

April. down to lighten the Ship, that she might draw as little Water as possible. The People were now so well recover'd, that they all went down with it, but two. The Sled was made of two Pieces of crooked Timber, knit together by cross Bars, and those planked over. These Pieces are chose crooked, that the Sled might turn up in Front, like the small Sled before described, but it in no other Respects resembles it. The Sled when loaded would require twelve Men to draw it, and was frequently made use of in the Beginning of the Winter, for transporting the Provisions, and other Purposes as occasion required. But chiefly with the Intent of keeping the Men in Exercise, and in Hopes by this Means to prevent their having the Scurvy.

The twelfth was a close Day, but the Cold more moderate, and it thaw'd in the Woods; at Night a very great Fall of Hail, Snow, and Sleet, the Hail rattling on the Deck. Early in the Morning of the thirteenth, there was another such Fall; and from six to nine a Fall of Sleet. The Weather cloudy, very cold, raw and damp; but a Thaw on the Shore. The fourteenth and fifteenth clear, Sun-shiny Weather, but the Frost continual, and very cold. The sixteenth a Sun-shiny Morning; at ten clouded, and there was an extreme thick Fall of fleaky Snow, which melted as fast as it reach'd the Deck, and was the first time since *October* the Snow did do so. This Fall lasted until four in the Afternoon, then