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to save him would have been useless, had not Providence enabled him to keep above water till the boat picked him up, after he had been about ten minutes in the water. When got on board, he was almost dead with fright and fatigue. On the 4th of January, they came to anchor at Falkland Islands, where they found a tolerable good harbour, and other conveniences for watering, with a sandy bottom in twelve fathoms water. At this place all hands had leave given them to go on shore, with a double allowance of brandy, and some fresh pork killed for the occasion. Some of them made excursions into various parts of the country, and discovered the ruins of a town, with some garden grounds around, where they found several sorts of vegetables, such as horse-raddish, shalots, a few small potatoes, and some celery, which was in a degenerate state; they likewise saw a hog, but he was so wild they could not catch him.

Having completely furnished themselves with every necessary that could be procured at Falkland Islands, on the 23d of January, with a fine southerly breeze, weighed anchor and came to sail. On the 27th they doubled the east point of Staten's Land. From this time to the 7th of May, they experienced a great deal of bad weather. In rounding Cape Horn, and being now in the latitude of 20 deg. 1 min. south, and 134 deg. 11 min. longitude, they expected to have fallen in with the Islands of Los Majos, from the