

years of age, who had a number of children, grandchildren, and other relations on board. This gentleman, seeing no hopes that the vessel could be saved went to Captain Nicholls, and said that he came by the desire of the whole of his countrymen to request that he and his men would endeavour to save their own lives in the boats. "And," said the venerable patriarch, while the tears trickled down his furrowed cheeks, "as the boats are insufficient to carry more than you and your crew, we will not be an accessory to your destruction. We are well convinced by your whole conduct that you have done everything in your power for our preservation, but God Almighty seems to have ordained that many of us must perish, and our only wish and hope is, that you and your men may reach the shore in safety." Such generosity and gratitude, for only doing a duty in endeavouring to save the lives of the prisoners as well as their own, astonished Captain Nicholls, and he replied that although there were no hopes of life, yet, as they had all embarked in the same unhappy voyage, they would all take the same chance, and share the same fate. The old gentleman strongly remonstrated, and reminded the captain that if he did not acquaint his people with the offer he would have to answer for their lives. Captain Nicholls then mentioned it to the crew, who said they would cheerfully remain on board if any plan could be devised for the preservation of the others; but that being impossible, they would not refuse to comply with their earnest request. The people then thanking them for their great kindness, bade them an eternal farewell, and, hastening down the stern ladder, got into the boat, to the number of twenty-seven. A French Priest, who was under strong apprehensions of death, was at his earnest request taken into the boat. Just as they had left the vessel her decks blew up, she instantly sank in the ocean, and three hundred and sixty persons perished with her, Captain Nicholls and his men reached the coast of Cornwall in safety, and landed at Penzance,—*London Times*,