

in his throat, as he expressed it, to swallow his morsel : and in the night drank salt water, grew delirious, and died, without a groan.*--As yet despair and gloom had been successfully prohibited ; and, as the evening closed in, the men had been encouraged, by turns, to sing a song, or relate a story, instead of a supper : but this evening I found it impossible to raise either. As night came on, it fell calm, and about midnight a breeze of wind sprang up, as we guessed, to the westward, but there not being a star to be seen, we were afraid of running out of our way, and waited impatiently for the rising sun to be our compass.

As soon as the dawn appeared, we found the wind to be exactly as we had wished, and immediately spread our sail, running before the sea at the rate of four miles an hour. Our last breakfast had been served with the Bread and Water remaining ; when John Gregory, Quarter Master, declared with much confidence, that he saw the Land in the South-East—We had been deceived by fog banks so often, which had the appearance of Land, that I did not trust myself to believe it, and cautioned the people, who were extravagantly elated, that they might not feel the effects of disappointment ; till at length, one of them broke out into a most

* Captain *Inglefield* had directed that the clothes should be taken from the corpse of Matthews, and given to some of the men who were perishing with cold ; which he had afterwards reason to lament, for he observed that the shocking skeleton-like appearance of the remains of the body, made such an impression on the minds of the people, that all his efforts to raise their spirits proved ineffectual.