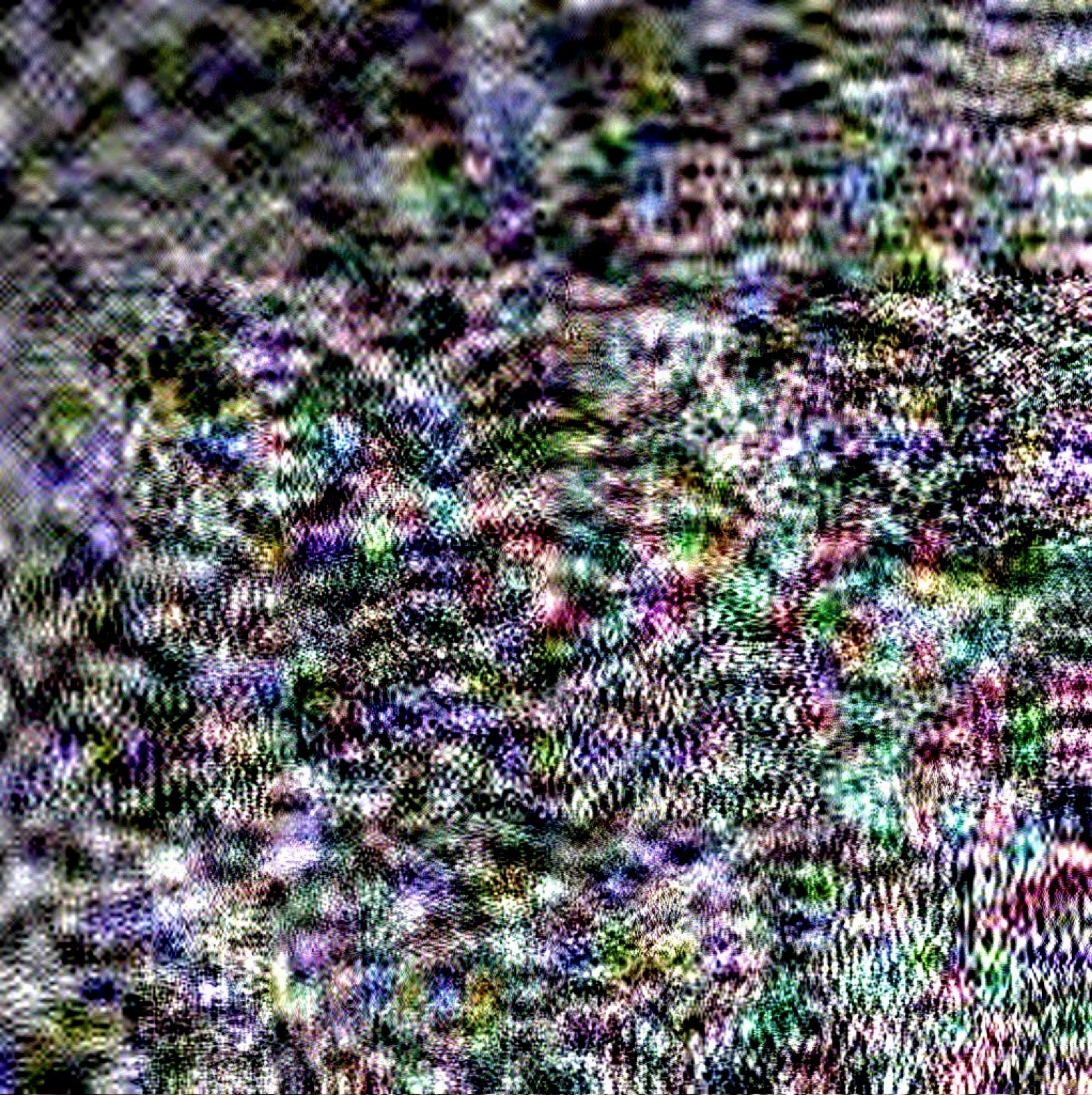
o mortal man save the
never since that been
y those circumstances
el and by the conduct
with him. Whether
ed out to sea, and are
oner fails to give an
ere murdered by him
the 21st, the prisoner
s sloop. Except, as I
e. The circumstances
r, Captain Nickerson,
n here March 20, and
, between twelve and
land, had a collision
el going out saw this
ndred feet, the course
ectly to this schooner,
he course of that ves-
e bow of the schooner
utting it down within
he schooner incapable
ere was the finger of
t the captain of the
son had come in, and
n the bow of his boat,
e vessel which caused
of that night. There
en it encountered the
ngle themselves, and





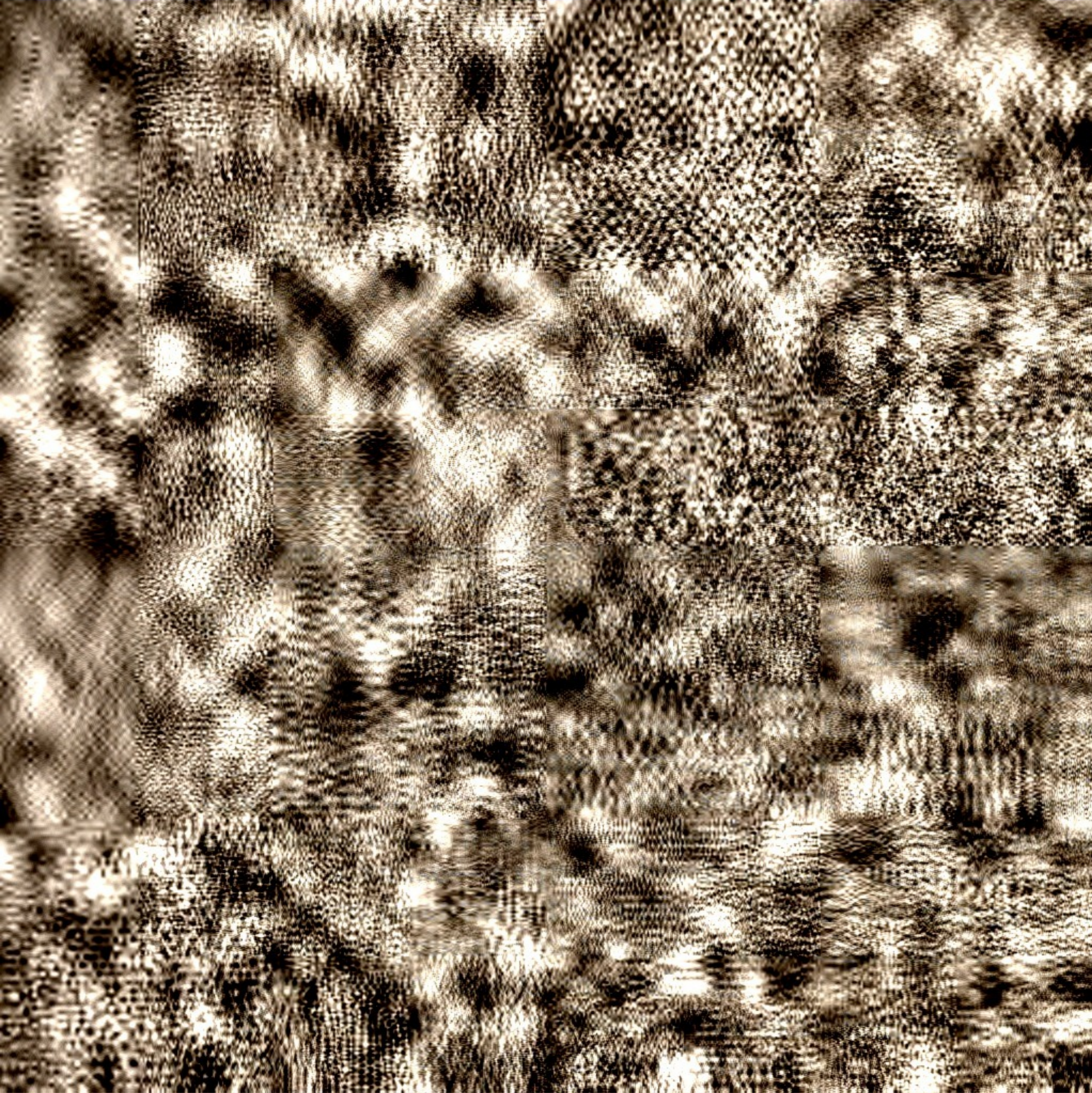
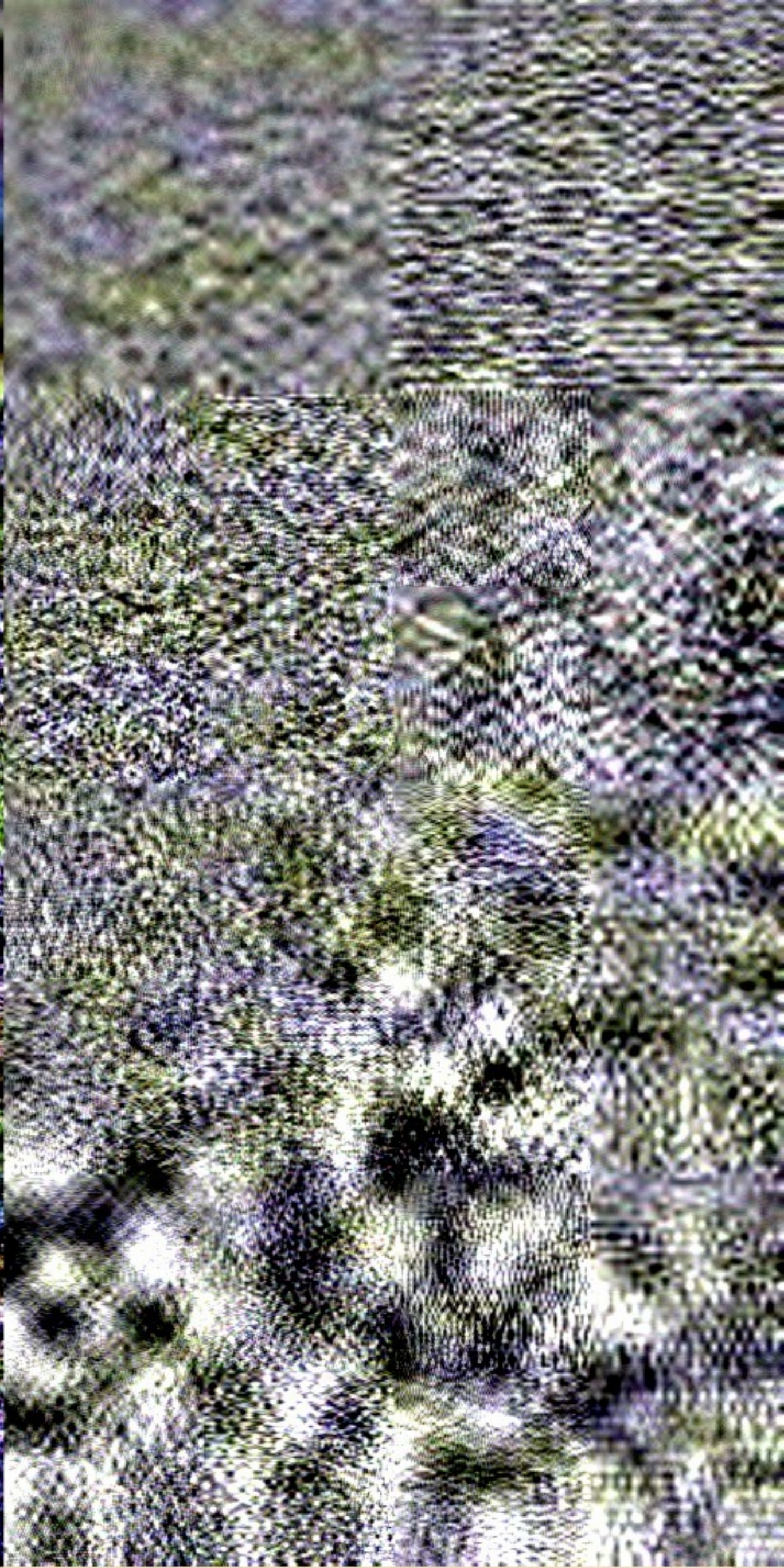
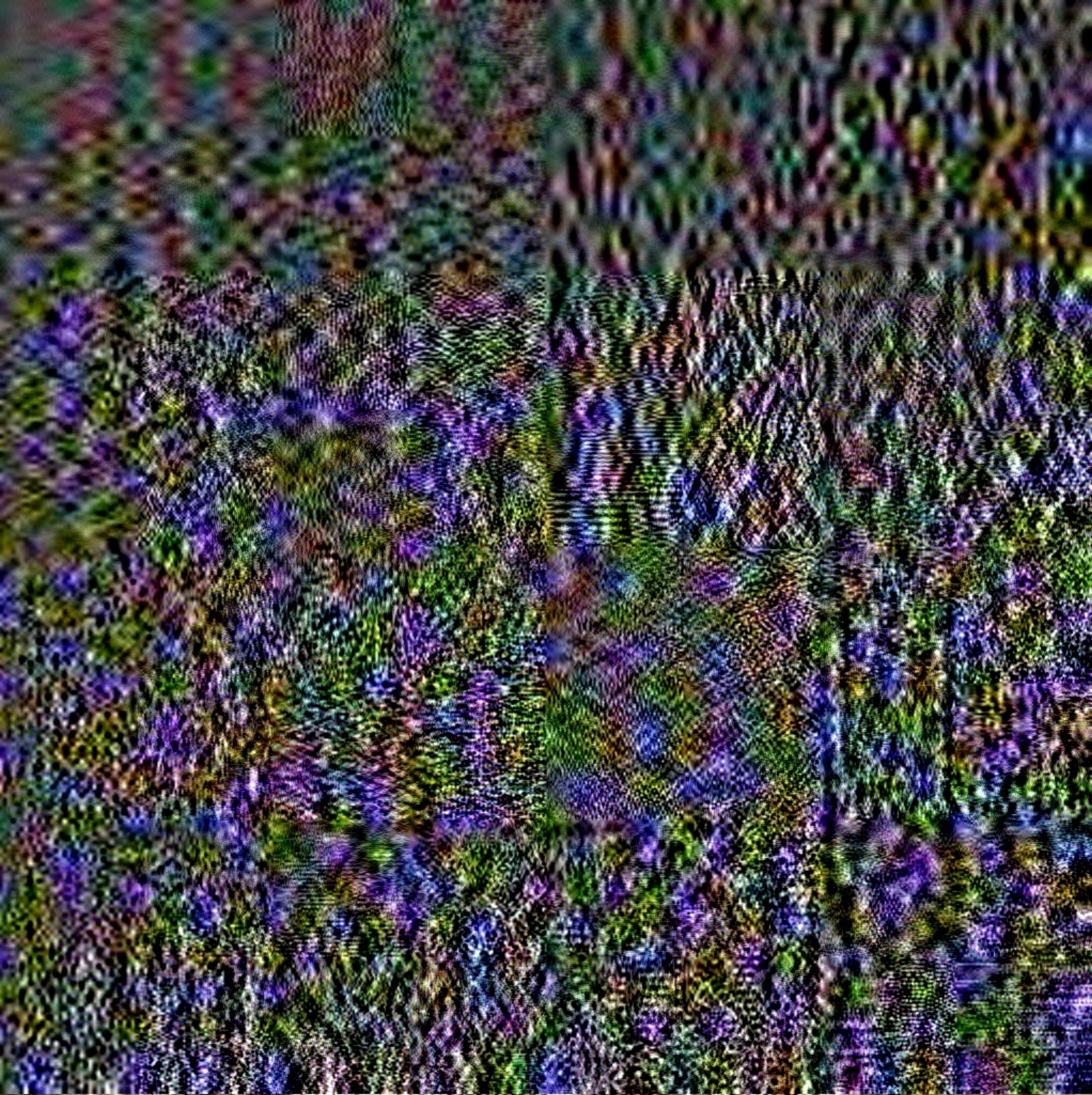
conversation with Mr. [redacted] a seafaring man; that [redacted]; had had a collision [redacted] against the mast, [redacted] had merely time to [redacted] by that witness as [redacted] there at seven o'clock, [redacted] into conversation with [redacted] him a bag of money, [redacted] and contained \$30 in [redacted] it, and the prisoner [redacted] had some more general

between seven and eight [redacted] of coffee, I think, and [redacted] canvas bag—filled with [redacted] taken up to his house in [redacted] 29 Cedar street, with [redacted] and Mrs. Burke. They [redacted] During the morning [redacted] on South street, ex- [redacted] \$150), part gold and [redacted] ers' and Citizens' Bank [redacted] at the time, that he [redacted] packed up his clothing, [redacted] the Fall River boat, run- [redacted] er, telling the carman [redacted] him, to throw the in- [redacted] providence. The whole [redacted] officers of justice, two [redacted] him from Fall River to [redacted] d him there. He was [redacted] They traced him to a [redacted] lock midnight obtained [redacted] a back room in bed. [redacted] and the defendant was [redacted] his head covered up. [redacted] ndant there in a pro- [redacted] ed, or pretended to be



Gravesend bay. That
Captain Burr, or ever
taten Island when he
ess of the fatal effects
tradicted, and in that
his city, he was con-
e; with the man who
ield, and with various
a found upon him was,
atch of Captain Burr,
at watch the prisoner
that he bought it from
and as to the other
s accounts concerning

was examined before
brought before you for
briefly gone over the
roduced to you by the
ne of evidence that is
may understand the
st. You will perceive
sses will be examined
a very slight connec-
self—particularly with
efore you from Islip,
who are unacquainted
bre to this strong cord
little item of evidence
only forming a strong
xing without question
risoner. Your atten-
ingly, which scrutiny,
of great interest—it
s prisoner is the true
olves a vindication of
nt he had covered up;
he vessel by the colli-
have, in looking over
g the track this man



ing examined by Mr.
know the sloop E. A.
en; I owned one half
half; he was an Amer-
the sloop E. A. John-
as at the Spring street
l on Thursday, 15th;
Virginia, for oysters;
Smith Watts, and the
er as mate; Captain
s was about twenty-
Burr for a long time;
light hair, and Smith
lwriting of the boys
writing; I saw the E.
y the harbor police; I
ce; she had that yawl
amining the Johnson
ne clothes; I brought
y in it, and a knife in
sailed; saw him next

the Commissioner took

Cross-examined by MR. GRAVES—I had no conversation with the prisoner when I saw him on board the sloop on the Wednesday; I never saw Captain Burr since; Oliver Watts was a large man; he would weigh about 170 pounds; Smith Watts would weigh, perhaps, 180 pounds; he was very large for his age; Captain Burr was a small man; probably did not weigh more than 125 or 130 pounds; it was after the examination before the Commissioner—some four or five days—that I found the valise on board; I gave it to Henry Seaman; I took the sloop over to Hoboken, lay there a couple of

of coin to the captain,
allegation.

not well founded, and

of his charter money in
ollar in gold and a half
Capt. Burr, but I had it
ore; I did not know
a secret drawer in the
I do not know that
that bag since, when it
precinct station-house;
in the bag then; there
prisoner on board the
e sailed, at the foot of
knowledge, this is the
lars in; I saw the pri-
gain in the evening; I
again, I think, at Key-
n him; it was between
m being on board at
the Second precinct
vidence; it was on a
ted him if he had ever
n the back room of
ew me, and he said he
hinson, at Spring street
ere was such a vessel;
ot; that he never saw
the prisoner on board
him after, his whiskers

rt, I asked them where
that answered me, but
ner on board the sloop
he station-house; Cap-

...d to go up-town that
...o go he would stay on

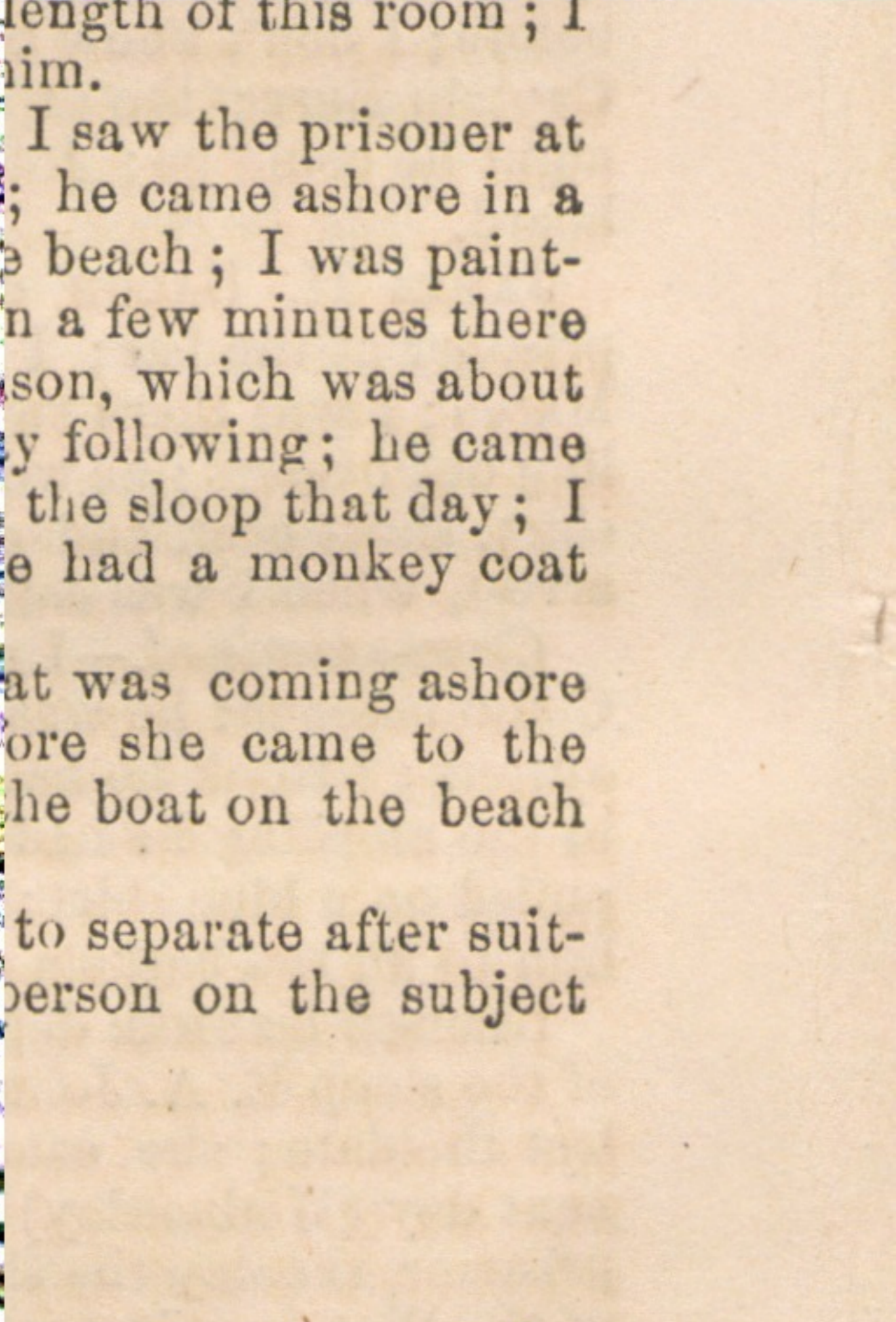
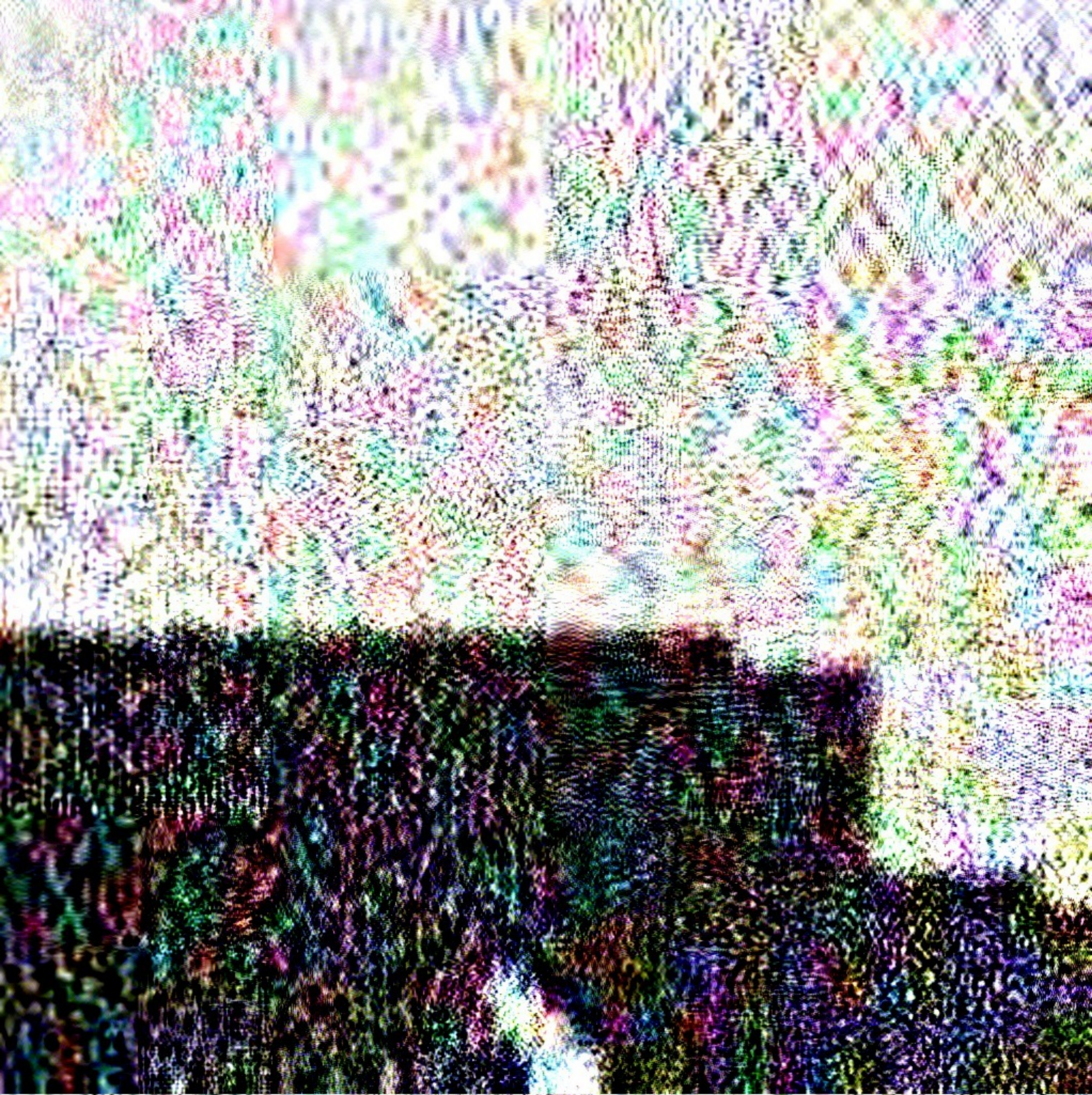
...business; I know the
...Johnson on the 13th
...ason was there shovel-
...now; he had a check
...ext saw him after his

...s examined before the
...ing me to fill out the
...Kossuth hat; I think
...he went to work he
...aim more than to tell

...fish business; I knew
...h last; I don't recol-
...n Tuesday night; the
...a steamer; I saw the
...came ashore after one
...in the yawl boat; the
...was sculling the yawl;
...and Watts returned to
...a coat of the descrip-
...out; she went south-
...rly course (a chart of
...ere the sloop lay, and
...andy Hook; the wind
...knots an hour; when

she got out, she set her flying jib; at the rate she was going she would pass Sandy Hook in about an hour; when I saw Johnson come ashore from the sloop, I think I recognized the boy that went back with him as one I had seen on the sloop the day before.

Cross-examined.—I was not well acquainted with any of them except Capt. Burr, I am certain of the prisoner being the man who sculled the yawl; I told the man in my boat not to run into him; I turned to the prisoner and



and Johnson were on board when she left, she went on the usual course of southern vessels; I took a letter from Captain Burr to his home, Johnson wore a beard same as now, but no moustache on the upper lip; never saw the prisoner since until yesterday.

Cross-examined.—Knew Captain Burr well for years, and also knew the Watts boys; I did not know the prisoner before that time; I had no particular conversation with him; Captain Burr told me he was going to Virginia.

GEORGE NEIDLINGER deposed—I live on Staten Island, at Port Richmond;

length of this room; I
him.

I saw the prisoner at
; he came ashore in a
e beach; I was paint-
n a few minutes there
son, which was about
y following; he came
the sloop that day; I
e had a monkey coat

at was coming ashore
ore she came to the
he boat on the beach

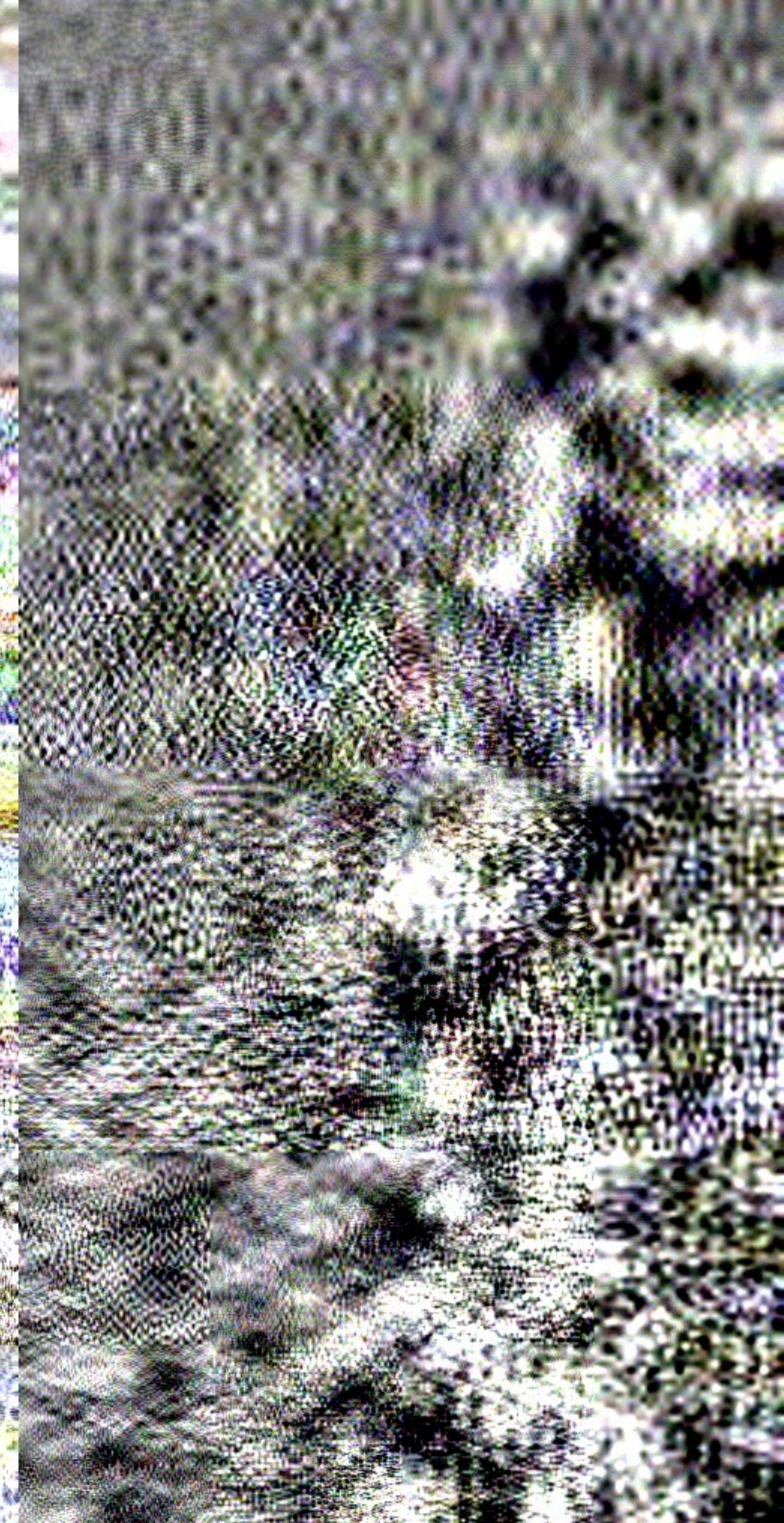
to separate after suit-
erson on the subject

posed that he saw the
orning and Monday;
two Watts boys, and
rd the sloop first on
cco, in company with
the Health Office; it
the two Watts boys,

on the usual course of
southern vessels; I took a letter from Captain Burr to his home, Johnson
wore a beard same as now, but no moustache on the upper lip; never saw
the prisoner since until yesterday.

Cross-examined.—Knew Captain Burr well for years, and also knew the
Watts boys; I did not know the prisoner before that time; I had no particu-
lar conversation with him; Captain Burr told me he was going to Virginia.

GEORGE NEIDLINGER deposed—I live on Staten Island, at Port Richmond;



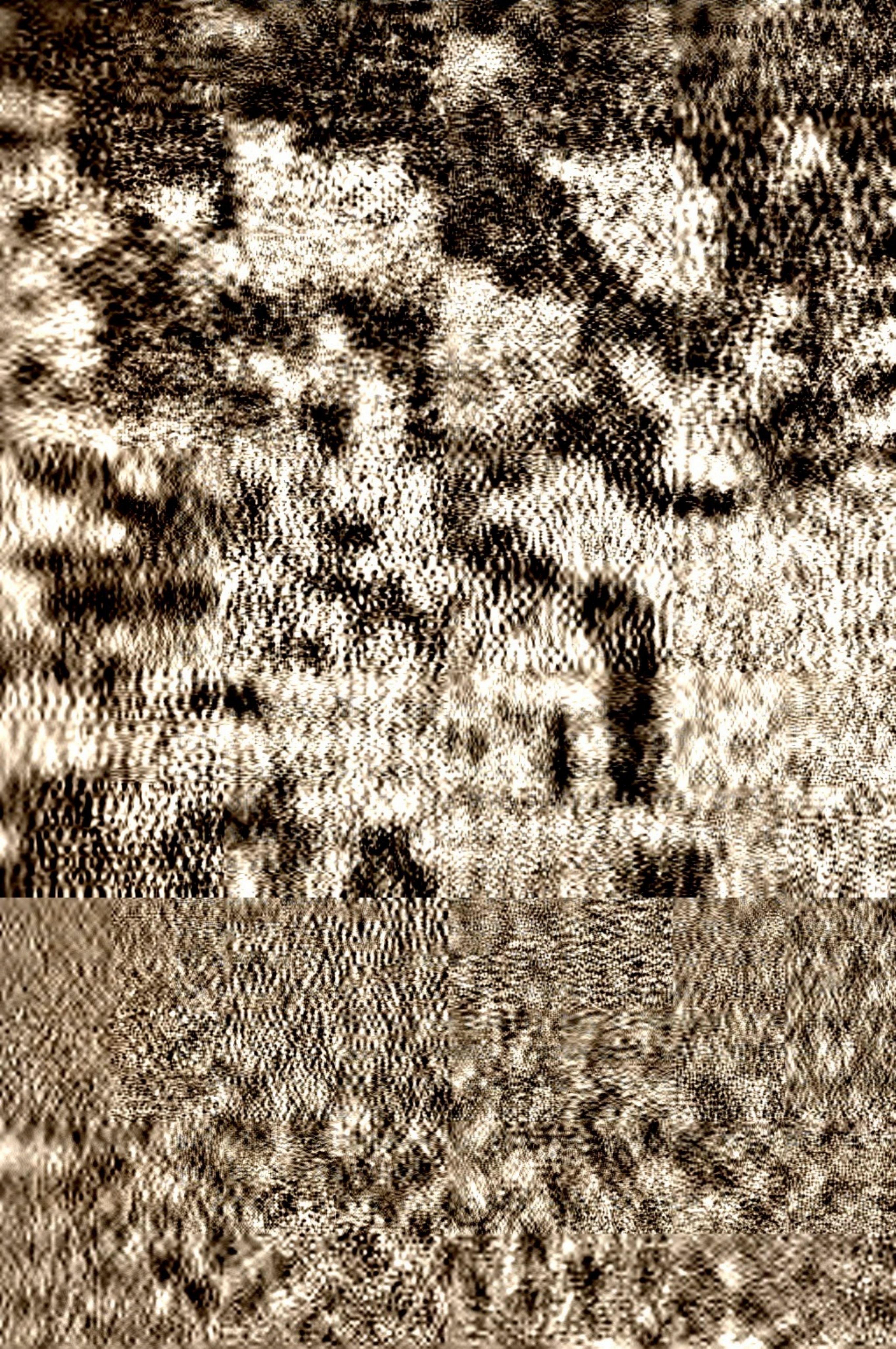
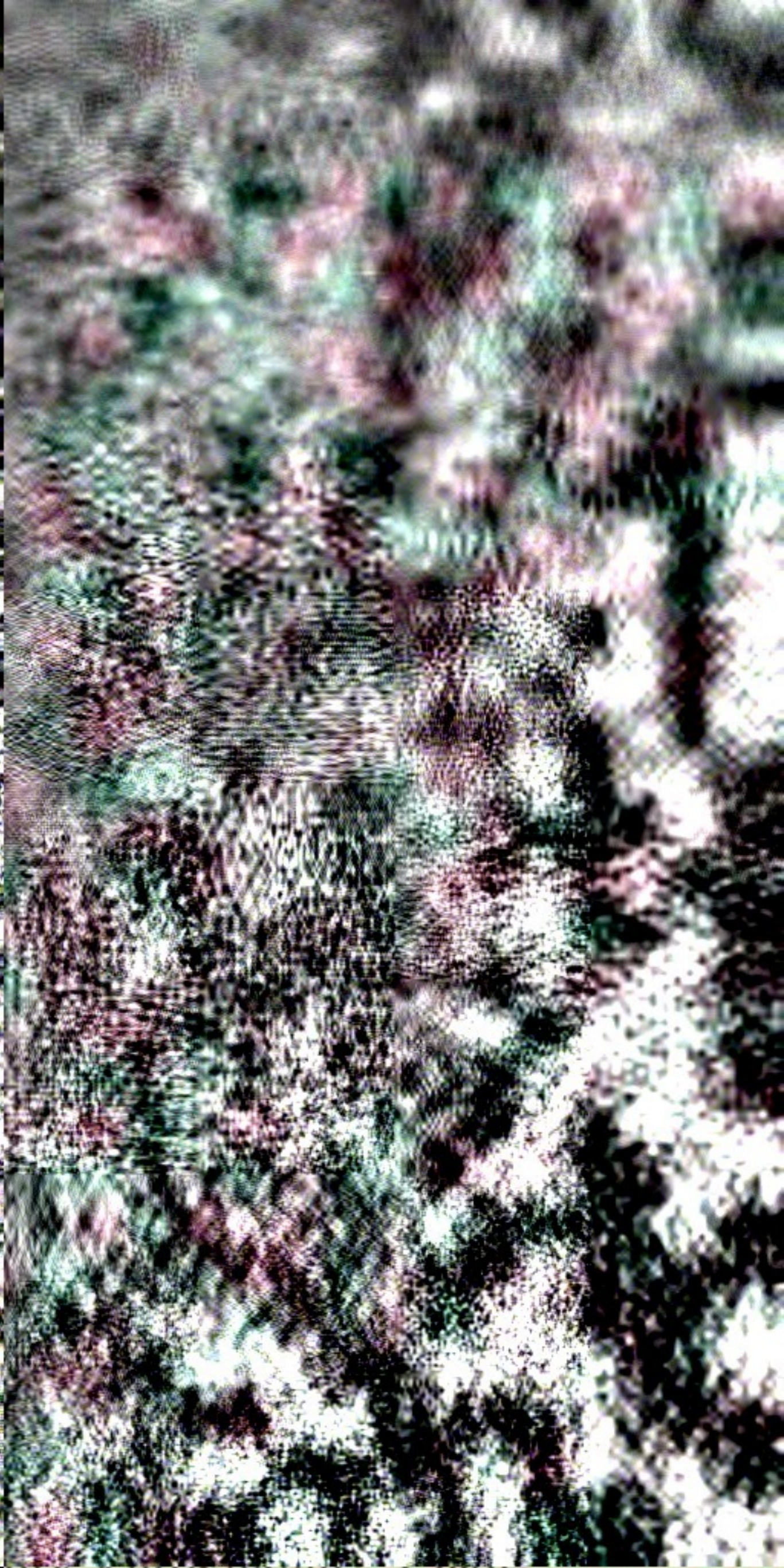
...had no conversation
at his boat; he had a
his pants; I made a
ket came down below
his hips; I corrected
before I left the Commis-
out on the coat before
erman.

; I know Hicks, the
g down to Port Rich-
d me good morning,
t his boat; he went
lder, like a feed bag.

attend bar at Vander-
Wednesday morning,
something to eat; he
him where to get it;
not up; he asked for
showed me a \$10 gold
I have not change for
ot know the bag; the
es on the elbows like
n; he told Mr. Hick-
een run into, and one
e said he was down
his clothes and the

“needful” (at the same time shaking the bag), and come ashore in the yawl boat; the bag in which he had his money was something like this one produced; he took the \$10 gold piece out of the bag; he was about twenty minutes in our shop.

Cross-examined.—I didn't count the money; Mr. Hickbert did not count it; I did not see the bag in his hand when he first came; he did not take it out of his pocket; he had a handkerchief in his hand; when he offered me the gold piece, he had the bag in his hands, leaning against the bar; he finally put his hand in his pocket and paid me; could not tell whether the bag was full or not; it looked like this bag; I have seen a good many shot-oags; I am seventeen years of age; I next saw the prisoner at the Second



my knowledge, I can-
ad whiskers; I should
did not take particular
ell, and had been run
e station-house; iden-
o me by any one.
man I saw at Vander-
nd down that he is the
f the sloop Sirocco; I
tain Burr say he was
board the sloop E. A.
the sloop Johnson was
ailed I went out with
vening before the sloop
n Burr to his home in
boys had light hair and
's watch.
ne ashore on Tuesday,
on with the prisoner;
tively that this is the
on the Staten Island
im in the gentlemen's
f March; I was broom-
me over and asked me
as afraid them fellows
of gold and silver, but
money; I counted out
e; the bag was a kind
as and I showed him;
ve me the price of my
larly called to the coat
the elbow.
e coat.
er to do so, as it might
in court and have not
in the Second Ward

nothing else. I carried
in streets. I asked him
if I did not go out of
watchman there who told
soner on the following

ner that the bag was
seem to be filled with
risoner wore a greyish
a carriage first.

about three years, by
e in Cedar street, near
Wednesday before his
with him that I saw; I
lock; I saw some bills
not know that he made
away by the boat that
ook some things with
behind at my house; I
o bid him the time of
an.

y him with the bills in

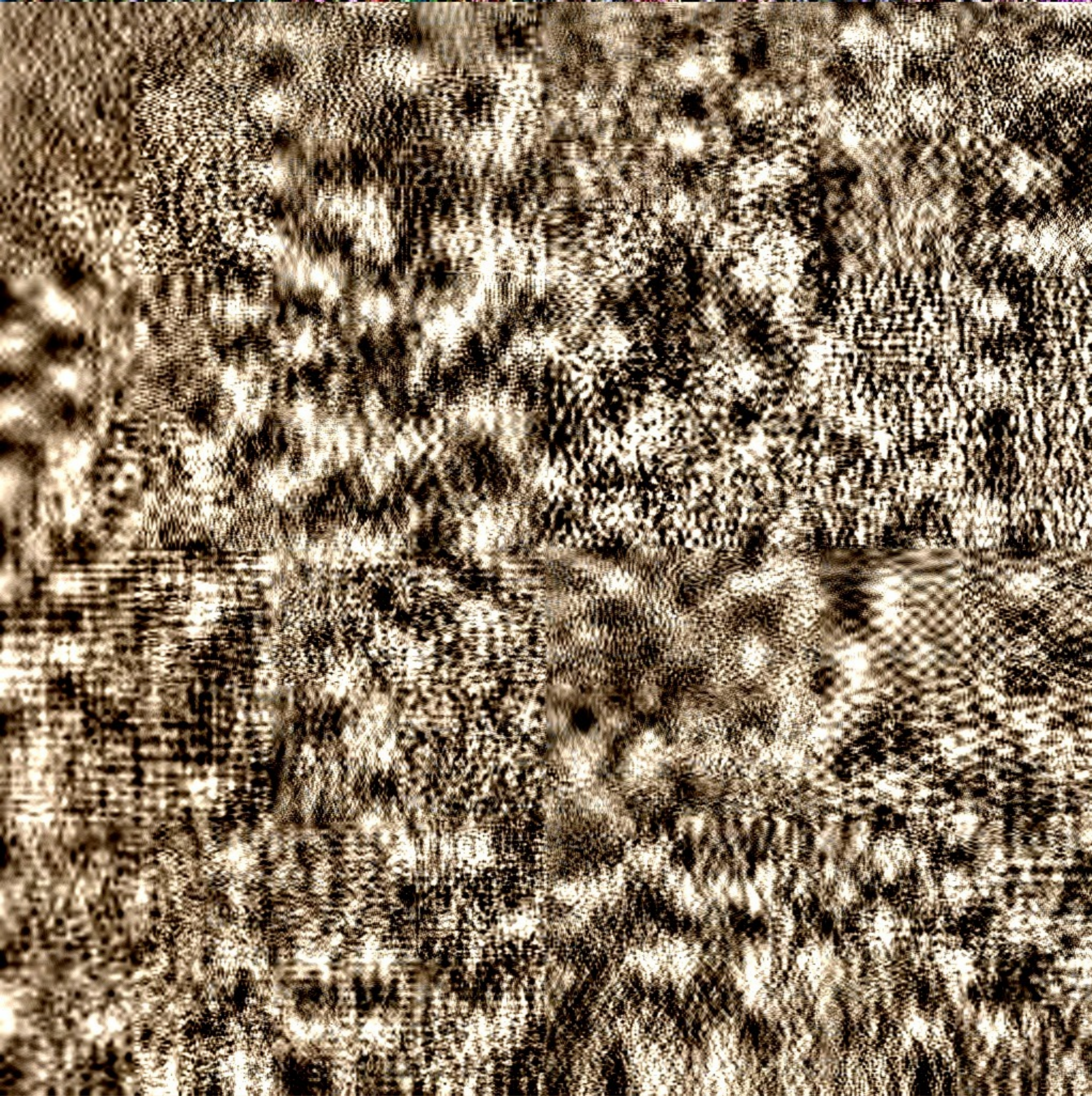
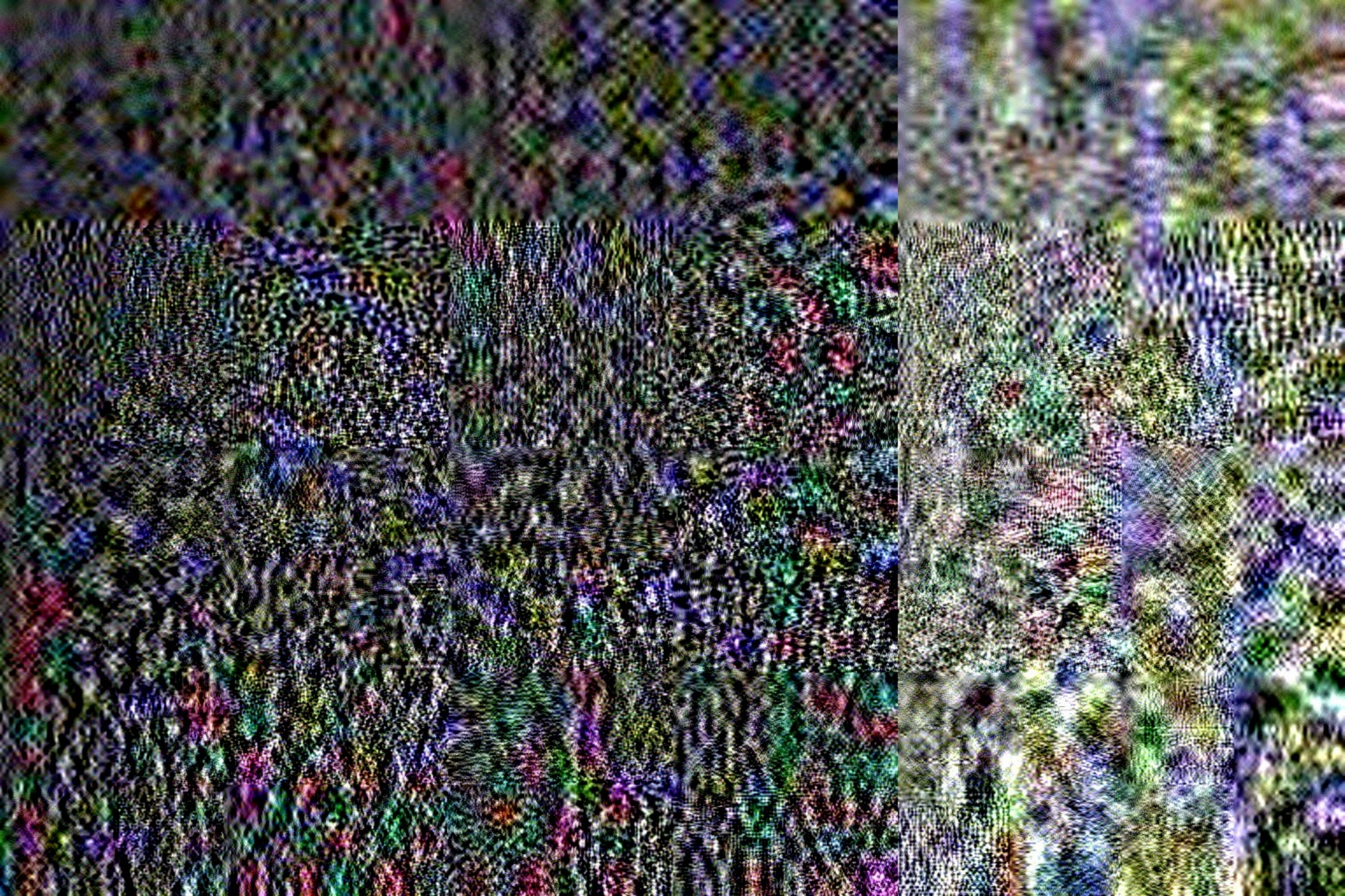
oporated her husband's
t voyage he was going

money on previous oc-

er first on Wednesday,
me to take some silver
at as low a rate as possible; I had engaged to take some silver from the
market, and asked him if he came from there; he said no; the "Cap" was
sick; that he came honestly by the money; I changed about \$135 in silver,
and \$35 in gold; it was in a bag and tied up in a handkerchief. (Handker-
chief and bag produced.) I think that is like the bag but cannot identify the
handkerchief; a man came into the office and the prisoner seemed to hesi-
tate, and did not seem to want to open the bag before the man.

