

still further trials of grace, some of those men of the sea, too often ill-prepared to meet their God, who, when engaged in an adventurous calling, become exposed to mortal perils through the fury of the elements and tempest-tossed waters.

An instance of extraordinary daring, attended with such a manifestation of Providential furtherance and blessing, forms the subject of this "Memorial of the Sea."* Through the impulse of generous sympathy, and a self-forgetfulness truly British, during the perils of a most disastrous hurricane in the West Indies, this adventure was undertaken, and with such a measure of success, as, by the most sanguine of those at all able to appreciate the difficulties of the attempt, could scarcely have been anticipated.

Captain Atkin, a near connection in my own family, being in command of a remarkably fine West Indiaman, the *Ann*, of between six and seven hundred tons burden, was on his homeward voyage in the month of August, 1806, in company with a considerable fleet of shipping, laden with sugar and rum from Jamaica, under

* This Memorial was drawn up from the statement of an individual who witnessed the whole transaction, and who himself now holds one of the medals, described in conclusion, commemorative of the remarkable adventure. The circumstance seemed to the Author so particularly encouraging to efforts of humanity, as well as so accordant with the nature of these Memorials, as to justify him in giving it a place in the present volume.