

board. They made no doubt that they had now got the N. E. trade wind, as it was attended with fair weather, except now and then some light showers of rain; and as they advanced to the north the wind increased, and blew a fresh top-gallant gale.

On the 21st of June, the Captain ordered the still to be fitted to the largest copper, which held about sixty-four gallons. The fire was lightened at four o'clock in the morning, and at six the still began to run. It was continued till six in the evening; in which time they obtained thirty-two gallons of fresh water, at the expense of one bushel and a half of coals, which was about three fourths of a bushel more than was necessary to have boiled the ship's company's victuals only; but the expense of fuel was no object with them. The victuals were dressed in the small copper, the other being applied wholly to the still; and every method was made use of to obtain from it the greatest quantity of fresh water possible.

Upon the whole, this is an useful invention; but the Captain says, he would advise no man to trust wholly to it. For although you may, provided you have plenty of fuel and good coppers, obtain as much water as will support life, you cannot, with all your efforts, obtain sufficient to support health, in hot climates especially, where it is the most wanting. Nothing worth mentioning happened till the 13th of July, when they made the island of Fayal, one of the Azores, and soon after that of Pico, under which they spent the night in making short boards. At day-break the next morning they bore away for the bay of Fayal, or De Horta, where, at eight o'clock, they anchored in twenty fathoms water.

They found in the bay, the *Pourvoyeur*, a large French frigate, an American sloop, and a brig belonging to the place.

The sole design in stopping here, was to give Mr. Wales an opportunity to find the rate of the watch, the better to enable them to fix, with some degree of certainty, the longitude of these islands. The moment they anchored, the Captain sent an officer to wait on the English Consul, and to notify his ar-