Q. What did you give him in exchange for the gold and silver.

A. I gave him \$130 in Farmers' and Citizens' Bank of Williamsburg, Long
Island; their denominations were tens, fives, threes and twos; I counted



took \$121 in bills on the
fives and tens; there
Quenot Bank, and City
him I arrested him for
went to him at the sta-
brought him to New
to his brother; he said
the month of March;
had about \$60; at an-
brother; on counting
the \$121 in it; when I
denied all knowledge

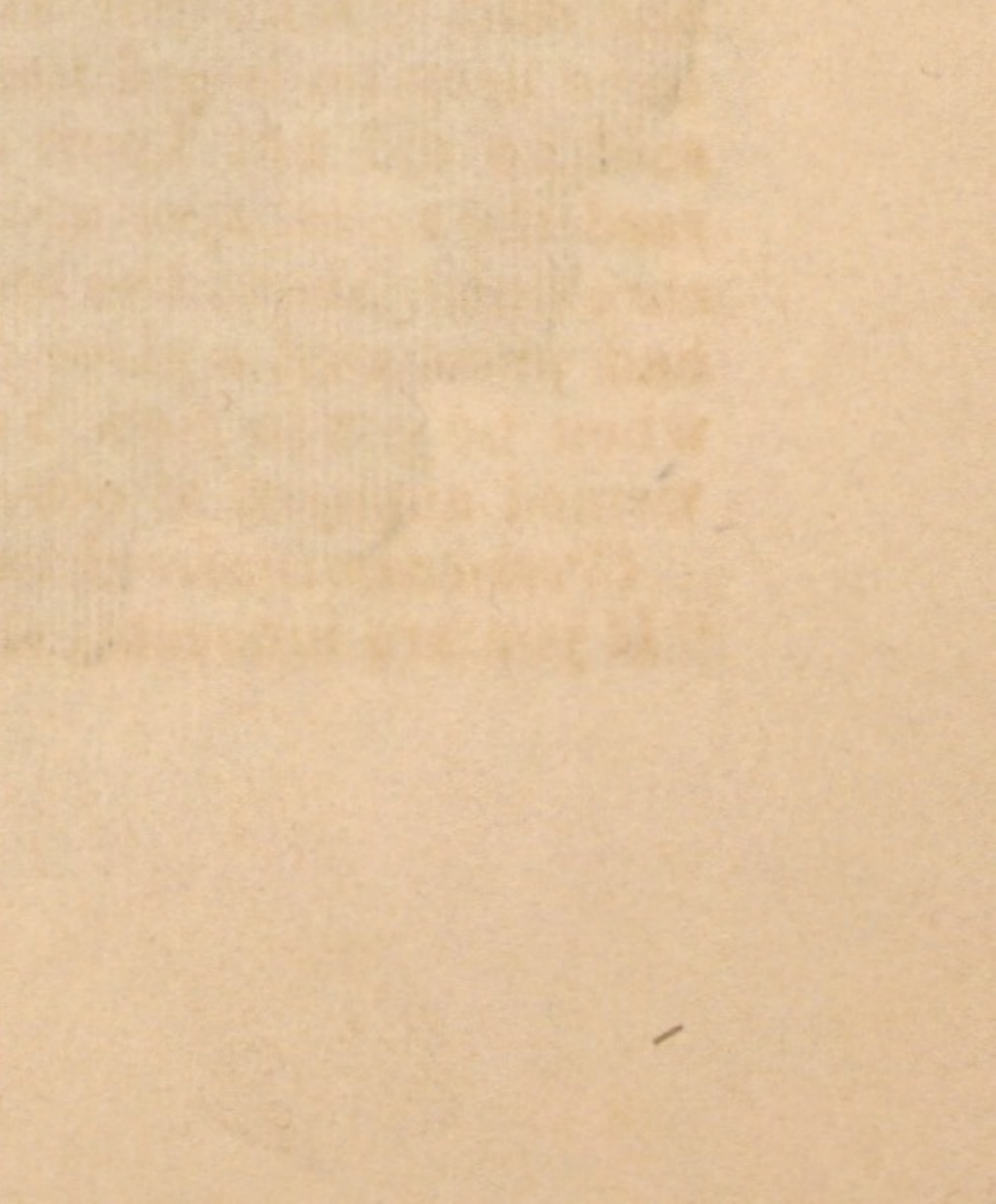
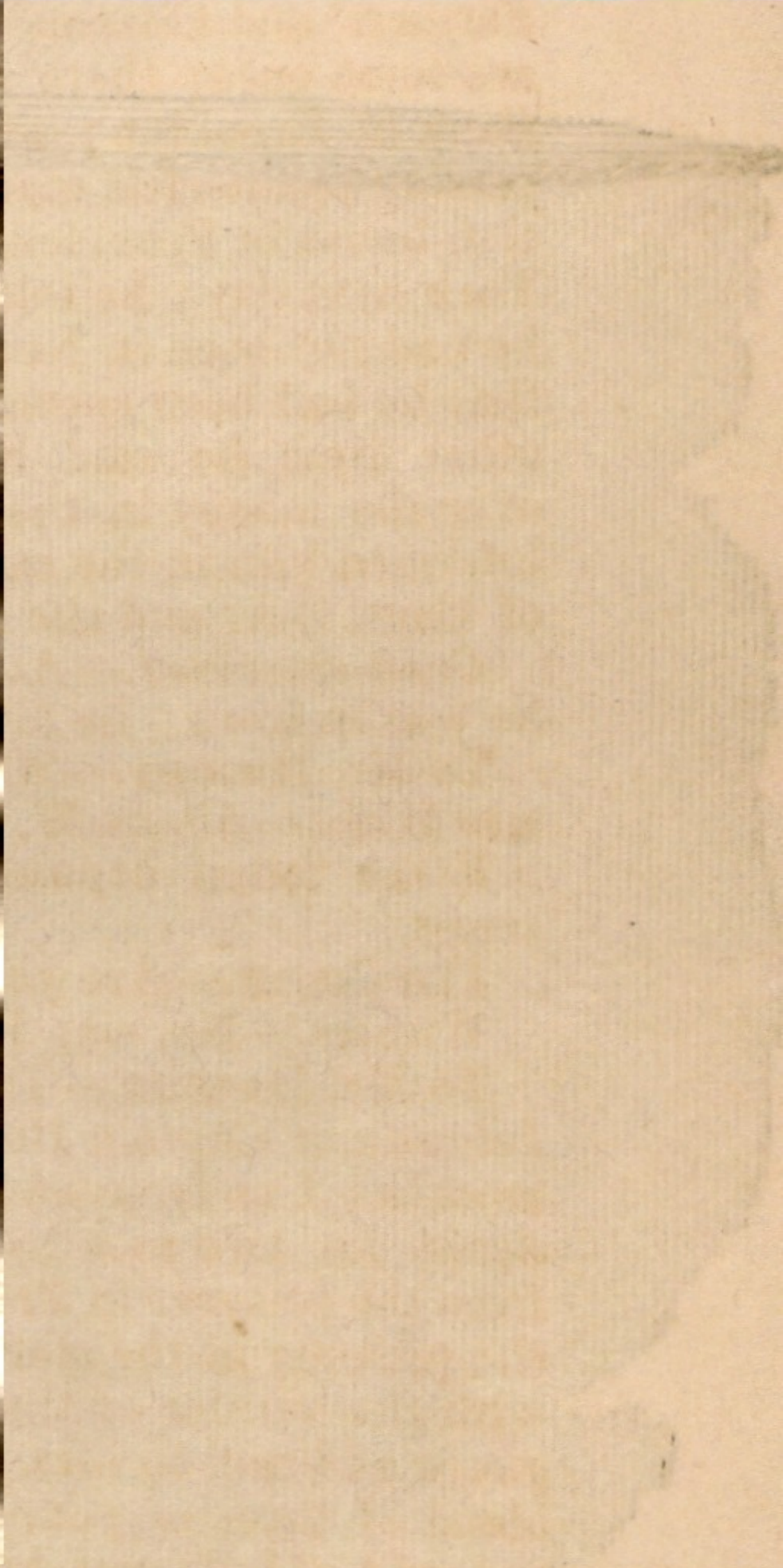
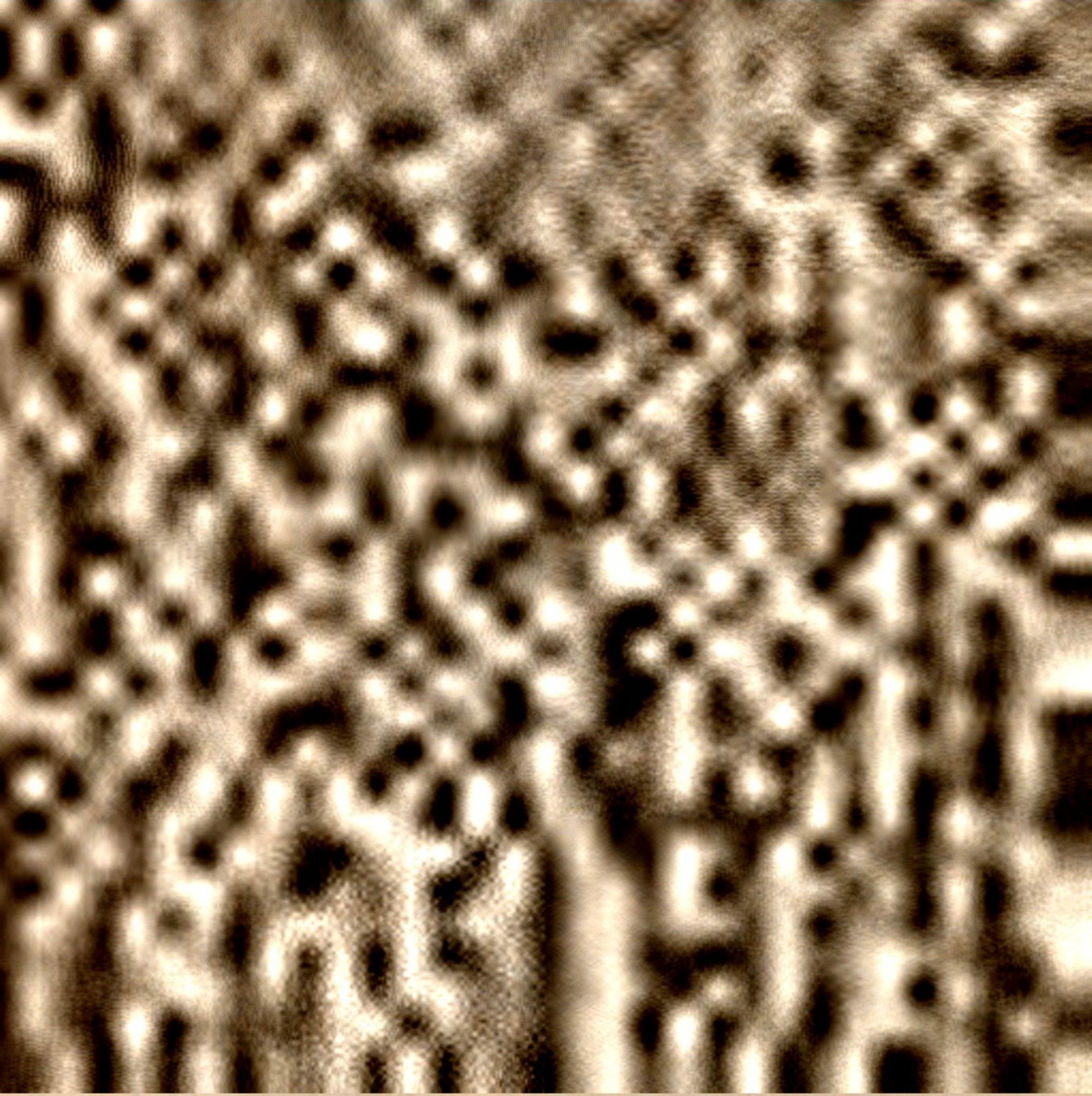
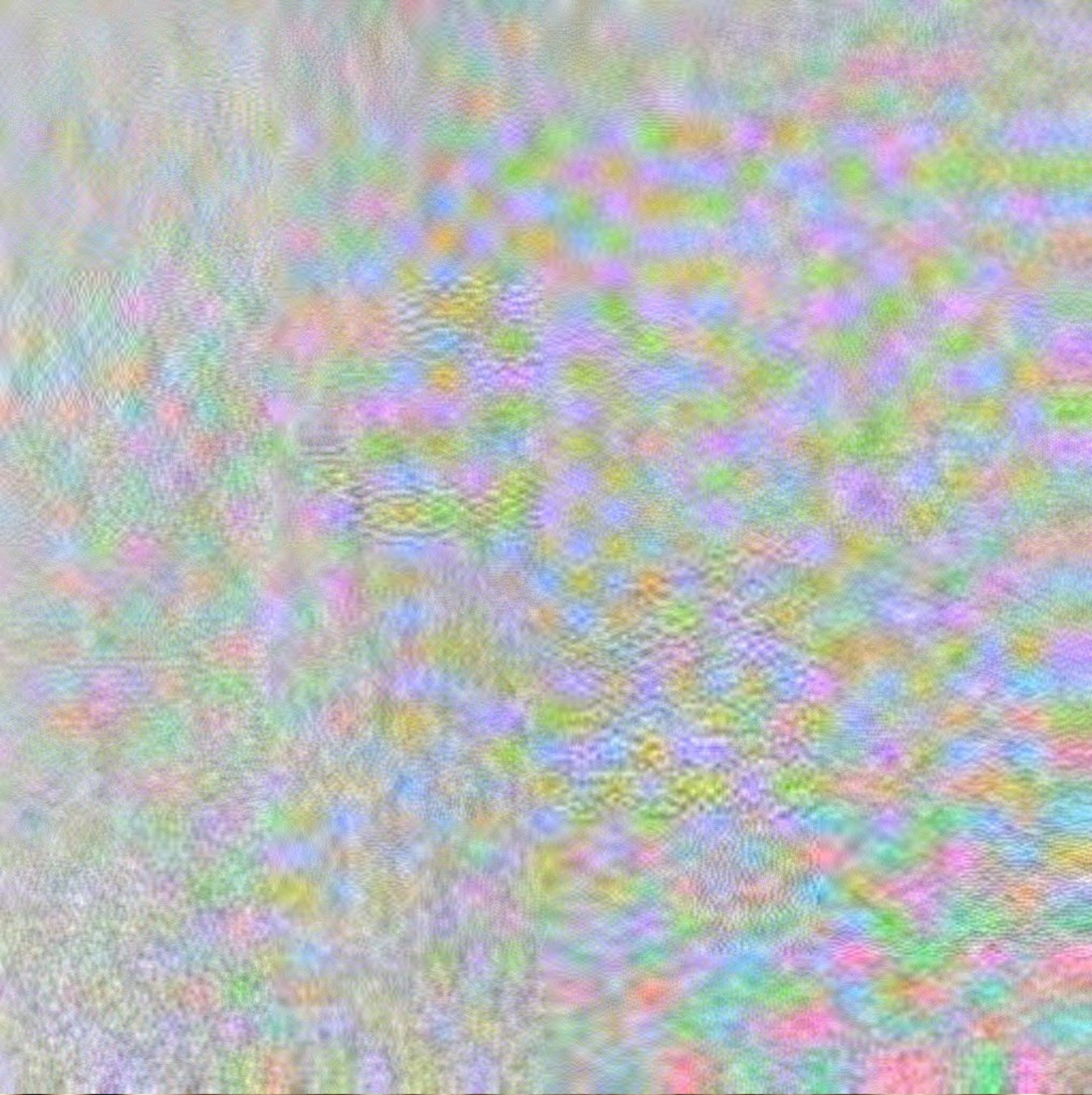
in with him in the cars
read or write.
ce he told me his name

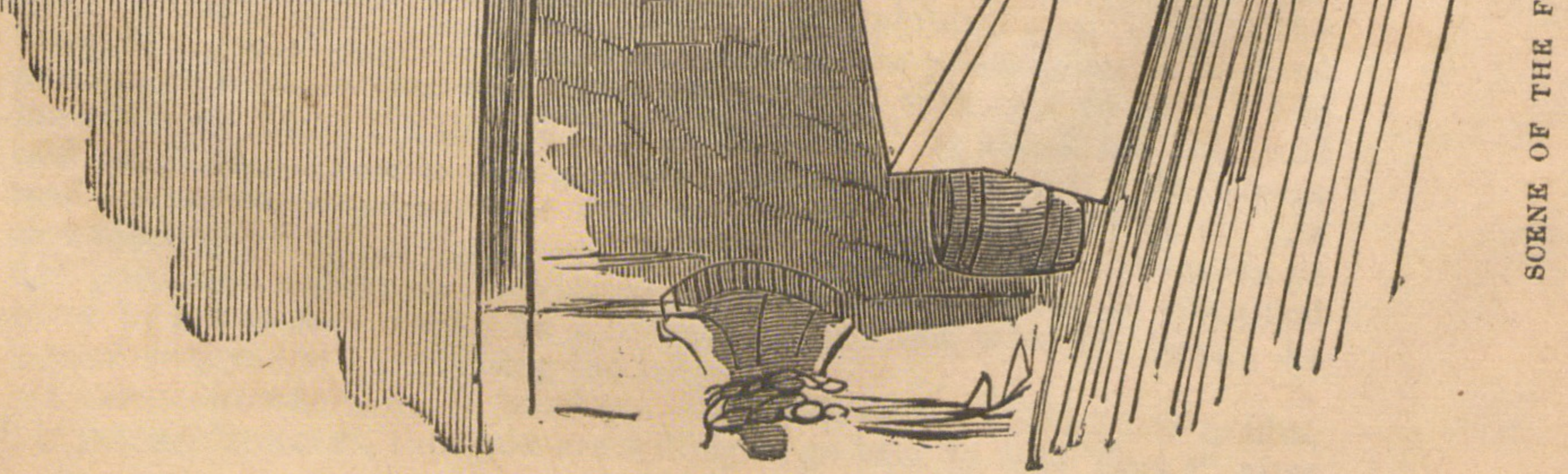
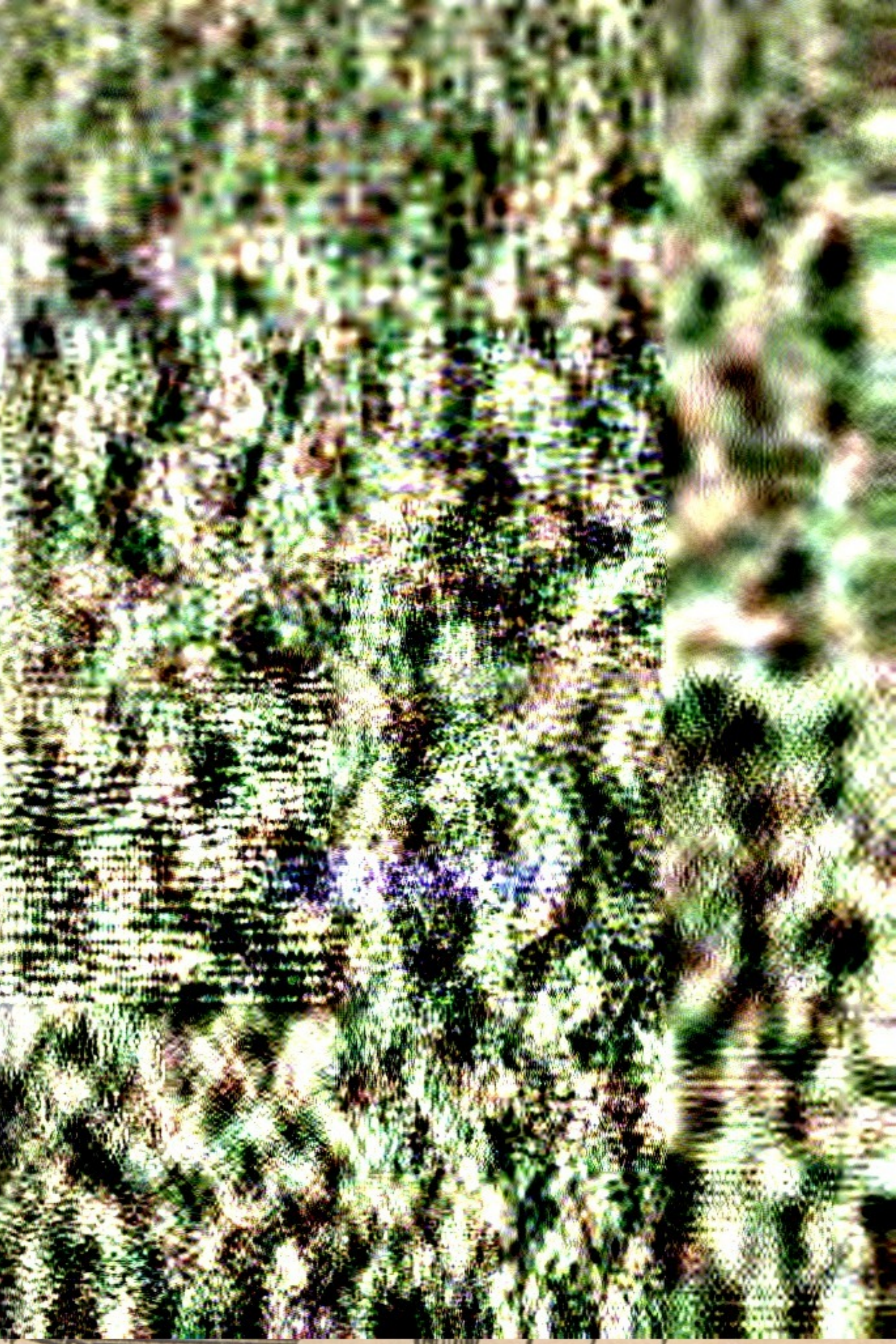
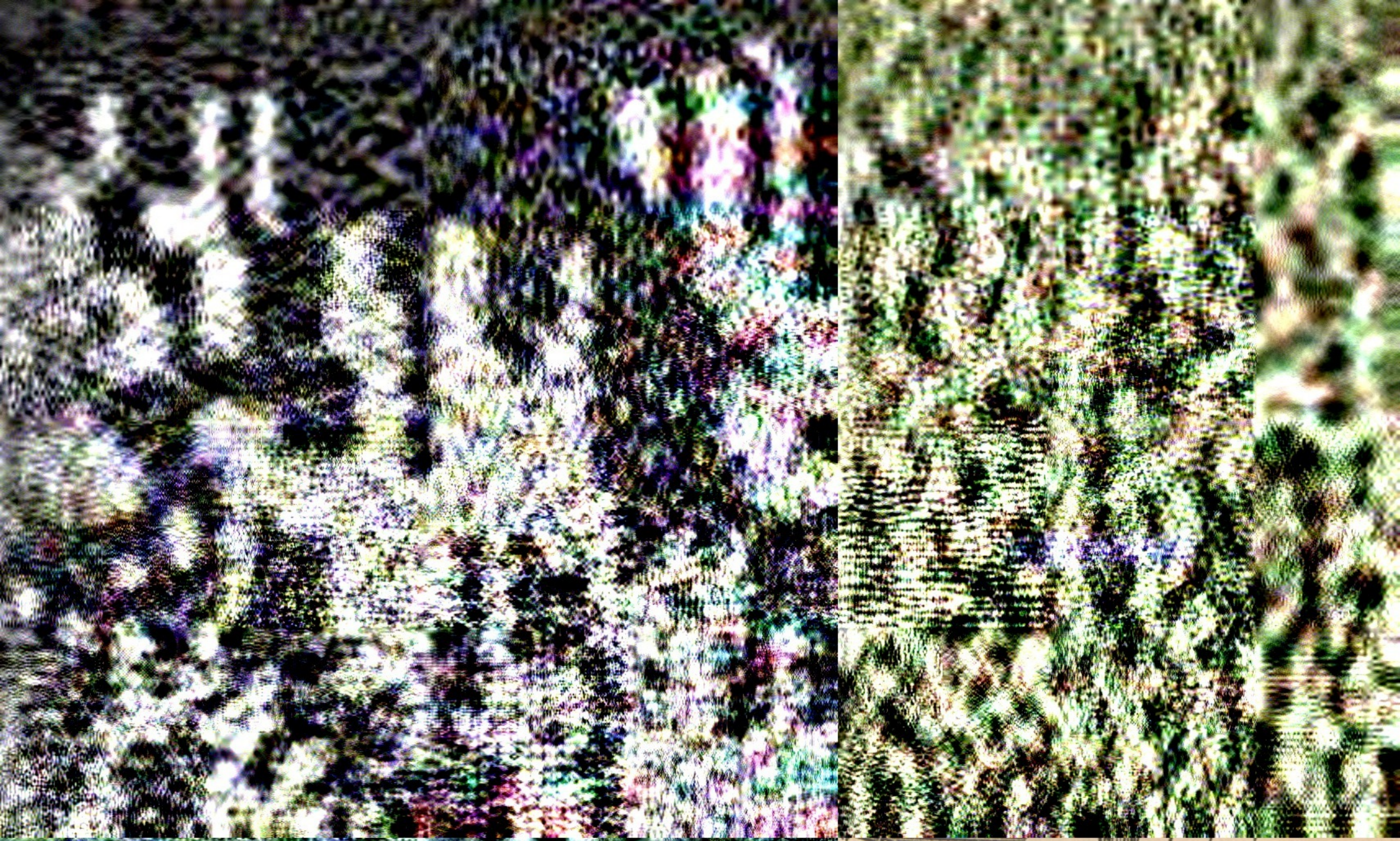
when he made the

edge of the sloop E. A.
in New York for two
had been in Provi-
et-book as those taken
clothing; I addressed
icks, you are charged
then changed the lan-
ng your hands in the

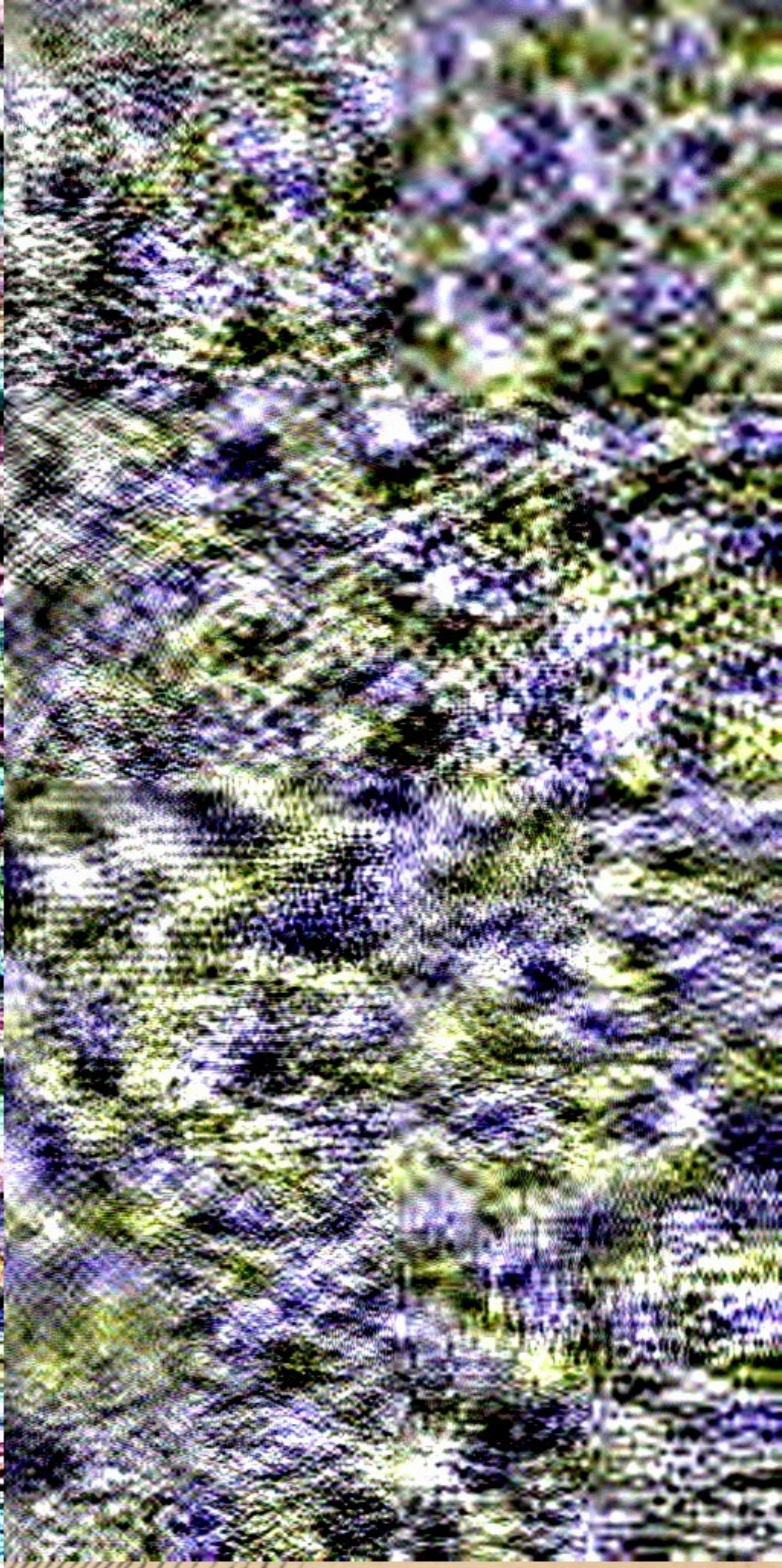
blood of three of your fellow men for money; the prisoner shook his head and said, "I do not know anything about it;" I then said to him, "You have been on board the sloop Edwin A. Johnson;" he shook his head and said he did not know anything about it, and was never on it; Mr. Nivens read the newspaper accounts of the transaction to him; he said he did not care much about the arrest except for the interruption to his business, as he had purchased a place in Providence; I told him he would be identified when he got to New York; he said we might think what we liked; he seemed annoyed at our pressing the subject.

Cross-examined.—I never found out how much he had paid; I said to him, "If you are innocent, then you are willing to go back to New York?" after

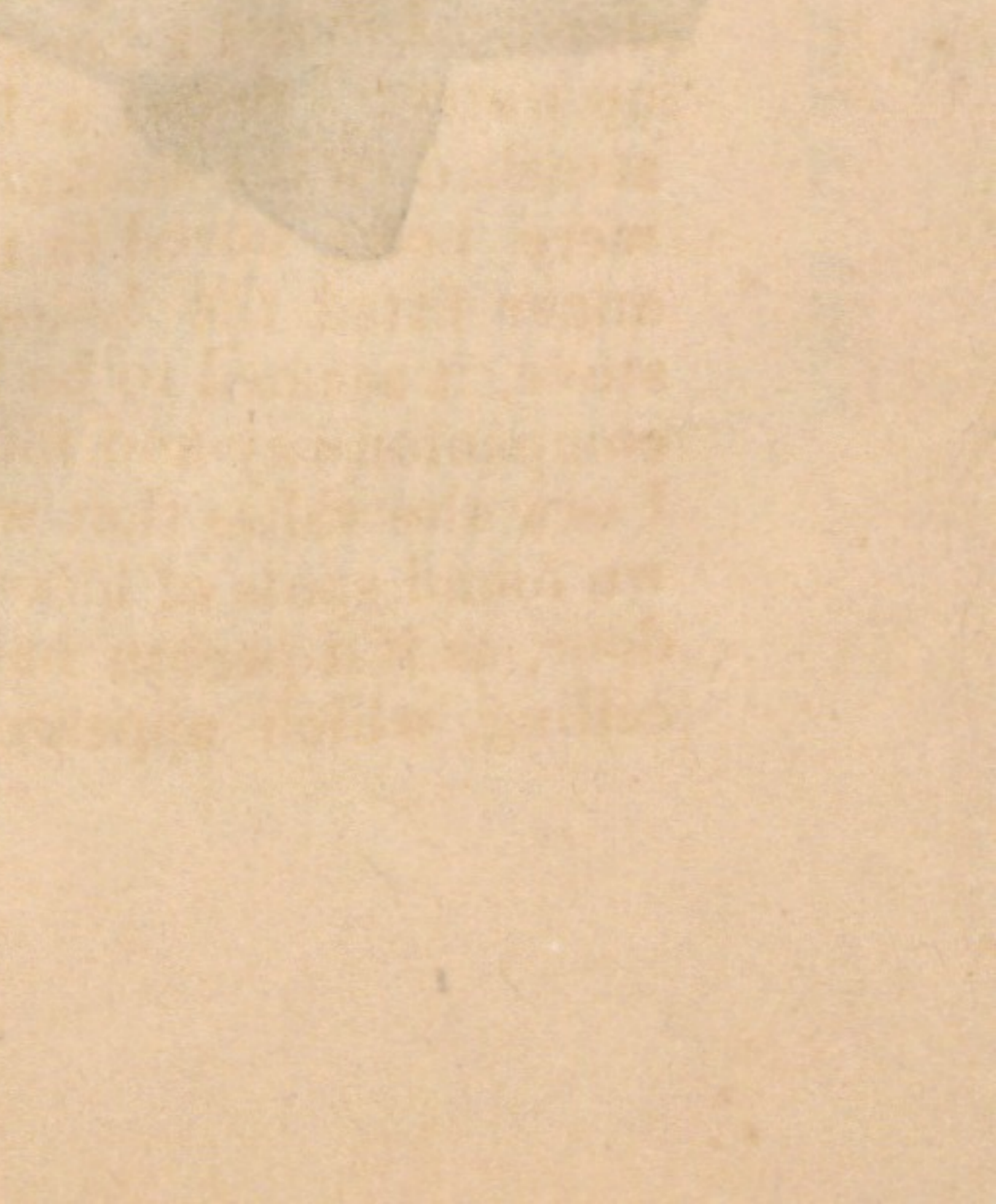
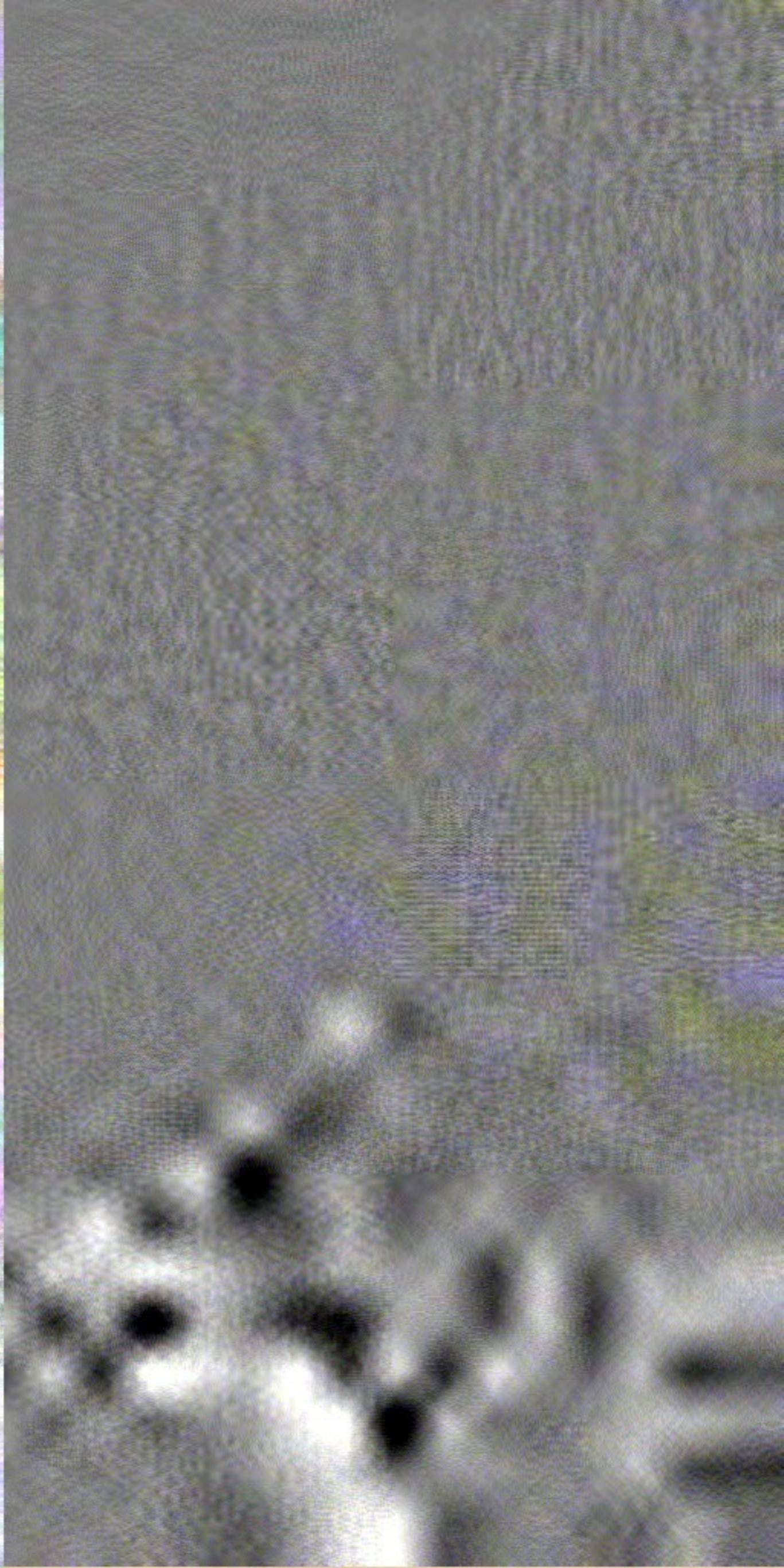


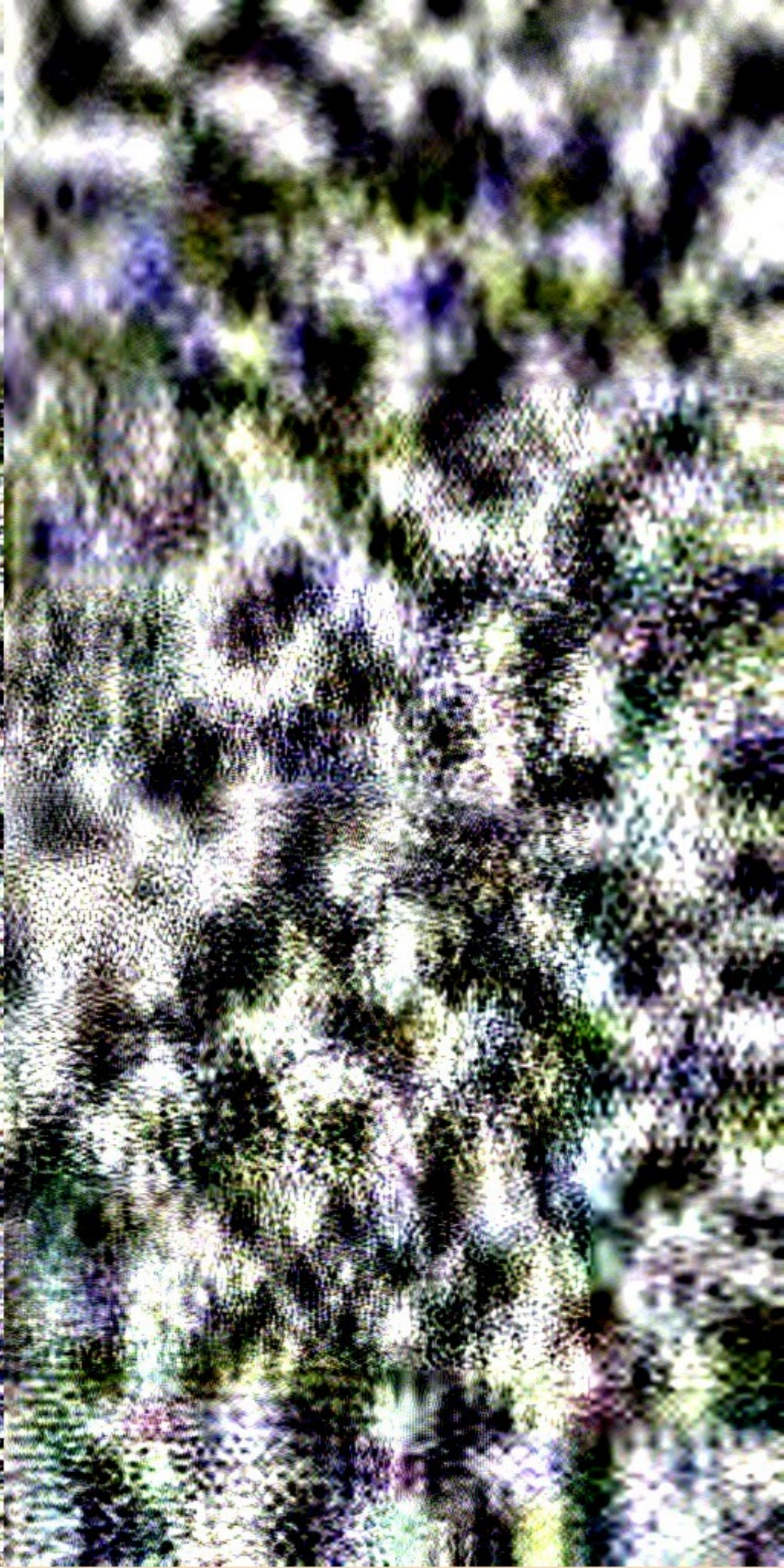


SCENE OF THE FIRST CONFLICT ON BOARD THE SLOOP "E. A. JOHNSON," WITH THE



PORTRAIT OF OLIVER WATTS.



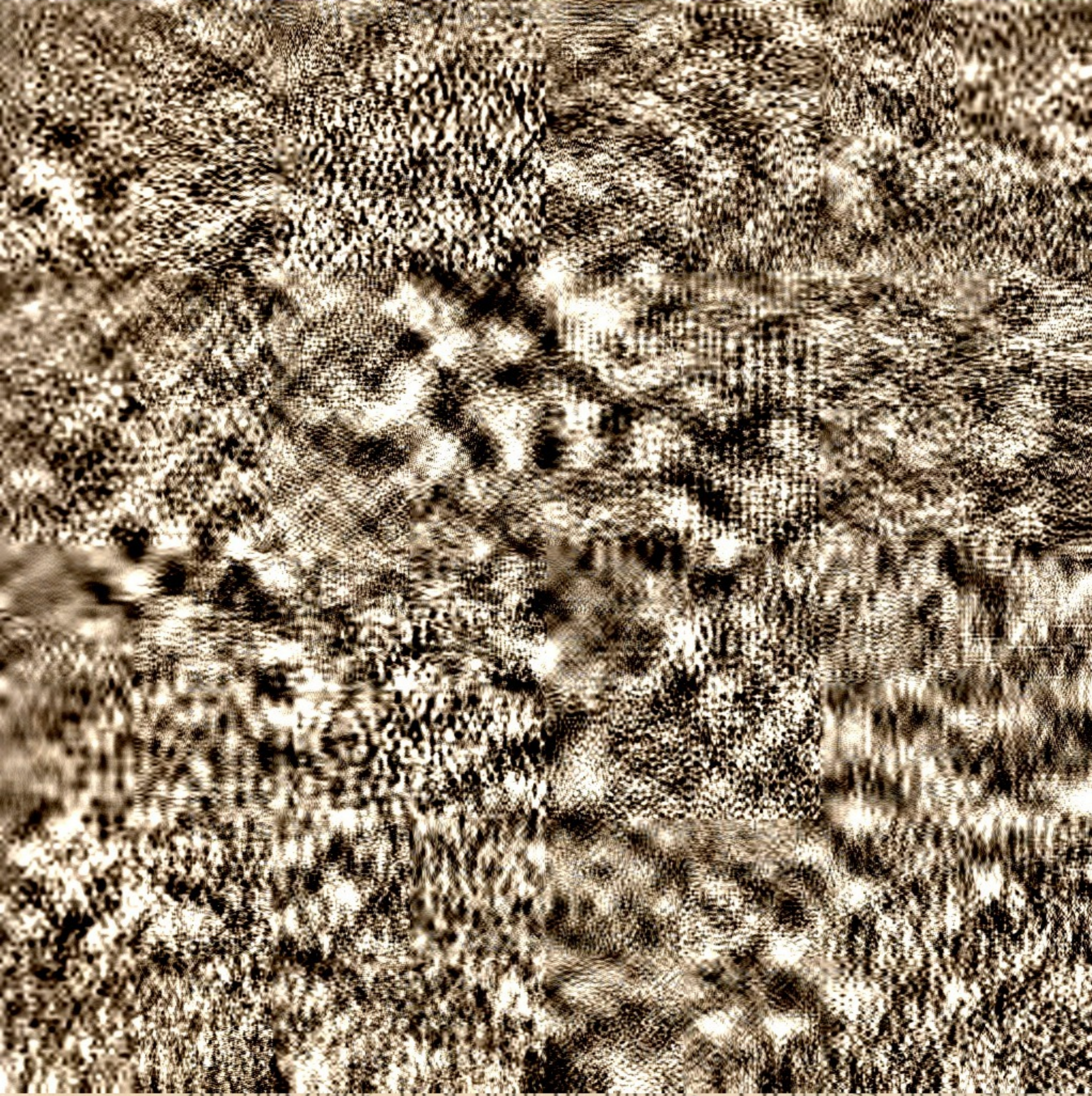


forward; it was dark
board; I brought her
the foot of Fulton Mar-
precinct.

orth-northwest, which

—I am captain of the
t by Nivens from Pro-
el clothing contained
vest, and pantaloons—
so a hat (several other
d in the trunk or the
r bag (produces it); I
e daguerreotype is of
of one of the Wattses.)
ght there; he said he
hing about the vessel
about it, and had not
me time; Dr. Bouton,
we found a lock of
blood on the deck; I
was sealed up in the
that this is the hair;
the coffee-pot in the
kage produced) this is
pearance as if a person

appearance of being washed
down; I found a bucket, with a rope, which appeared to be used in taking
up water; I found a broom there; there was blood and hair on the rope
attached to the bucket; sails and other things had been removed out; there
were holes bored in the deck; we found an auger with blood on it; the
auger fitted the holes in the deck; the coffee pot was lying behind the
stove, it seemed to be bruised; there was hair on it; we searched under the
companionway and found a lead line there; we found some secret drawers;
I saw the valise that was identified here yesterday in the cabin of the sloop;
we found spots of blood on the ceiling of the cabin, and on each side of the
door, as if a person had been drawn out of it; there were three cuts on the
ceiling, which appeared to have been done with a sharp instrument; we



posed, that he is a
t about seven o'clock
p was brought up to
d of Fort Richmond
nation where I could
me the oars and half
I went to the sloop
the boat as it lay at

doing business with
atch about a year ago
year ago; it was not
eman whom I saw in
y I presume; it was
ason, and the number
I repaired; I do not
Burr.

and its number I am
pretty sure I made the
dwriting. (The wit-

on the deck in a pool of blood. (Witness here selected and showed out the clothes brought from Providence in the trunk and bag.) I have now a bag in my hand in addition to the things produced yesterday; the contents were taken out of a green chest brought by the officers from Providence.

Cross-examined.—I cannot enumerate all the articles found; I did not find any jewelry; I do not know if any one took a list or description of the articles.

Re-direct examination.—I now recollect that I found the daguerreotype produced yesterday (of a young lady) in the breast pocket of this coat, (a dark frock coat).

HENRY SEAMAN deposed—I reside in Brooklyn; I was acquainted with Capt. Burr for fourteen or fifteen years; I saw him on the Tuesday before he left;

I know Capt. Burr's watch; I had it in my hand on the Tuesday; it was at my house, and he (Capt. Burr) took it away that evening; I recollect leaving Capt. Burr's watch to be repaired at some store in the Bowery, a year ago last April; I did not go after it again; I know it by its general appearance, and by the guard, and the way the guard is knotted; I knew the sloop Johnson, and its yawl-boat; I saw the yawl-boat at the police station after the sloop had been towed in to the city; it was on the 22d or 23d of March last; saw the yawl-boat on the sloop the time she was here before the last trip; I do not know the prisoner; Captain Burr was a man of about five feet seven or five feet eight inches in height. I found the ship's papers in the cabin, at the head of the captain's birth; I gave them to Captain Weed, of the Second Ward station; I knew the Watts boys; Oliver was about five feet nine or ten, and weighed about 180 or 185 pounds; he was the light-haired one; Smith Watts was taller, and weighed about 175 pounds; I do not know Smith Watts' writing.

Cross-examined.—I had the watch in my hand probably fifteen or twenty minutes; it was on the Tuesday before the Thursday that he sailed; I don't think I said before the Commissioner that it was the Tuesday week before he sailed; I do not know why I took the watch in my hand; I had no idea that I should be called on to identify it; I left it at Mr. Squire's store to be repaired; I did not go for the watch; I remember the number of the watch, 21,310; the number was marked down on the boom of my cart by Captain Burr when he gave it to me at foot of Spring street; I did not state that fact before; I have since sold the cart; Captain Burr's wife and my wife are sisters.

To Mr. DWIGHT—Captain Burr carried the watch for four or five years.

Mr. CONOVER—(recalled and produces the record).—It is as follows:

MR. BURR	
	D. B. Silver watch,
	J. Johnson, Liverpool, 21,310.
Dld.	

To prisoner's counsel.—I can't say to whom I delivered the watch; my impression is that I delivered it to the gentleman who left it, but I am not certain; it was there about a week.

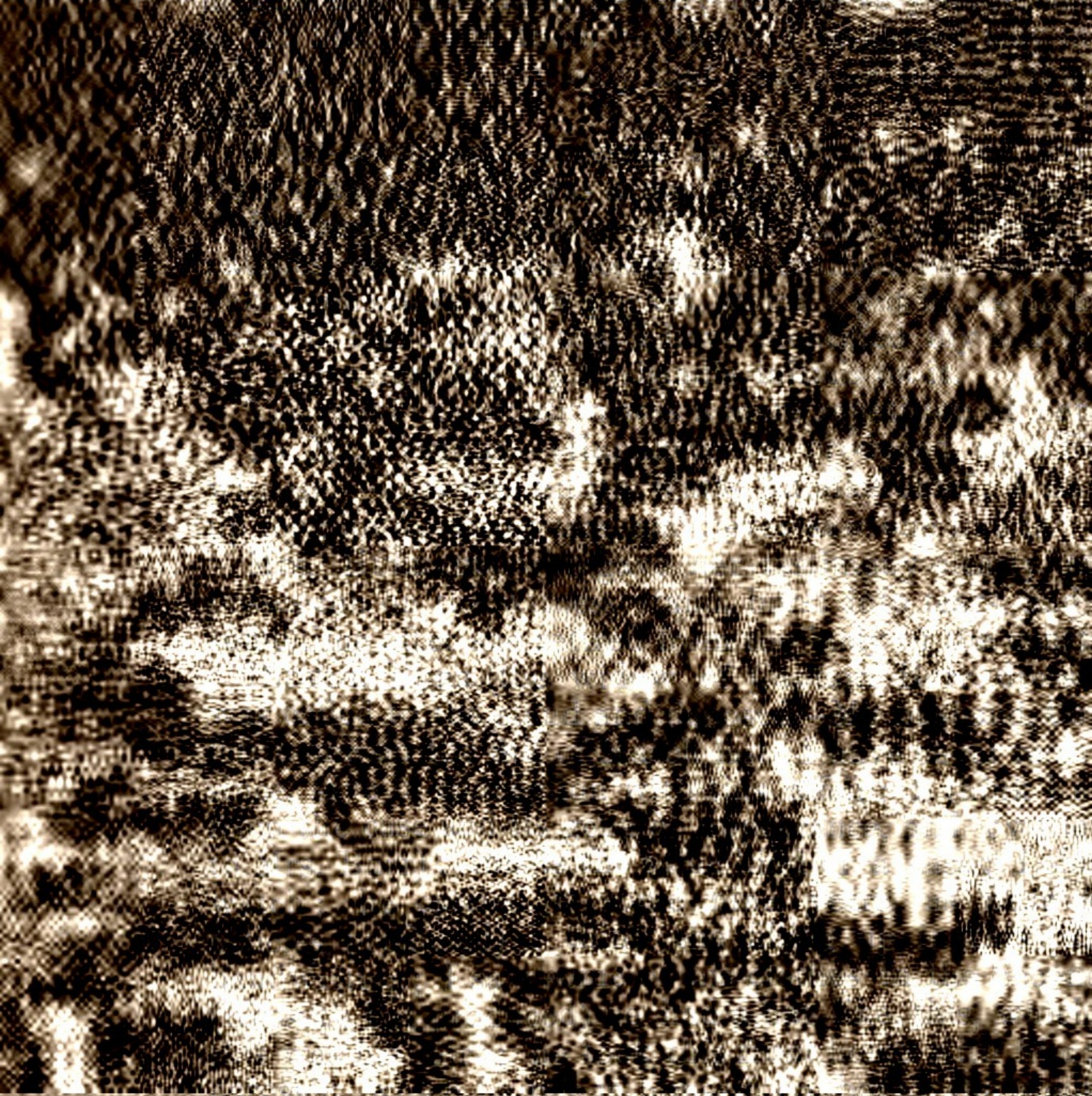
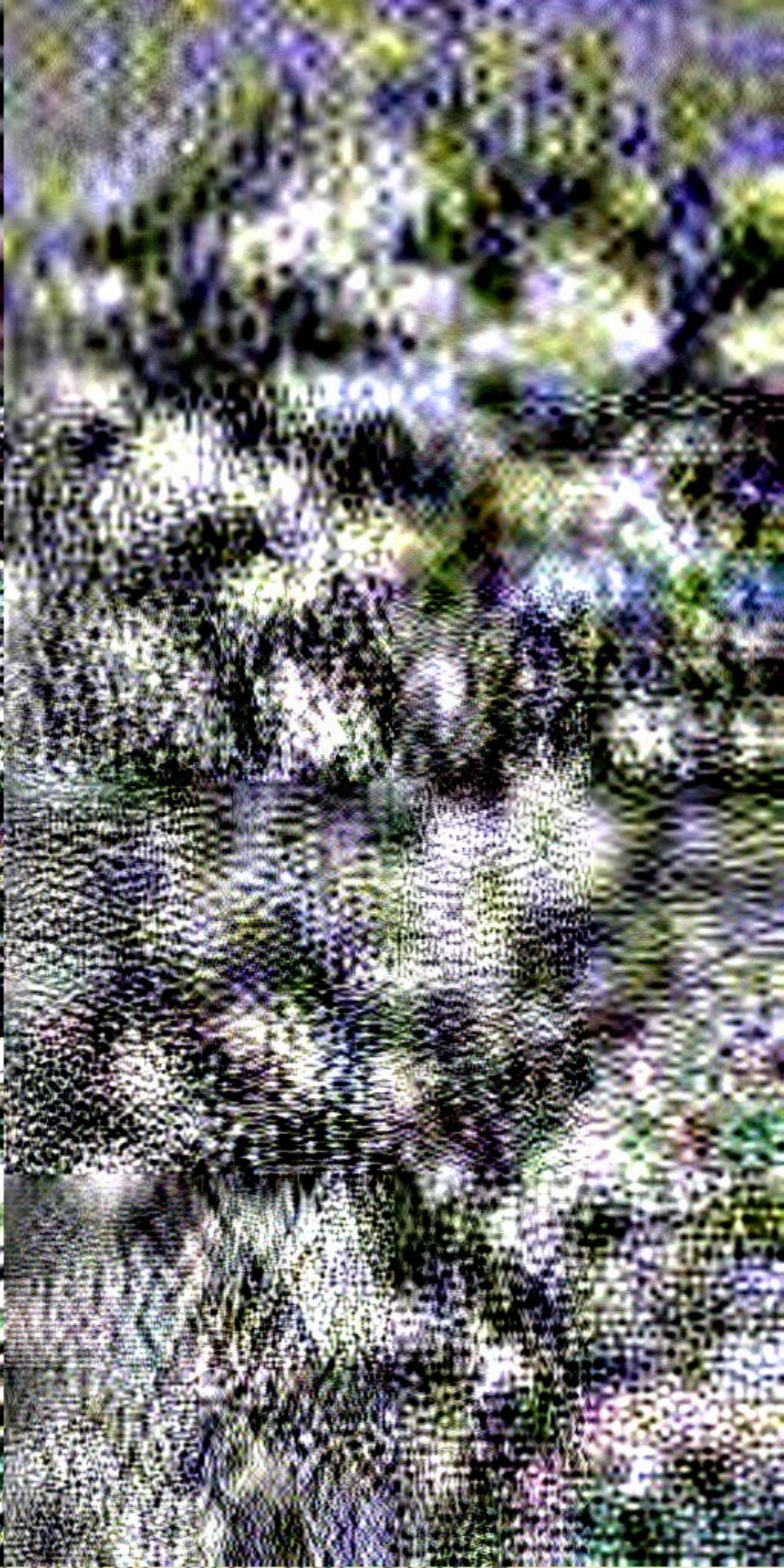
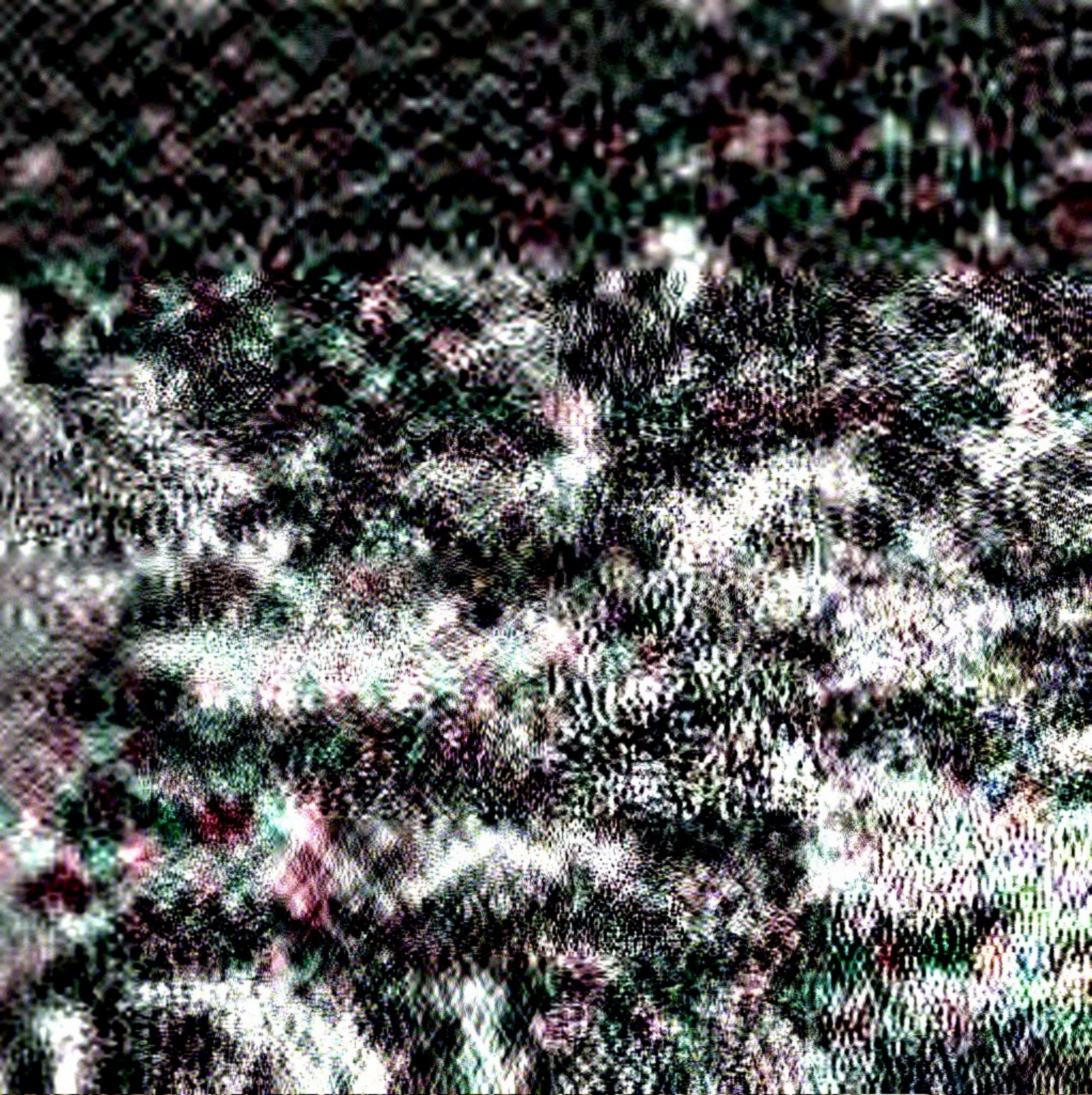
CATHERINE DICKENSON, a girl about seventeen years of age, deposed: I knew Oliver Watts; I saw him last on the Tuesday of the week he sailed; I do not know the date; I gave him my daguerreotype.

