

ever, thought otherwise, and took care to put the money up as carefully as his master did the dispatches; which of the two turned out to be the most useful, the event will prove.

The weather continued thick as usual till about one o'clock, when suddenly clearing up, we discovered the land a head, distant about three leagues. This sight gave us no small satisfaction, taking it at first to be the island of St. John's, which being inhabited by several French and English families, we might have expected some assistance from them, but on a nearer view found from the plans we had on board, that it had not the least appearance of that island, there being no such mountains and precipices laid down, as we discovered. On drawing nigher we observed the sea break high, and have a very dismal appearance about three miles from the land. As it was necessary for us to pass through those breakers ere we could gain the shore, we expected that our fate would be determined there; but contrary