

we were obliged again to anchor. The weather was now intensely cold; and the vessel, being leaky, made so much water as required one pump constantly going. A change of wind soon enabling us to proceed on our voyage, we made the island of Anticosti, which lies at the mouth of the river St. Lawrence. Here we were obliged to beat about for four days, our vessel at the same time increasing her leak to such a degree, that we were under the necessity of rigging the other pump, and of keeping them both constantly at work.

Being now in a higher latitude, the severity of the cold increased in proportion, and the ice began to form so fast about the ship as to alarm us exceedingly, lest we should be entirely surrounded by it; which however we prevented, by cutting and breaking vast quantities from her sides. To this task, with that of keeping her pumps at work, the crew, together with the passengers, were scarcely equal, only nineteen persons being on board, of whom six were passengers, and the remainder very indifferent seamen. As for the captain, from whom, in the present emergency, we might have expected some degree of exertion, instead of attending to his duty, and the preservation of his ship, he remained continually in his cabin in a state of intoxication.

The wind coming round to the N. E. on the 29th, we proceeded down the gulf of St. Lawrence, with two feet water in the hold,