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HOMeward BOUND

THERE is no indication of how long he remained in China, but it appears from fragments of old letters that he shipped out again with the Akbar, touching at Singapore and finally leaving the ship at Calcutta, India.

In November, 1845, he shipped with the old ship "Grotius", bound from Calcutta to Boston.

After leaving Calcutta and dropping down the Hooghly River to Saugor road, they sprung a leak, when they were obliged to put back to Kedgerree and repair. Putting to sea again, they sprung another leak, and after expecting to go to the bottom for three weeks, got into Port Louis, Mauritius (Isle of France).

Here they discharged part of the cargo; hove the ship over; caulked her sides and after a detention of forty-seven days, got to sea once more.

The Grotius next touched at St. Helena, and the following is an account from the pages of his diary, of his visit to this historic Island.

ST. HELENA

Friday, 13th March, 1846. I went on shore in a waterman's boat and landed at the upper landing place. The boat backs in and has a staff in the stern to steady oneself by. The surf is continually dashing up amongst the rocks and into the caverns, which creates a roaring noise very much like the falls of Niagara. The