

the masts had no room to play below ; at the same time the rudder was unshipped with such violence as to be near killing one of the sailors. As soon as the ship had grounded, the sea began to beat over her in every part, each wave lifting her four or five feet nearer the shore. In a short space of time the stern was beat in by the sea ; and then, having no shelter in the cabin, we were obliged to go upon deck, and hang by the shrouds, lest we should be washed overboard. In this awkward situation we remained till the vessel was beat so high by the waves that we could venture to walk upon the decks. We now perceived that the ship's keel was broken, which we imagined would occasion her to go to pieces ; this however did not happen for the present, which I can only attribute to the boards in the hold being so interwoven with each other, and frozen together by the ice, as to give a degree of solidity to the vessel.

Our first care now was to get out the boat, which was not to be accomplished with-