Mr. GRAVES objected to this testimony.

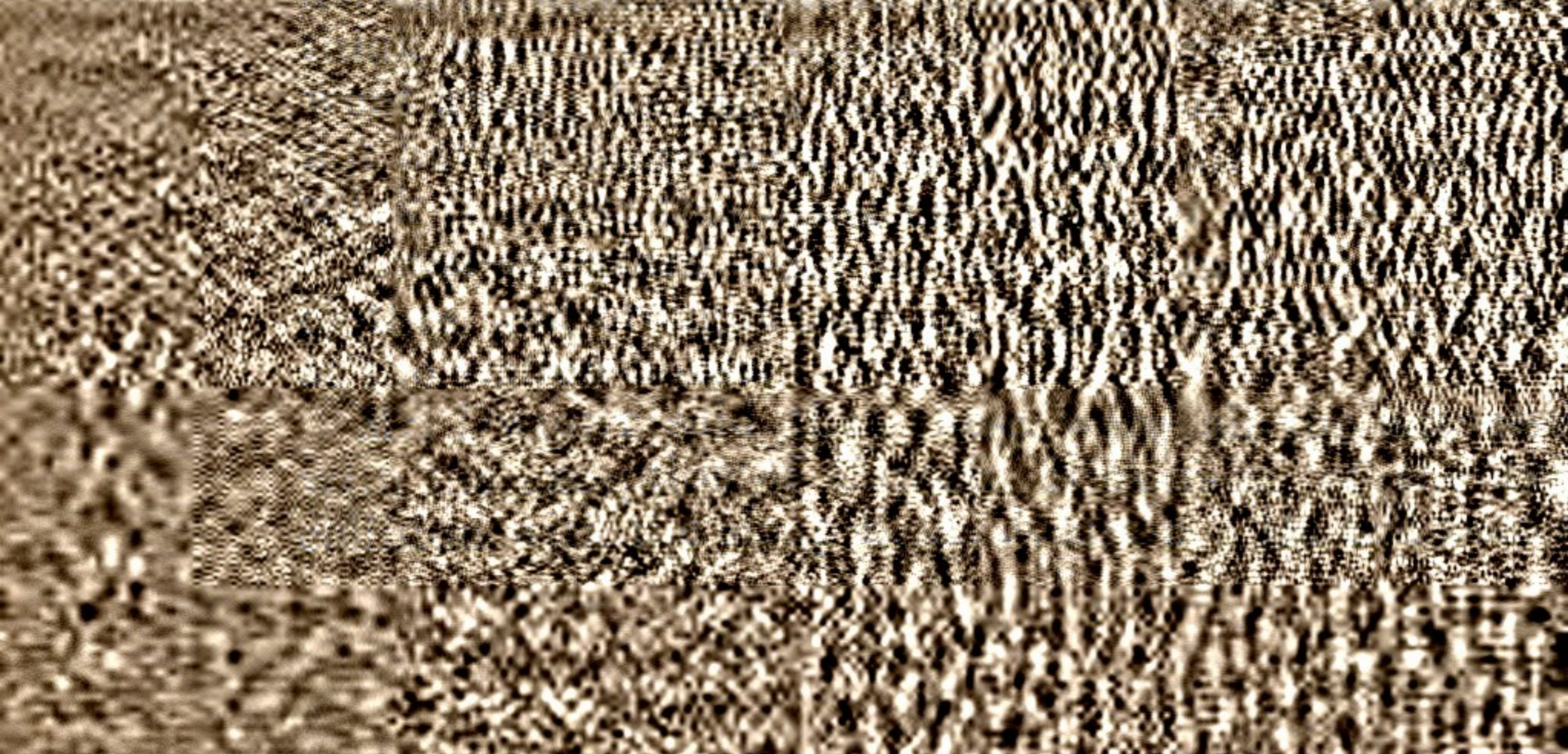
The COURT said he deemed the evidence was proper and important; it had been proved that a daguerreotype was found in a coat, and if the prosecution can prove that that coat belonged to young Watts, and that this is the daguerreotype this witness gave him, it will go far to connect the prisoner with the transaction on board that sloop. The Court thought the evidence not only eminently proper, but very material and important testimony.

Witness continued.—When I gave him the daguerreotype he put it in his coat pocket; I saw that coat since in the District Attorney's office (coat produced in which Captain Weed found the daguerreotype); I think this is his coat and this the pocket he put it in; he then jumped into the cars (daguerreotype produced); this is the same one I gave him; I don't remember any of the other clothes of Oliver but the coat.

Cross-examined.—The coat was shown me in the District Attorney's office; they showed me one coat and asked me if it was Oliver's, and I said not; they then showed me the other, and I said it was Oliver's; I identify it from



could not get shirts
myself; I have had no
ordered. (Sensation in
relation of Captain
een or fifteen years.
signs in stitches and
Smith Watts' shirt; the
had worn out the other
took away with him in
direct testimony.
Nivens, shown to
ve washed and done it
ad maintained herself-
continued to weep for
d in deep mourning)
tain George H. Burr,
ved any tidings of him
ould know his watch
guard (watch handed
ould say it is the same
s I can say; (ship's
ber is in my husband's
d Ward station-house;
he wore from home;
I know it by a piece
; those pantaloons I
e he had on when he
his produced; he did
t say positively, but I
med it myself.
coat; he often bought
identified these clothes.



s for the prosecution,
g which had had the
elegraphed to Boston,



reotype and hair now
s hair because I cut it

mitted to the jury to
of the sloop.
d deposed—I received
and some hair, which

it from?
pe to Miss Dickerson.)
t is the daguerreotype
h I received from him.
it; I cut it off myself;
the same time as mine
type that I now hold
lock of hair from his

, stated that he took
he broken bowsprit of
as still left on the bow
come in collision with

the government had
hat of Captain Nicker-
He thought that the
ore the Commissioner,

purpose of reading the
s associates as to the

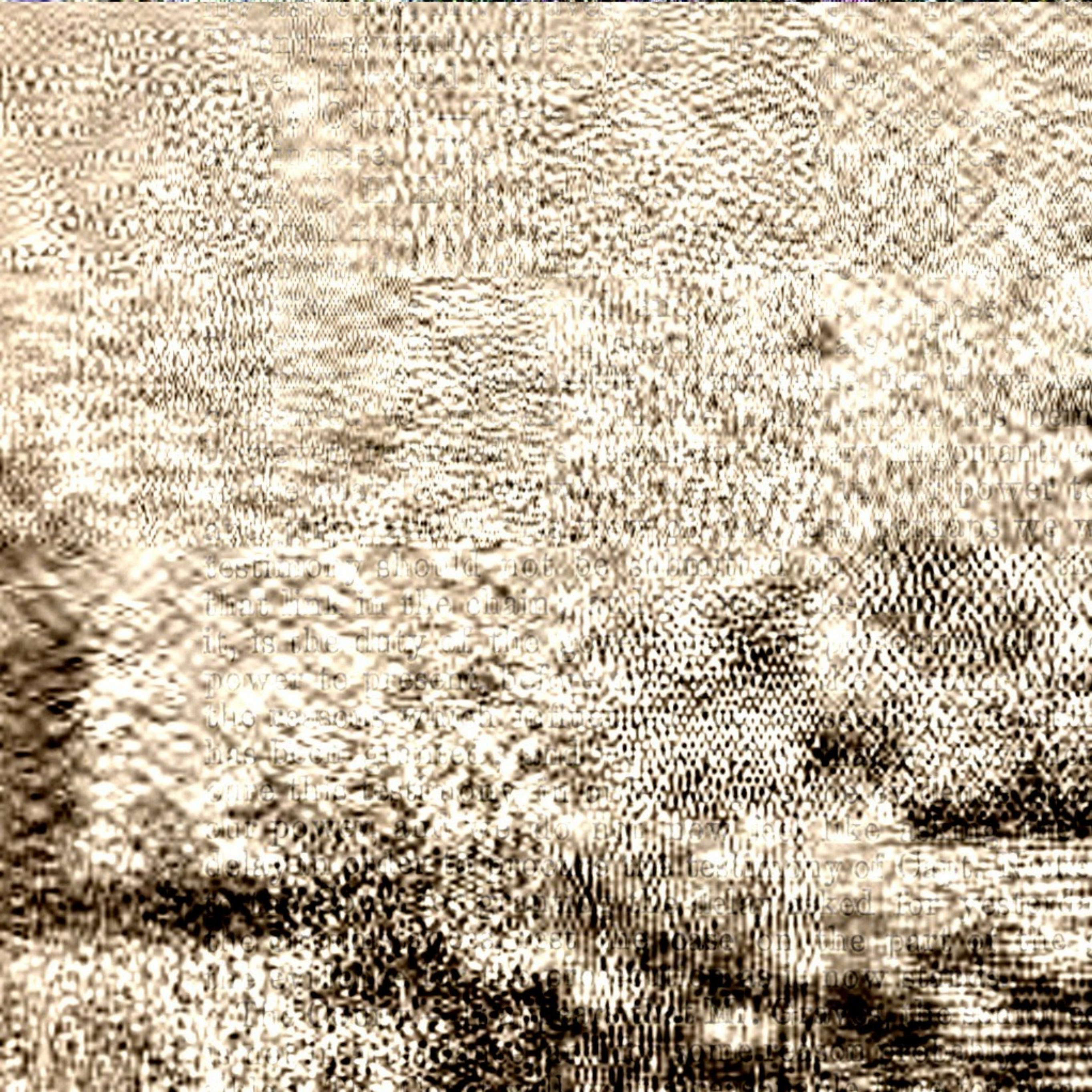
proper course to be pursued.

The COURT said that this was a matter purely for counsel to consider, and one with which he would not interfere. He would accede to the request of defendant's counsel, and adjourn the Court till twelve o'clock.

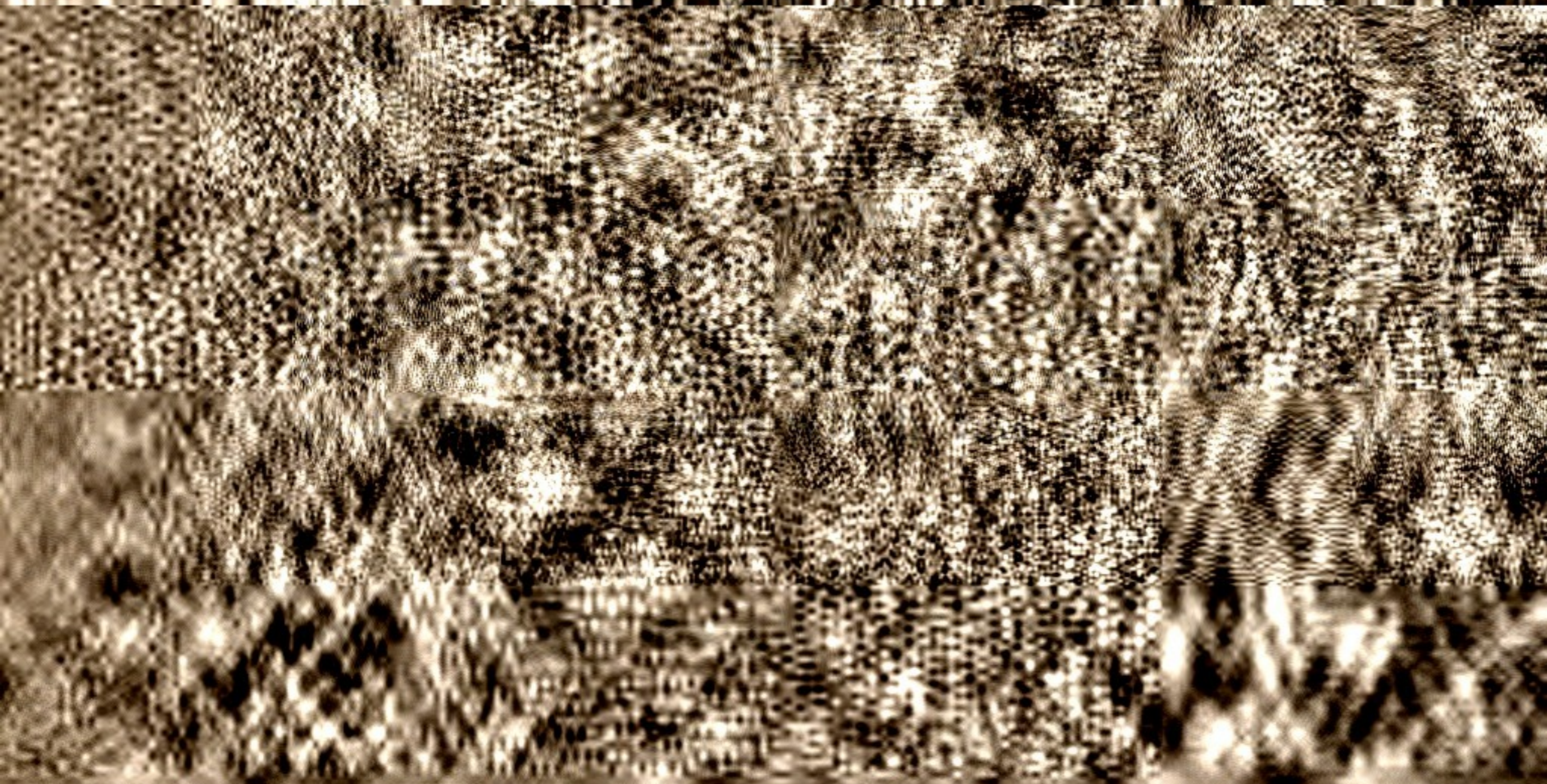
The COURT then took a recess. On reassembling,

Mr. GRAVES desired to state that they had not been able to agree with the counsel for the government as to the evidence of Captain Nickerson.

Mr. HUNT said—My opinion is that the testimony of Captain Nickerson is



...rmed that he went to
...d I have not seen him
...; you had better send
...d, if the Court please,
...posed to do. We have
...mony we were anxious
...shall have his testimony
...ave never regarded his
...d we would not have
...is being present. We have,
...s giving completeness
...power to present to the Court
...perhaps we were anxious that the
...the government without
...what, as I understand
...the facts that it is in our
...is defence. These are
...g for the delay which
...all we could to pro-
...completeness as is in
...Court for any further
...erson. We are obliged
...y, and we now, under
...government, and leave
...ounsel for the prisoner,
...which he is not respon-



...ey, said—During this
...has been said by Mr.
...k no part in it in open
...at this testimony was
...reason why any delay
...any delay should have
...good sense and on hu-
...y strict law, but by a

soner's counsel as to whether they will object to it or not.

The COURT.—It appears to me that this is a proper view of the case taken by the United States Attorney. It is the duty of the government, especially in a case of high crime—such a case as the prisoner is charged with—to lay before the court and jury all the evidence they have in their power, or that they are cognizant of, which has any connection with or bearing on the case; and, as the court intimated yesterday, whatever may be its opinions in relation to the necessity of the evidence, such as Captain Nickerson's might be, it would be very improper for the court to intimate it at this stage of the trial.

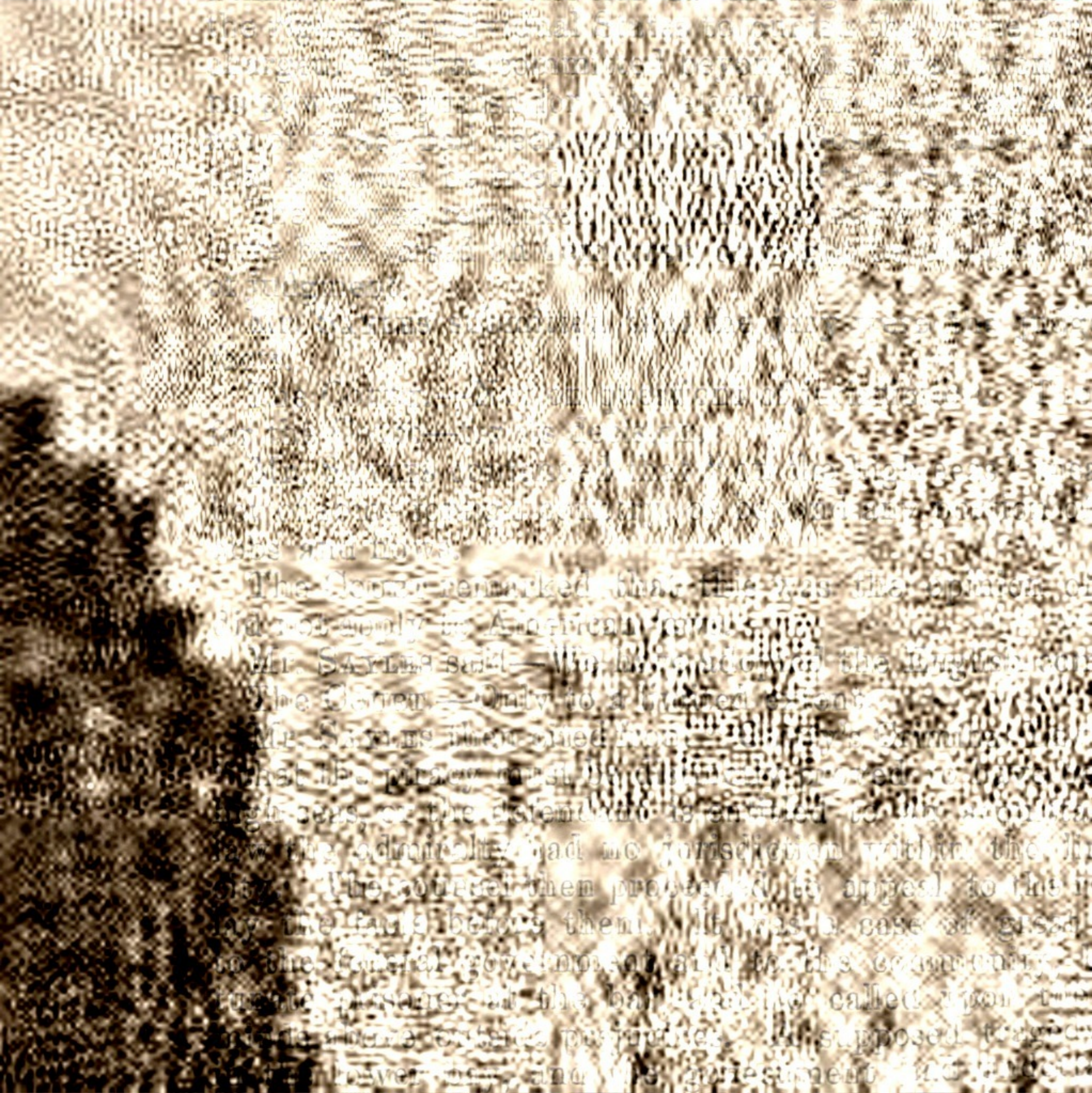
Mr. SAYLES (prisoner's counsel).—I experienced some reluctance in asking the court a further delay for the purpose of this trial. It has already been delayed, on the part of the government, for an entire day. I would, however, on the present occasion, ask the court to take a recess until twelve o'clock, to accommodate the defendant, in order that I may ascertain where my partner is, or that I may procure counsel to associate with me. Mr. Graves went last evening to see his uncle in Twenty-seventh street, and I have not seen or heard of him. I would say, in addition, that Mr. Graves has my brief in his possession.

The JUDGE said that the Court was very indulgent to both sides, in consequence of the importance of the case, both to the public and the prisoner, and although he is very anxious to dispose of the case as soon as practicable, yet he would grant a delay until twelve o'clock.

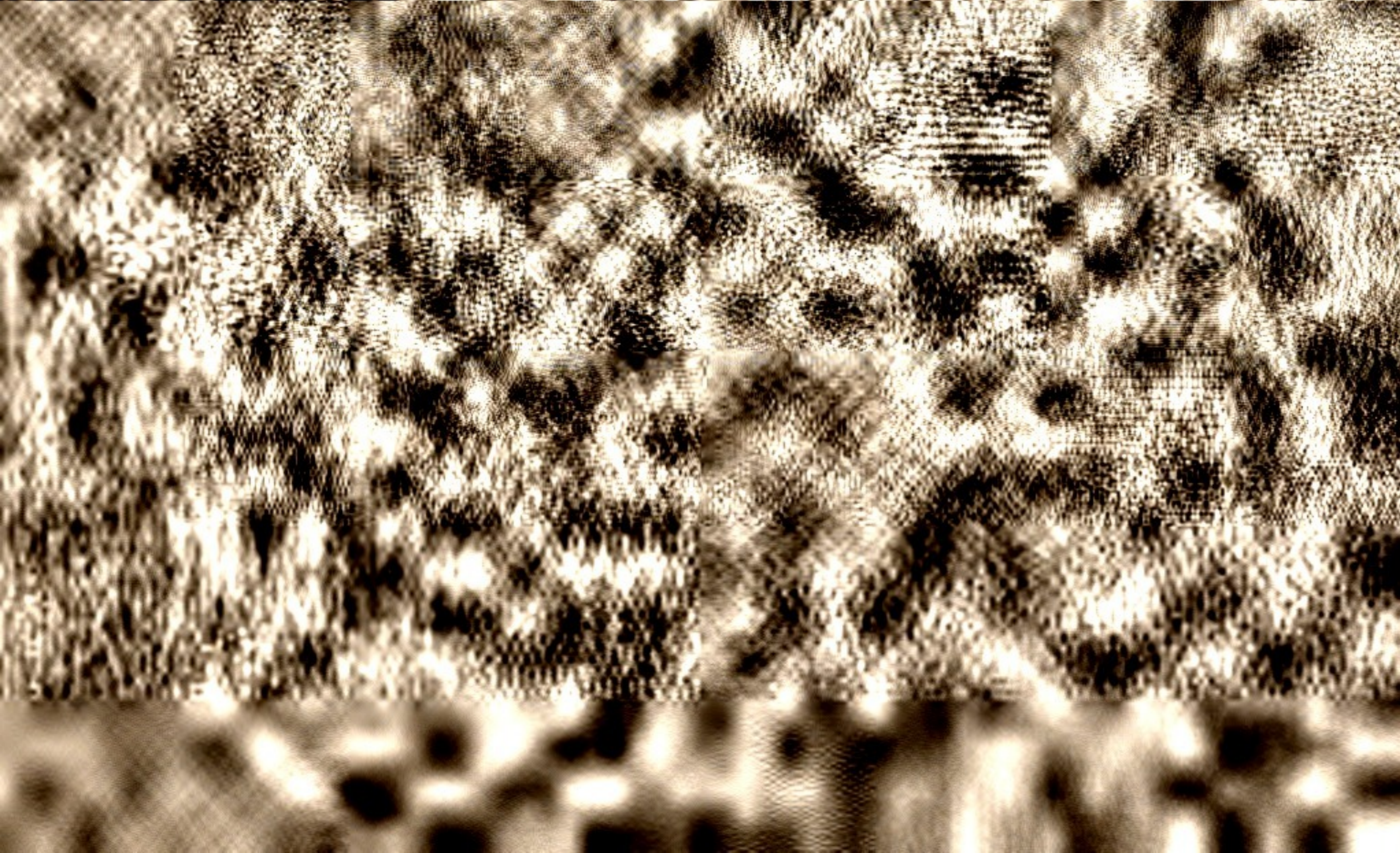
On the reassembling of the Court, Mr. Sayles said he expected his associate every minute, and he desired to consult with him as to the production of witnesses. He would now call Mr. Commissioner White as to the testimony of a witness named Downes, in describing the position of the sloop.

KENNETH G. WHITE, United States Commissioner, called and examined by Mr. Sayles, deposed—My impression is that a witness named Downes was before me on the preliminary examination. I cannot recollect the particulars (Minutes produced.) I asked Downes as to where he resided, and of which was made by

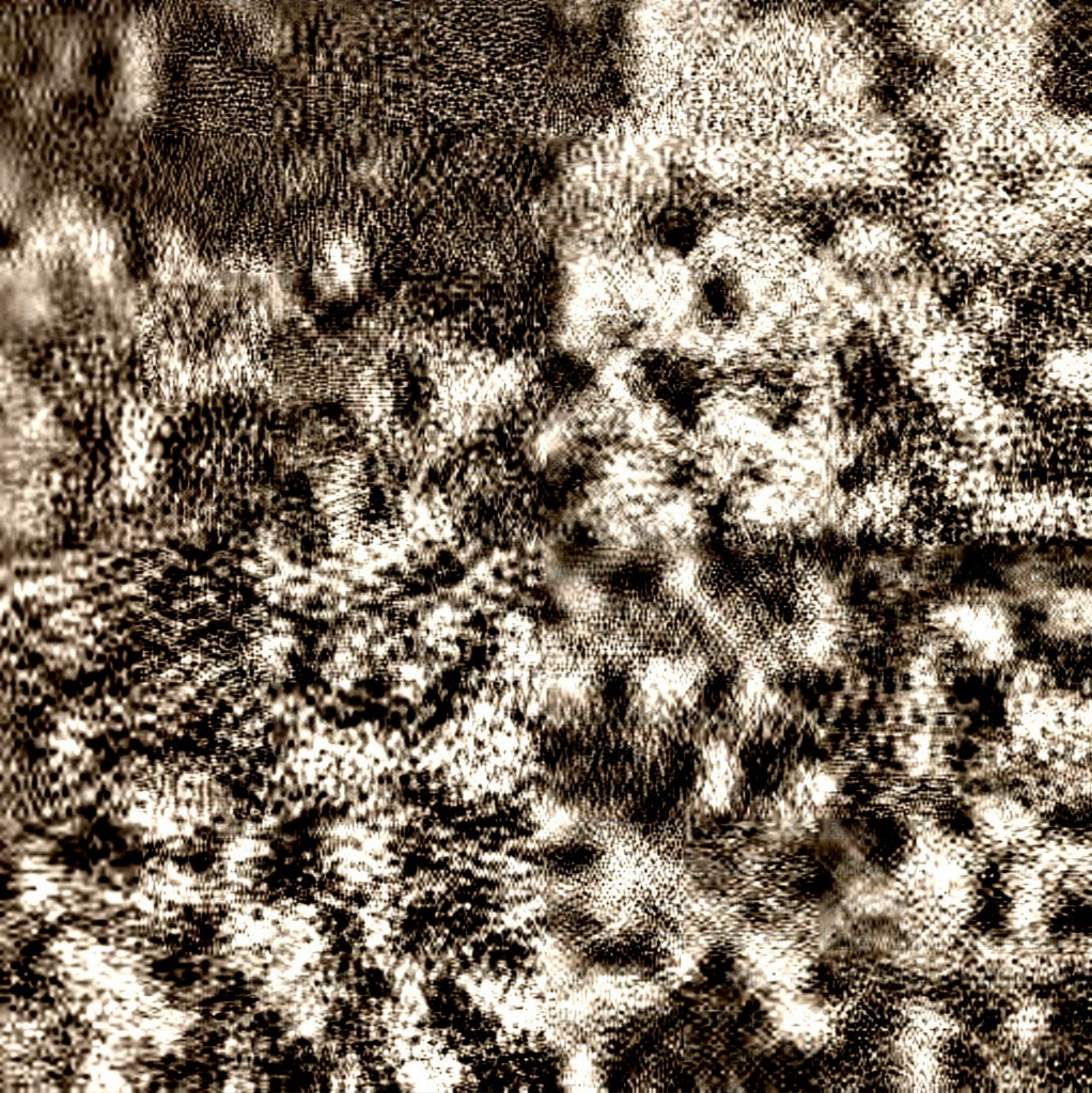
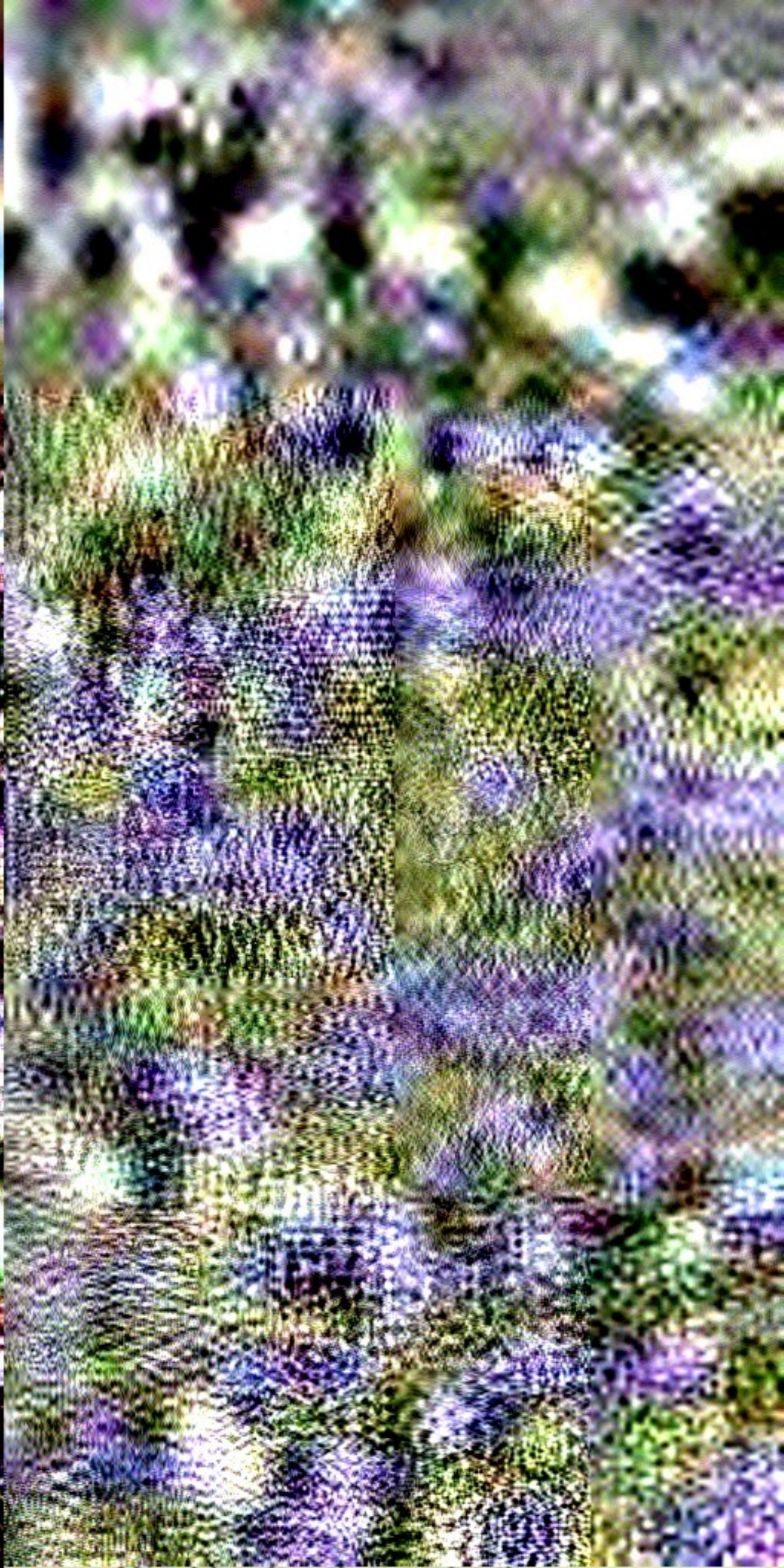
resides in Keyport; was on the 15th of and ten and five cent



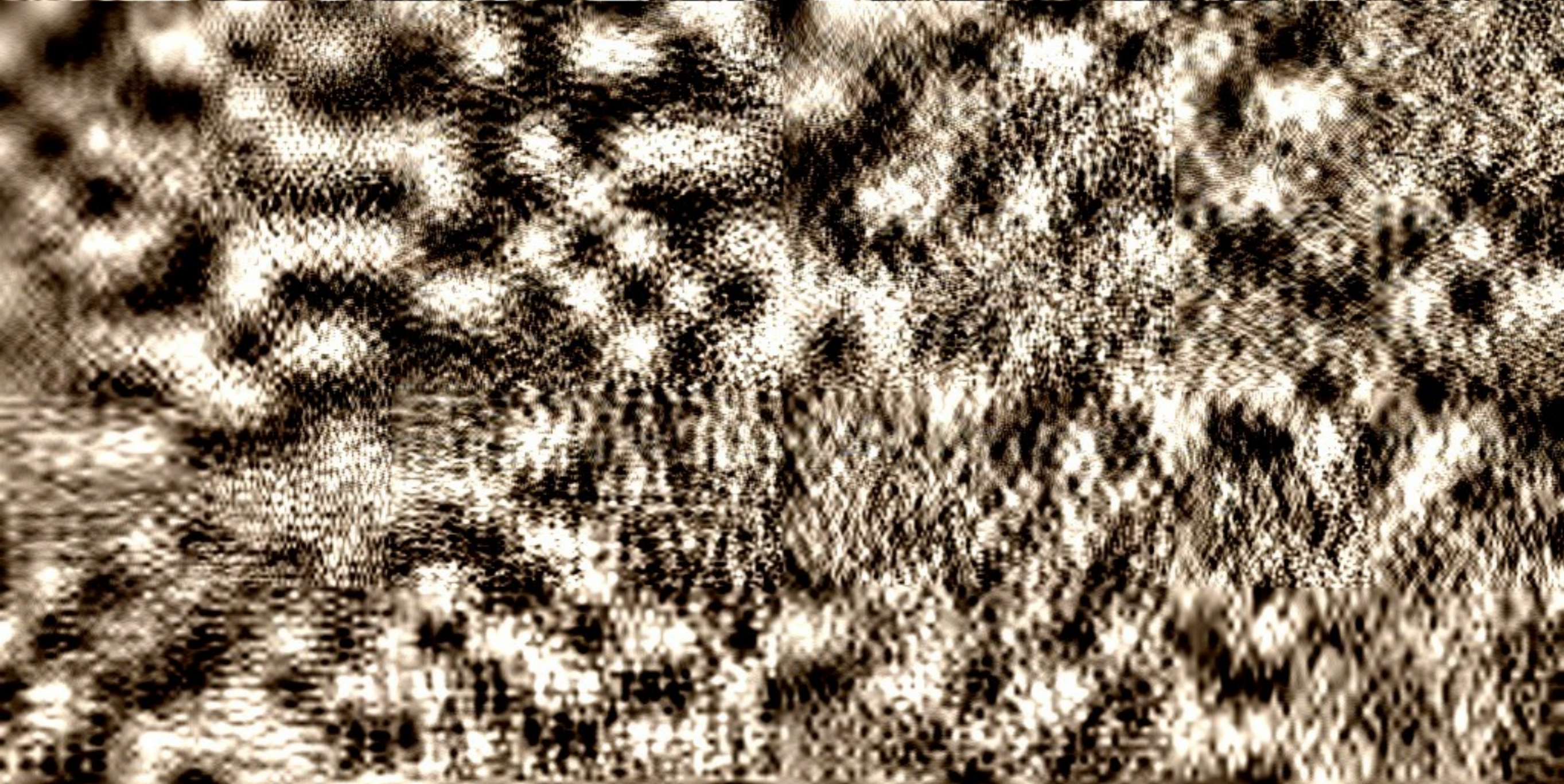
which this man stands
the court, and it had
reported case where an
and in which it was held
for the jury, but should
on a motion in arrest
of the law and the
these questions are always
ant either in the har-
a coast where the sea
English lawyers, but
English law.



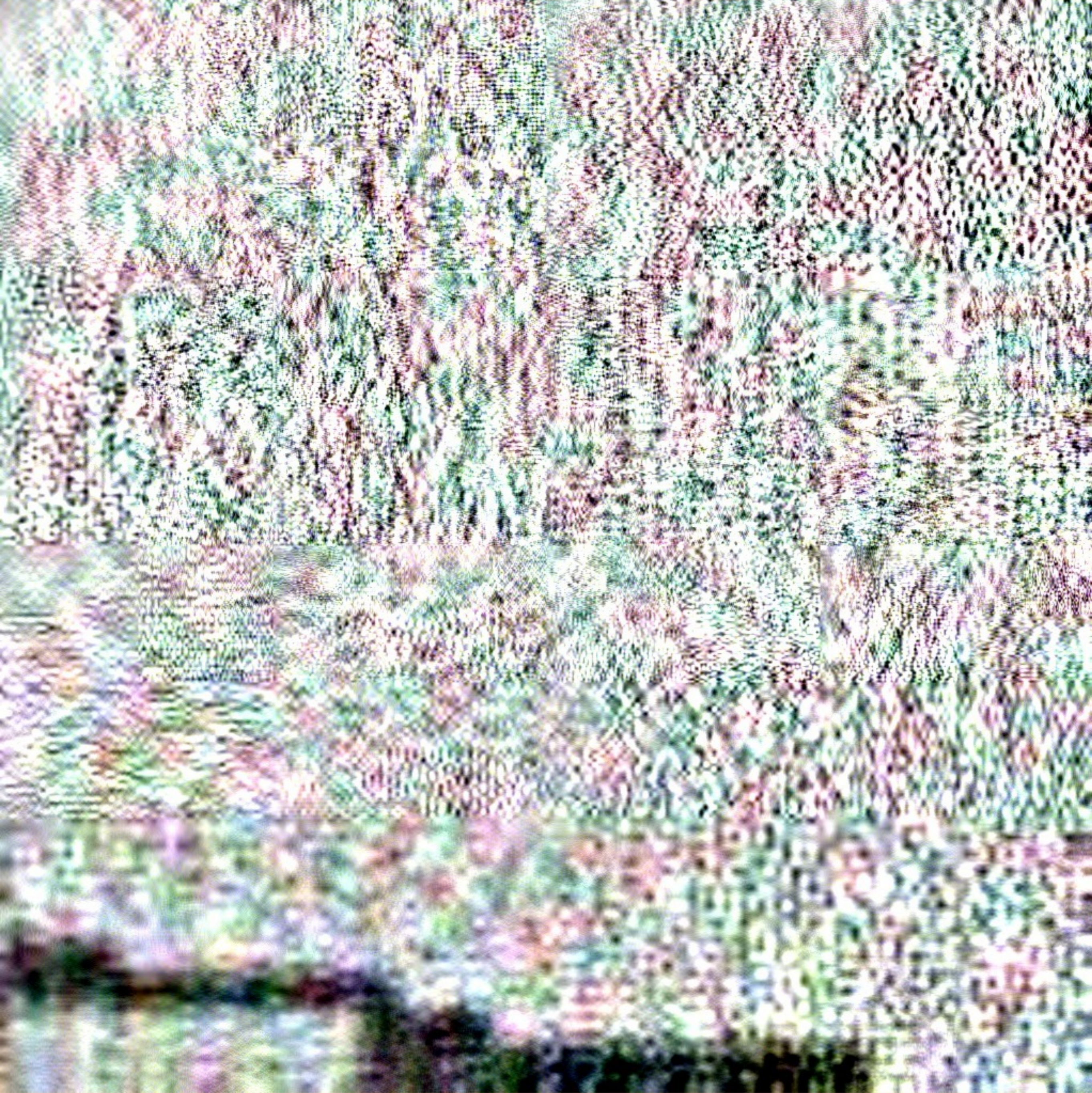
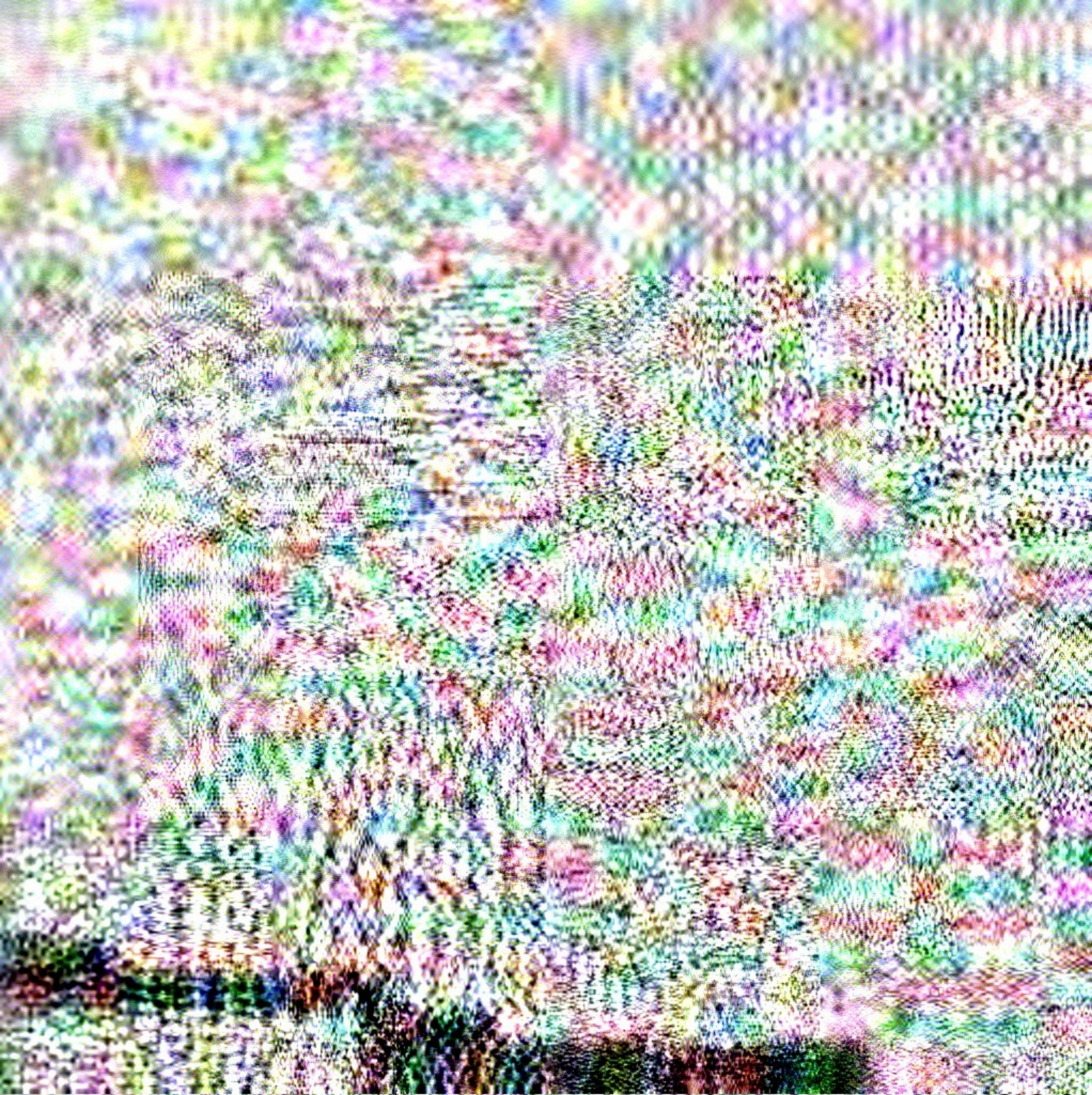
," vol. iii., which says,
then committed on the
." According to that
within the limits of any county or
to the reason of the jury, and
importance, not only
but also to the unfor-
jury to elevate their
had been committed
taken to show, by cir-
petrated it. Counsel
and alluded to the re-
esses swore positively
and subsequently swore
of the jurisdiction of
of the two Bournes,



...ver Watts had parted
...he had not yet come
...e girls they left behind
...nd concisely reviewed
...graphic description of
...perpetrated, and con-
...onger than I intended,
...risoner is not proven
...nocent man. If there
...y guilt—one reasonable
...George H. Burr, as set
...benefit of that doubt.
...ht as he has a right to
...sidering the evidence,
...may have. But, gen-
...crept into your minds
...has been strengthened
...before you—that no
...t his conviction is the
...it to the government.
...e five days listening to
...he part of the govern-
...e the benefit of your
...this in your jury box
...esitation on his part;
...oy, Watts; and then
...uggle with the captain
...e; and if you are con-
...rendering in your jury
...ds of Islip, "justice;"
...s up from the depths
...nd all that go down in
...The prisoner equally
...u, in the name of the
...e, which he committed
...our verdict be speedy,



...cupied nearly an hour,



rence having taken
ter having been out
greed upon a verdict.
dily, exhibiting little
man then announced
ich he was charged.
cement, but resumed
t then remanded him
the handcuffs. His
me in which to make
esignated 10 A.M. on
s was then conducted

denied. Immediately
im, the day fixed for
e's ISLAND.



District of New York.

ALBERT W. HICKS was
made by him.

City U. S. Marshal.

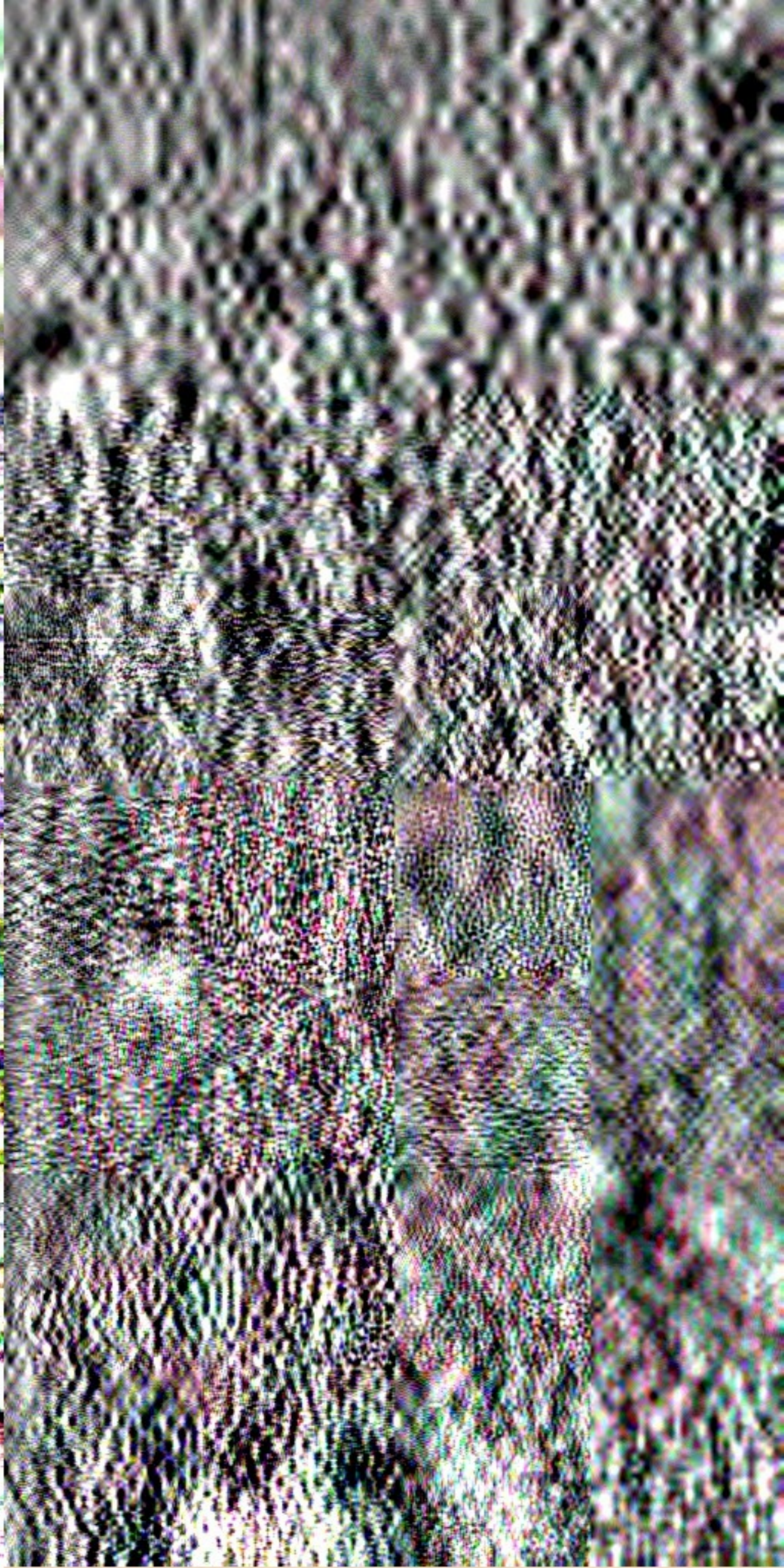
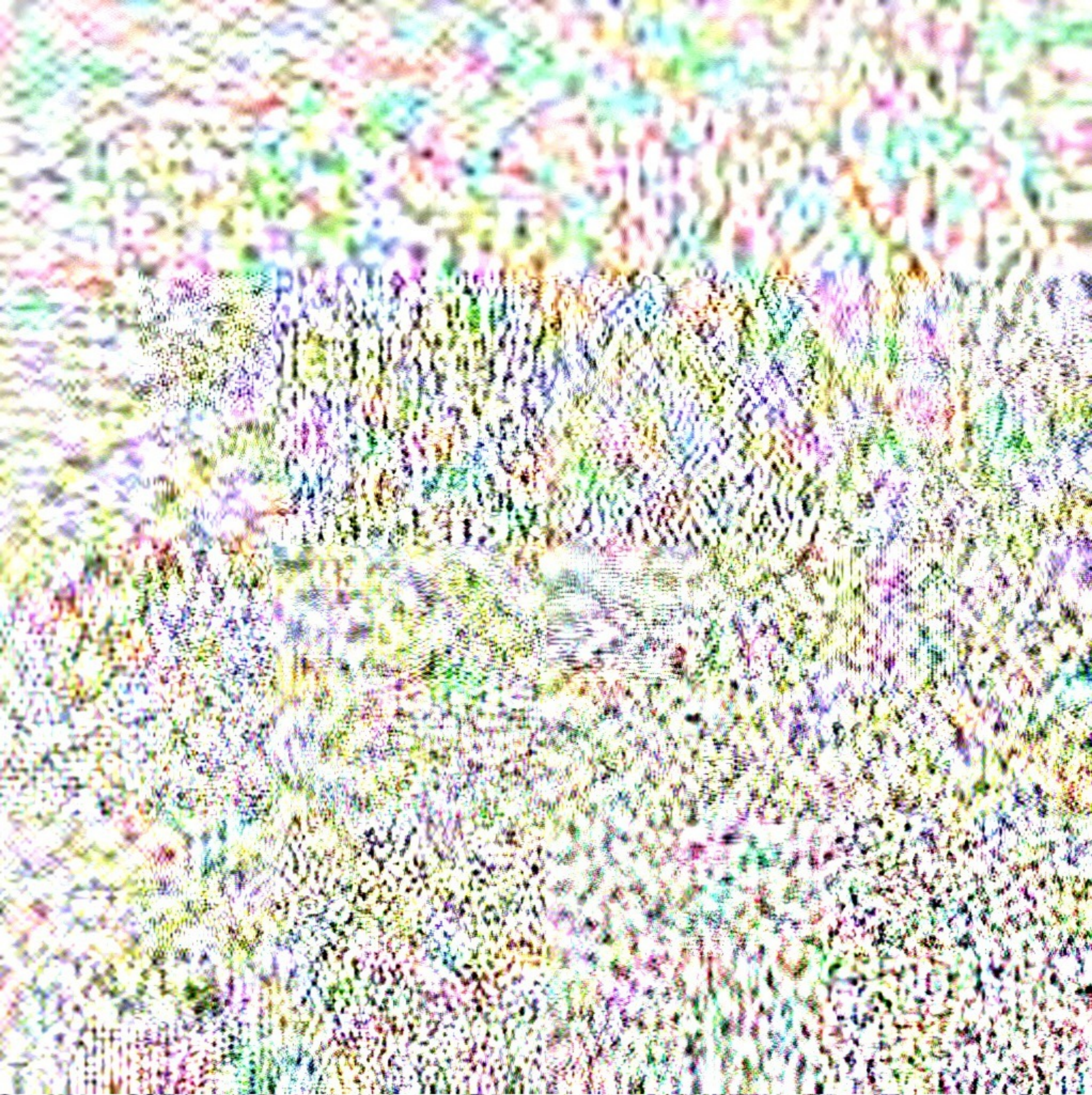
business which he had
him, and in place of
the time of his arrest,
had abandoned the
of his approaching
session of him.

besought his keeper
in his cell. He was
as to the cause of
the future of his wife

of his crimes, and
to confess, he at last
to confess the crime
history of his whole
his arrest, on condi-
until the day of his

execution, and that all the proceeds arising from its sale should be given to his wife.

