

tinued for a short time, and kept me in suspense, not knowing whether she was going down or rising; however, the precaution having been taken in time to cast loose the ports all round the sides, the water soon discharged itself through the port-holes; but whatever could float on deck was carried away, the boats thrown on one side from their chocks, the cabboose put out of its place, and, when day-light came, we found the lacings of the anchor on the starboard bow broken, and the anchor hanging overboard, held only by its painter. Of all nights, without excepting even that I passed on the taffrail of the schooner Susan when we were full of water, this was the most severe I have at any time passed at sea. In the early part of the morning the wind abated; and we being at no great distance from land, so did the sea very soon after. But we experienced the effects of the cold very severely afterwards; the ends of our fingers having got frost-bit, gave us great pain: but, at last, the effect of the frost left us with a fine new and smooth, though tender skin. We got safe off the Tagus, and took a pilot at a short distance from the North Cashops. A ship of about two hundred and fifty tons happened to be there at the same time. The wind being very light, and the tide coming out of the river, we both kept off and on; but at about two o'clock, the pilot of the ship in company seeing a likelihood to have to remain