

place of a Glas; and this filled with water was the allowance for twenty-four hours for each man—This was done without any sort of partiality or distinction: but we must have perished ere this, had we not caught six quarts of Rain Water; and this we could not have been blessed with, had we not found in the boat a pair of sheets, which by accident had been put there—these were spread when it rained, and when thoroughly wet, wrung into the Kidd with which we baled the boat. With this short allowance, which was rather tantalizing than sustaining, we began to grow very feeble, and our cloathes being continually wet, our bodies were in many places chafed into sores.

On the thirteenth day it fell calm, and soon after a breeze of Wind sprang up from the N. N. West, and blew to a gale, so that we ran before the sea at the rate of five or six miles an hour under our blanket; till we judged we were to the Southward of Fayal, and to the Westward sixty Leagues: but blowing strong, we could not attempt to steer for it.

This was the fifteenth day we had been in the boat, and we had only one day's bread, and one bottle of water remaining of a second supply of Rain. Our sufferings were now as great as human nature could bear: but we were convinced that good spirits were a better support than bodily strength: for on this day Thomas Matthews, Quarter Master, the stoutest Man in the boat, perished from hunger and cold: on the day before, he had complained of want of strength

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