This was agreed to by Mr. De Angelis, and accordingly, on the 13th of June, that gentleman, accompanied by an amanuensis, visited Hicks in his cell, and there listened to his confession, which is given below in

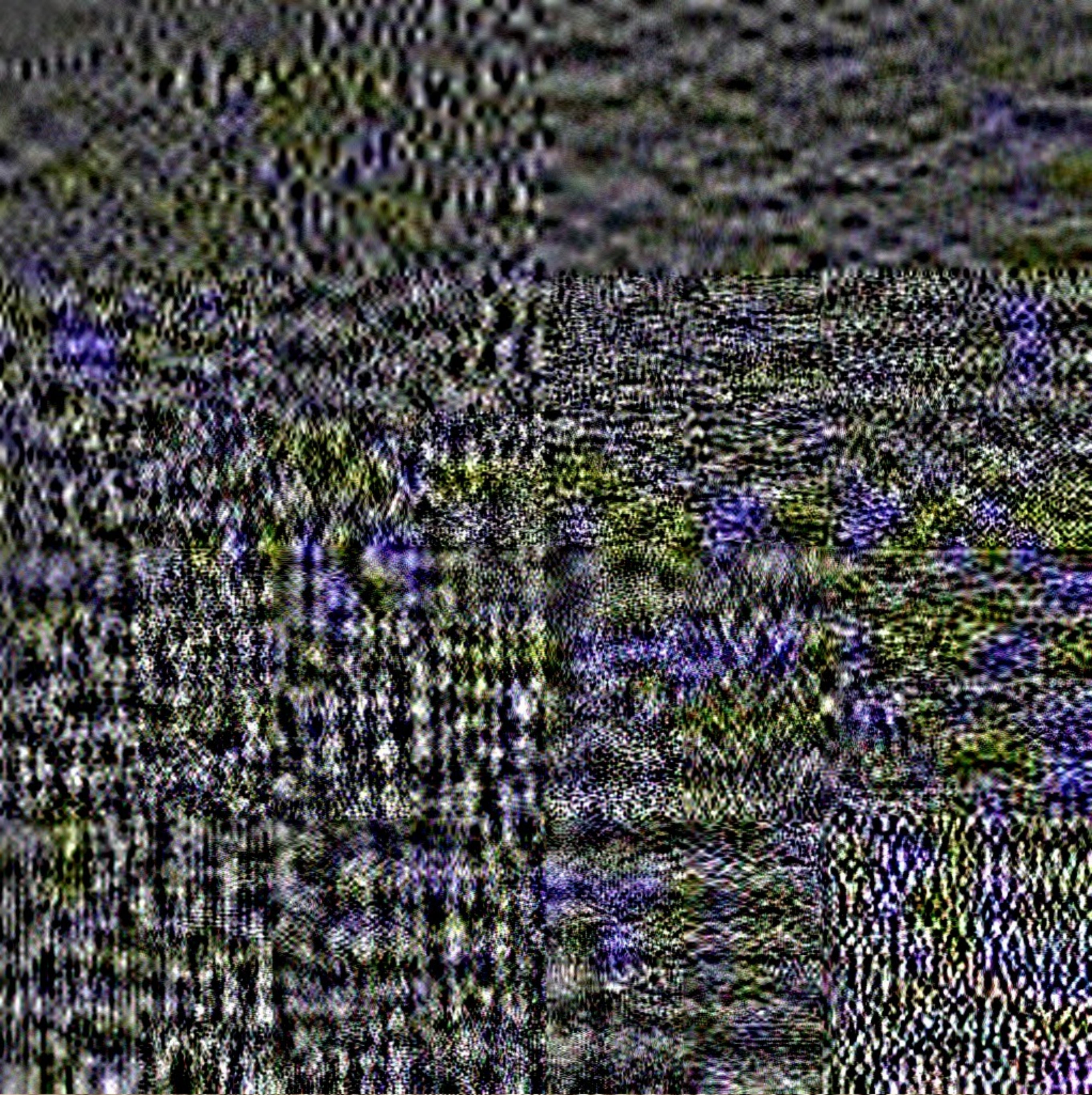


own, and that though
his ; yet I imagined
his work for a time
and on shore, amid
moment the waves
rom their deadly em-
fight ; he has seemed
nd when I have been
eared impossible, he
release. But at last
will not answer me ;
ould he show a guilty

not heard her voice
e too desperate ; no
l seemed dead to all
ch, until now, I have

citements which have
-within these solemn
or those come to look

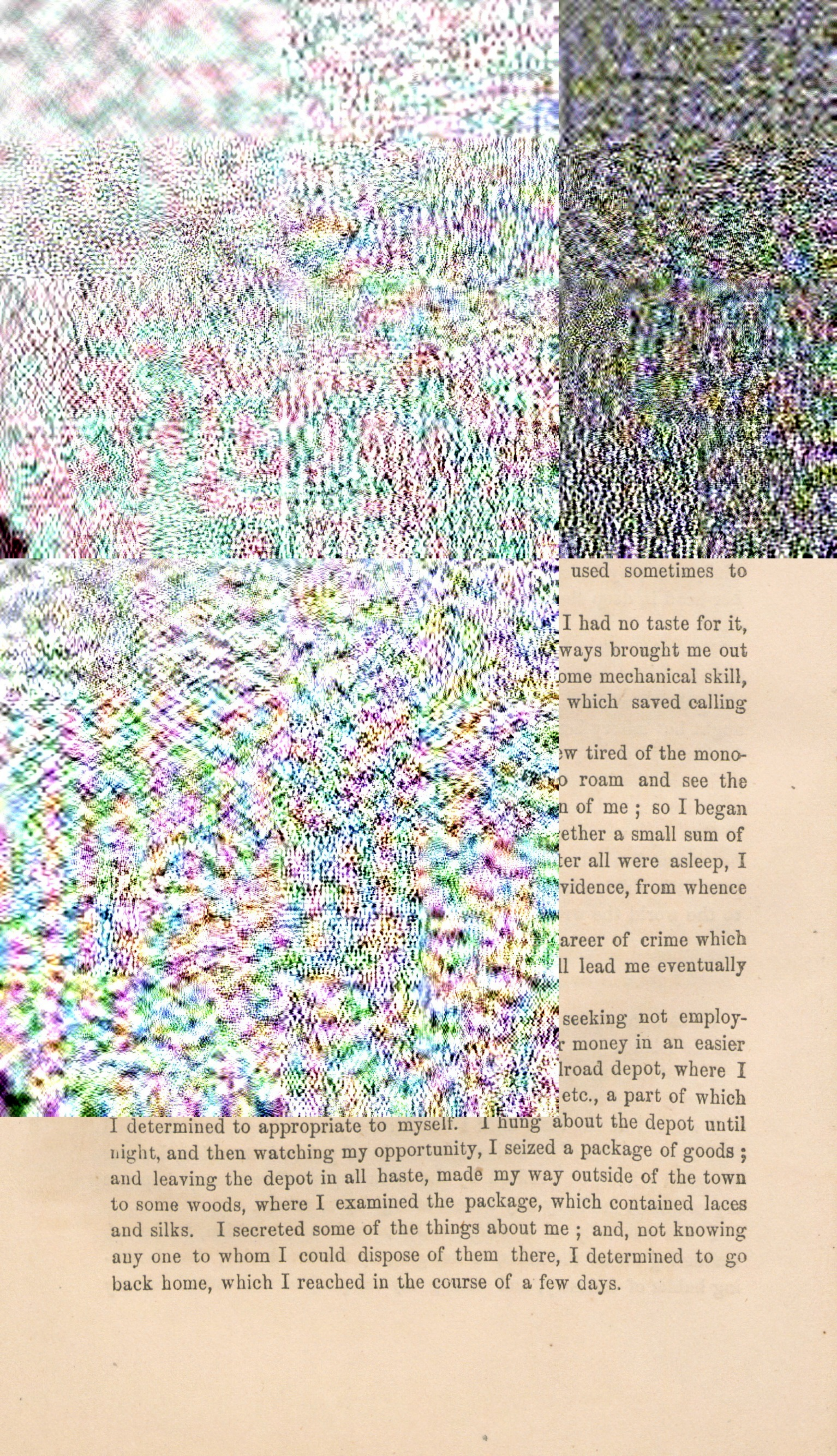
at me, as upon some wild beast ; here, where no sounds fall upon my ear but the footsteps of the keeper, as he paces with measured tread the long corridor outside, or harsh, discordant clank of heavy doors slamming, or the grating of bolts and the creaking of hinges—conscience, so long dead, has at last awakened, and now stings me with anguish, and fills my soul with dread and horror.



will make her bow
is the father of her
secrets of my life, I
though I may go to
out any evidence of
ale of this, my Con-
from dependence on
erer's wife, will make
ow awaiting me.
but for the sake of
for the sake of the
as its father, I give
of Foster, State of
of whom I was the

I worked on the farm until I was fifteen years of age, and though I had opportunities of receiving the benefit of public instruction, I never attended school, or profited by the advantages offered me to improve my condition in life by any honest or legitimate means.

I was naturally of a wild, restless, reckless disposition, fonder of wandering about the fields, or lounging by the brook side, than following habits of industry, and among my companions was noted for my



used sometimes to

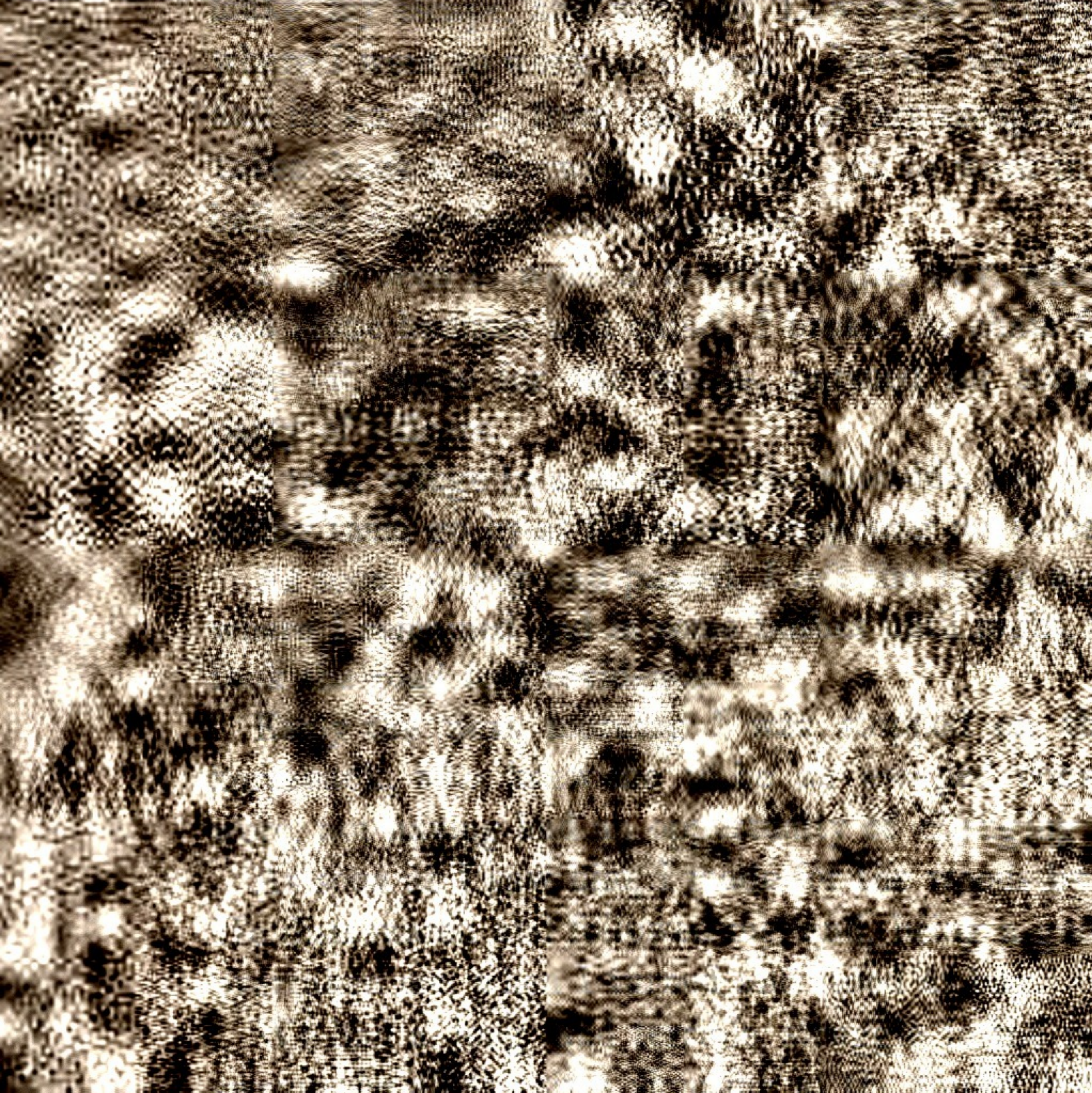
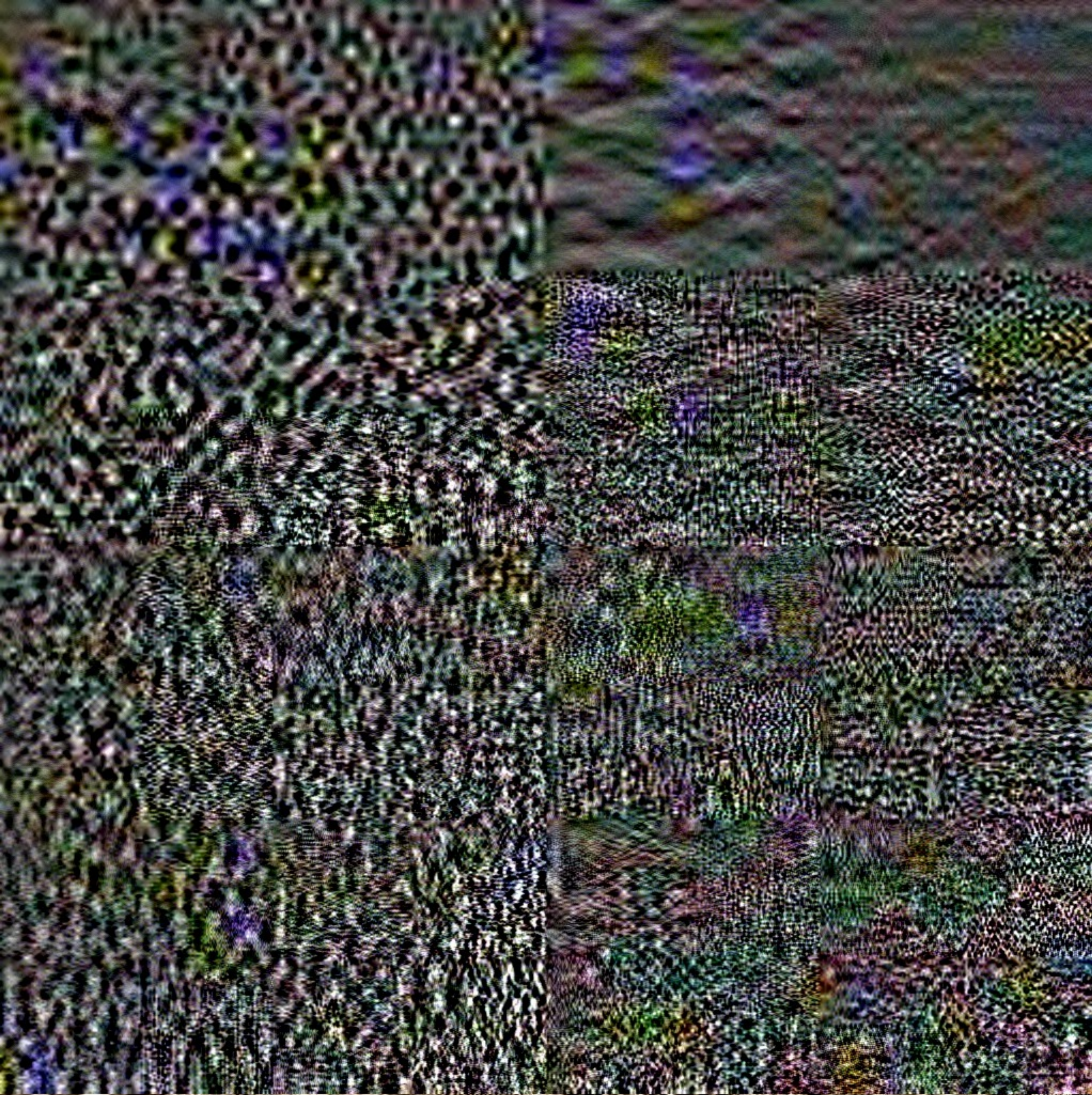
I had no taste for it, always brought me out some mechanical skill, which saved calling

ew tired of the mon-
to roam and see the
n of me ; so I began
ether a small sum of
ter all were asleep, I
vidence, from whence

career of crime which
ll lead me eventually

seeking not employ-
r money in an easier
road depot, where I
etc., a part of which

I determined to appropriate to myself. I hung about the depot until night, and then watching my opportunity, I seized a package of goods ; and leaving the depot in all haste, made my way outside of the town to some woods, where I examined the package, which contained laces and silks. I secreted some of the things about me ; and, not knowing any one to whom I could dispose of them there, I determined to go back home, which I reached in the course of a few days.



ester, Rhode Island,
abouts was discovered,
was re-arrested and
the quarries, with a

one day, by means
from my leg, and run-
miles by a strong

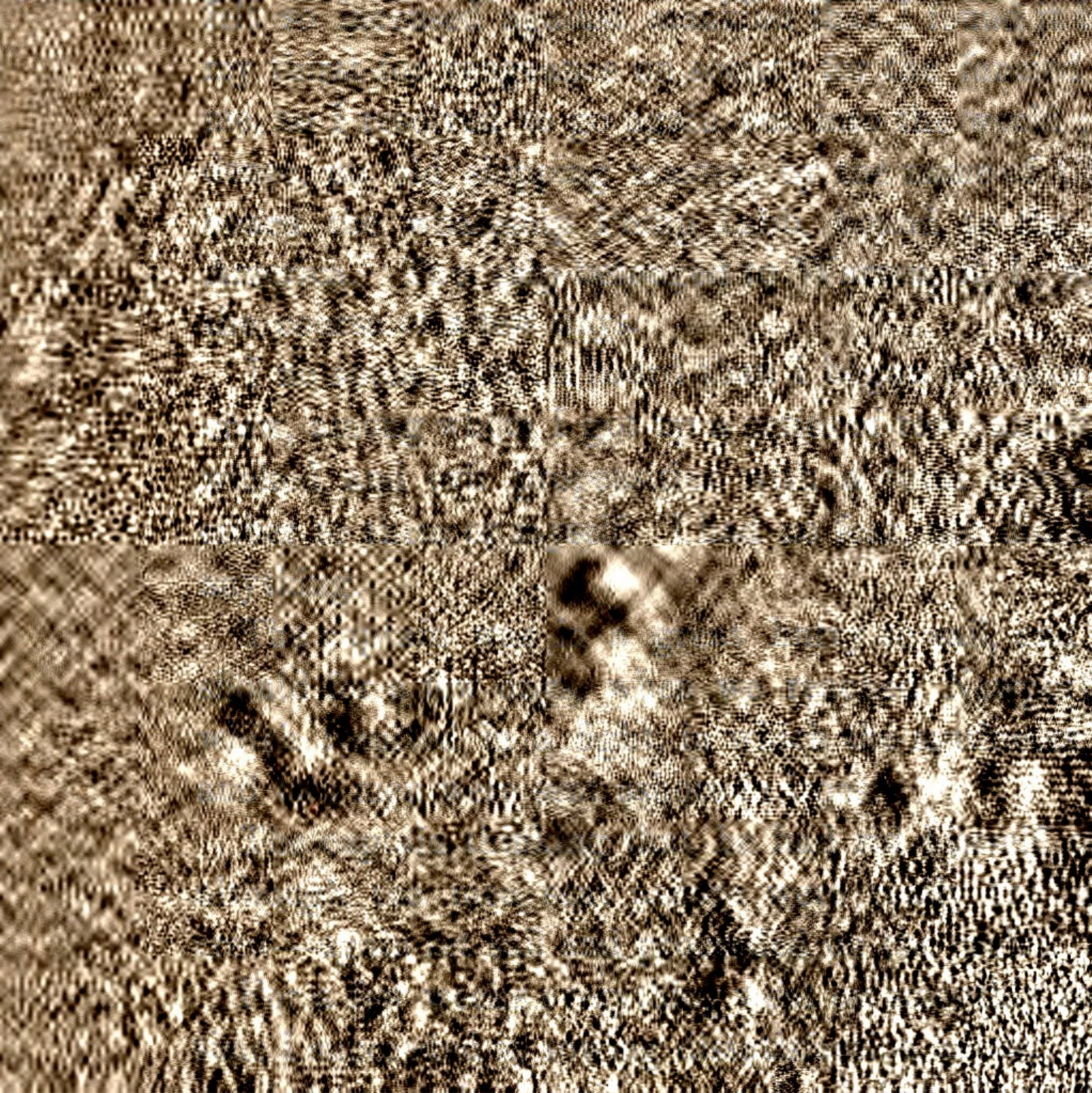
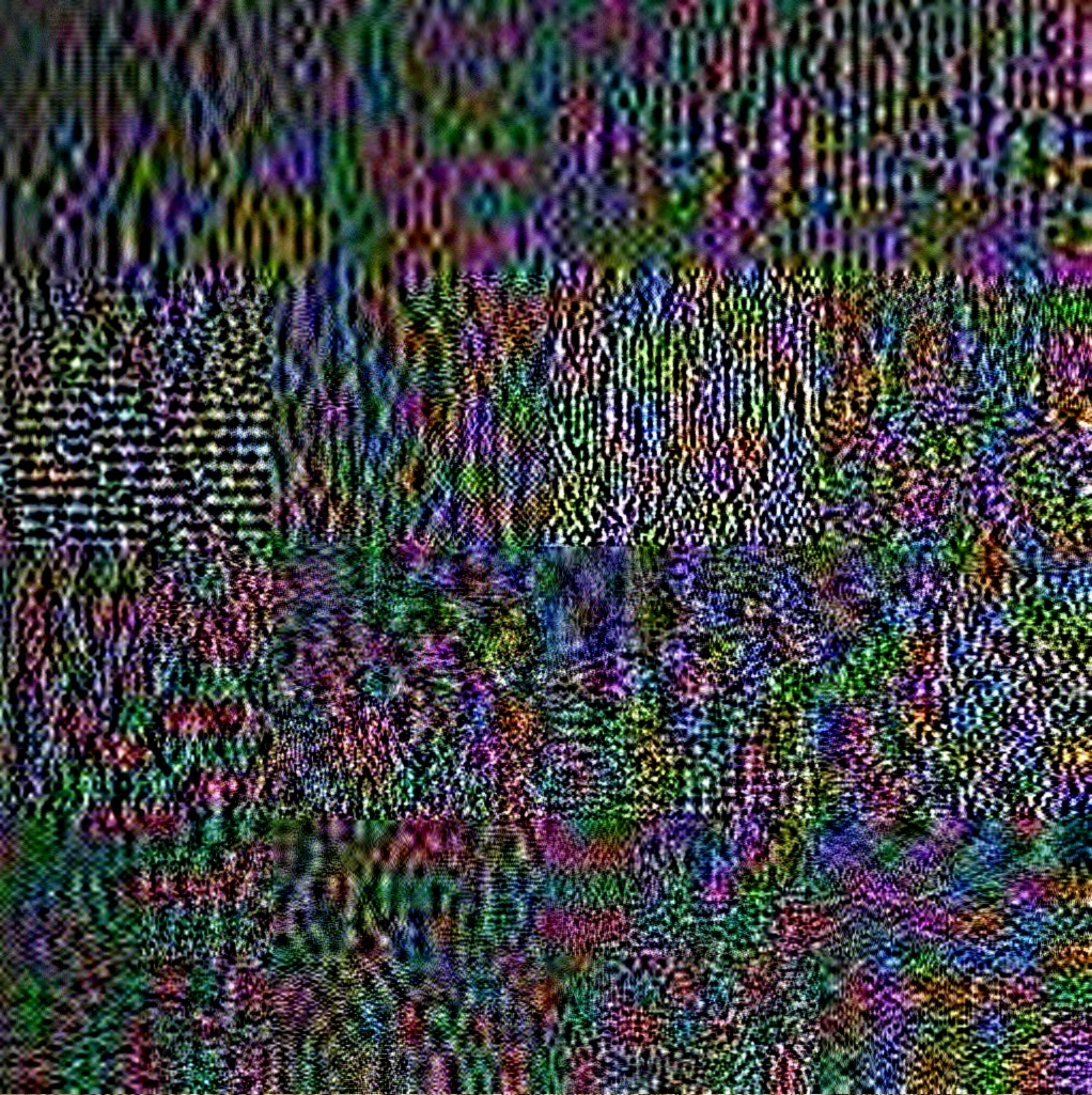
and the satisfaction of
still ahead of them.
took to the woods,
when I came out and

the way by a man on
dict by the clothes I
them.

the side of the road.
runner, had nearly

ud and water of the
voice for assistance,
which brought the neighbors to his aid before I could effect my deter-
mination to kill him, which I had fully made up my mind to do rather
than allow myself to be taken.

I was, of course, overpowered by numbers, and after being safely
bound, was reconducted back to Norwich, where I was punished and
kept in close solitary confinement for more than a year.



impossible to restrain
wrongs it had done
and going to Provi-
mittel, shipped me on
northwest coast of
here I joined her in

mischief among the
ights. I gratified my
ard of consequences
care for anybody or

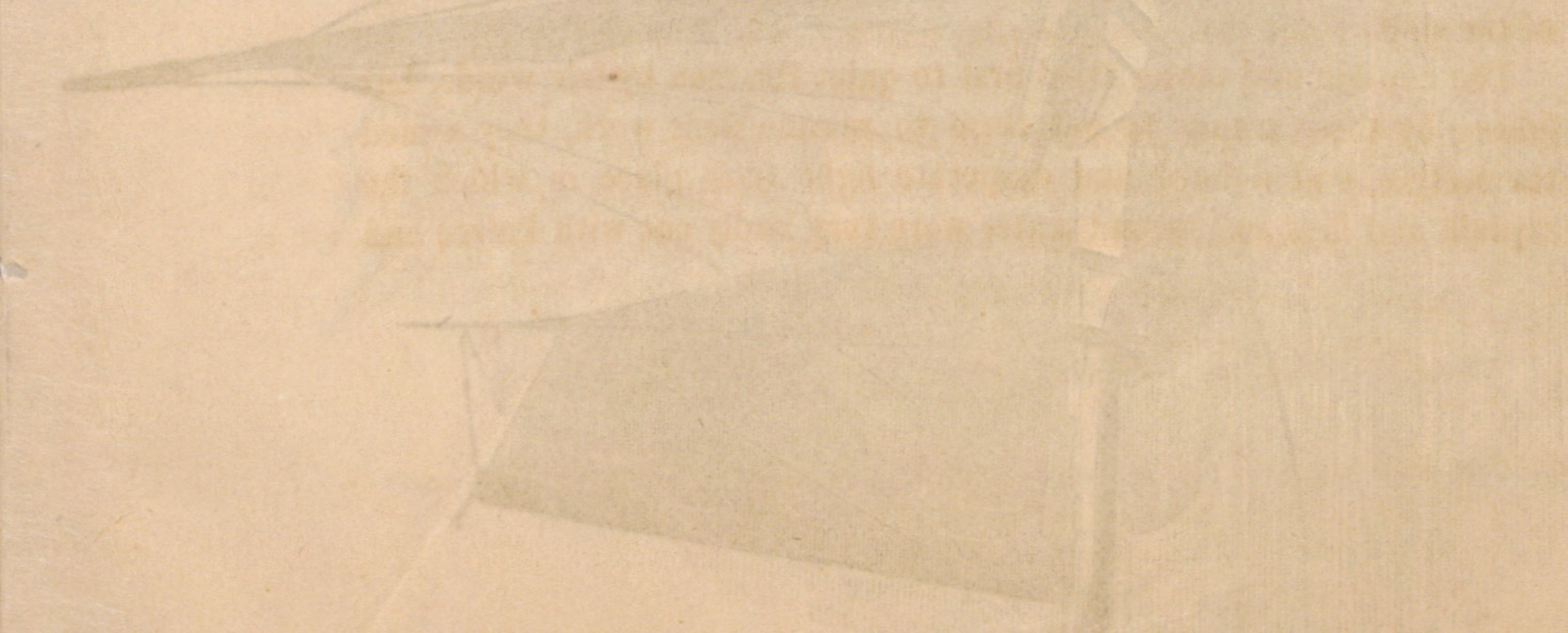
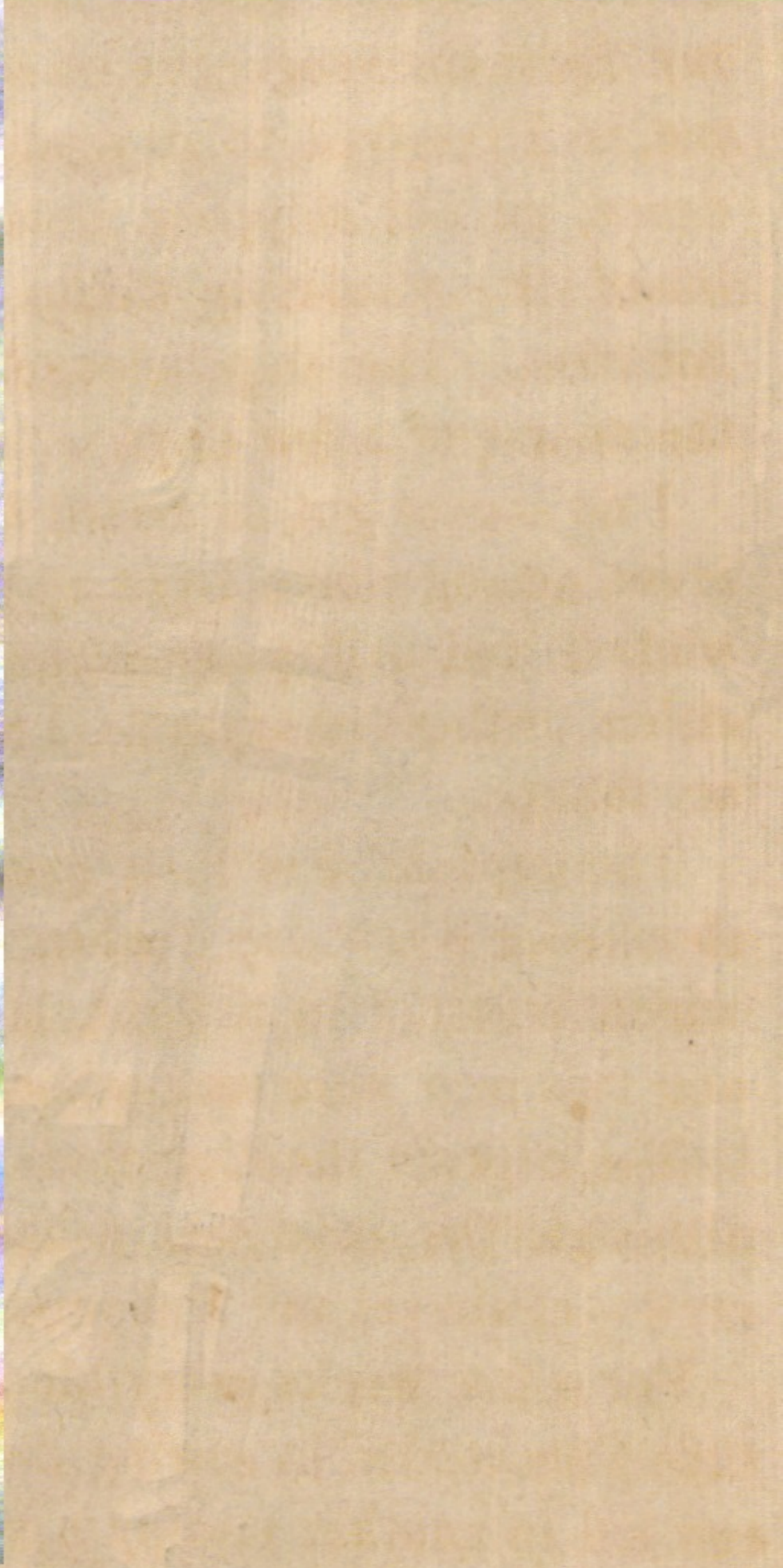
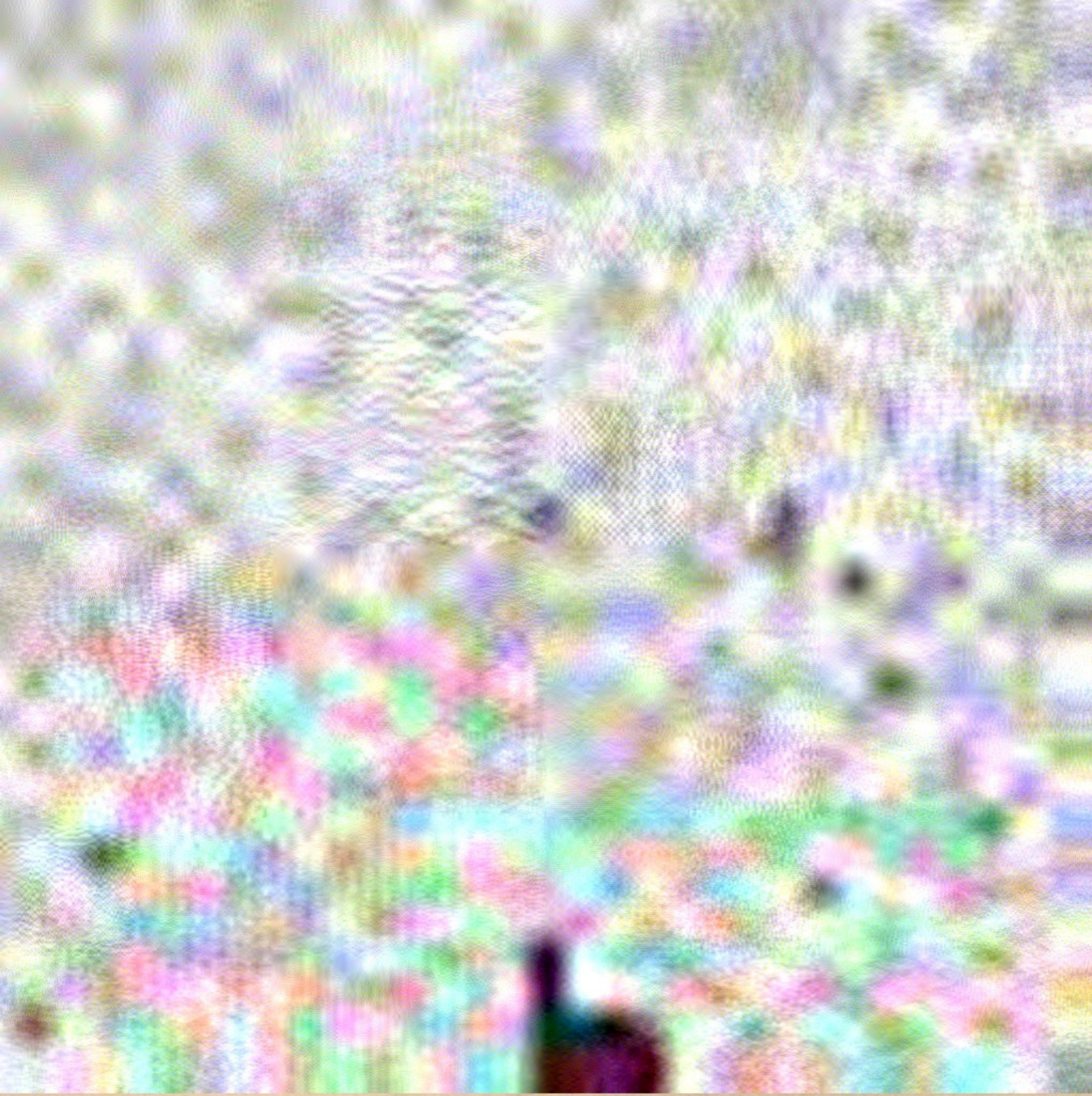
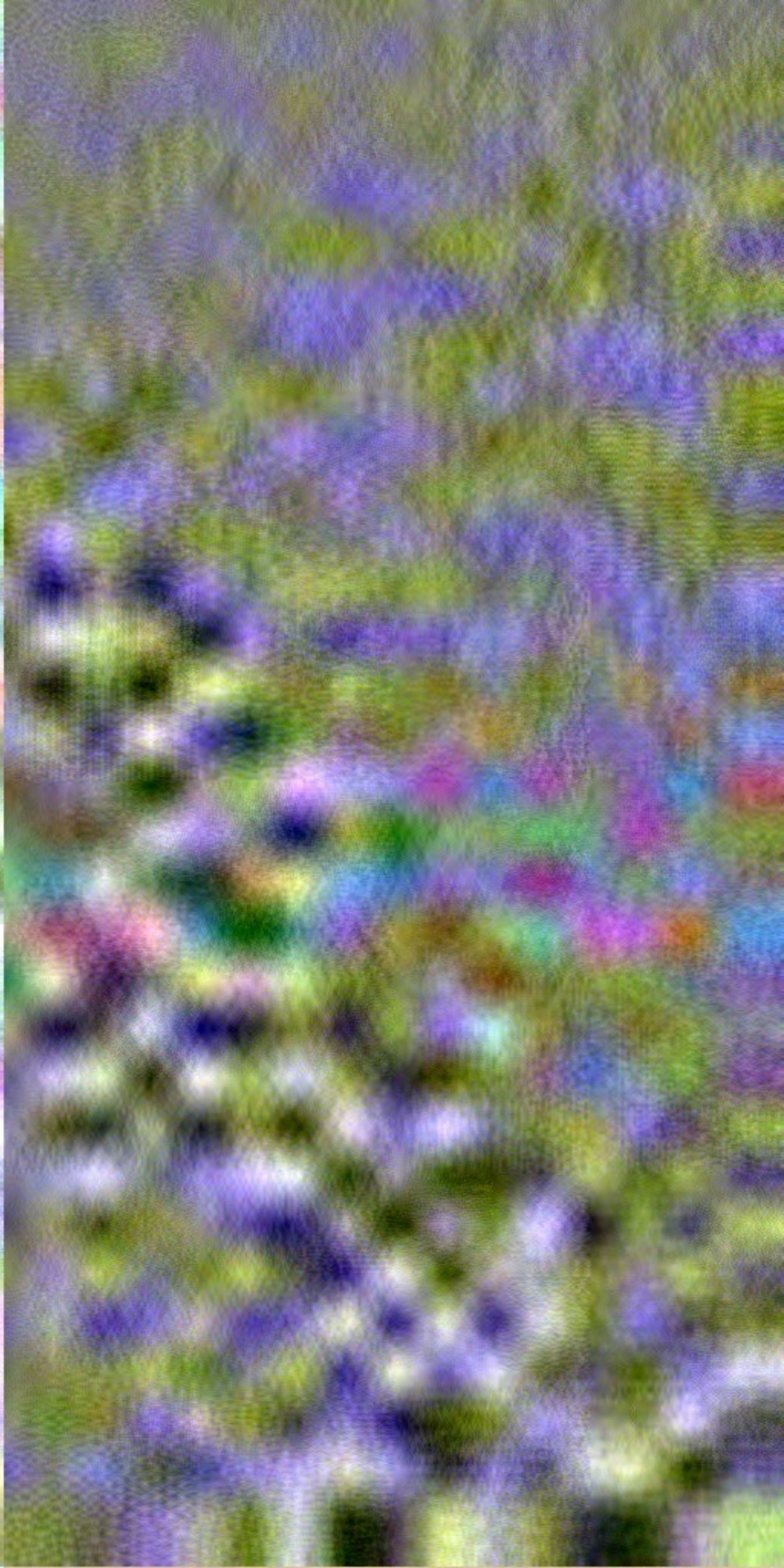
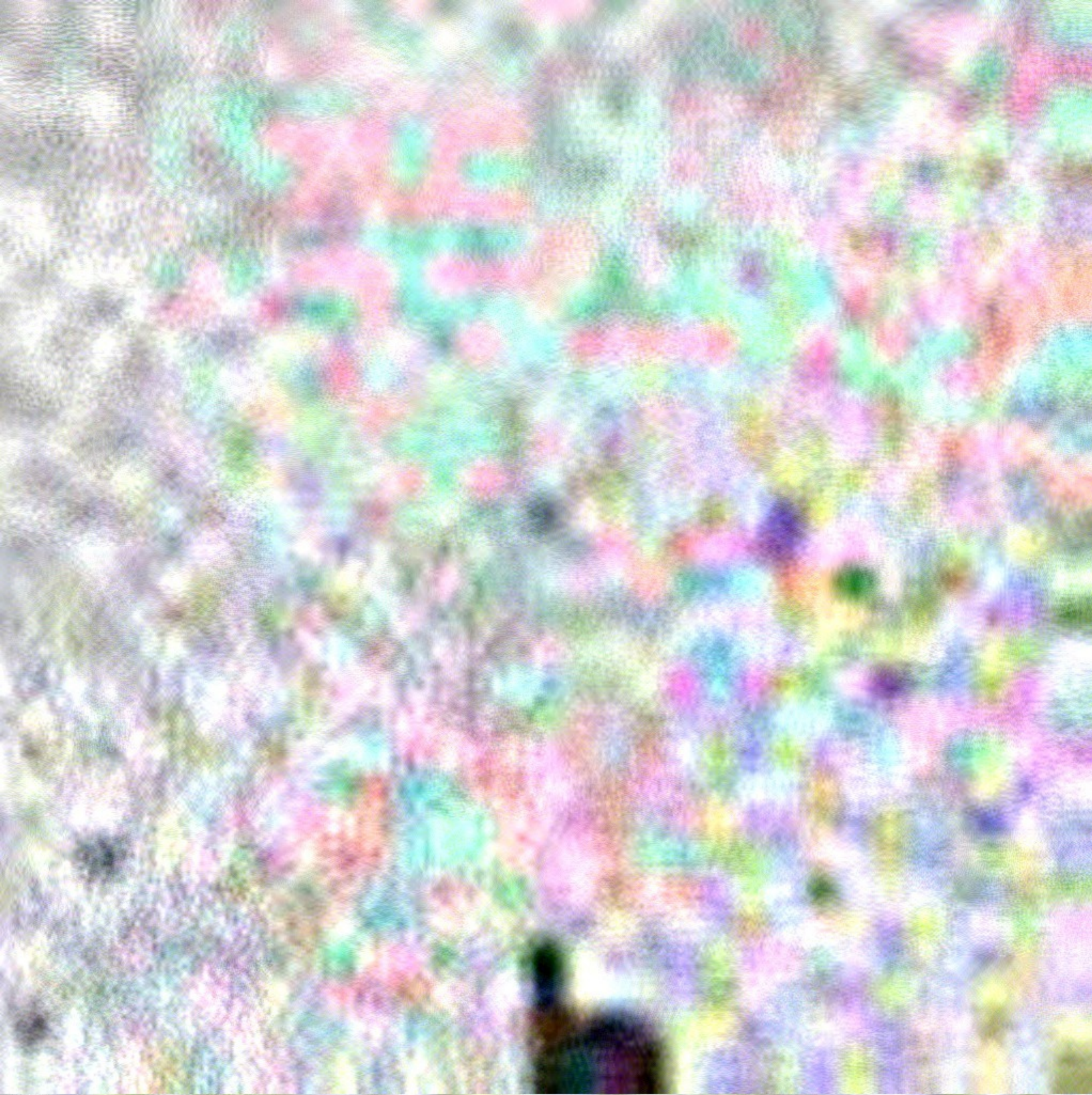
not wishing that he
I incited a mutiny,
got the worst of it,

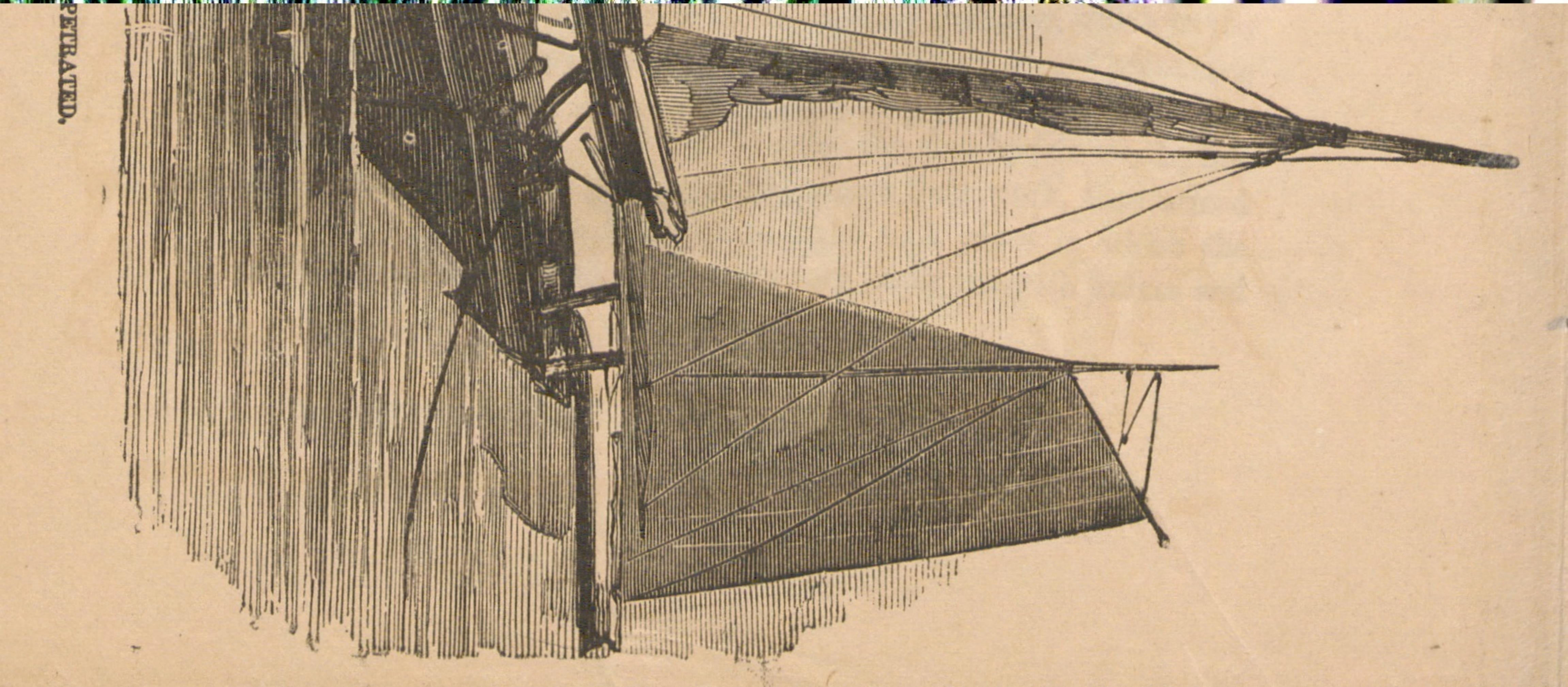
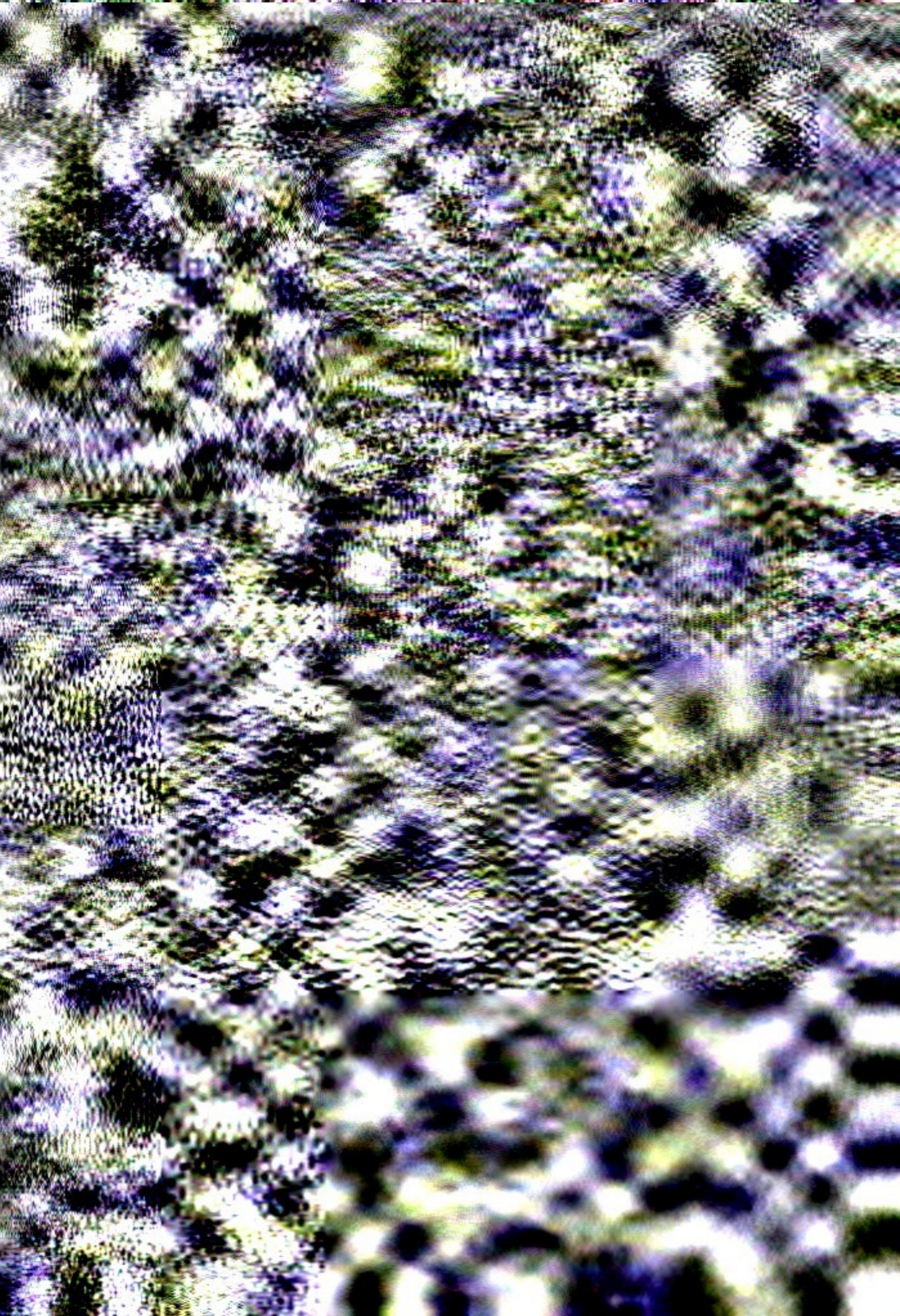
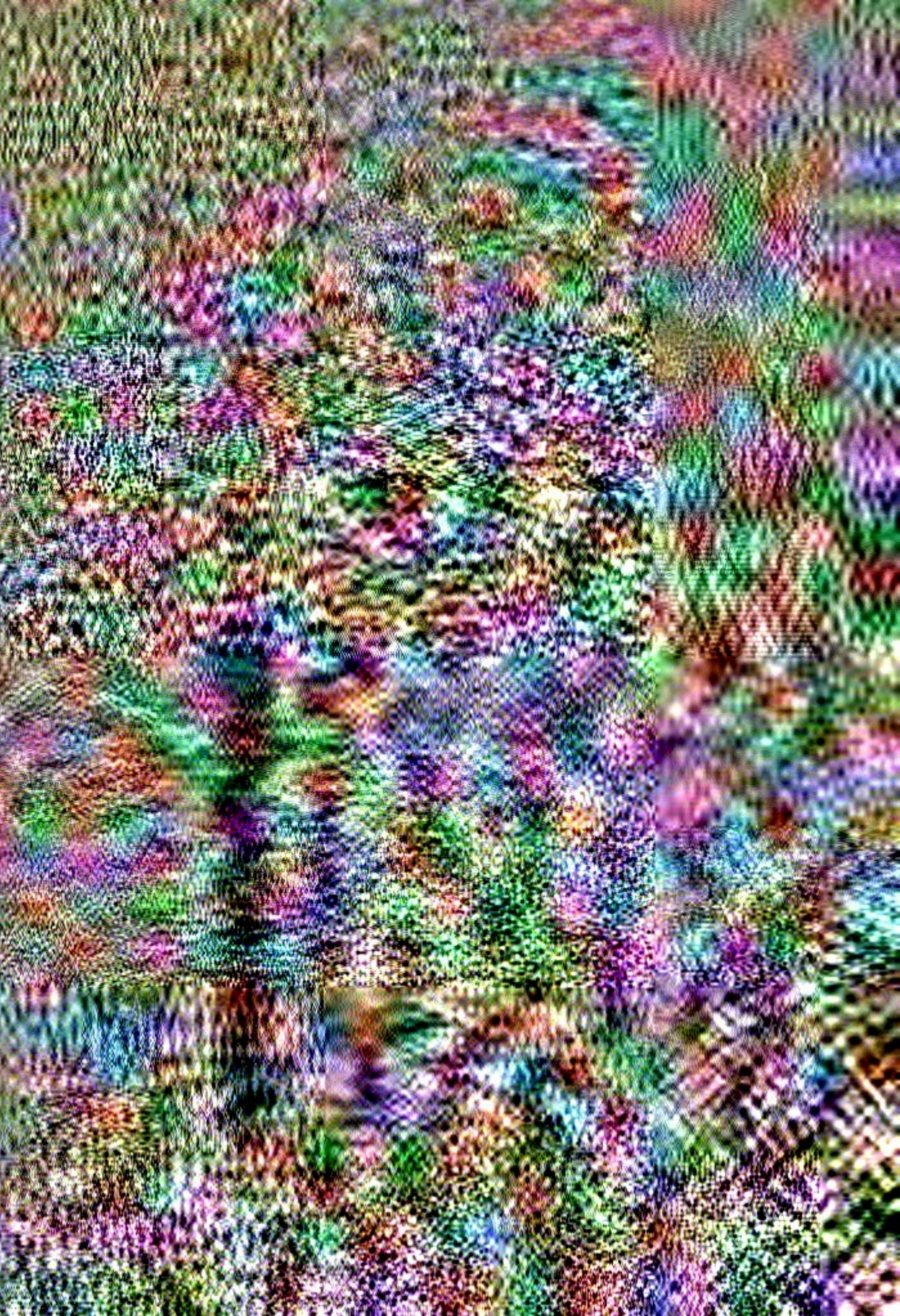
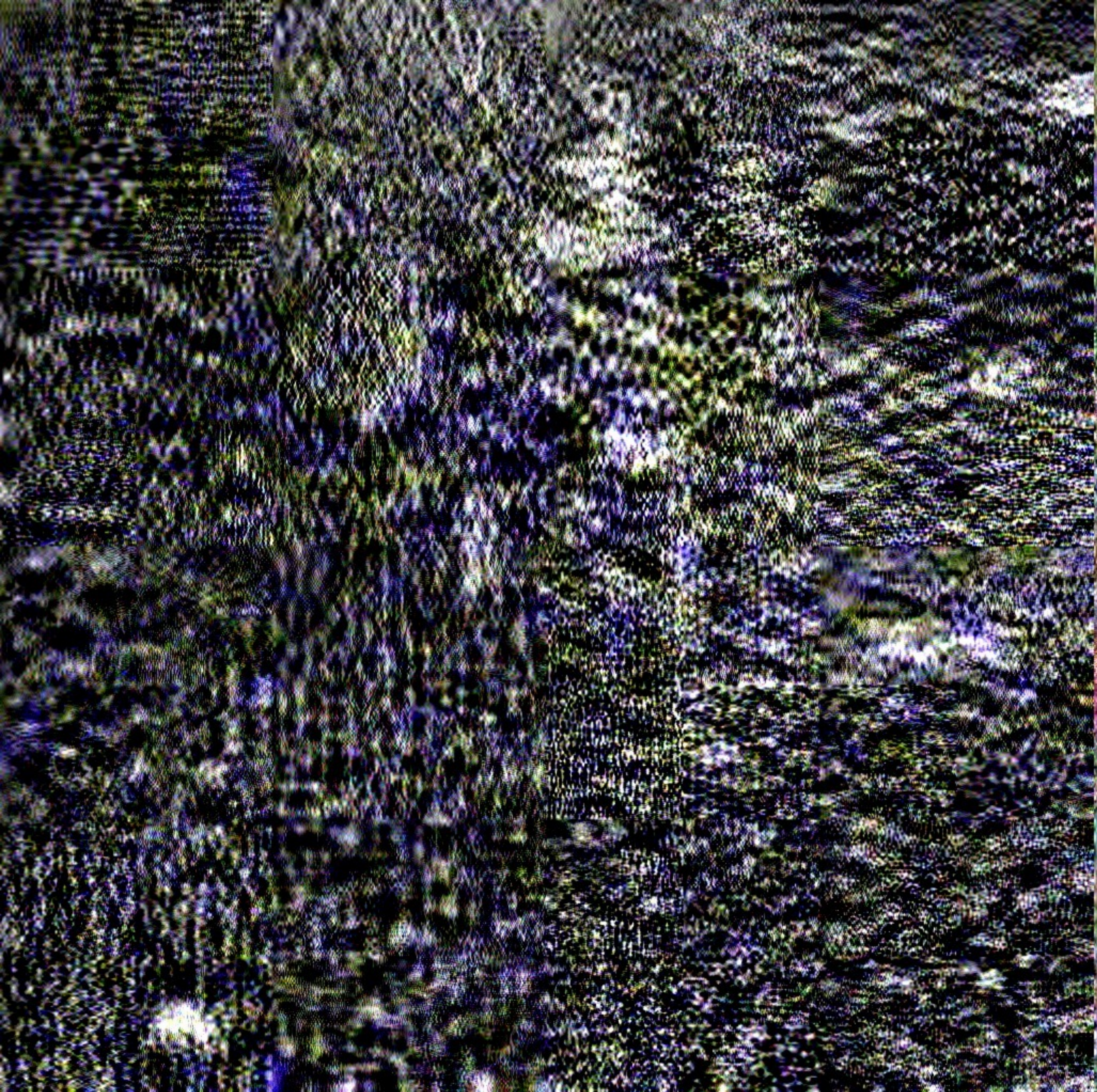
the ring-leaders—
most innocent of the

