

by a greater or lesser degree of error. This important task has just been executed by M. de Fleurieu, ensign of the king's ships.

Sight of  
Ushant.

Squall which  
damaged our  
rigging.

I corrected my longitude in leaving the Isle of Terceira, by that which M. de Bellin's great chart assigns to it. We had soundings the 13th in the afternoon, and the 14th in the morning we had sight of Ushant. As the wind was scant, and the tide contrary to double this island, we were forced to stand off, the wind blowing very fresh at west, and a very great sea. About ten o'clock in the morning, in a violent squall, the fore-yard broke between the two jear-blocks; and the main-sail at the same instant was blown out of the bolt-rope from clue to ear-ring. We immediately brought to under our main, fore, and mizen-stay-sails, and we set about repairing the damage; we bent a new main-sail, made a fore-yard with a mizen-yard, a main-top-sail-yard, and a studding-sail-boom, and at four o'clock we were again enabled to make sail. We had lost sight of Ushant, and whilst we lay-to, the wind and sea drove us into the channel.

Arrival at  
St. Maloes.

Being determined to put into Brest, I resolved to ply with variable winds, from S. W. to N. W. when the 15th in the morning our people came to inform me, that our fore-mast was near being carried away under the rigging. The shock it had received when its yard broke,