

one in time to avoid it, we were obliged to leave the vessel to the direction of Providence, and fortunately, I might say almost miraculously, run through them all without damage. The anxiety and perturbation of mind that the crew and passengers were in, while in the midst of these rocks, may be easily conceived; and now that the danger was over, it turned out to be a fortunate occurrence for us. For, by this time, the sailors being ready to sink under the accumulated distresses of cold and fatigue, and depressed by the little hopes they had of saving the vessel, had nearly determined a second time to quit the pumps, and leave the vessel to her fate, when acquiring fresh spirits from the danger we had escaped, and, as the vulgar are generally inclined to superstition, attributing what was perhaps accident alone to the immediate interposition of Providence, they agreed to continue their efforts a little longer; towards which they were likewise not a little encouraged by the wine which I distributed to them occasionally.

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