ough, but in a short
e crew, which in the

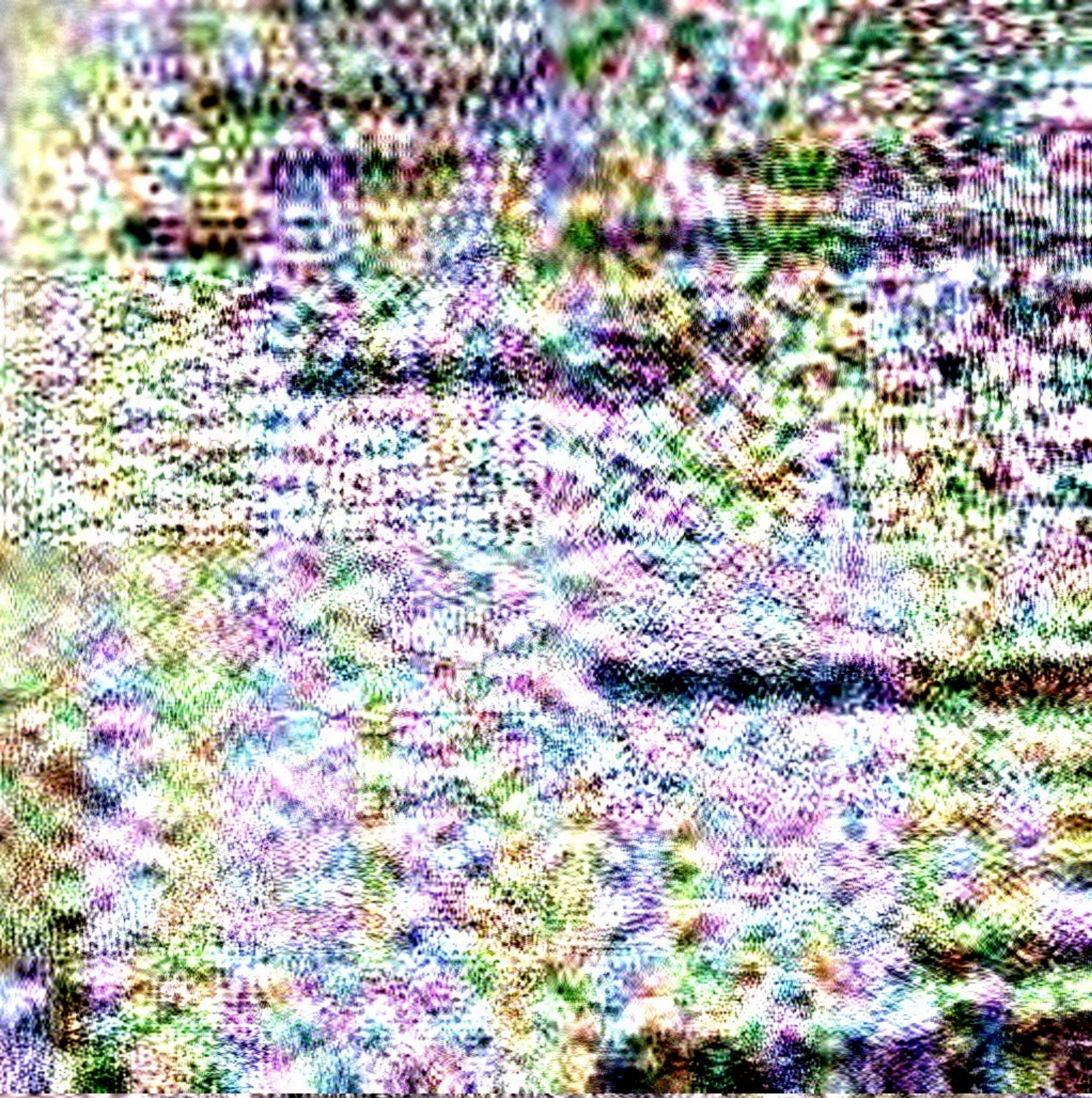
end led to another mutiny ; my idea being, if possible, to get possession
of the ship.

The captain and mates tried first to quiet the men by-fair words, but
failing by these means to get them to resume their work, they armed
themselves, and a hard and desperate fight took place in which the
captain and first and second mates were very badly cut with knives and





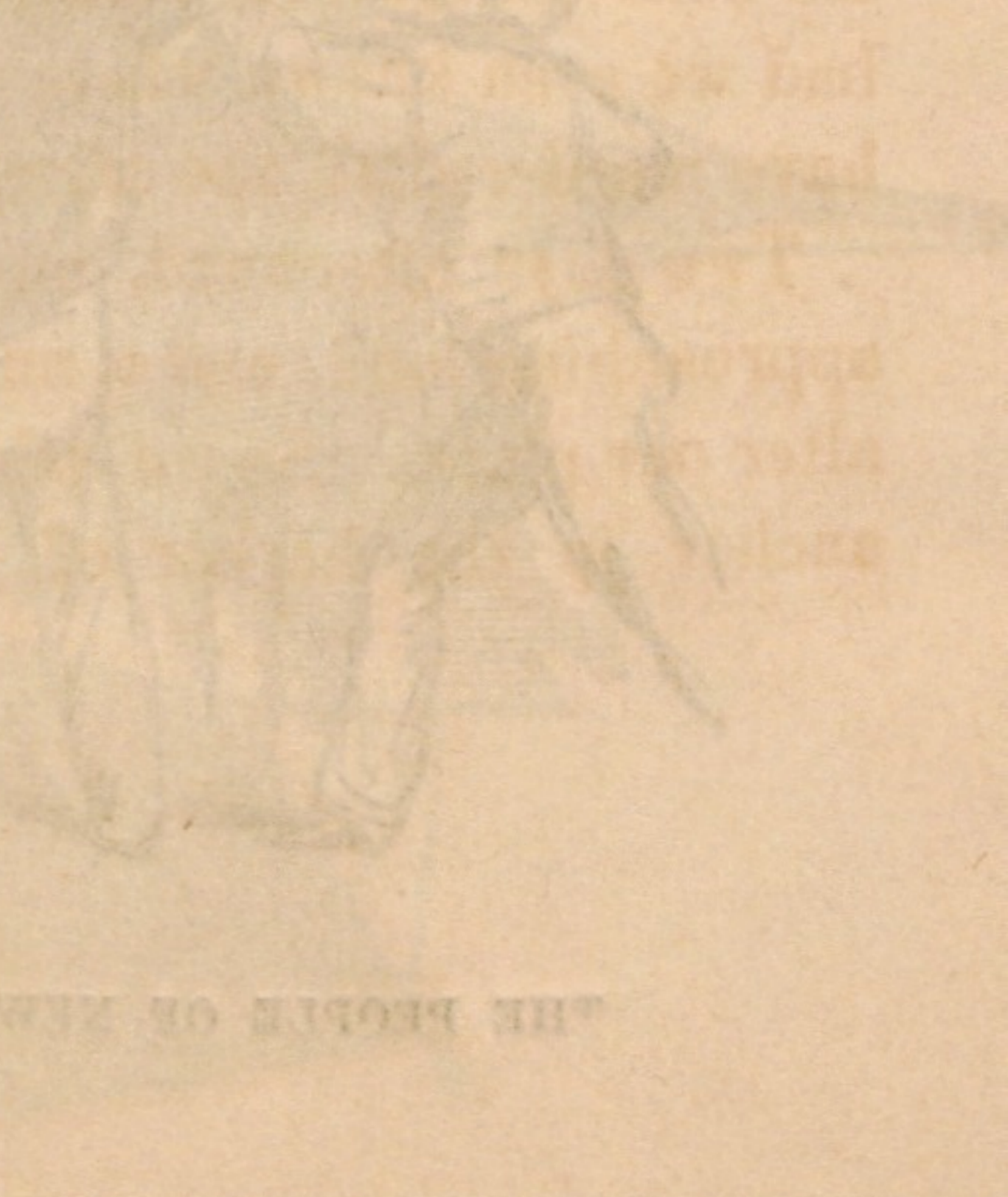
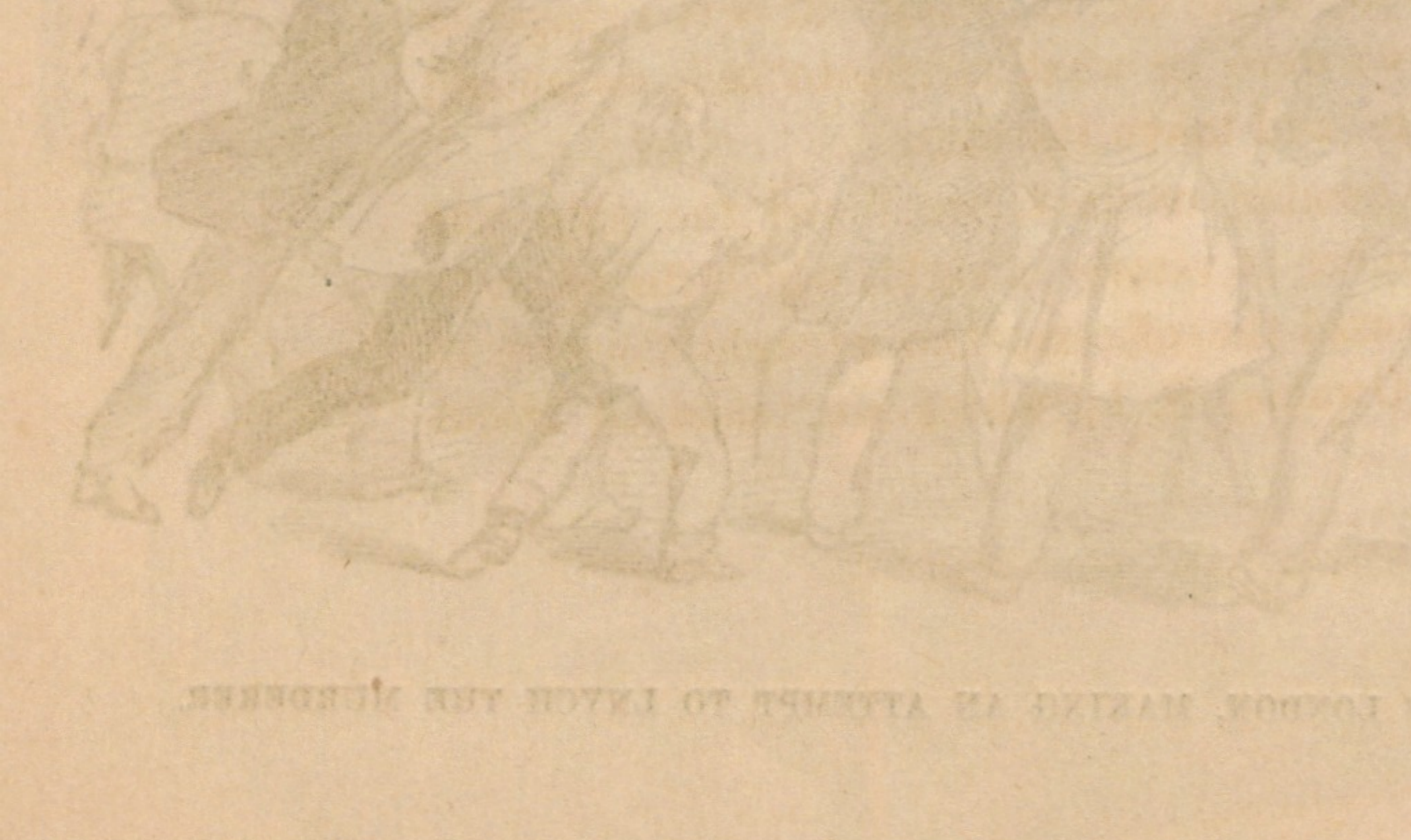
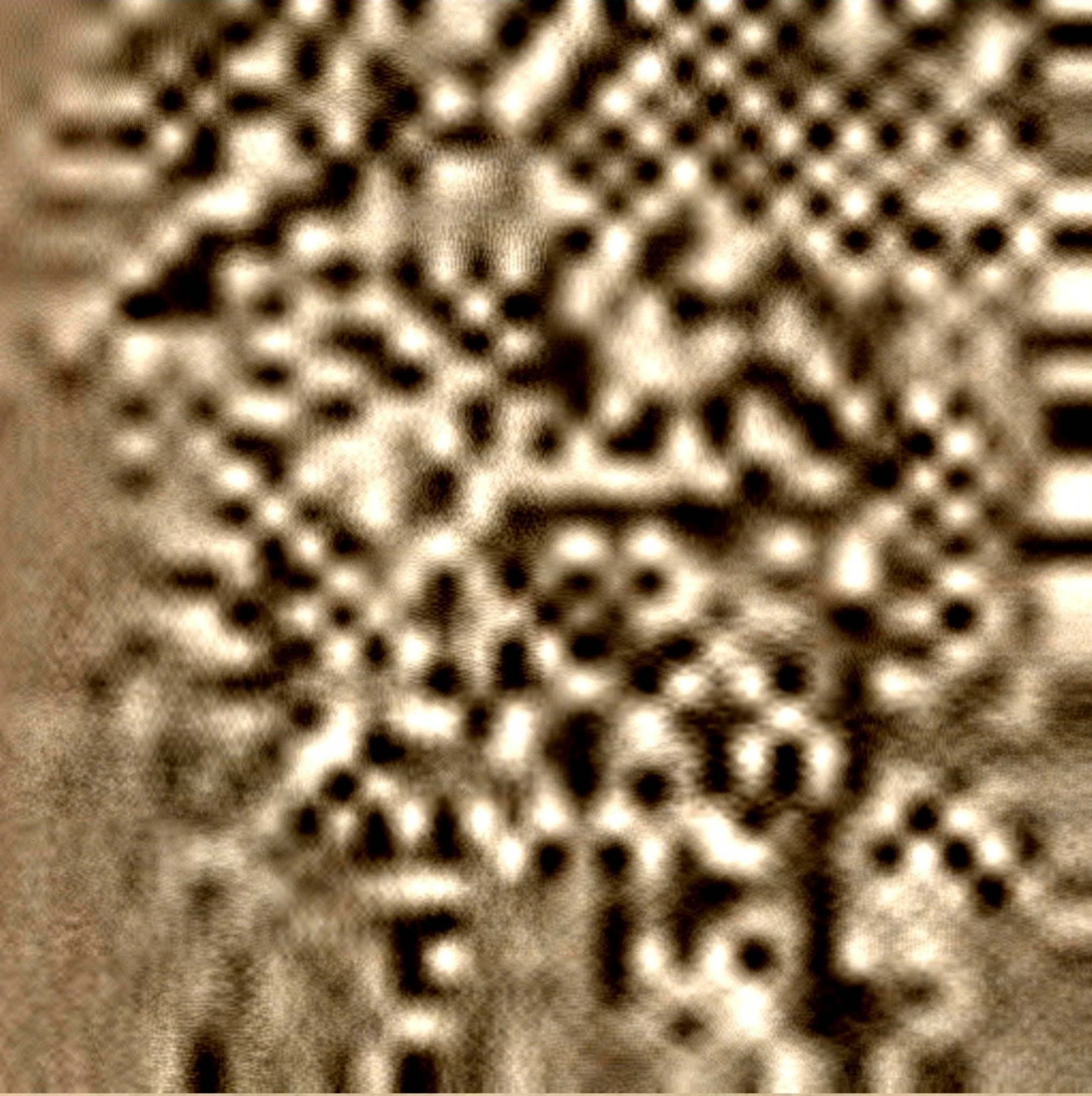
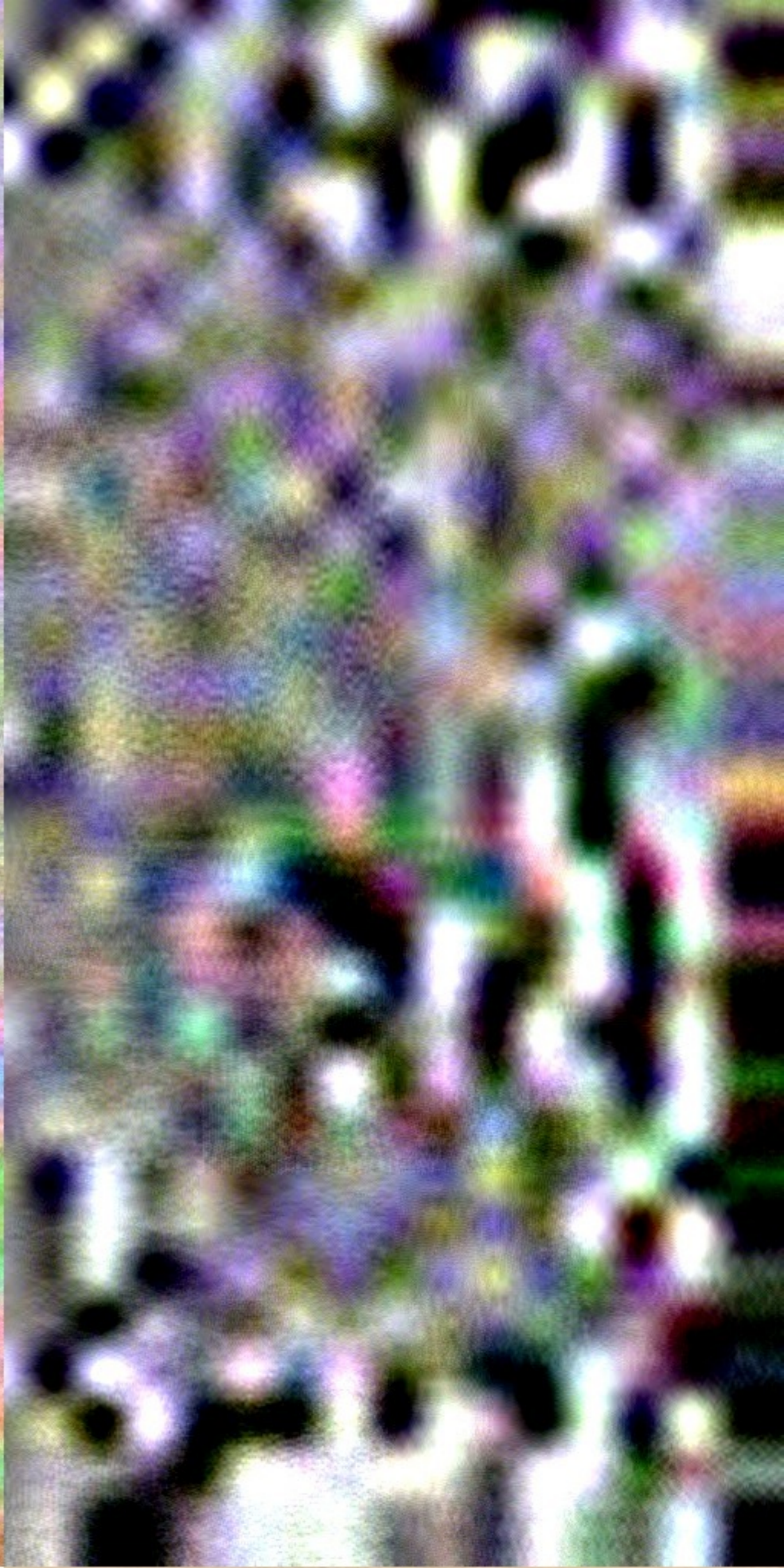
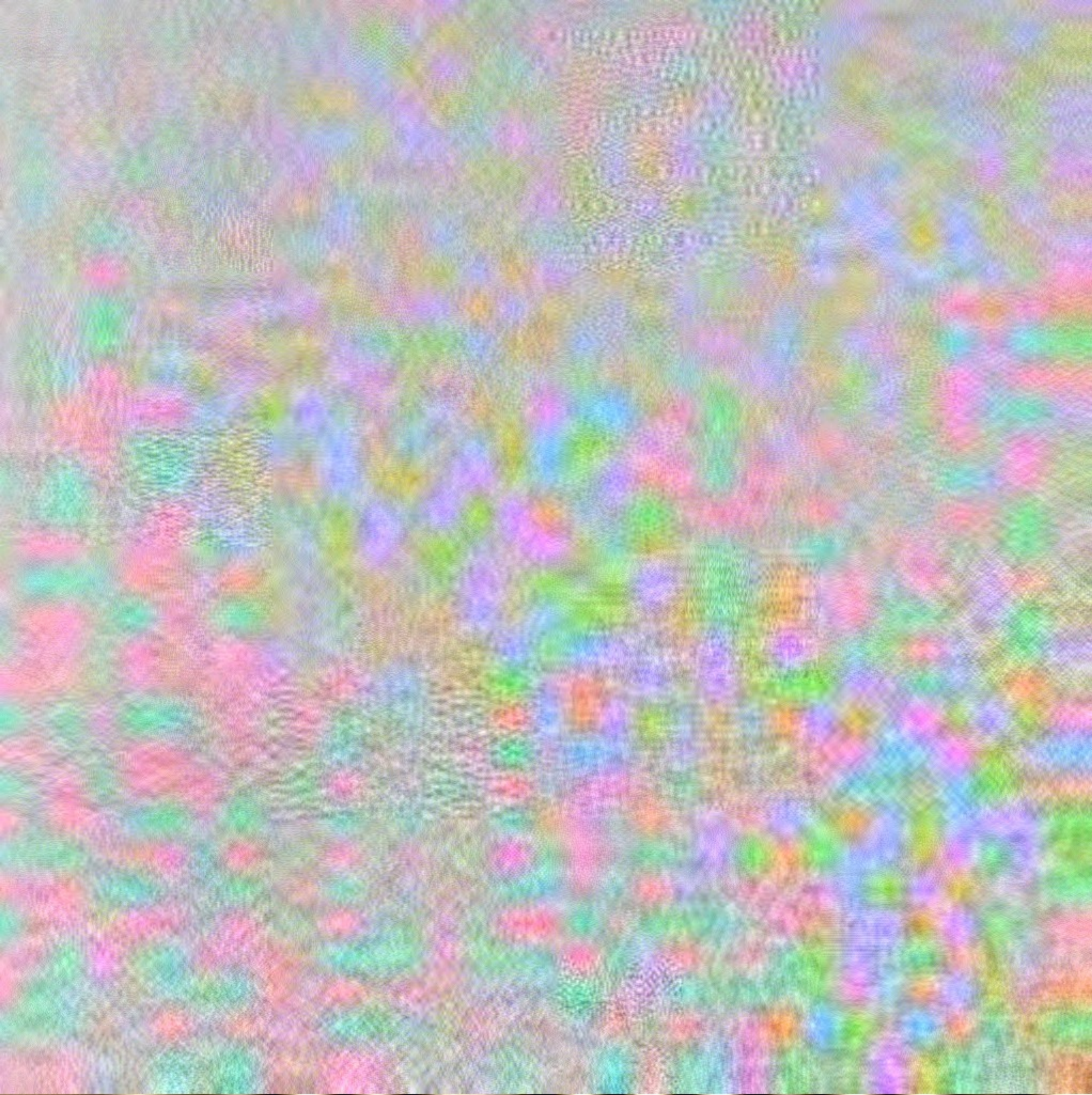
DEP. A. VED.



TO THE REPORTERS.



THE PEOPLE OF NEW LONDON, MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO LNYCH THE MURDERER.





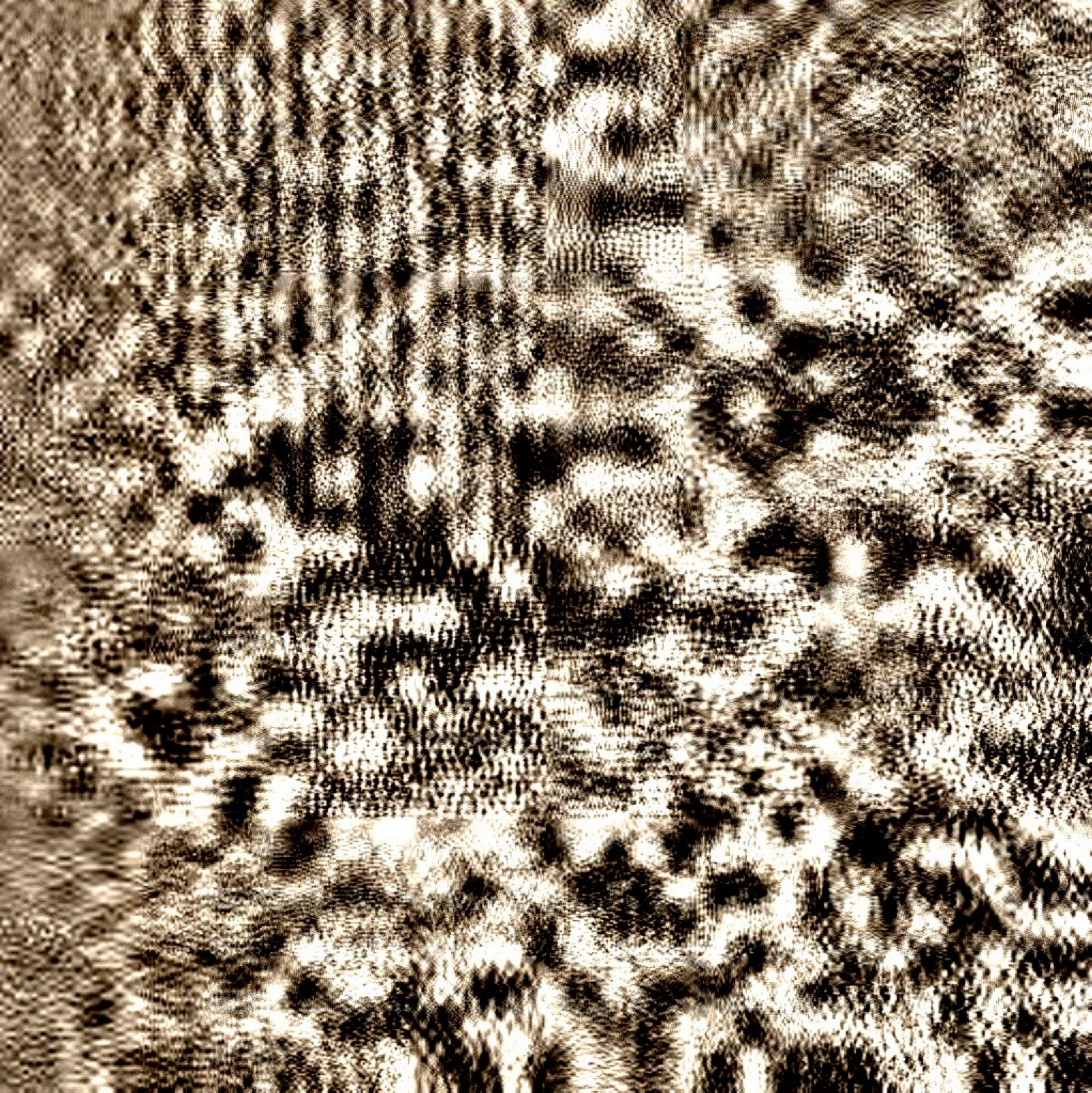
ation of the captain,
more in blue water, I
nity occurred before
ook one whale, and
airs, the ship being

ng been observed in
ed in relation to the
tain then commenced
came to blows. The
captain, would have
red. He no sooner
to the deck, and the

them a severe beat-
the rest of the crew
ad been disposed, to
with the exception of
k.
onsultation, and had
our first voyage, or
se to sail, we should

have murdered all the officers, and taken the ship.

Two days afterward, on coming on deck, we found the ship was approaching land, and a number of vessels in sight, which forced us to alter our plans. So we released the officers, who brought the ship to anchor in the harbor of Owahie, S. I., where we remained about



number of the natives,
having a taste for
I suggested to the
all the officers, and
and so did those who
as we were on board,
and then put to sea,
of America.

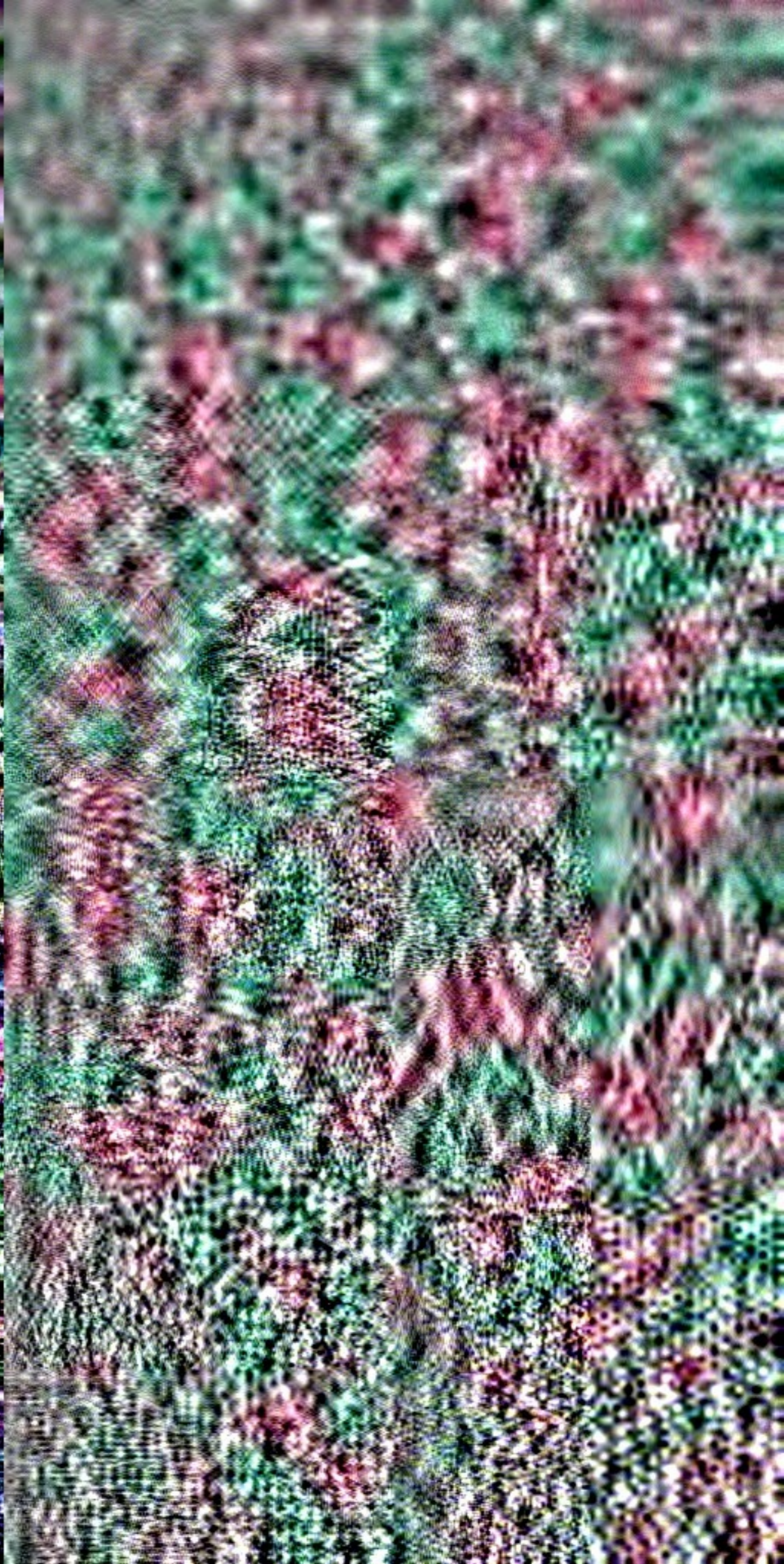
myself being in one,
of the party in the

at on board we found
It was evident we
one of the men in the
as soon as he arrived

and desperate fight
tion of the crew, and
severely wounded, in
and put us in double

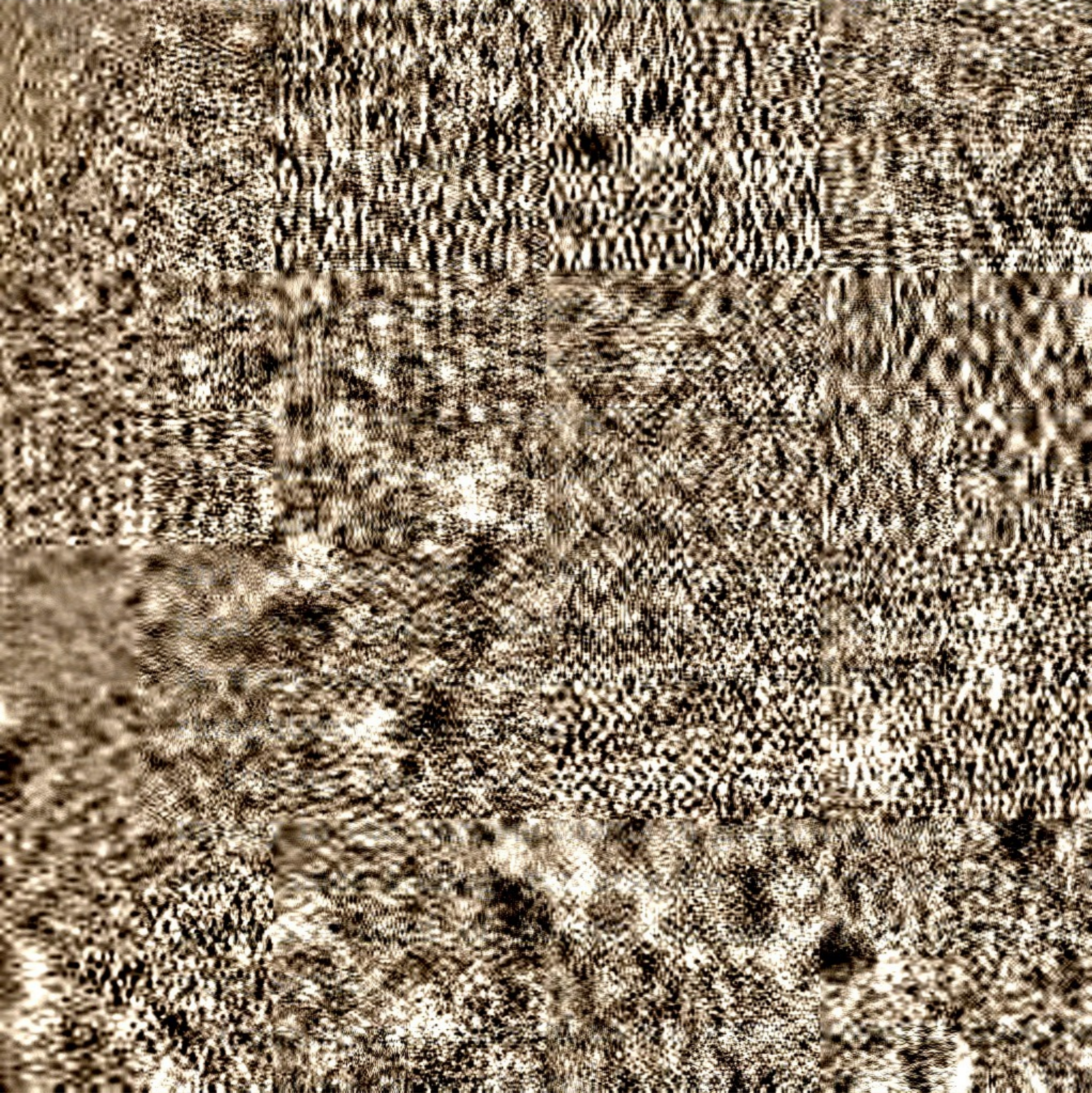
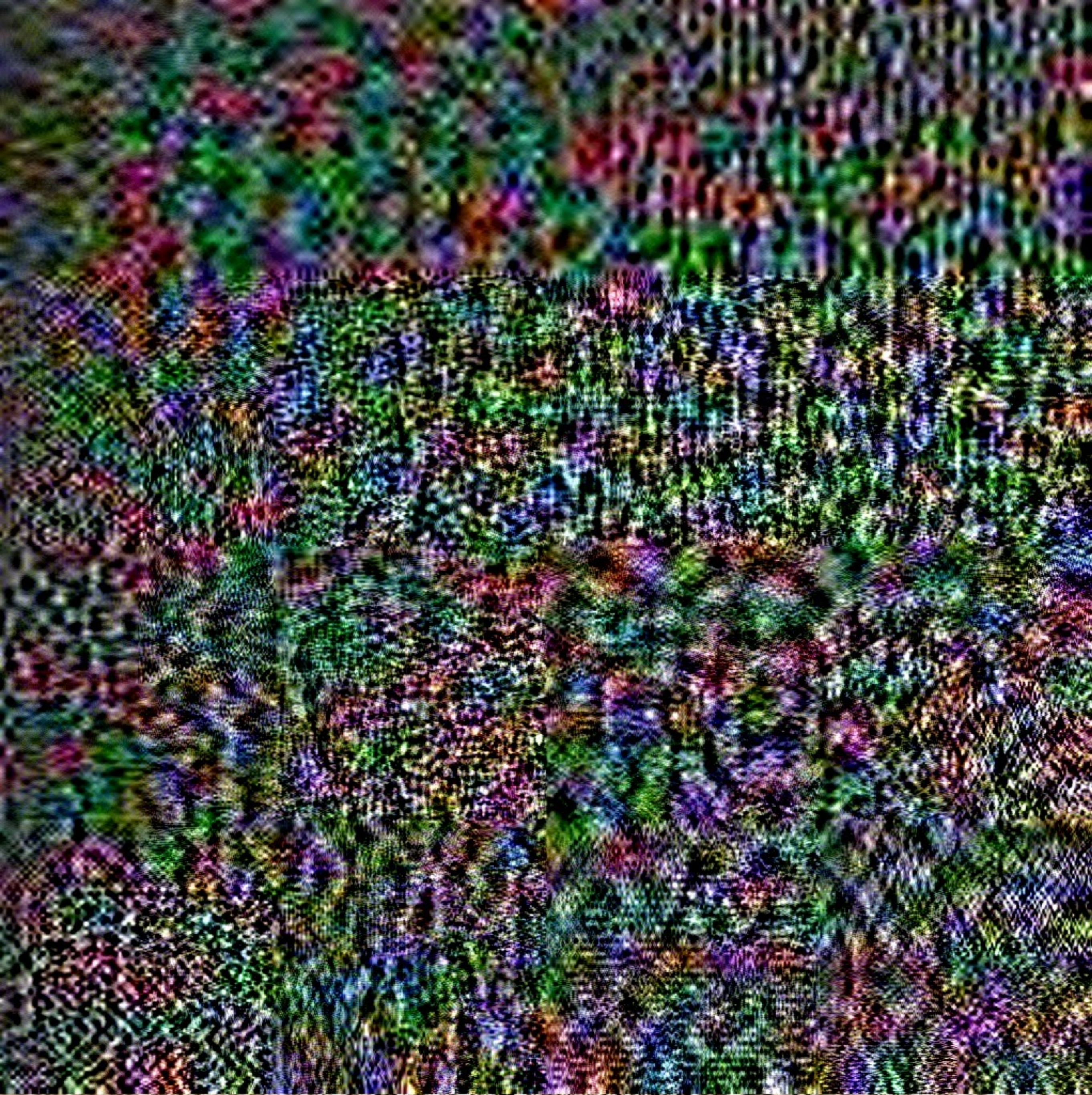
They kept us in the run of the ship until we touched at Wahoo, when we were set ashore.

We were no sooner on land than we gave free vent to all our passions and desires. There was not a day went by we did not commit a robbery, and had it been necessary we should not have hesitated to have added murder to our other crimes. At last we were taken and locked up until the ship was ready for sea again, when we were sent on



intercession of the cap-
tardam, who gave me a
nia, where we took a
de the ship a quarrel
a desperate fight, but
as to this opened our
same way of thinking,
he succeeded in pro-
ould stand no chance
on of ourselves being
opportunity which pre-
en we were lying to,
armed ourselves with
e davits, we dropped
of the tent.
a boat was sent from

the ship to bring us on board, but being well armed we would not allow them to land, and they were obliged to go back. Another boat came, but we resolutely refused to go back and would not allow them to land until the captain had agreed to pay us off and give us our discharge. This, after some parleying, he consented to, and we took the ship's boat and put out into the bay, where we boarded and joined the barque Fanny, of New Bedford.



we were abroad save
not so much to be
bought their natural
upon our fellow-men,
in at the dead hour
approached some
making in upon the
asleep.

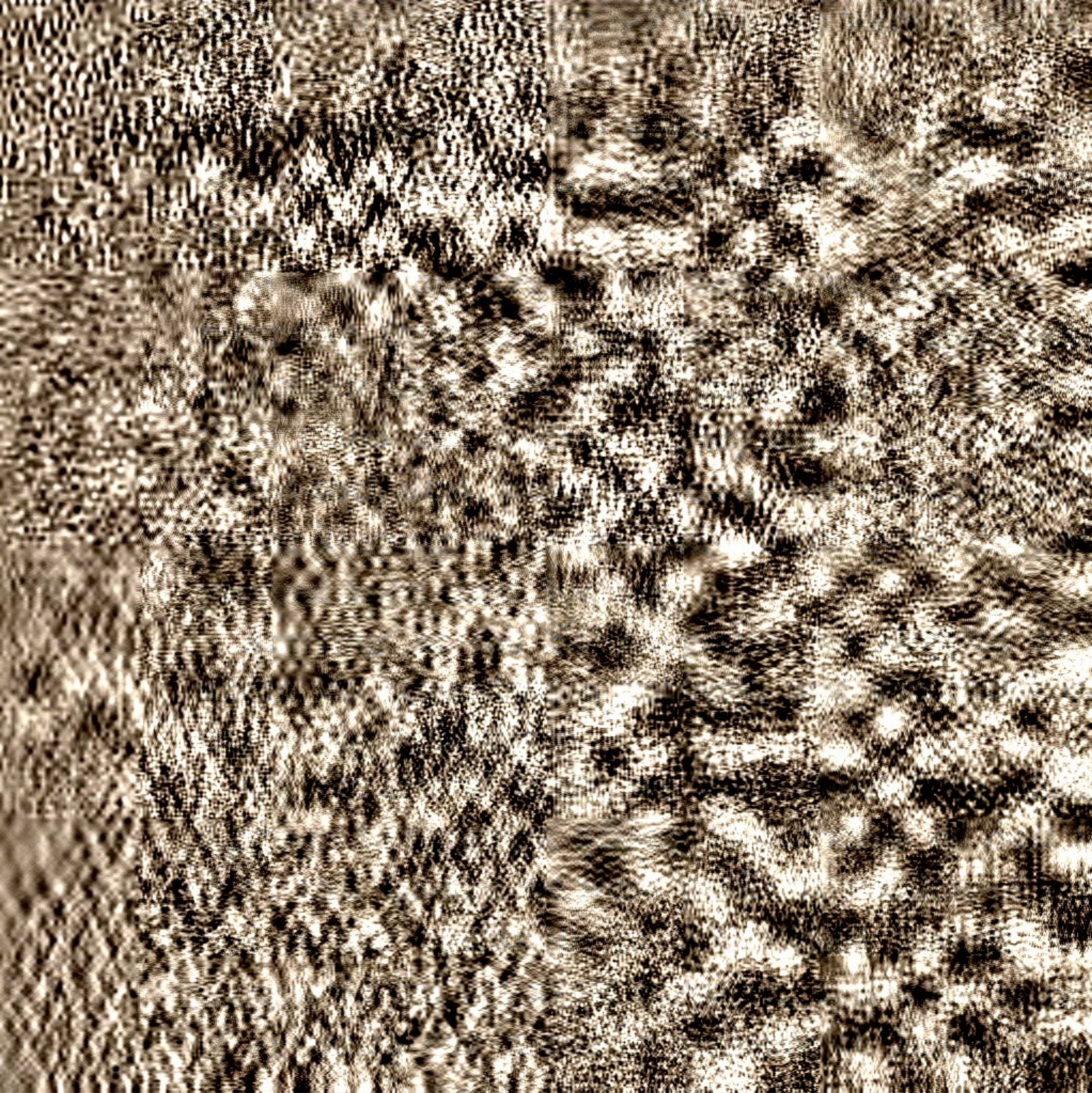
moonlight, and whose
out ours ; the little
butterflies and flowers
budding woman, the
my murderous hand,
mission first, and then

squandered all our
and with prostitutes,
out ever ready for
of our last crime

on at last fell upon
while we were waiting

us, and we were engaged in a struggle with the
on the coast for an opportunity, the U. S. storeship Southampton
came into port ; we shipped on board of her and went to Monterey,
Santa Cruz Bay.

Having accomplished my object in escaping from the scene of my
late depredations, and having arrived at a place where neither my past
life was known nor my present purposes suspected, I resolved to leave



to reach the shelter

then travelling on,
es and made for the

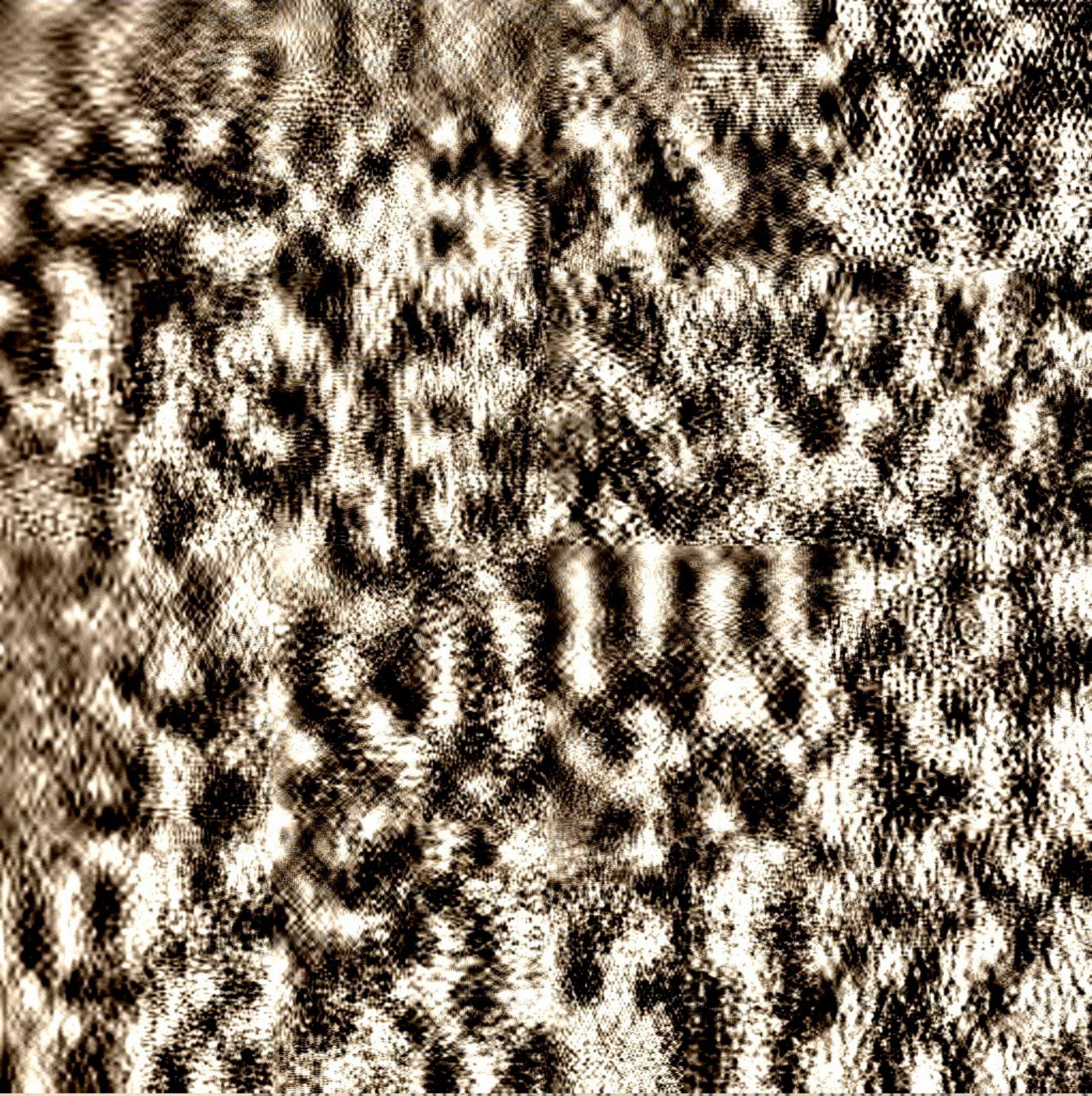
ravellers, who were
ed us, we stopped ;
ur pistols, and bade
e, but quickly trans-
hey had about them
d allowed them to

a house over night,
ur journey the next

n to claim, and from
y robbery and mur-
sequences, and car-
escaped detection,
than once in danger
h.

I have no doubt that during this period, many of the crimes attributed to the notorious Joaquin, and other robbers, were committed by us ; but the devil, whose work we were so industriously doing, seemed to protect us, and for more than a year we pursued our career of blood and crime with impunity.

Having by this time accumulated sufficient dust to satisfy our desire,



of demons, leaving
sion, nor any wicked

be marked and sus-
e—a Spanish vessel,
amount of treasure,

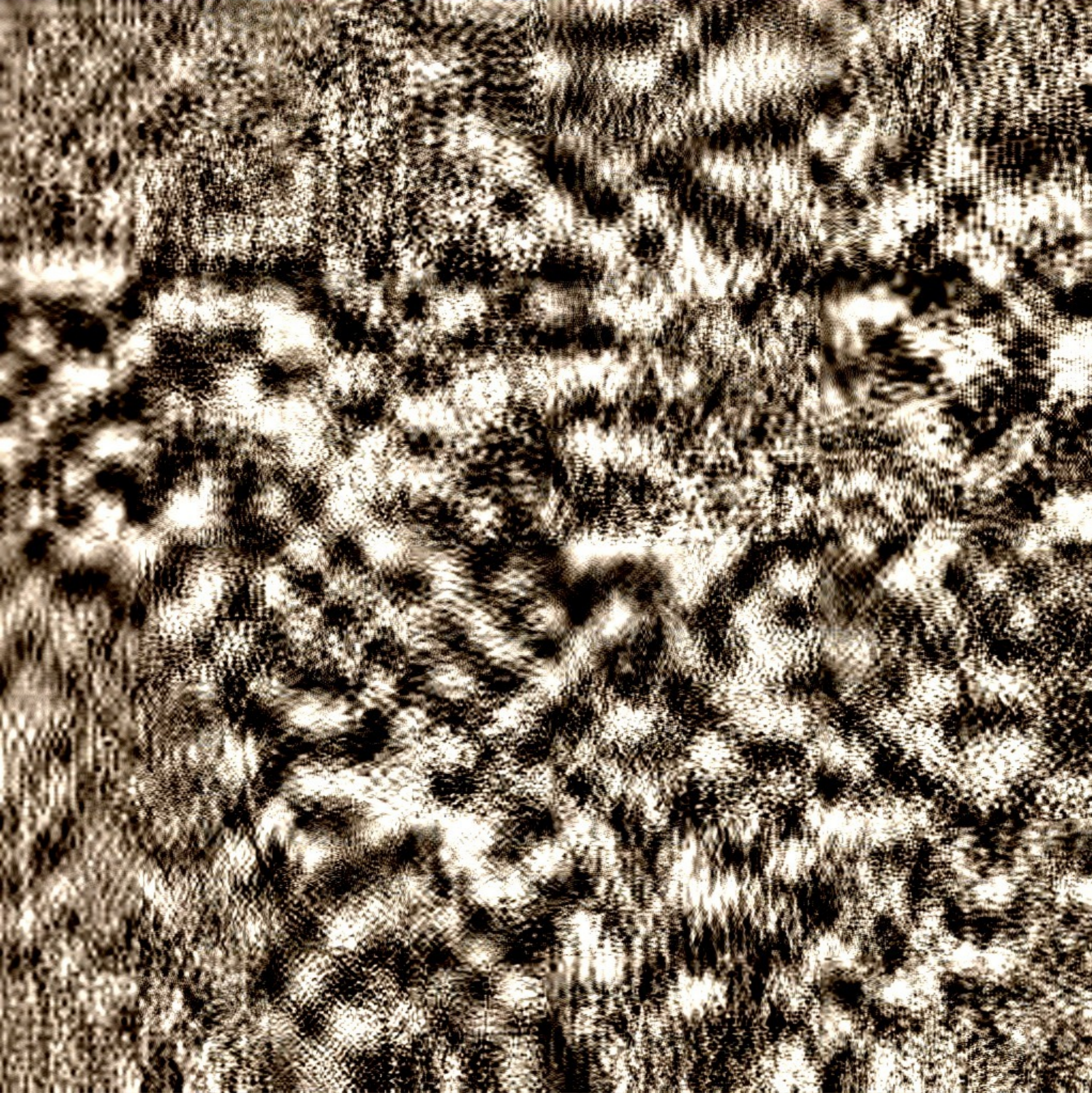
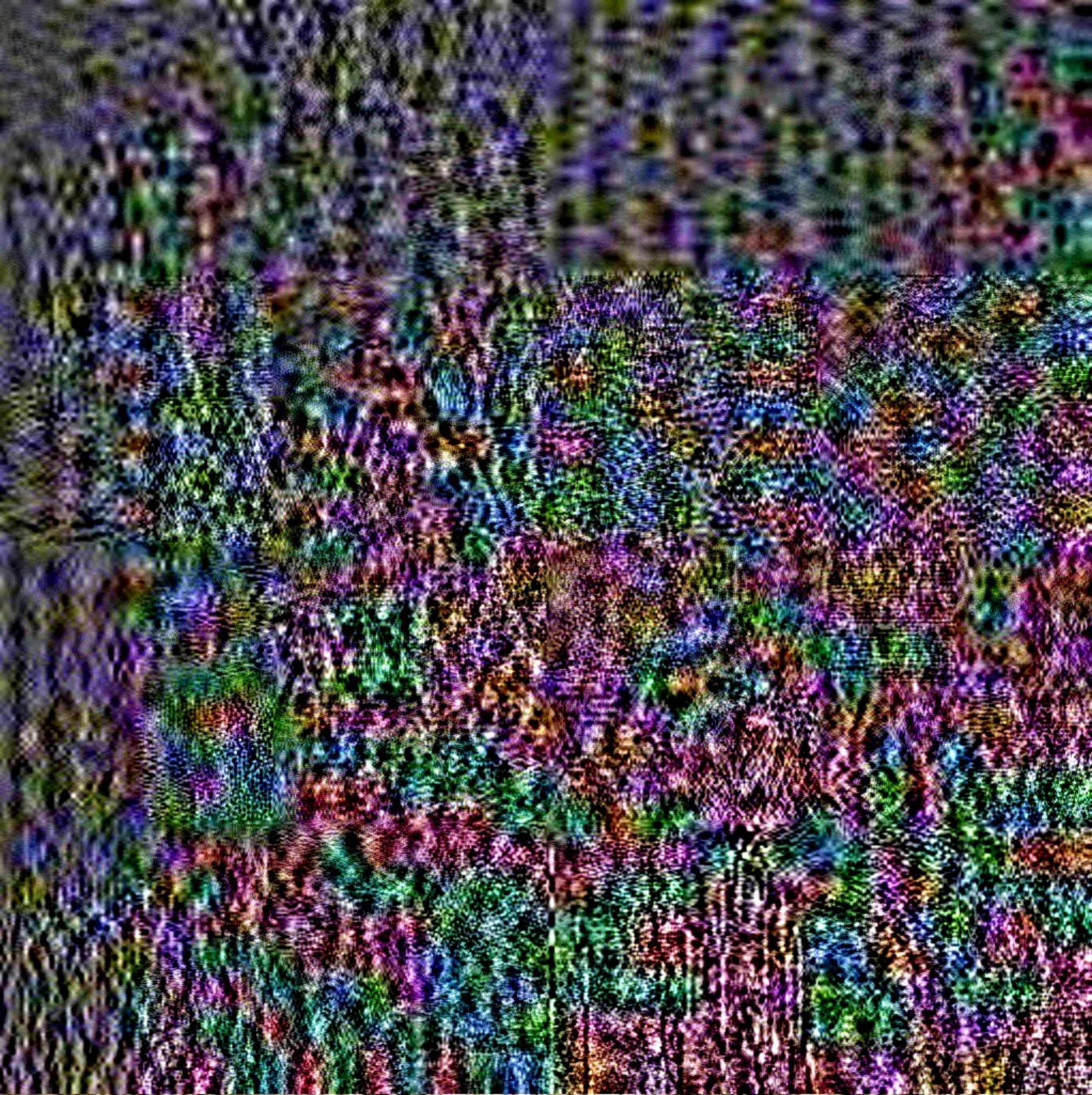
and partner having
going into the cabin,
aced them in a boat,
ion of the ship.

aced in the boat we
essel and set fire to

heard, but the owners
narrative, will learn,

we pulled away, and
st time at Mazatlan,
thousand dollars in

Here we purchased a hotel and bowling alley, and for a year and a half carried on business, occasionally indulging in my old propensities, and never missing a chance of appropriating to my own use such property or effects belonging to the travellers who stopped with us, as I could lay my hands on, occasionally taking to the road and waylaying those whom it would have been imprudent to have robbed while they were in the town.



...pled sort of fellow,
we selected him to
putting up at his
curiosity and avarice
offered to guide him
and pay us a sufficient

...llow refused to take
we were obliged to
might make with us
Had he taken the
to look for another
assessed ourselves of
t over large, and so
we had shown him
d have returned to
morning reached the
been worth at least
give us \$25,000 in
ck to Mazatlan we
we opened a board-

ing house, but at the end of a year we had gambled and spent nearly all our money, and so took again to our old career, working on the road between Valparaiso and the mines, where we robbed the mule trains as before, murdering the conductors, and thus coming into possession of a very large amount of silver in bars. After we had accumulated as much as we thought would serve our purpose, we went to a



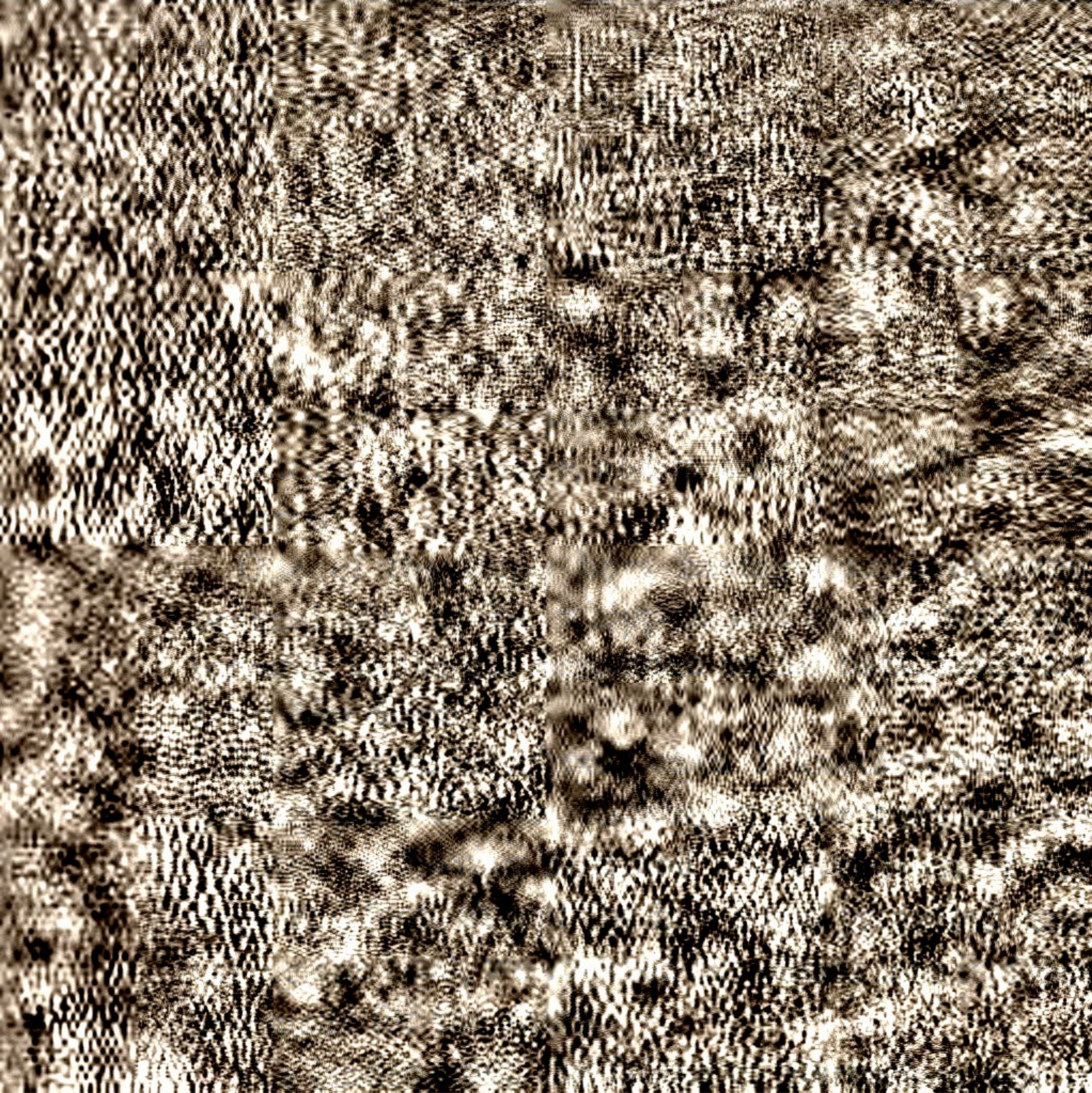
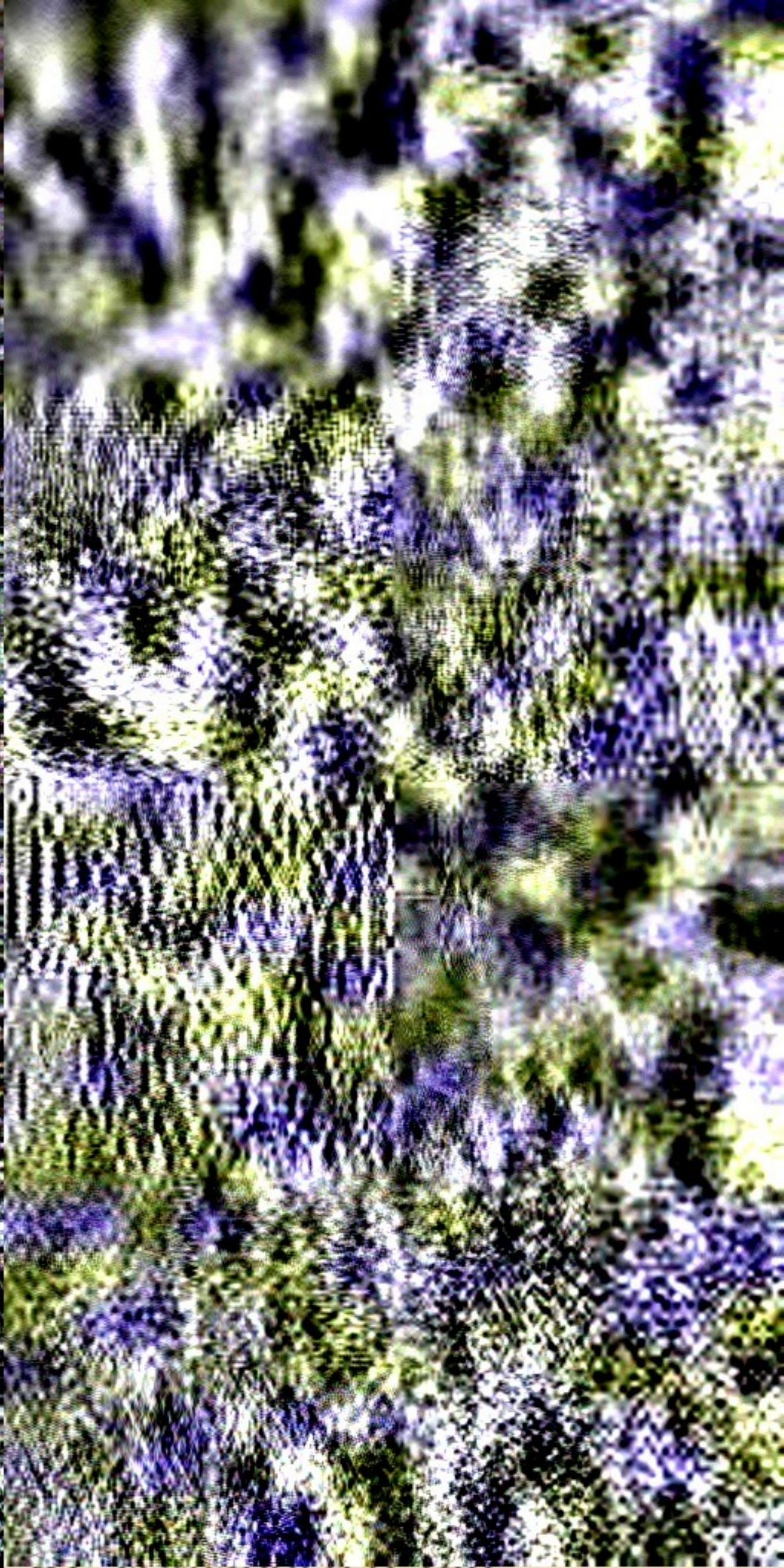
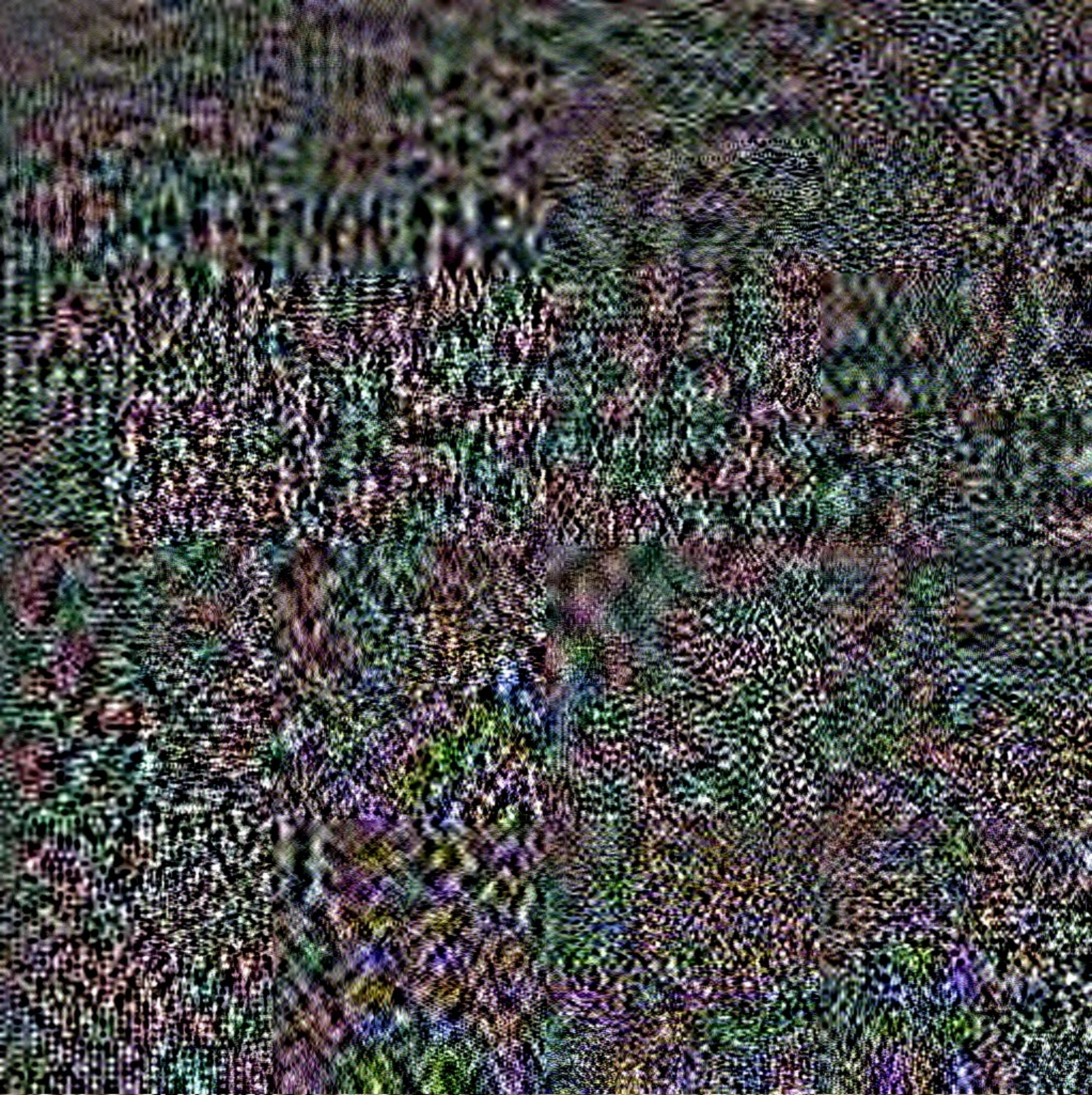
or, though dead men
side, to me they are
any with me.

video, we attacked a
eback. We robbed
omen were beautiful,
t feeling of pity, and

ened creatures kneel-
e my partner, Tom
mentioned it before—
f the man who was
ble he had about

t diamond rings, and
monds, besides other
off, and give to me ;
hen killed them ; I
d toss for the choice
though I spoke in
of our designs ; she

started suddenly up, and with a bound sprang to the side of her
husband, and clung to him in such a way that Tom could not kill him
without killing her also. I seized the other woman, and was about to
execute my hellish purpose upon her, when, with tears and prayers
she besought my pity, and begged for mercy, but I was deaf to all
her prayers, and was again about to seize her, when she sprang from



We transported our
few weeks enjoying
where we remained

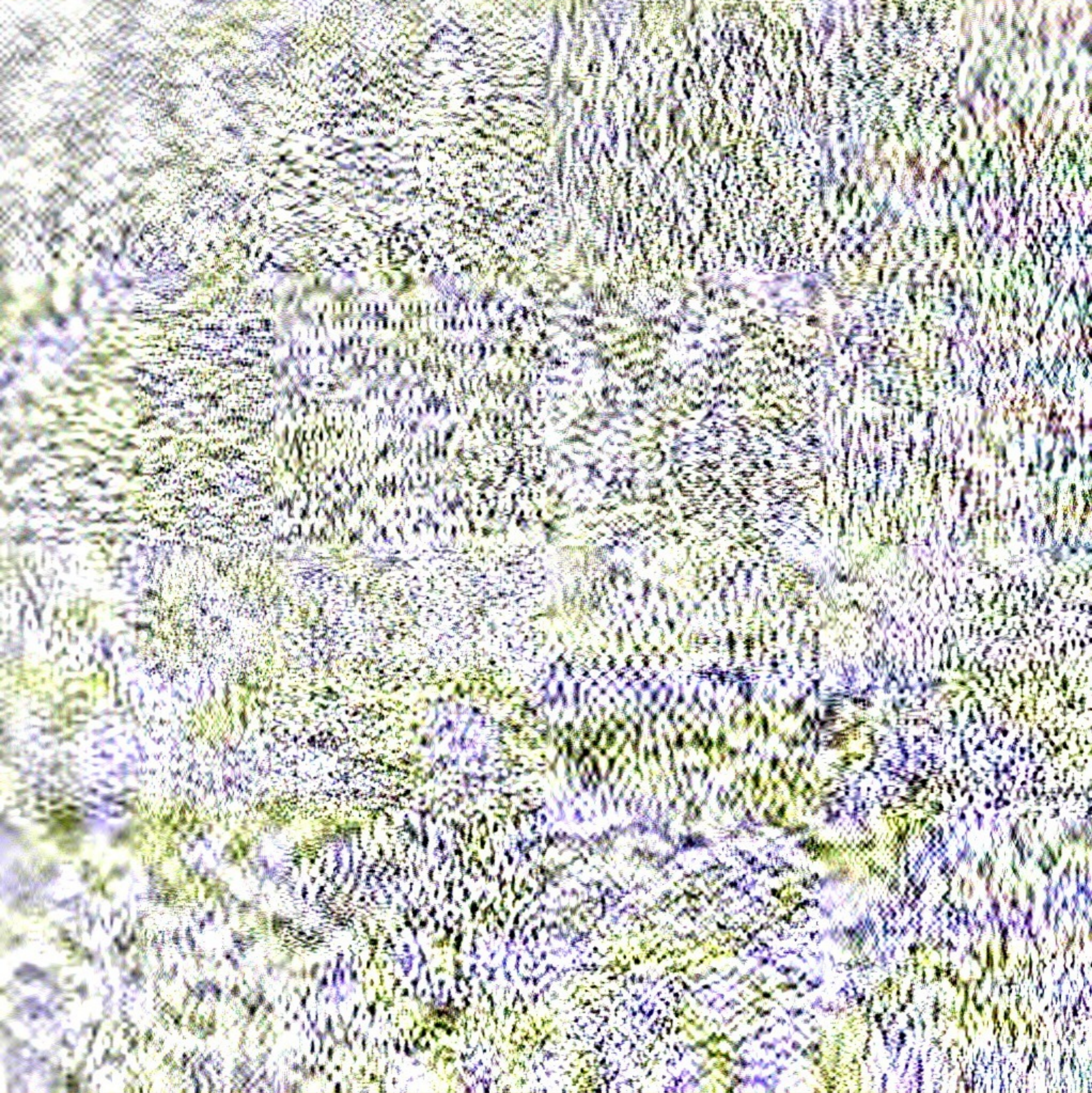
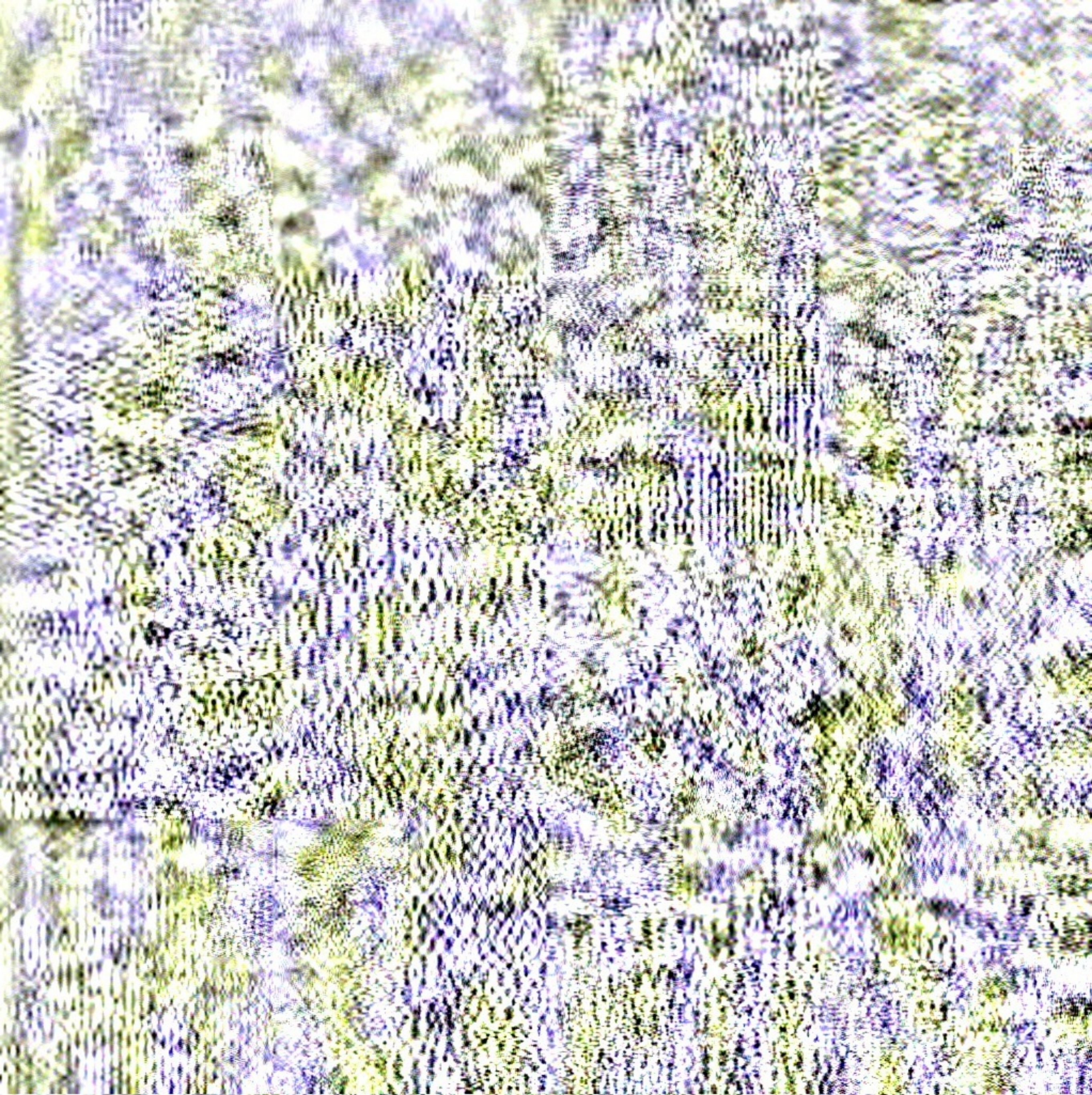
d a large sum left,
bags, and shipped on
New Orleans. We did
fact of having so

ia Islands, a mutiny

offence, the captain
aft. His yells and
mad, and going aft,

n with a handspike,
eneral fight, which
ship. We tied all
one man, and then
aving them ourselves,

the course of a few
days went on board of an English brig, the Conova, bound for New Orleans. Everything went on well until we arrived within fifteen miles of the bar, when the officers, discovering that Tom Stone and I were armed, found fault with us, which led to a disturbance, whereupon we left the ship in a boat, fearing that we should be arrested on our arrival



derable amount of
crew up to mutiny,
myself master of the
in bringing matters
of rows and fights,

ut myself and Tom
sick, and as soon as

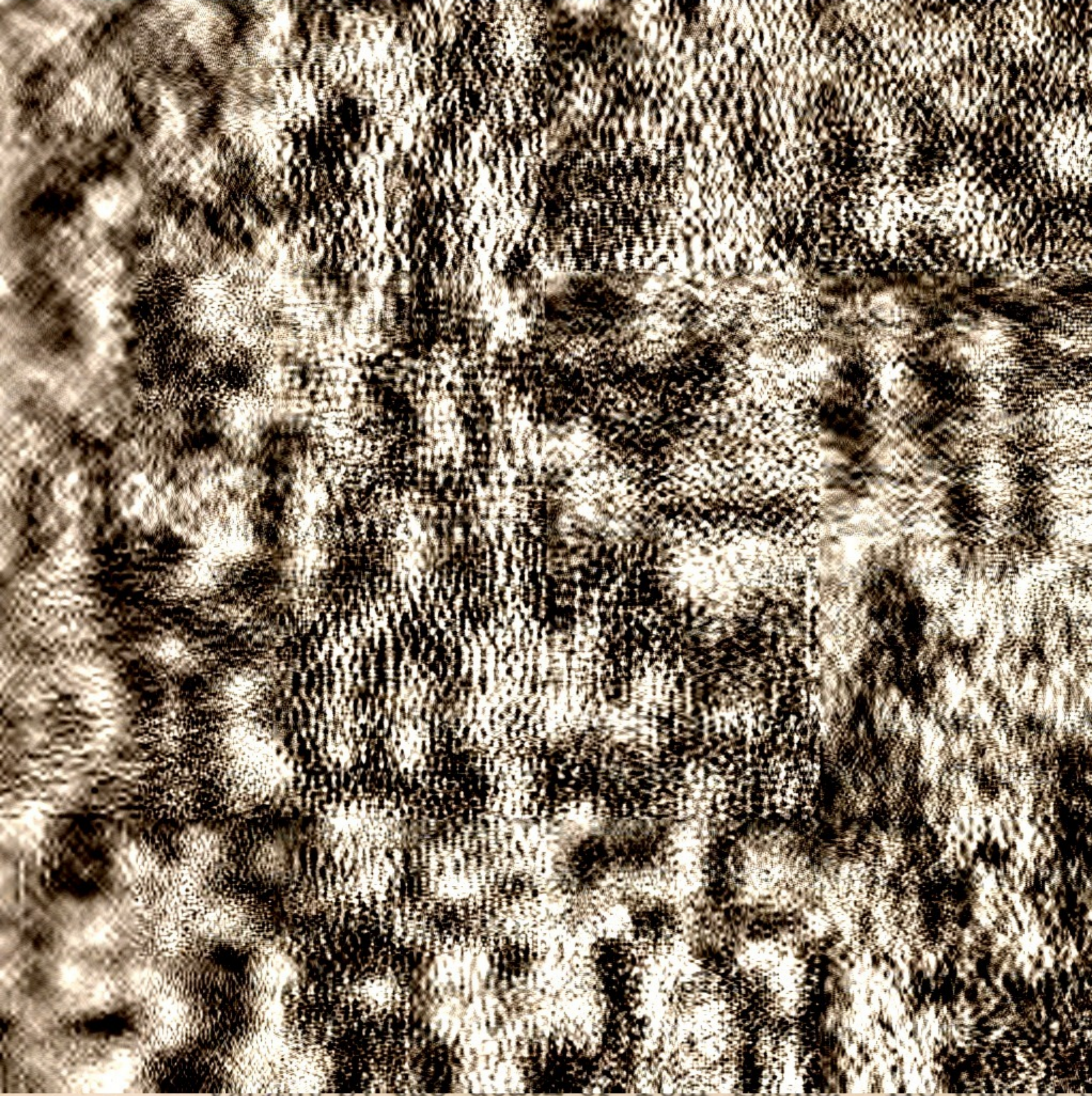
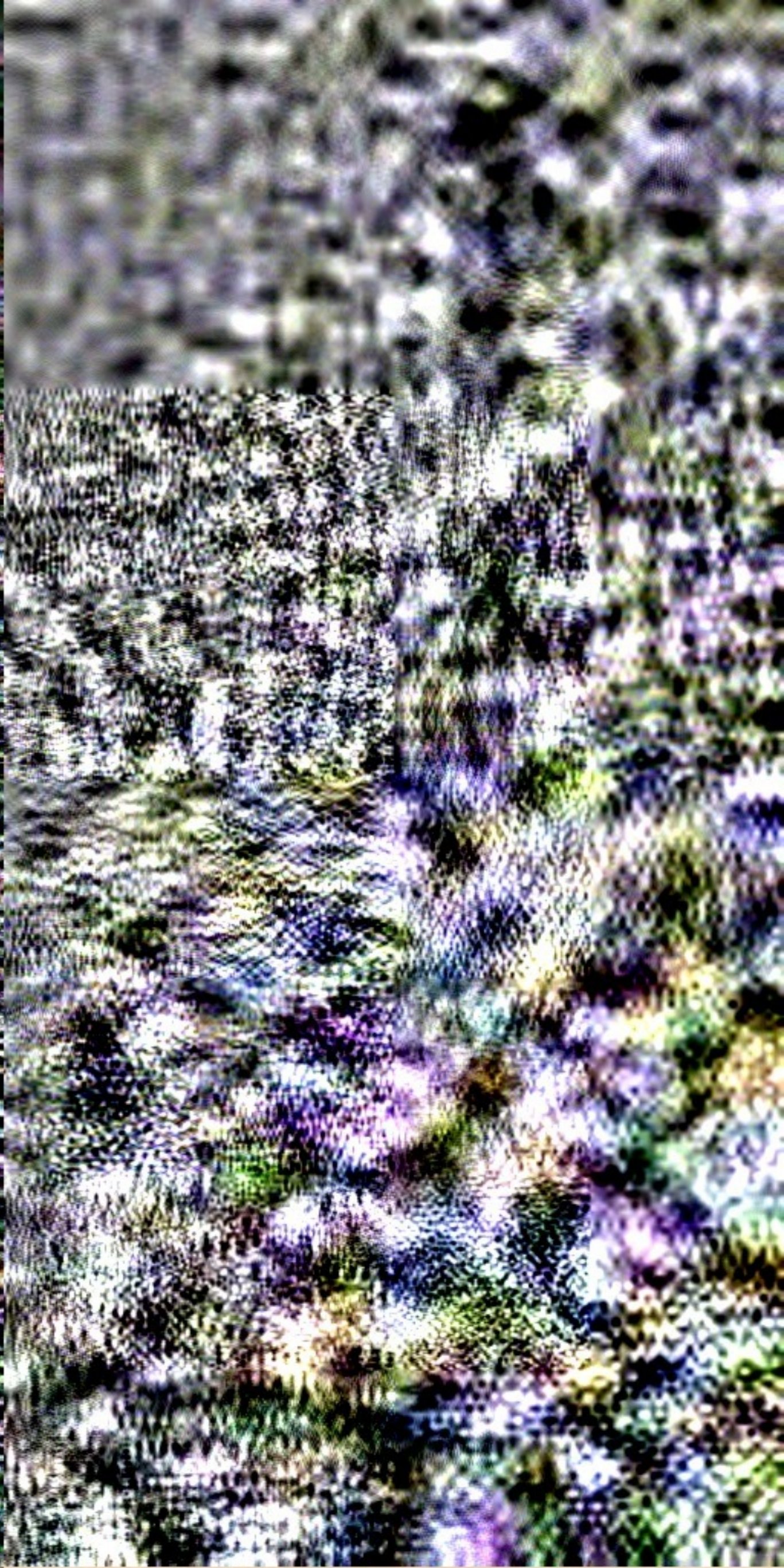
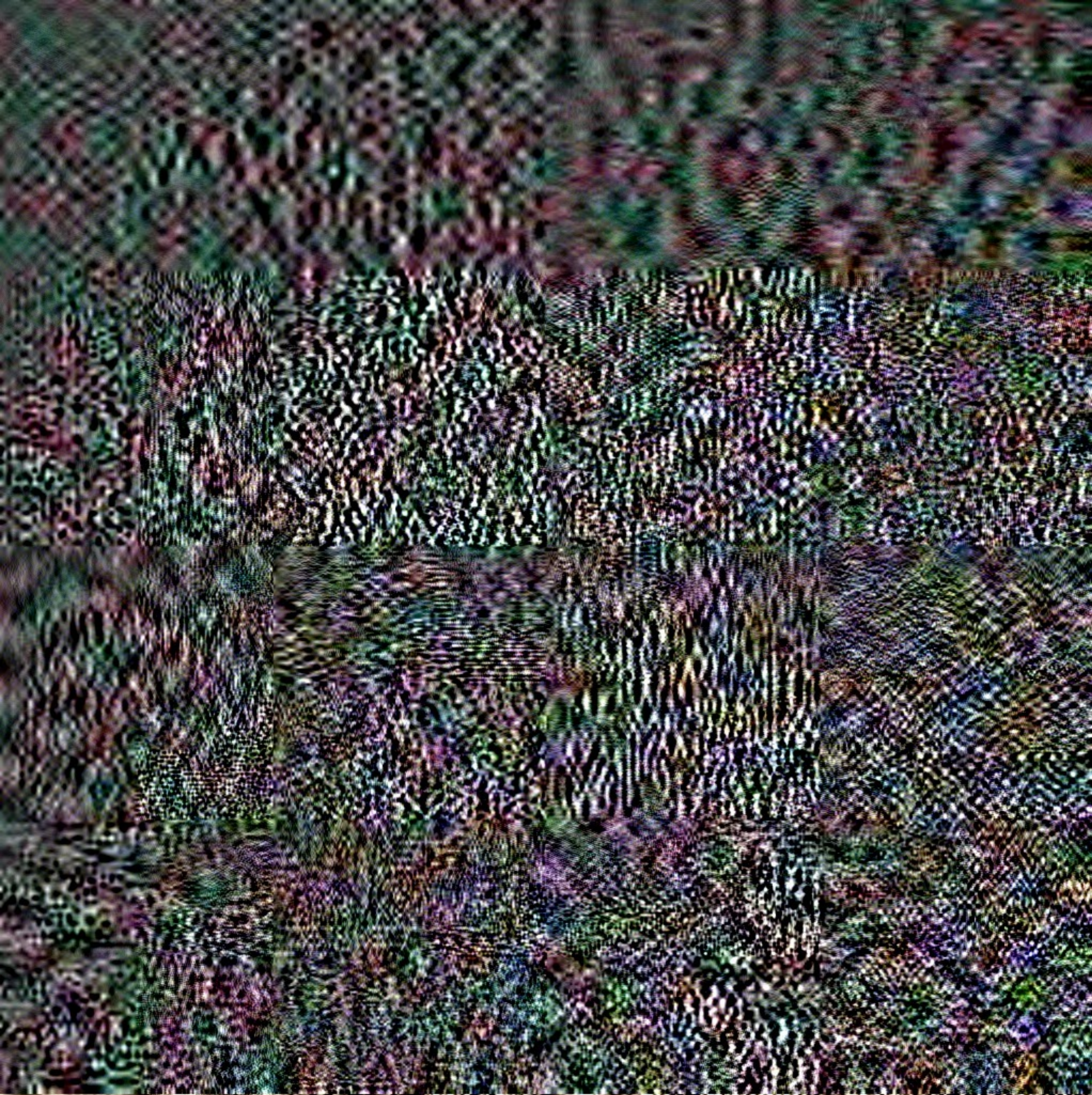
our irons and left.
essel sailed, and then
Liverpool, for New

es, but during the
sowing the seeds
then we were within

headed by me and
ally engaged. We
the crew as sided
ip of all the money

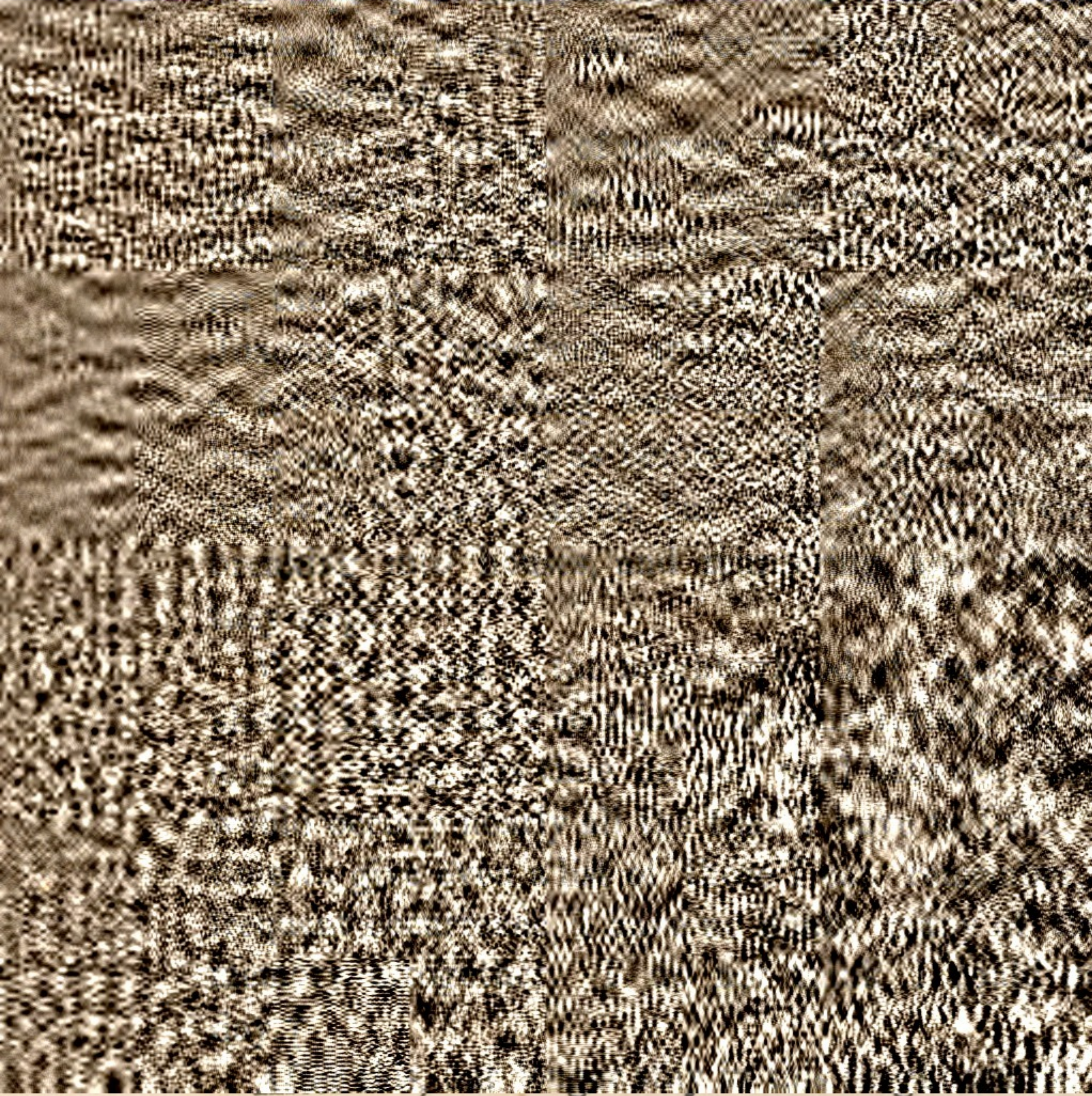
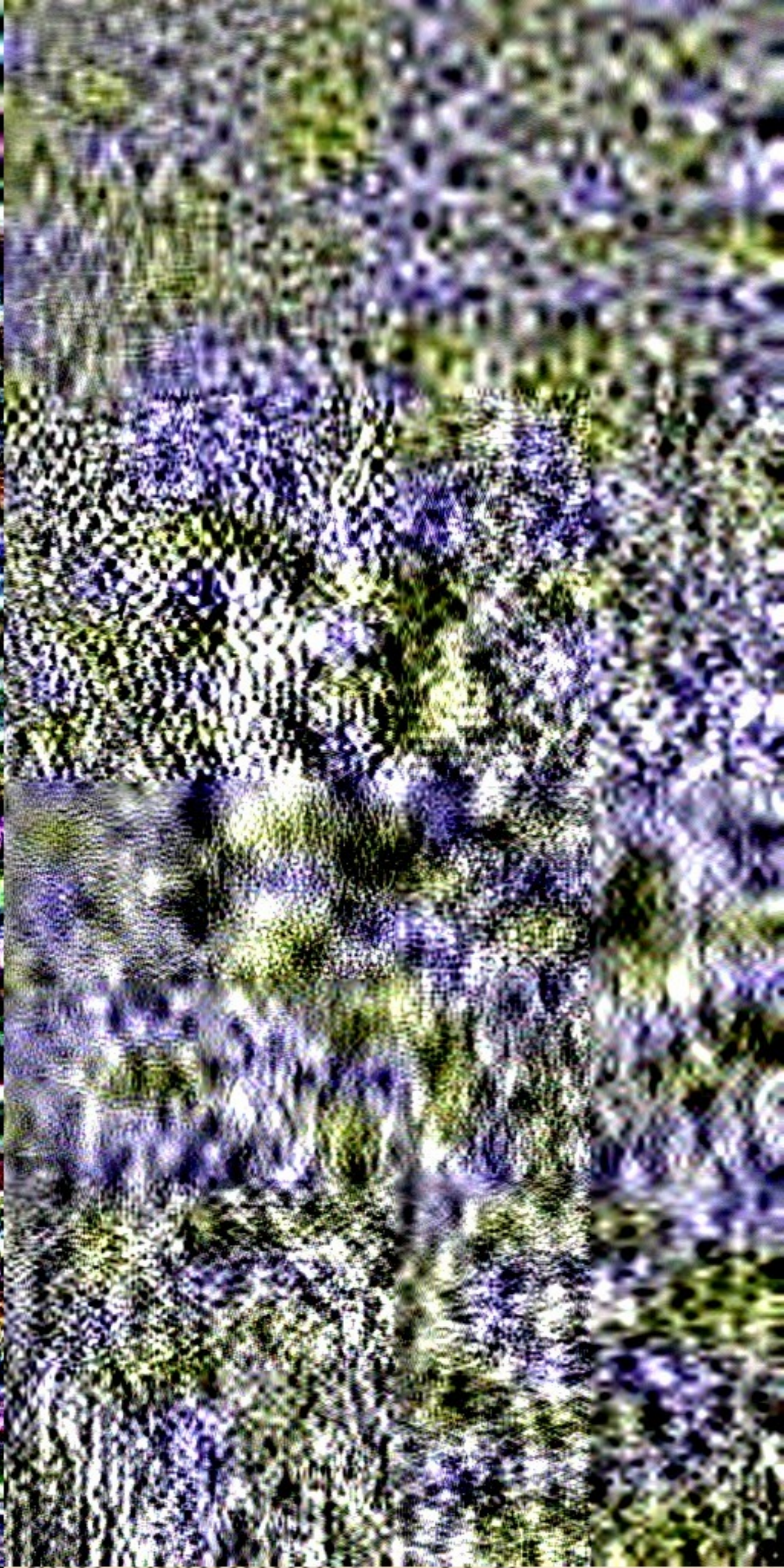
and portable valuables we could lay our hands on, and after scuttling the ship and setting fire to her we took to the boats and made for land.

On reaching the shore we divided the spoils of the robbery, and separated, myself and partner going to New Orleans together, where at



on this occasion, as
superior power, and
to account.
y and lashed myself
hen I was picked up
ican Consul at that
rs on board of that
of. The only one
e, with whom I had
fellow, with a ready
rise, no matter how
ved and would have
t shortly follow him,
shipped on the bark
ence I went in the
name of Lockwood,
lling the place made
strong, wiry man, full

of determination, cruel and desperate in his disposition, and totally without fear. I found he had led a life nearly similar to mine, and he thought no more of stealing a purse, or cutting a throat, than I; and, in addition to his other qualifications, was an expert navigator. So the second day out, we laid our plans to rob the schooner and scuttle

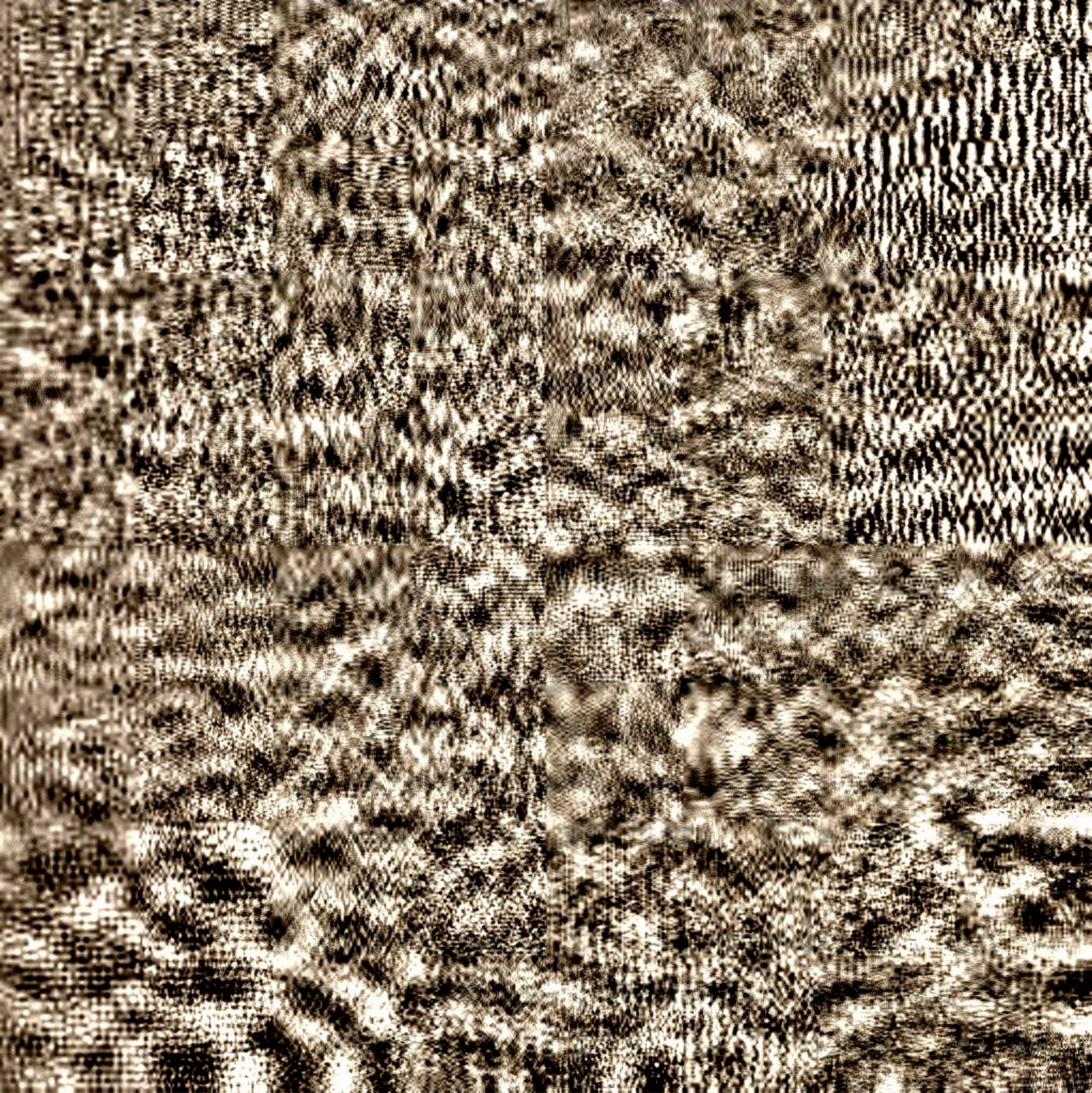


the consequence of being
exhausted by lack of
late deprivations by
res ; never, however,
promised to pay us
hs, and then went to
ere we stopped for
nt to Santiago, rob-
ne our operations to
iety of depredations,
ng the inmates while
about one year, and,
ne murders we com-
re and Valparaiso, it
It would take some
and they were of so
em have escaped my
ame them all in one
would be running too

great a risk, as our numerous outrages had attracted the attention of

* The name is spelled as Hicks pronounced it, but it is evidently not the correct name.

† This was in answer to a direct question.—ED.



er, with no one to
my prey.

verhauled, plundered,
s, in most cases mur-
st India Islands, we
o Marseilles, boarded
. Finding that she
xt morning sailed for
t ashore at a small
nguage, we remained
ntinople, and on the

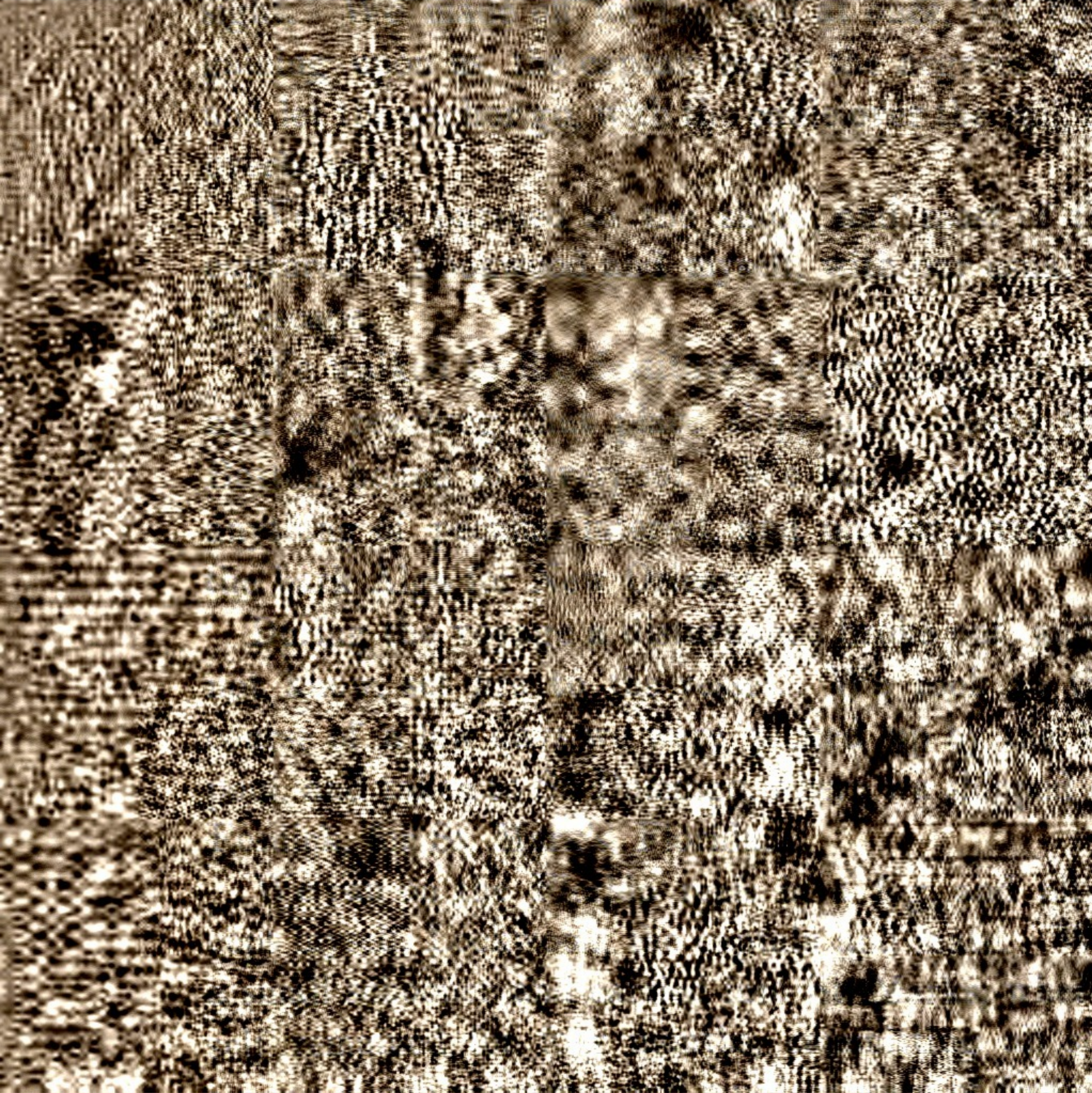
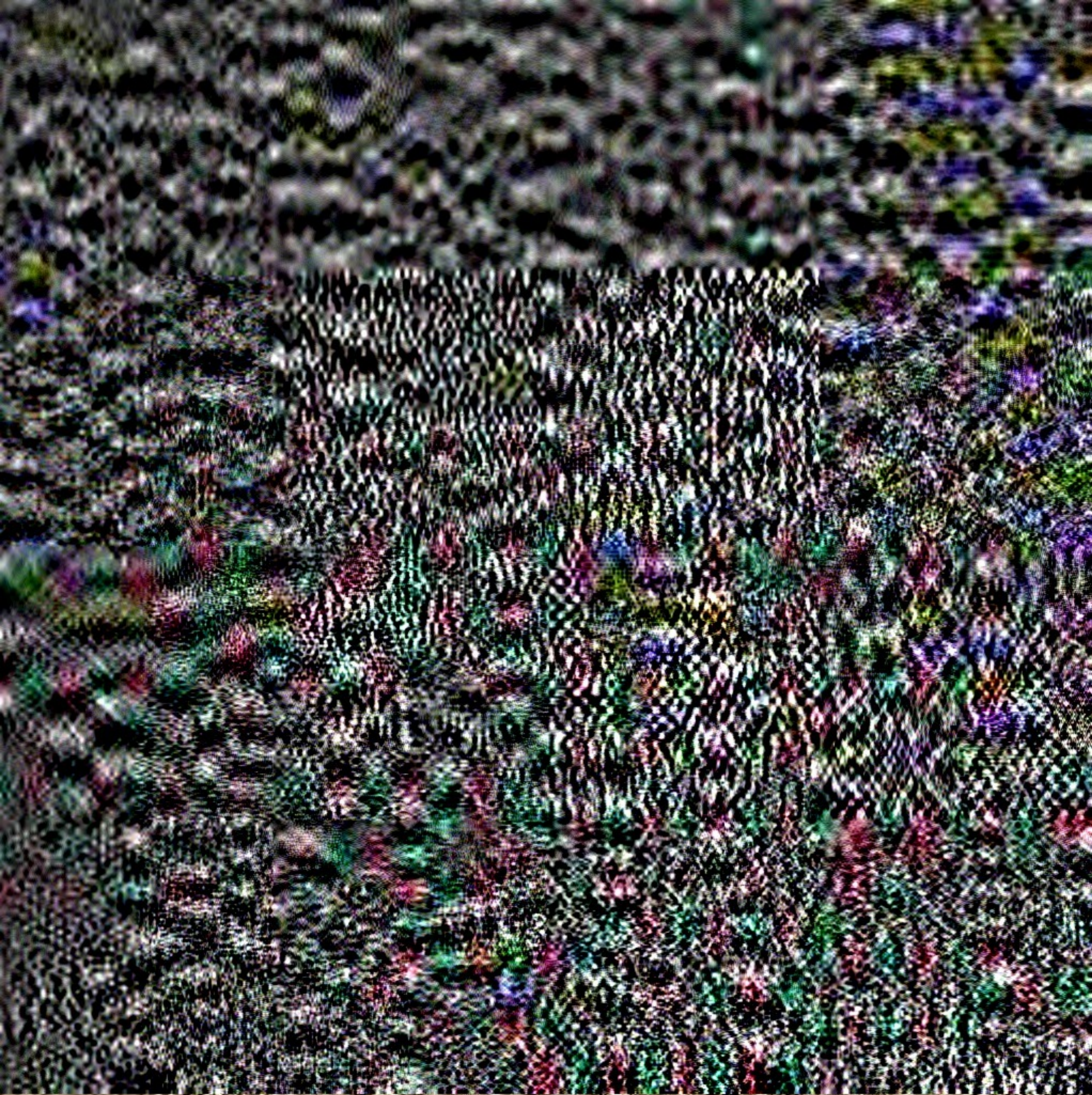
arching her and find-

le, we headed for the
a British man-of-war,
Portuguese, when she

during the conversa-
aking fire from our
aw it falling over the

side, we bade them "good bye" in English, and gave them three cheers, for which they returned a broadside, and we received two shots in our stern.

I dare say the British Admiralty never knew to this day to what vessel their man-of-war was indebted for the loss of her foremast, but if they ever read this the mystery will be cleared up. It is more than likely they have suspected their old enemy, the French, of playing this



ding the cruiser was
t to the chain cable
dragging the negroes

nose on board were
good luck, managing

ms, rifles and pistols,
e bark Josephine of
sage, not marked by
there we shipped on

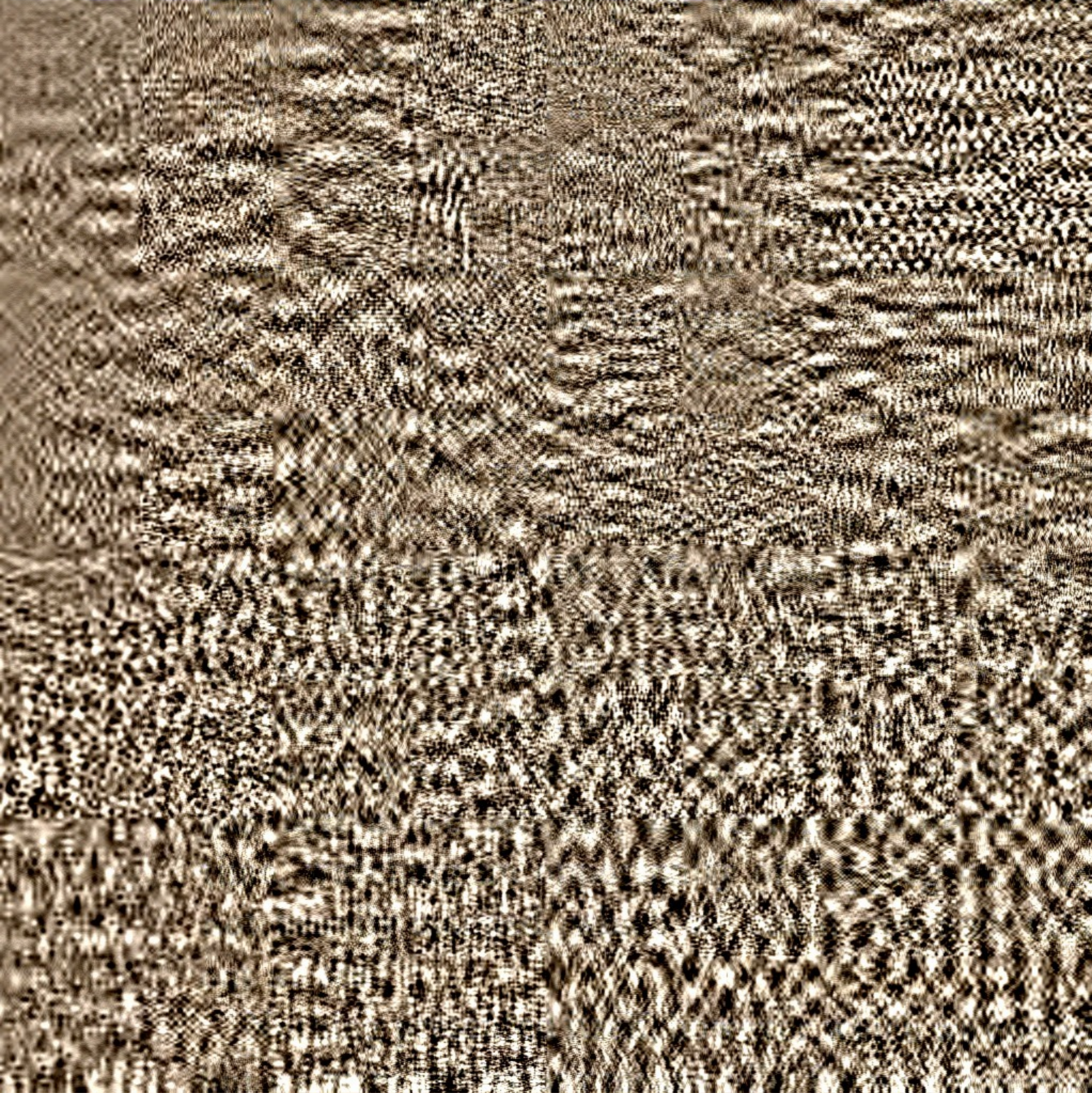
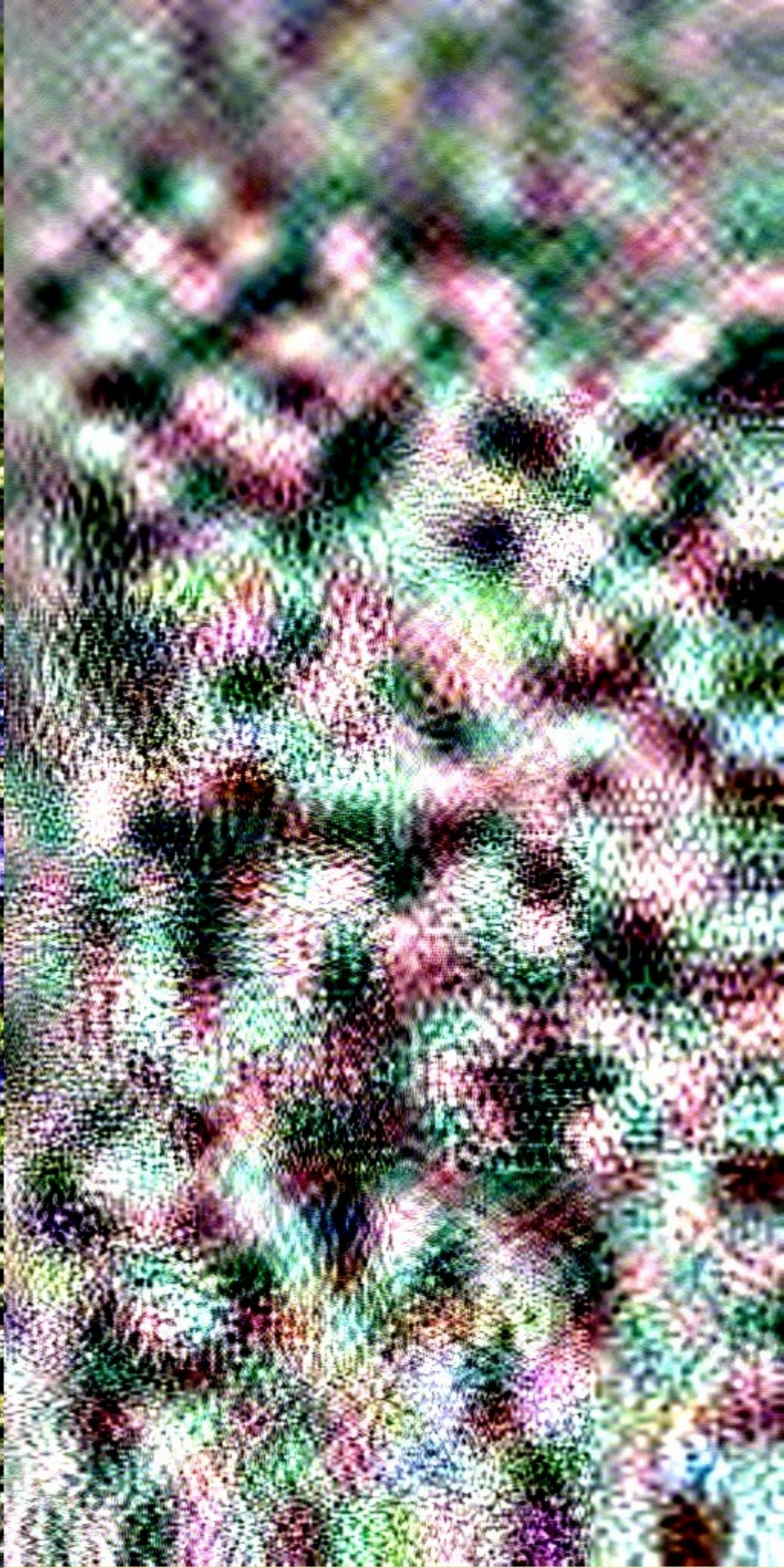
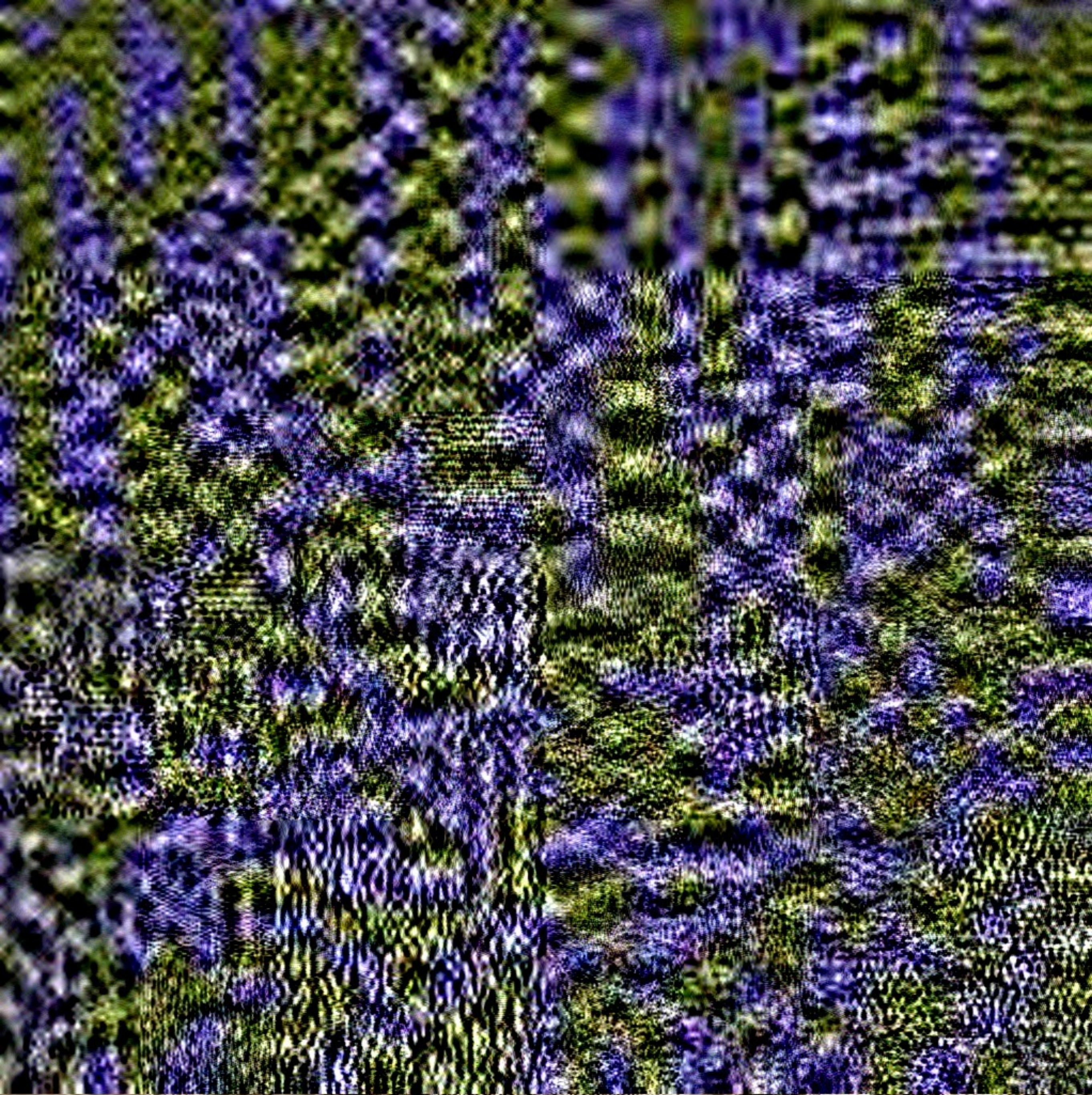
some one, who I do
e boats, and in the
brig Exact, of Liver-
on board brig Fanny

hands were lost, ex-
e were taken off by
e Lockwood and my-
orts of depredations,

among which robberies and murders were of frequent occurrence.

Wishing for a new field of action, however, we engaged as hands on board the pilot boat Lucina, not with a view of working long, but for the purpose of getting possession of her the first opportunity which should occur.

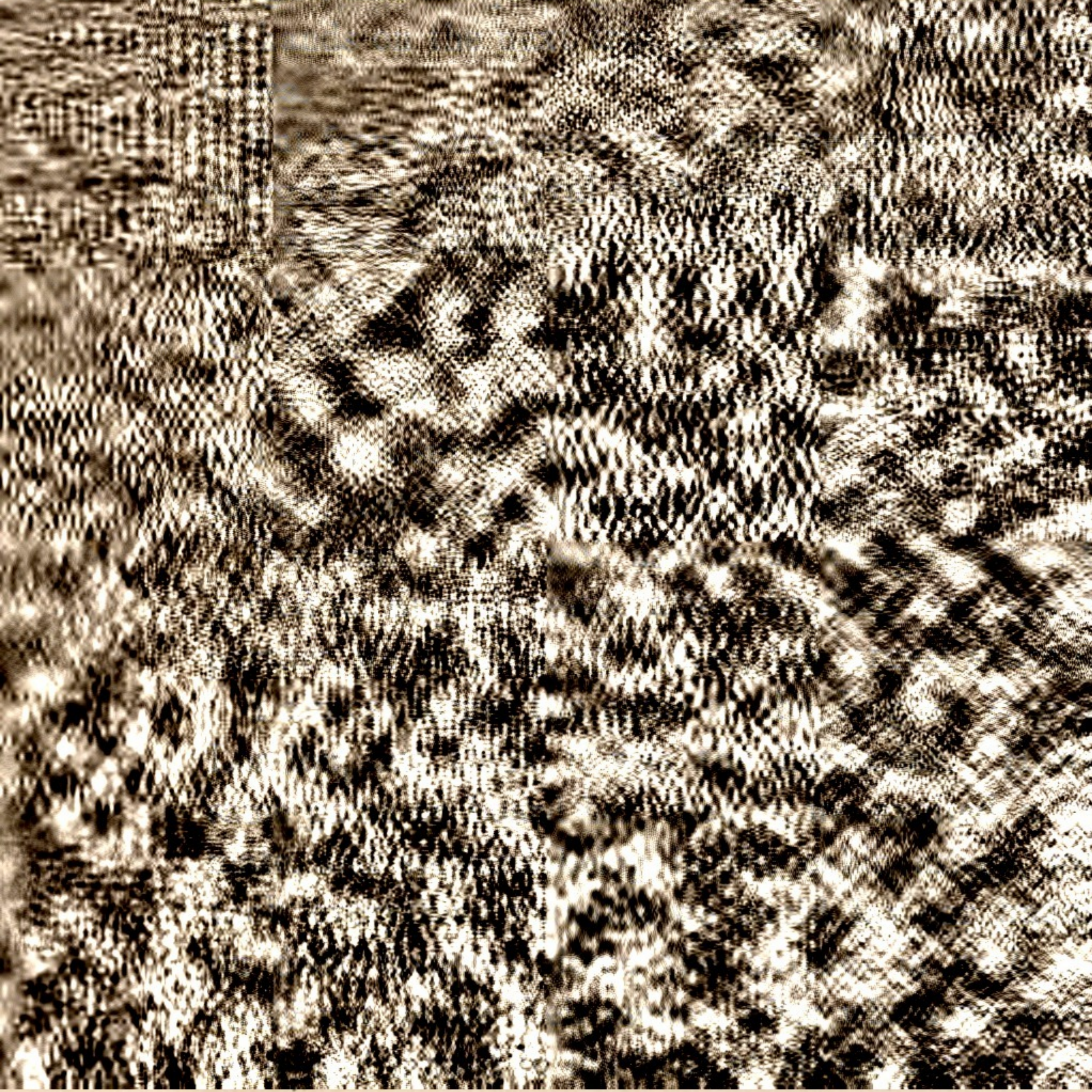
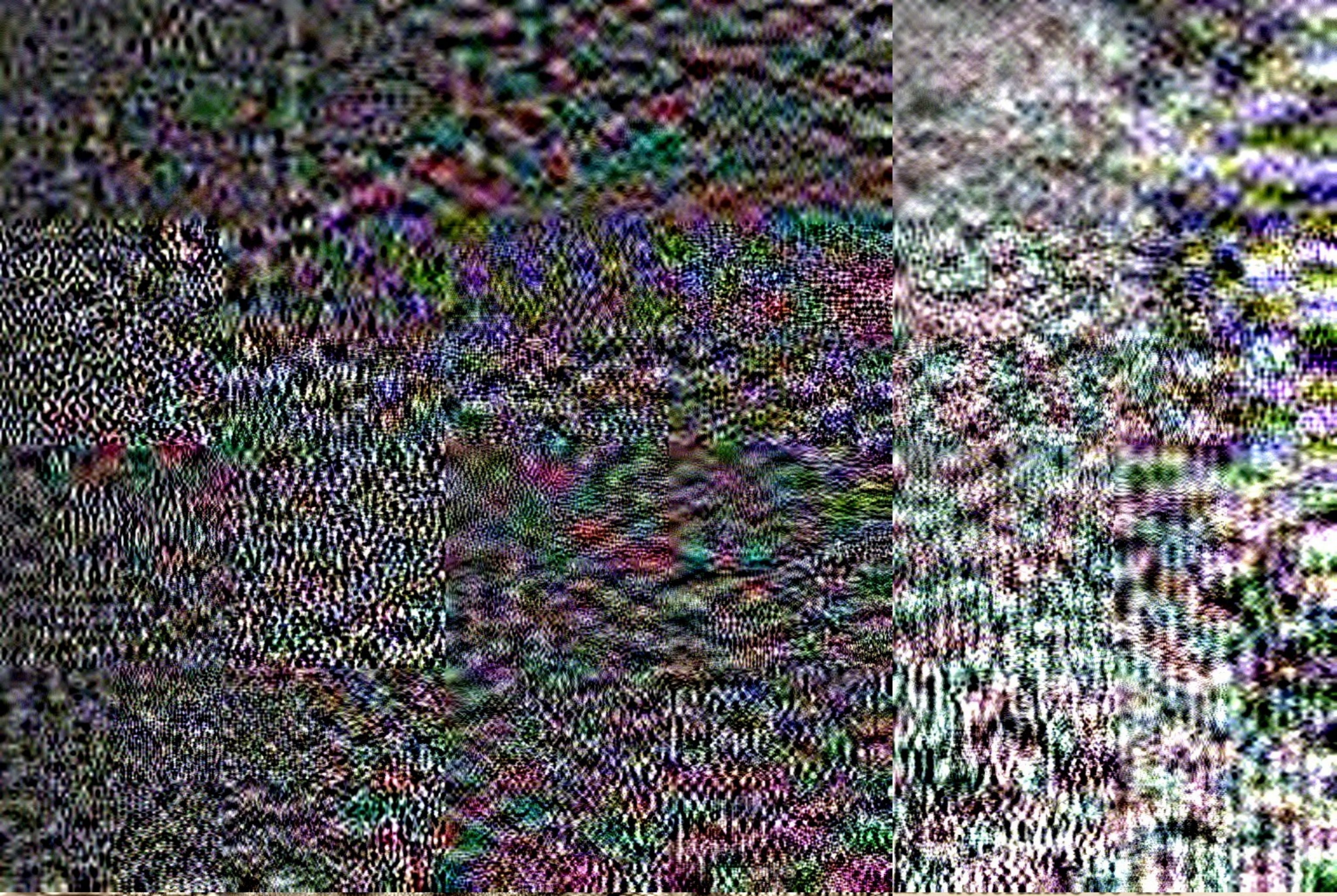
She was a beautiful little craft, sat on the water like a sea bird, and, for speed, was unsurpassed. In fact, she was just the thing we wanted. We had fixed our eyes on her long before, but had to wait for circum-



and then taking the
considerable sum of

mitted many depreda-
We continued this
asures of shore, we
e we placed all our
e below Matagorda.
g a portion of our
in our usual aban-
made our way to the
treasure, we went
committing several
pped on board of a
nd for Boston. On
ained there a short
d of some small craft
possession of when

ered worth our while,
committed several robberies on
shore, one of which, a burglary in Washington street, we came very near
being detected in, and the circumstances connected with which caused
considerable stir. In fact, we found it necessary to leave, which we did.
The Boston officers started in pursuit of us, but we managed to throw
them off the scent, and as soon as we were convinced that they were
on the wrong track, we made for New York, which we reached in
safety. Those circumstances took place about four years ago.



as soon as we got out

ed, and we were dis-

ng in getting shipped

e, I joined the bark

rgo of slaves.

e crew up to mutiny,

ing and killing the

ook the money, and

to suit myself and

f it.

n which we sailed for

ver, we played the

utiny. The captain,

entered quietly, and

on, and then, going

way that the officers

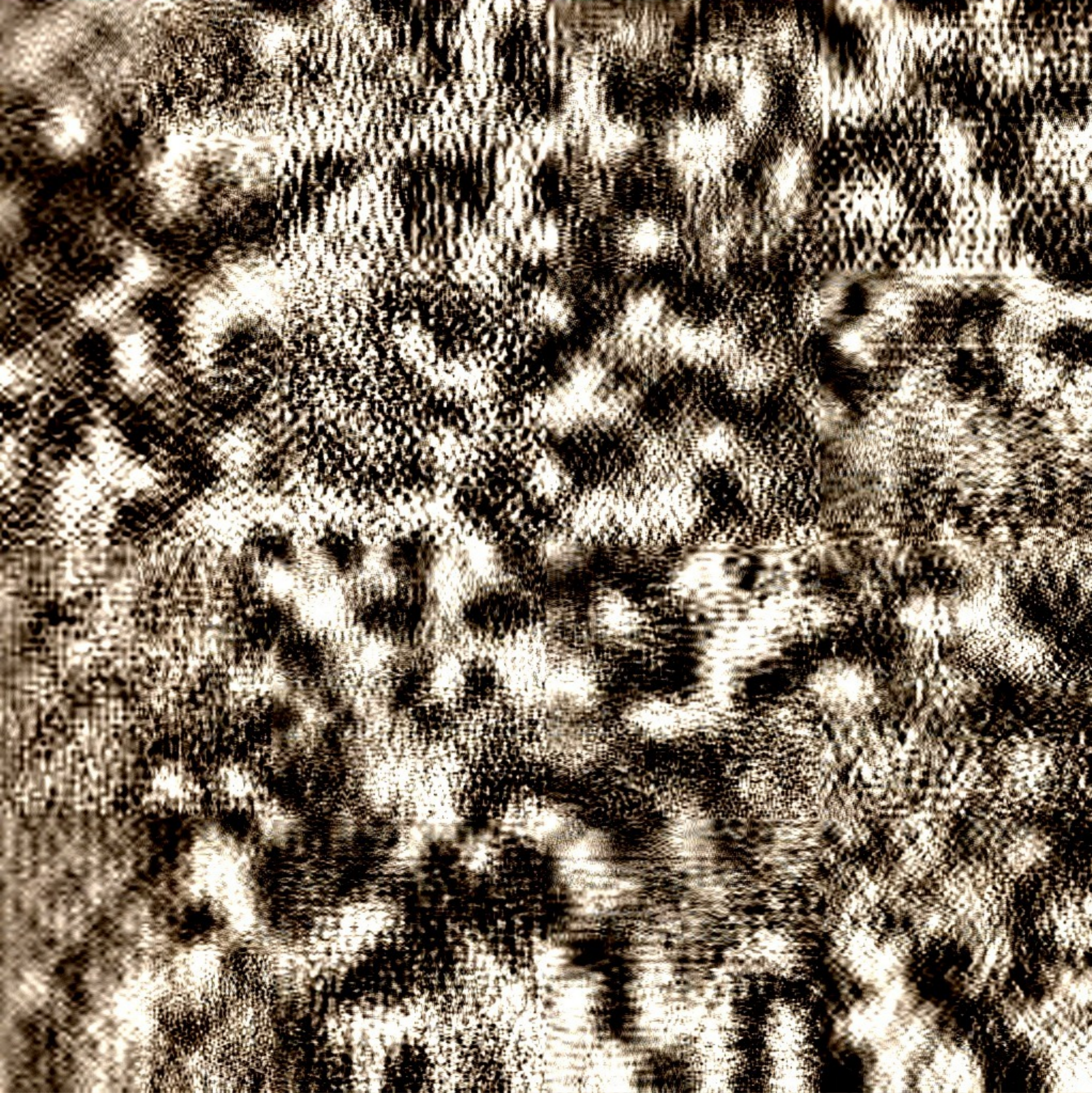
the other two of the

night, from where we

took the packet to London.

Here my partner and I separated, and I have not heard what became of him. I hope, if he sees this confession and learns my fate, it will serve as a warning to him, and that he will give up shedding blood and robbery, and lead an honest life.

About this time—that is, some three years ago—I married, and shortly after, came with my wife to New York, on board the ship



er Alabama, for Sa-
Kate Field, for Indi-
board of this vessel,
t was said about it.
o, but they were not
alveston we sailed to
urned to New York,
working occasionally,
berth on board of a

avorable opportunity
Georgetown, S. C.,
y out my intentions.
went to Boston on a
money on board, but
rk, and shipped on

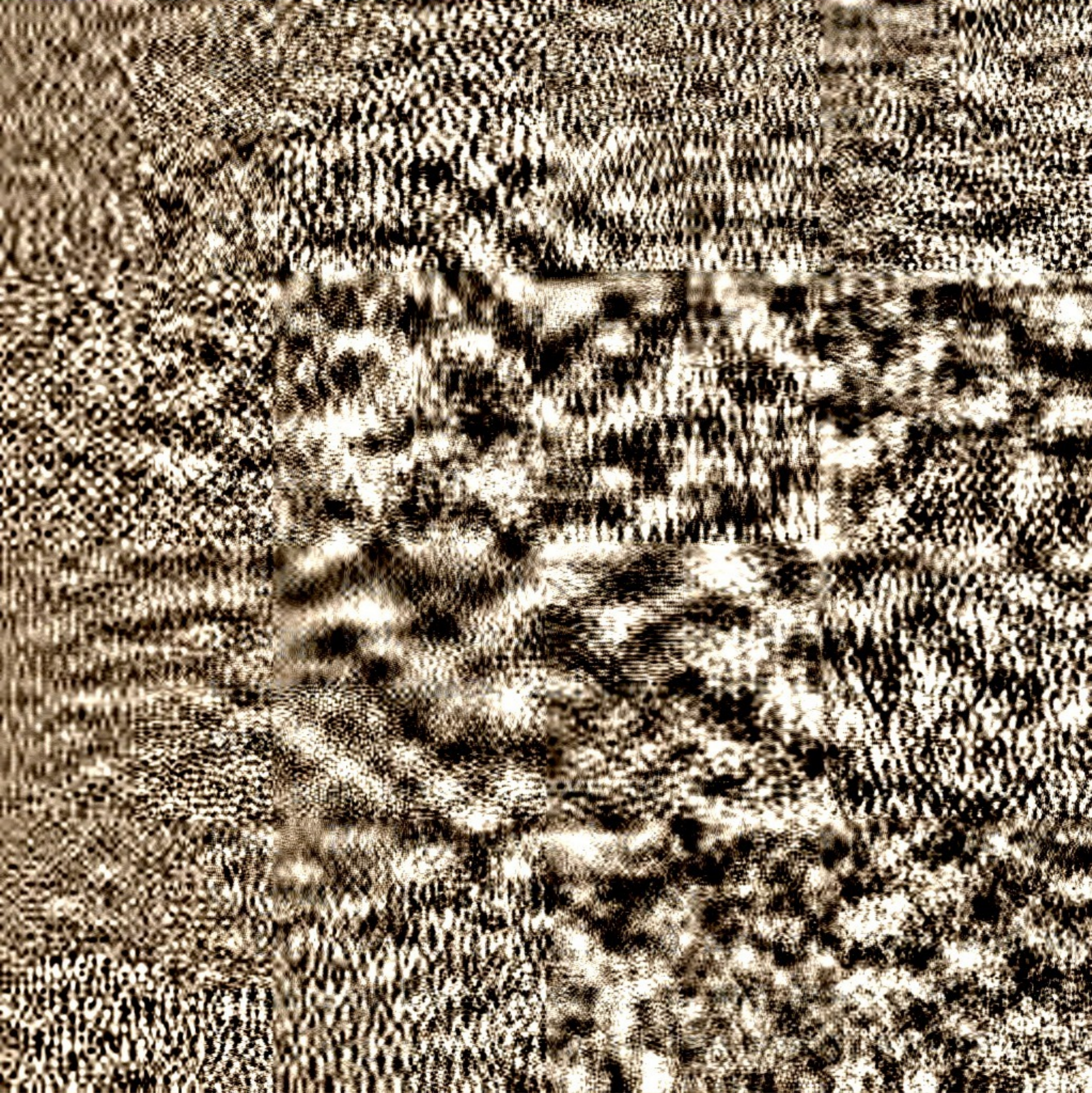
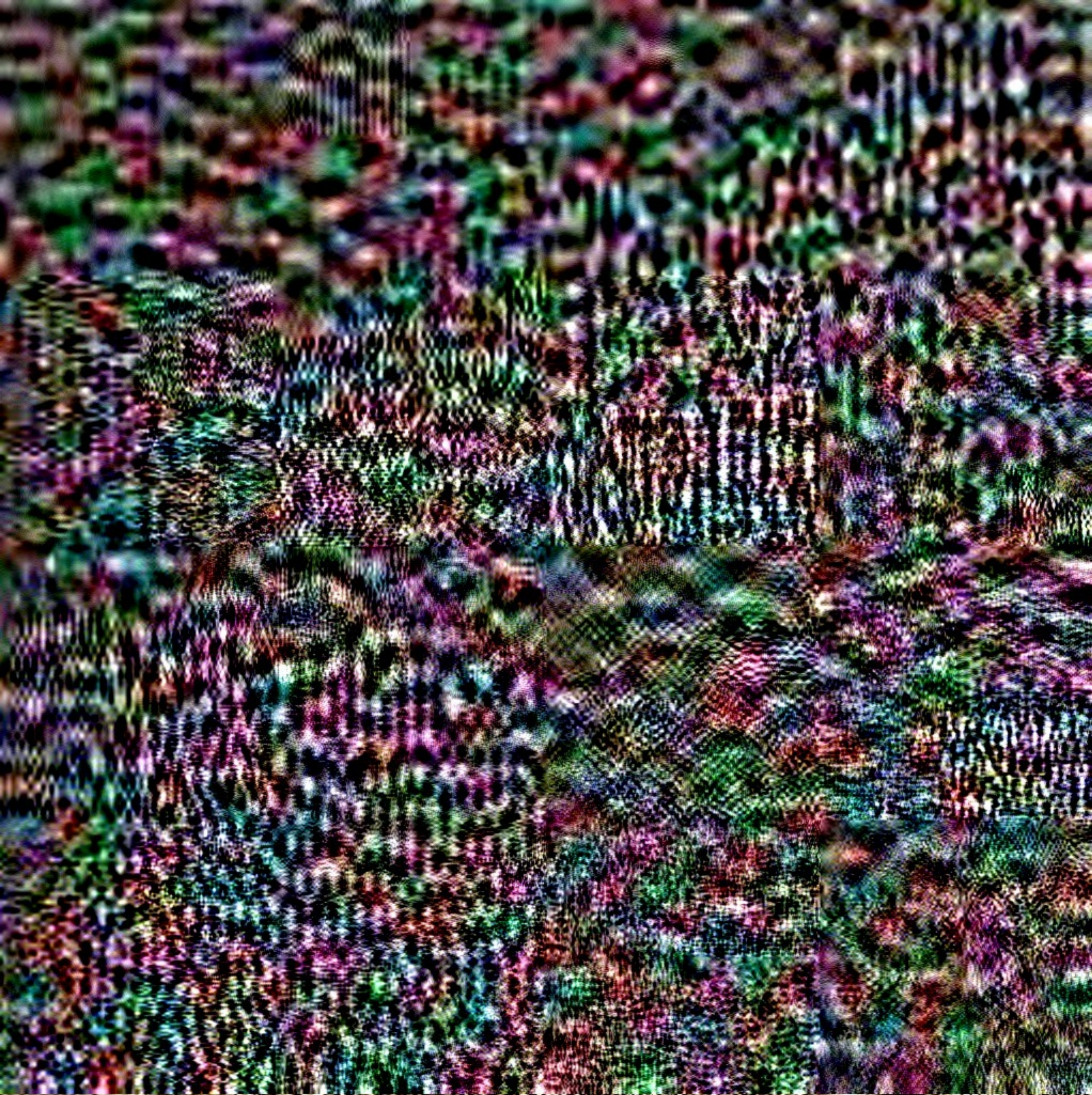
return, we found the

gside, I jumped into

her, in water up to my armpits, and making her fast to the schooner, commenced bailing her out.

We finally got her afloat, and took her into Wilmington, from whence she was returned to her owners. We claimed salvage on her, which was allowed, but there is something due me now on my share, which I hope will be paid to my wife after I am gone.

Returning to New York, I lived by working along shore, but never missed a chance of robbery when it promised to pay me for my trouble,



etites, passions, and
others for their grati-
fied claims the only
committed ; the law,
derision, now exerts
due for breaking it ;
bloody and resistless
for the innocent blood
sway, and a dreadful

She had on board,
er, something over a
f but two boys and

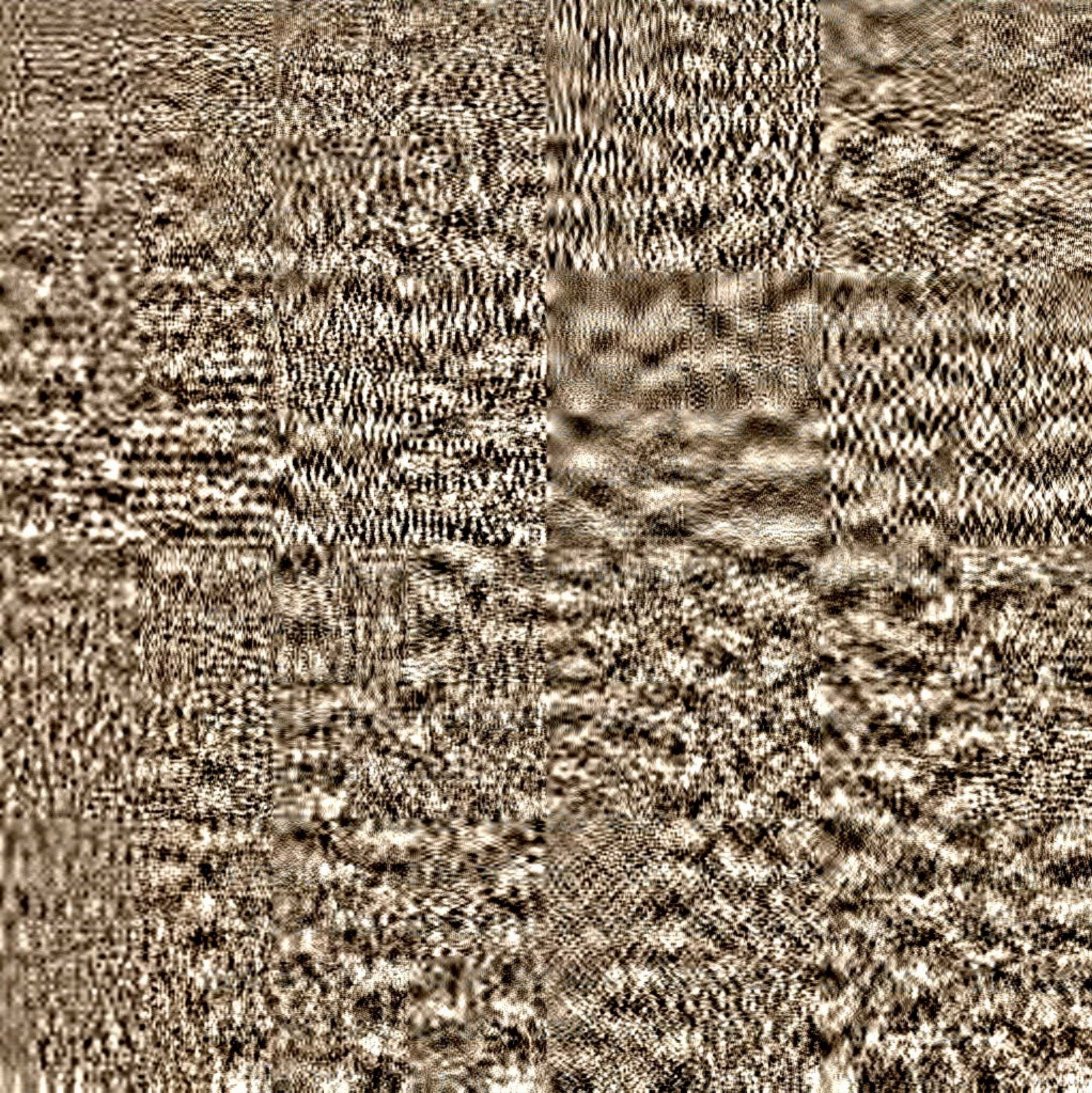
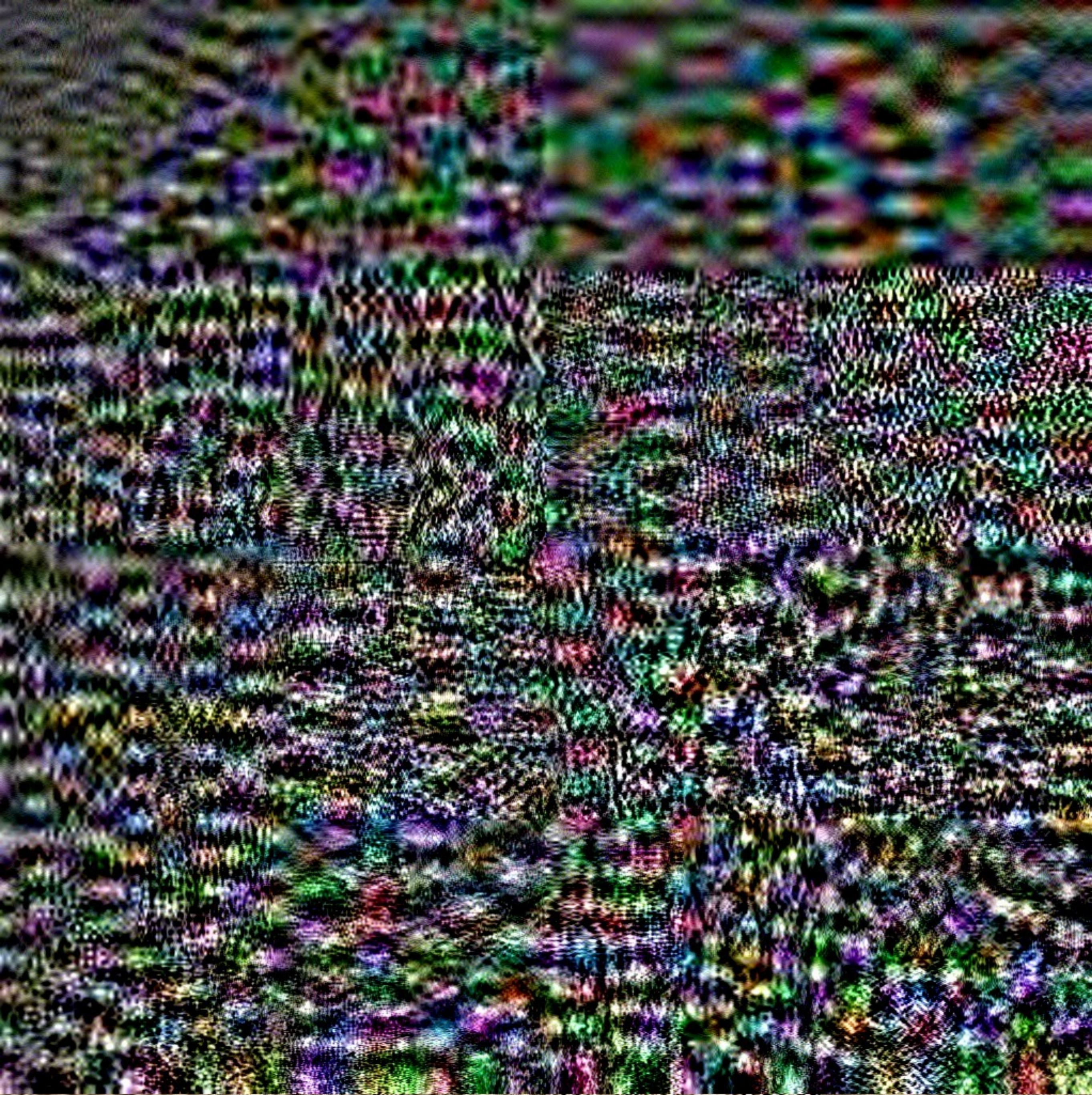
before I shipped with
that I had no revenge

uld, I have no doubt,
and even I liked him.
the cruel purpose of

taking his life, the lives of the two young men, and making myself master of the money I supposed he had on board.

I calculated to do this as calmly as you would contemplate doing any of the usual duties in the ordinary transactions of life.

I had killed men, yes, and boys, too, many a time before, for far less inducement than the sum I supposed I should gain by killing them ; and I had too often dyed my murderous hands in blood in days gone



much at ease, and I
opportunity of mak-

my duties, and in
of the captain, I did

pot of Spring street,
till Sunday. While
carpenter work, and
earnestness in trying

on, and waited there

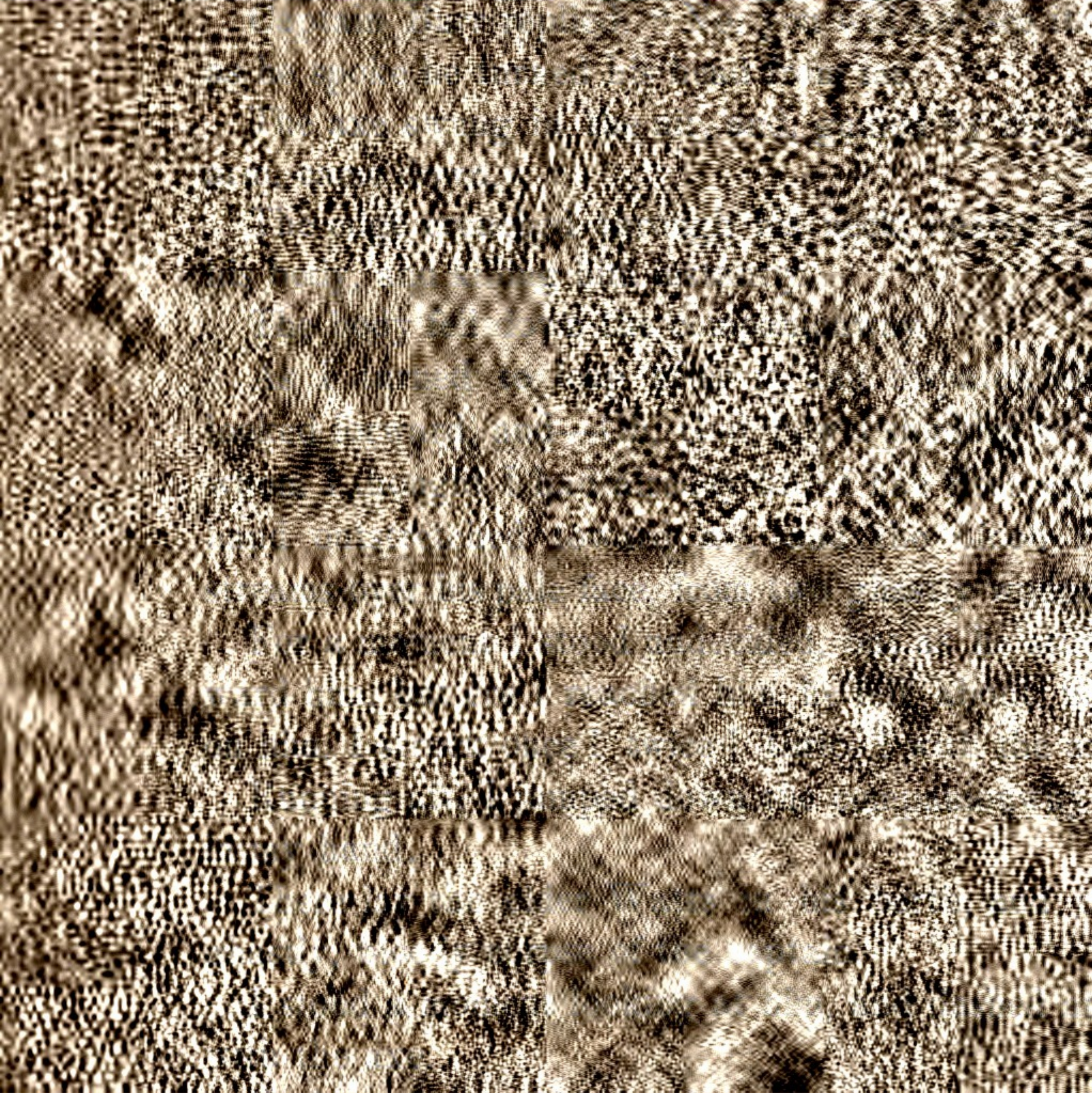
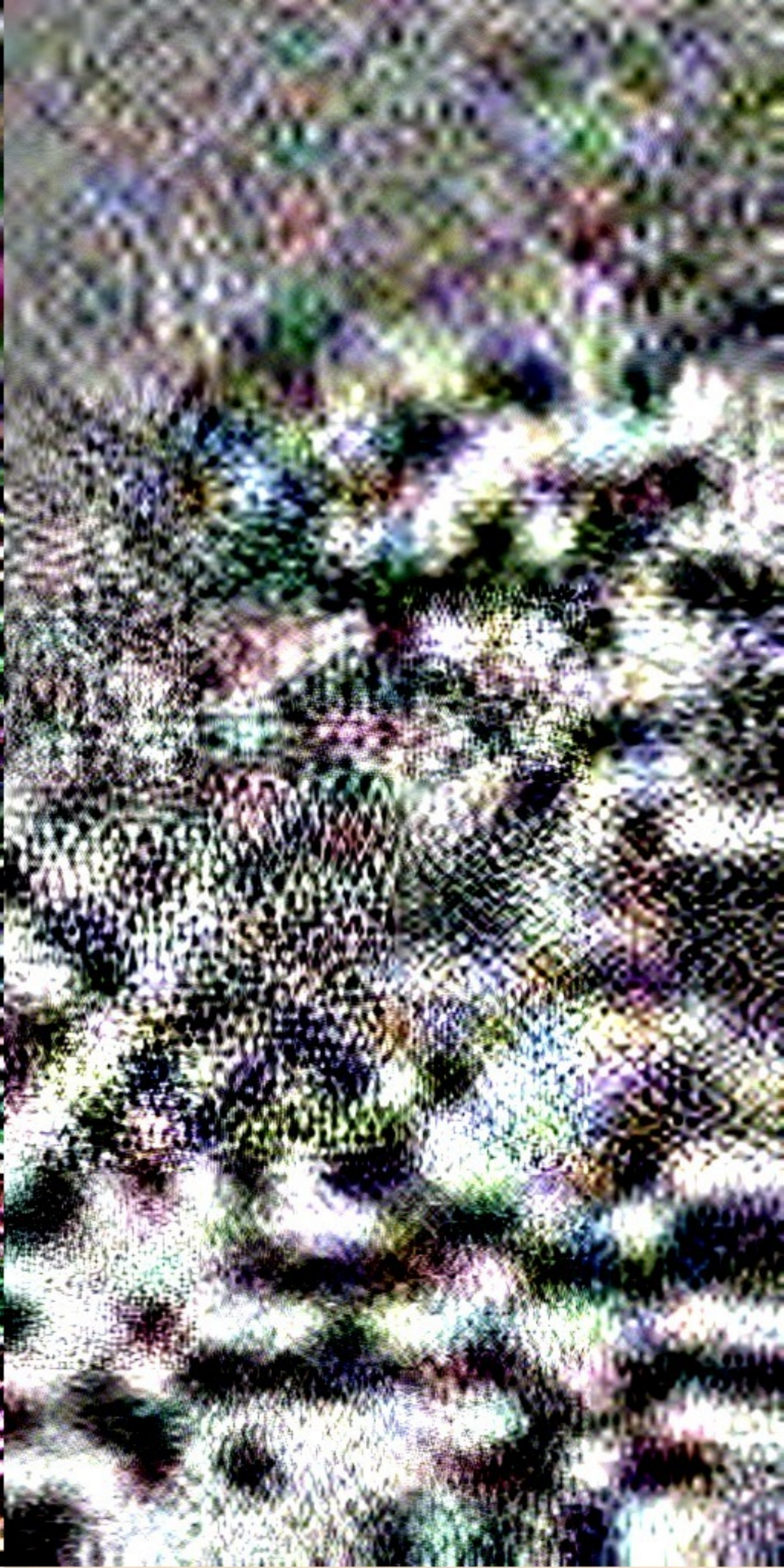
the Ocean House, I
in the boat hanging

ked him to allow me
ward.

he axe, went to him,
l he did not. I told

had suspected my cruel purpose, he would have read no indication of it there, for I was as calm as though I were going to do the simplest and most innocent thing in life.

Had I been under human influences, the confident and trusty way in which he turned his eyes to mine, would have made me hesitate, but no such thought entered my heart, and I pointed again and told him to "Look there ; ain't that it !"



for two hours ;” and

newy and murderous

vering his head from

y remaining victim, I

hink of it now !—he

l was coming aft, his

unning in two dark

s on his head.

came on, I ran to-

idships, and rushing

xe, and finished him.

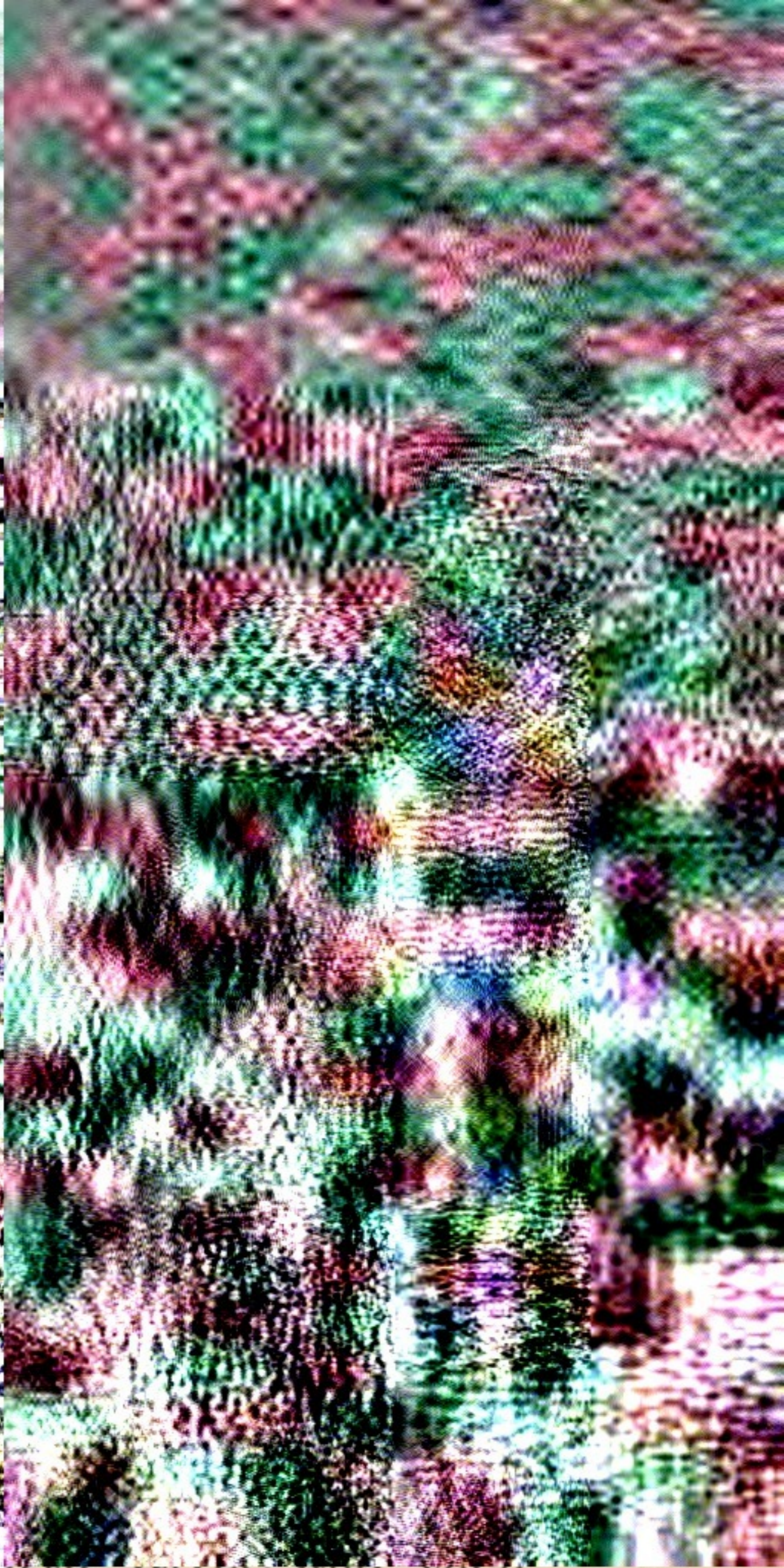
with the bloody axe

lose beside him the

him and struck out

He leaped out of his berth, and sprang at me, all red with the blood of the captain, whose body had fallen past him, covering him with gore in its fall.

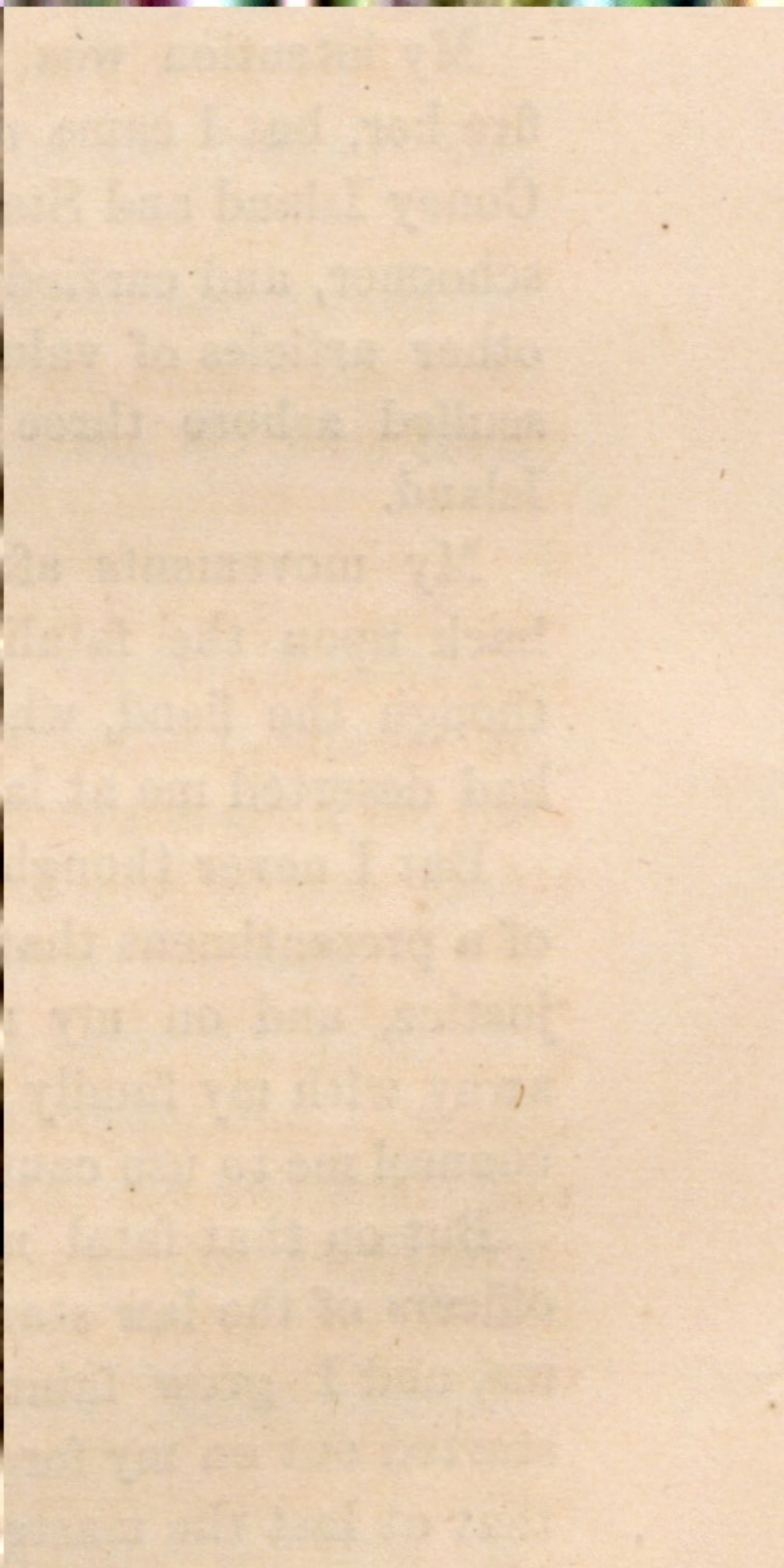
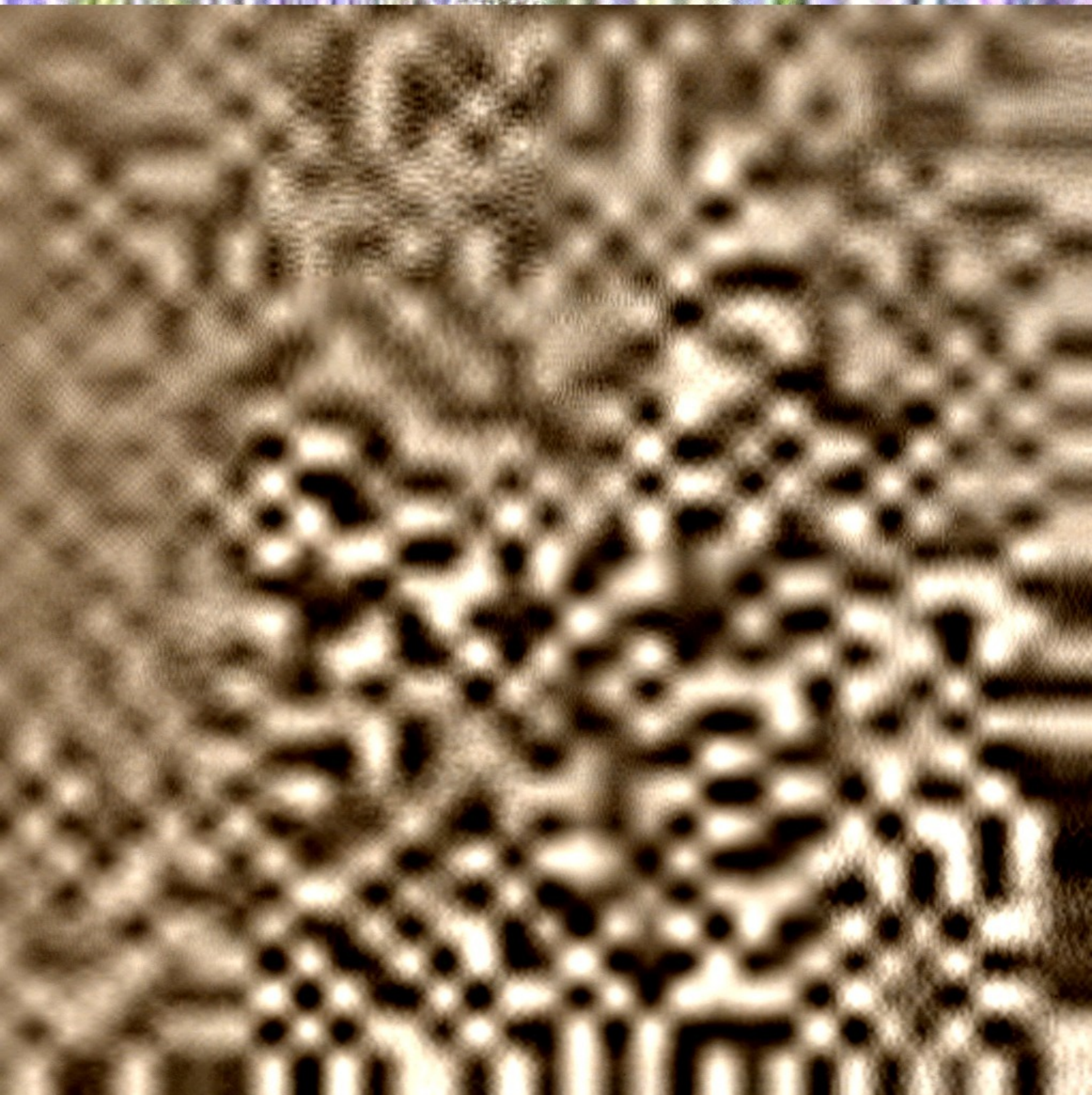
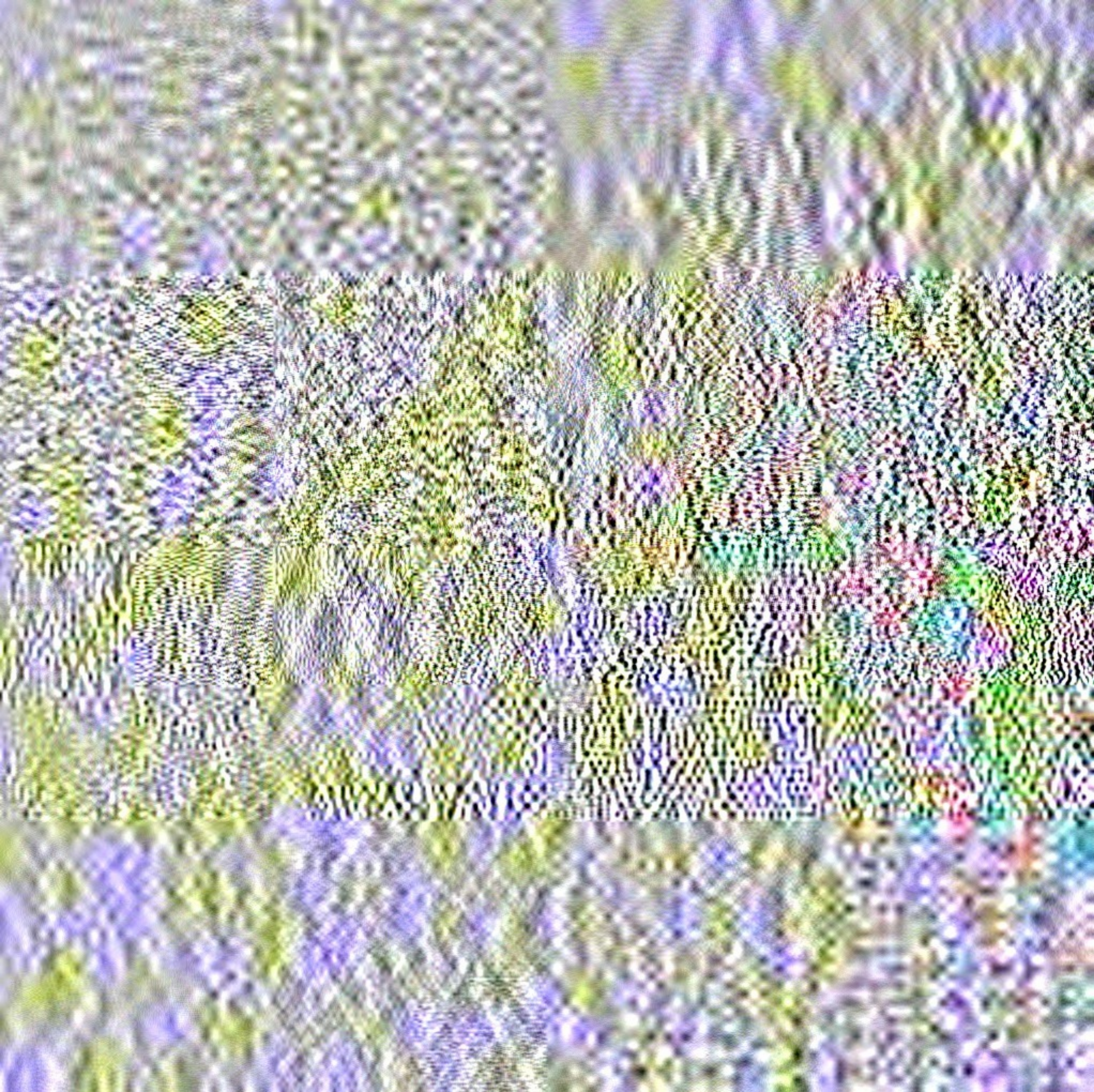
He tried to grapple with me, but stepping back, I gave the fatal axe a full swing, and struck him again, again, and again, once upon the head, once on the back, and once more upon the head, which felled him to the floor, and he lay dead at my feet, side by side with the captain.

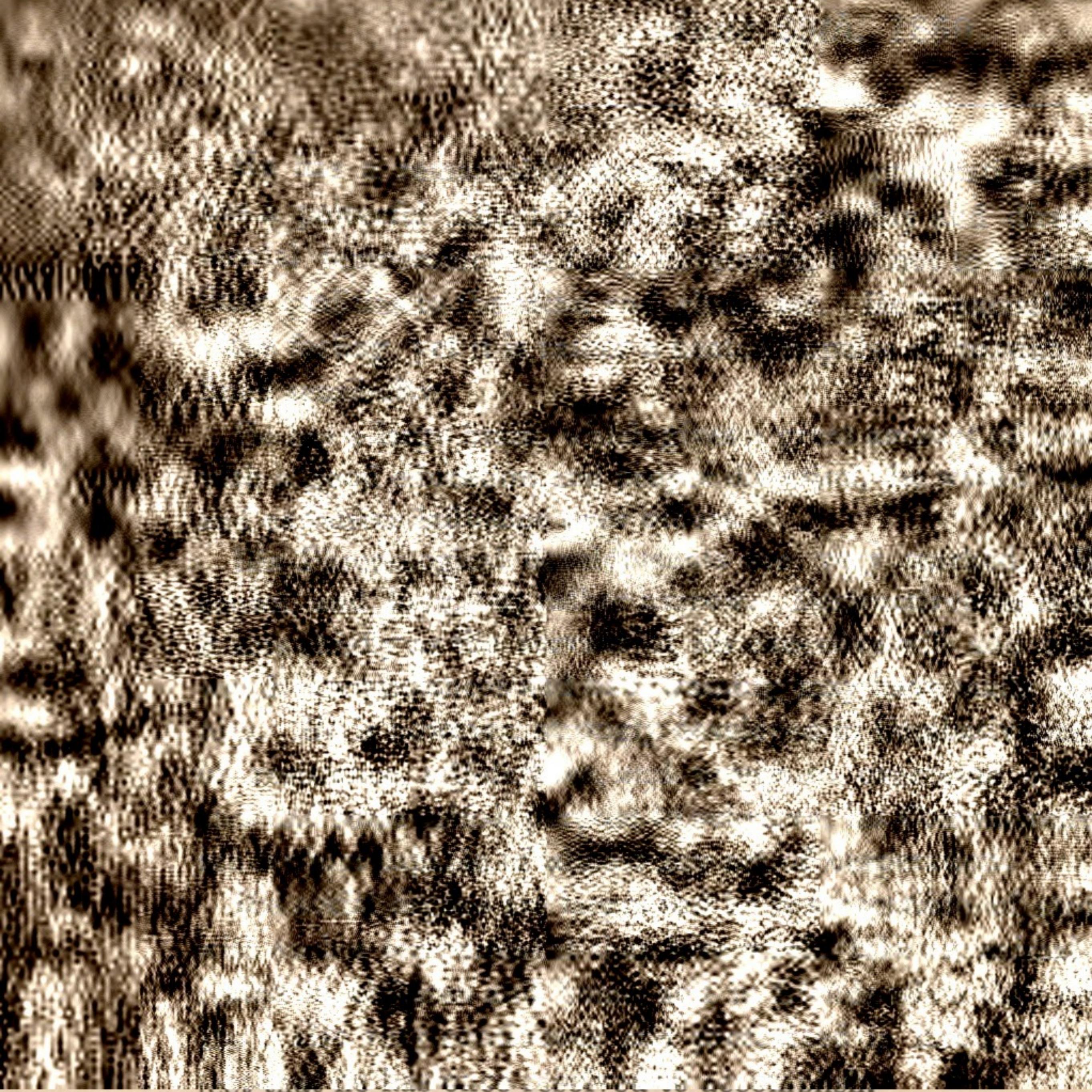
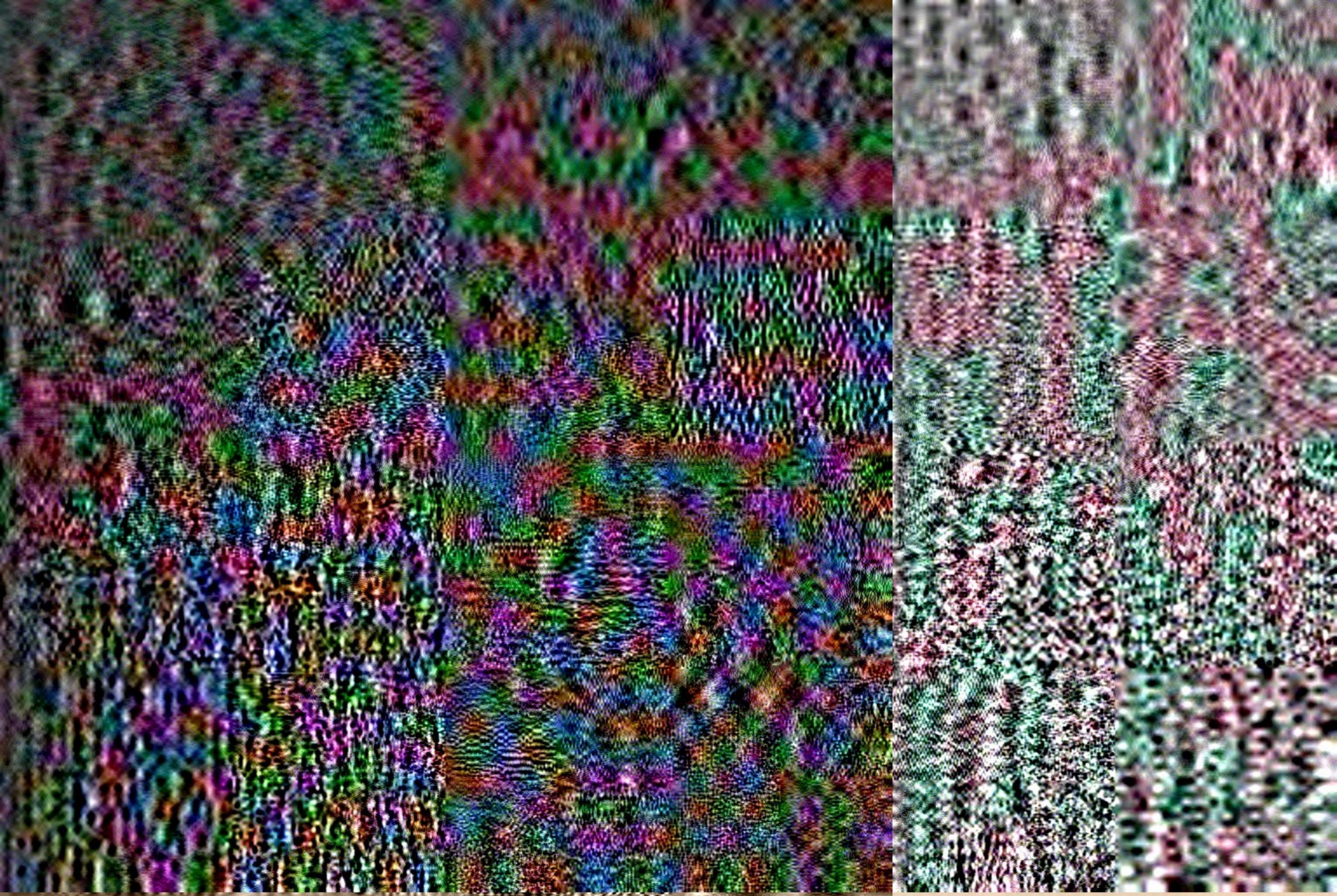


...er river, and then
... Beacon, abreast of
... which I fouled with a
... the money and such
... the yawl, and then
... the fort on Staten
... ; and when I look
... ay steps, it seems as
... e in every emergency,
... yn weakness.
... t. I had no shadow
... dently and brought to
... arrangements to go
... curred which should
... deep sleep to find the
... t time fear overcame
... reat drops of sweat
... , and then I realized
... had really deserted

But to all outward appearance I choked these feelings down, and none who saw me dreamed of what was passing within.

My task is done. I have related all the awful details of my life with as much minuteness as I can, and now nothing is left me but to prepare to die.





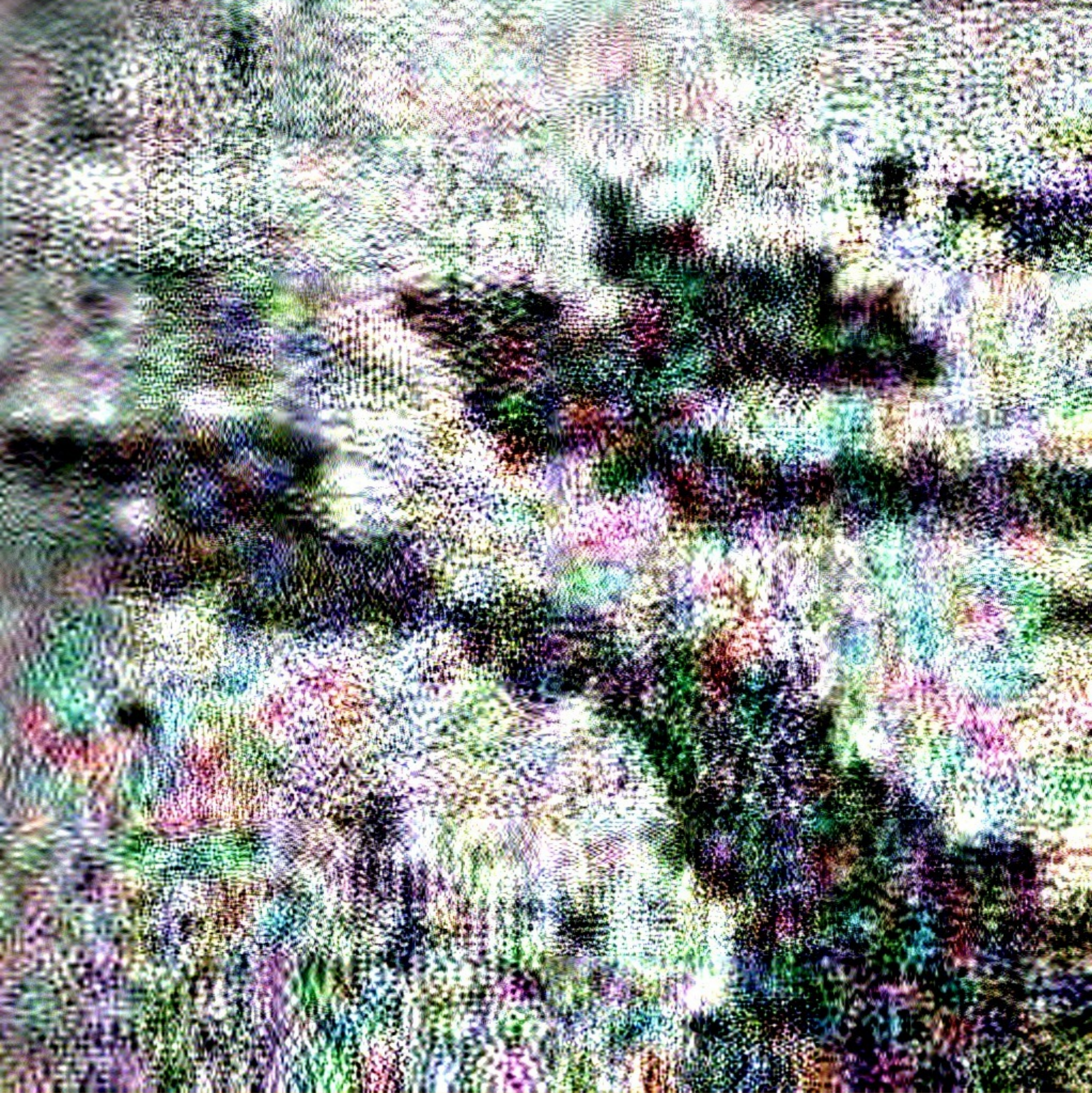
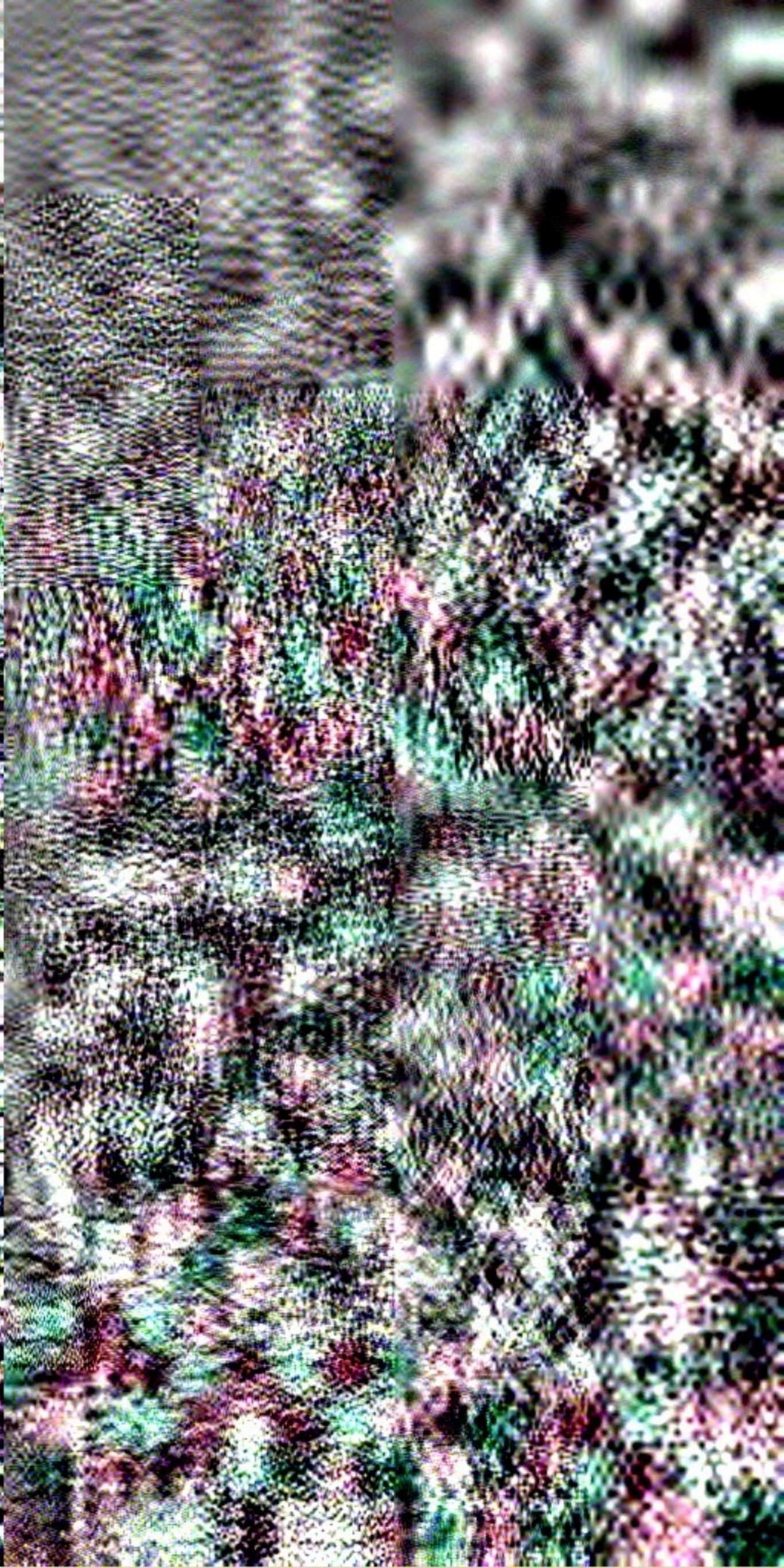
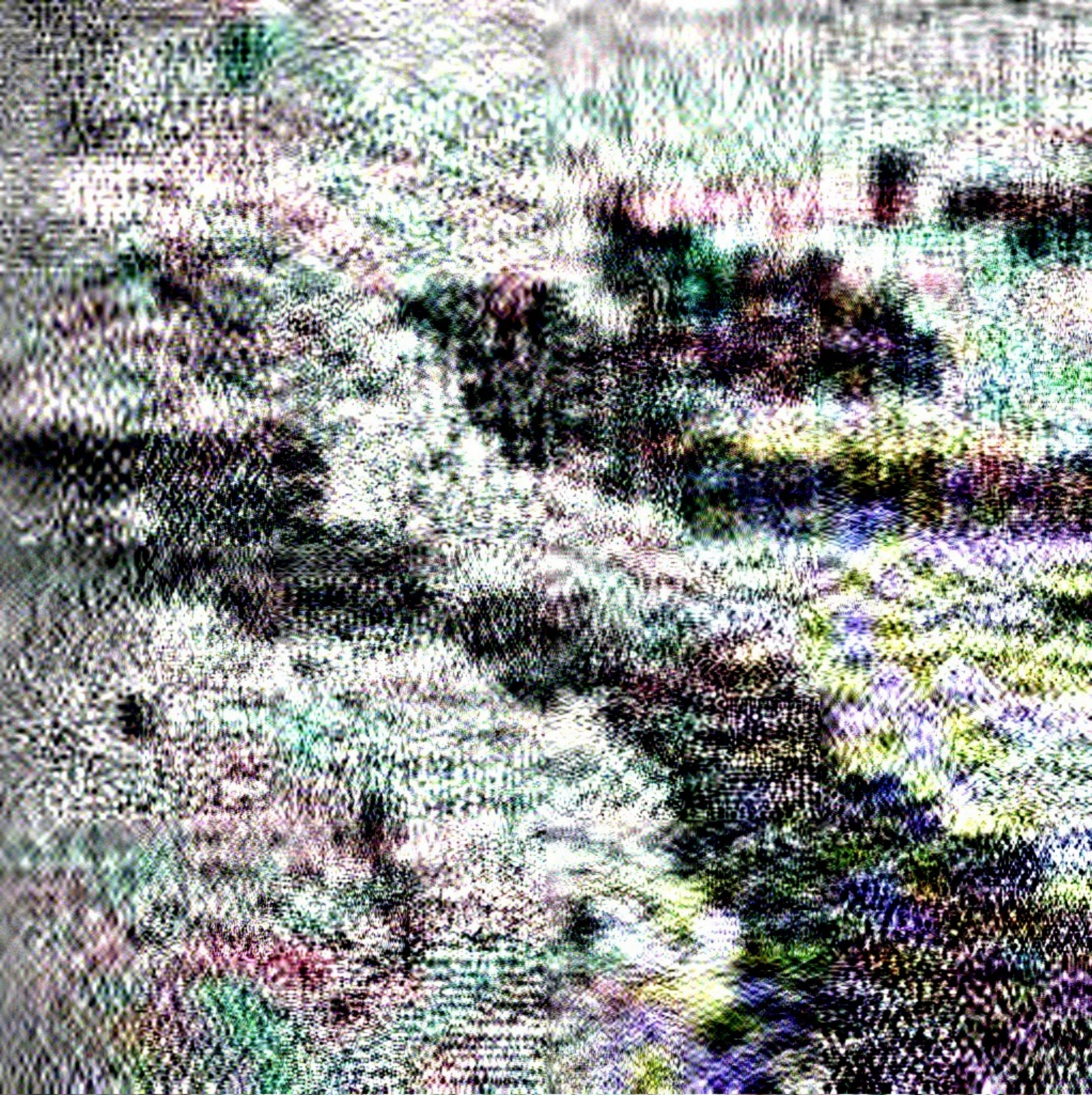
and bony system, which
ion of his mind. His
a extent as to give the
and susceptible of in-
than a delicate and re-

eral mental power, and
able to exert a leading

is head is high in the
ot a leading organ, and
er strong propensities,
urces of temptation to
, which gives the spirit
cles, and if provoked,
ss and Firmness would

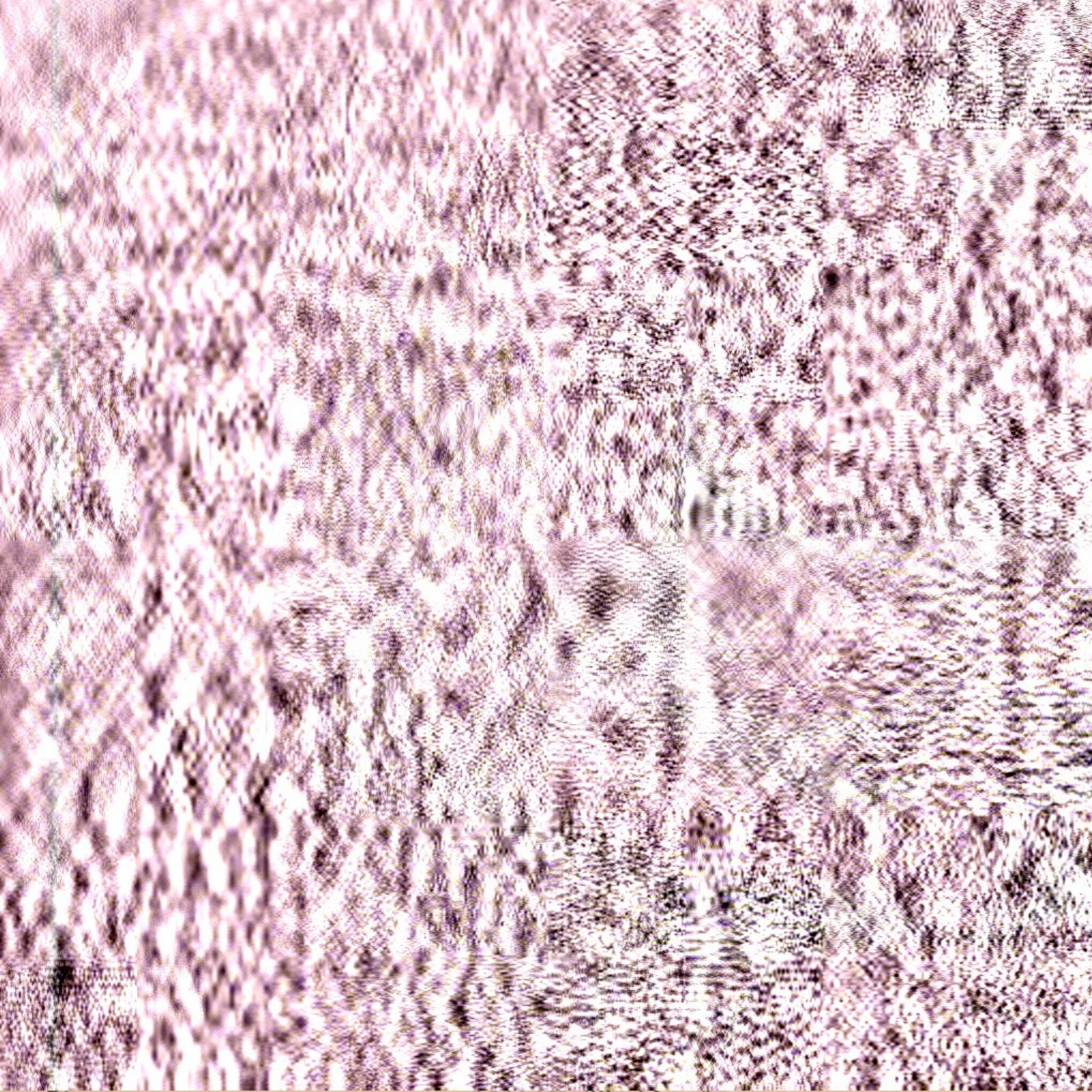
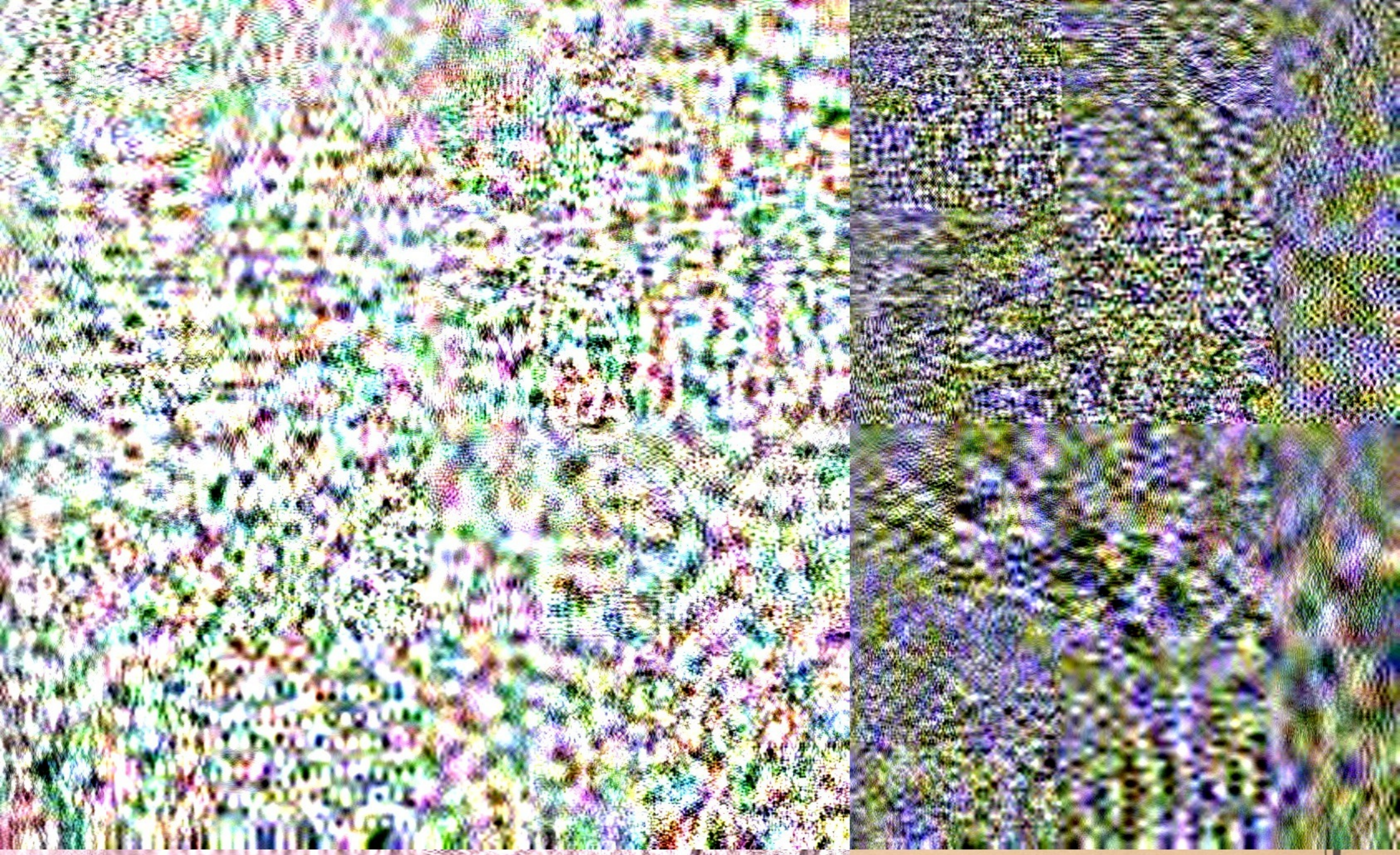
ng love to woman, but
direction. He is inte-
not oppose his course.
never gives up any pro-

His Alimentiveness is large ; he loves to gratify the appetite highly, and is liable to indulge it too freely. His love of property acts strongly in proportion to his want of it, and he seeks it to spend, rather than to lay up, and if he had an abundance, it would go freely in the gratification of his various desires.



and his love of fun rather
making. He has a cor-
nes; has a good degree
aking estimates and cal-
es, and decidedly good
method, system, know-

f events not very good.
ability to judge of char-
nanner rather wanting;
his will, determination,
missive spirit, joined to
accomplish what he at-
ld be known for love of
home, and a fair degree
t and power to conceal
gious feeling, and sense
mmit, are full as much
om his natural organiza-
eadstrong will; but with
st likely, have used his
tability, instead of war-



TOM SAYERS, CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.

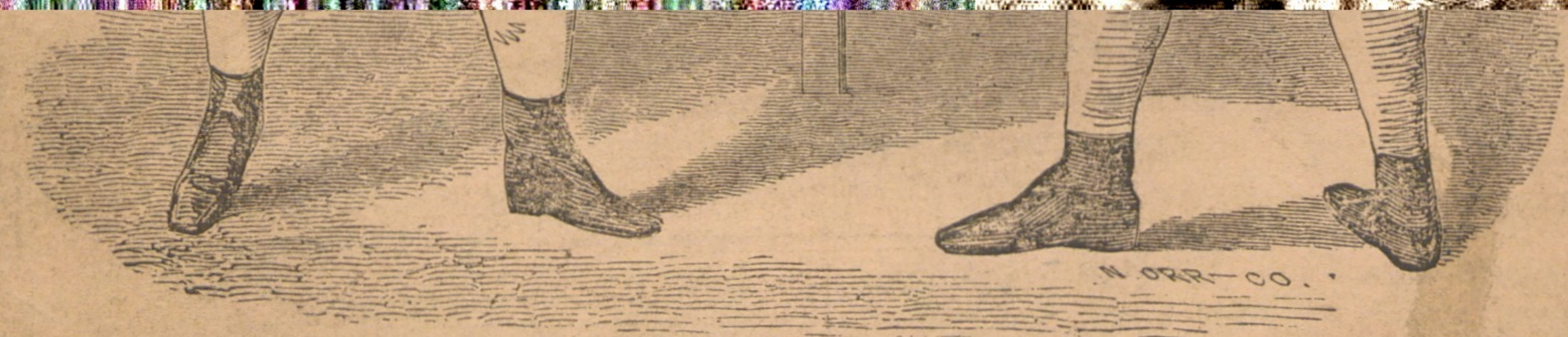
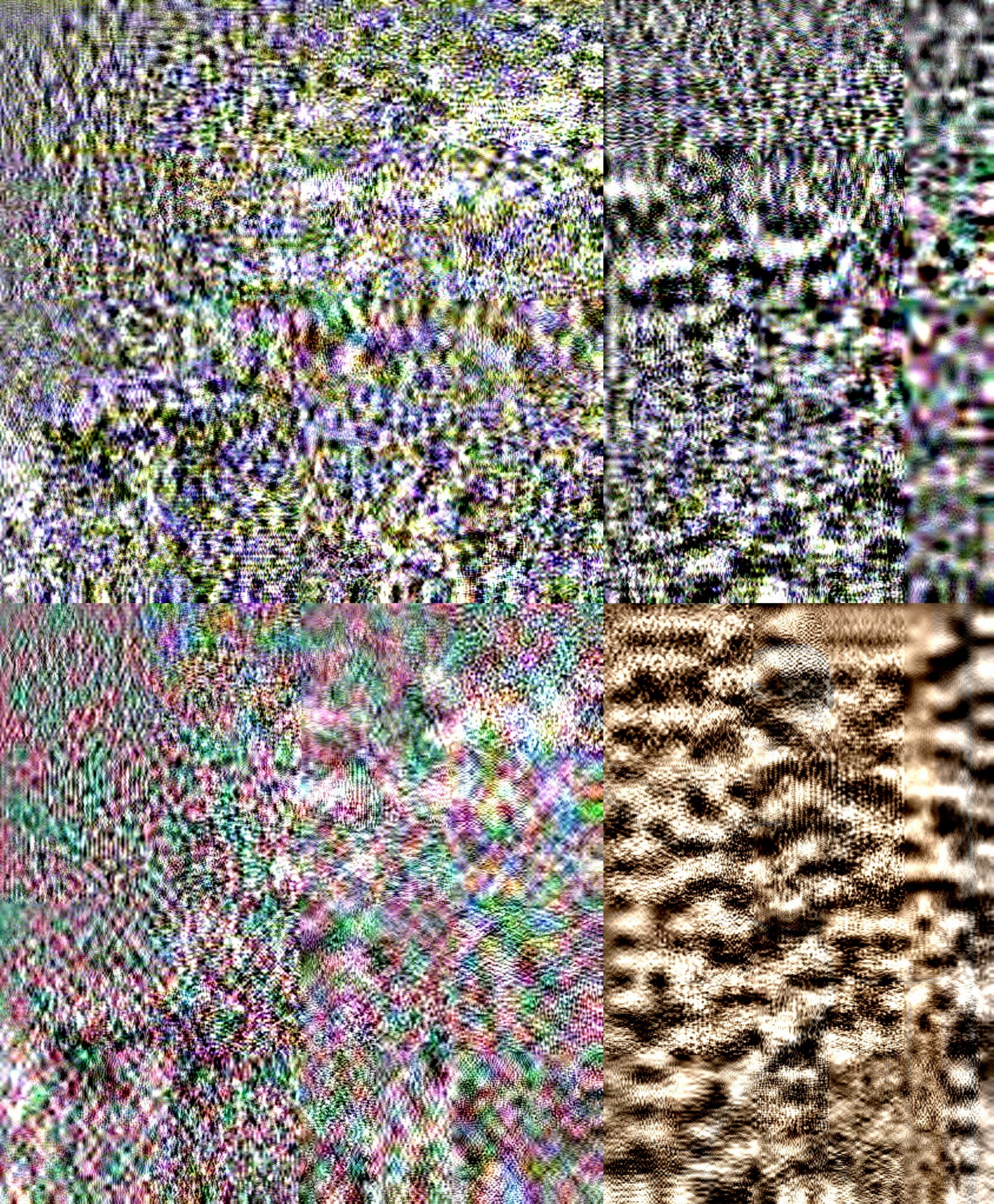
Born at Pimlico, near Brighton, Sussex, 1826. Height 5 feet 8 inches, lowest fighting weight 10 stone 10 pounds.

Beat Aby Couch, March 19th, 1849, £5 aside.
Beat Dan Collins, April 29th, 1851, £25 aside.
Beat Jack Grant, June 29th, 1852, £100 aside.
Beat Jack Martin, January 26th, 1853, £100 aside.
Beaten by Nat Langham, October 18th, 1853, £100 aside.
Beat George Sims, February 28th, 1854, £50 aside.

Beat Harry Poulson, January 29th, 1856, £50 aside.
Beat Aaron Jones, February 10th, 1857, £100 aside.
Beat the Tipton Slasher, June 16th, 1857, £200 aside.
Beat Bill Benjamin, January 5th, 1858, £200 aside.
Beat Tom Paddock, June 15th, 1858, £150 aside.
Beat Bill Benjamin, April 5th, 1859, £200 aside.

Beat Bob Brettle, September 20th, 1859, £600.

NEW YORK :
ROBERT M. DE WITT, PUBLISHER,
13 FRANKFORT STREET.



JOHN C. HEENAN, "THE BENECIA BOY."
*Born in West Troy, N. Y., May 2d 1835. Height, 6 feet
1½ inches; weight, 210 lbs.*

TOM SAYERS, CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.
*Born at Pimlico, near Brighton, Sussex, 1826. Height,
5 feet 8 inches; lowest fighting weight, 10 stone 10 lbs.*

NEW YORK
ROBERT M. DE WITT, PUBLISHER,
NO. 13 FRANKFORT STREET.