

gence came from the advanced party, that a fire was kindled about a quarter of a mile farther on the way. Mr. Banks then awakened the Doctor, who had already almost lost the use of his limbs, though it was but a few minutes since he sat down; nevertheless he consented to go on, but every measure taken to relieve the black proved ineffectual. He remained motionless, and they were obliged to leave him to the care of a sailor, and the other black servant, who appeared to be the least hurt by the cold, and they were to be relieved as soon as two others were sufficiently warmed, to fill their places. The Doctor, with much difficulty, was got to the fire; and as to those who were sent to relieve the companions of Richmond, they returned without having been able to find them. What rendered the mortification still greater was, that a bottle of rum (the whole stock of the party) could not be found, and was judged to have been left with one of the three that were missing.

A fall of snow continuing for near two hours, there now remained no hopes of seeing the three absent persons again. At one o'clock a great shout was heard at a distance, which gave inexpressible satisfaction to every one present. Mr. Banks and four others went forwards and met the sailor, who had just strength enough to walk. He was immediately sent to the fire, and they proceeded to seek the other two. They found Richmond upon his legs, but incapable of moving them; the other black was lying senseless upon the ground. Our endeavours to bring them to the fire were fruitless; nor was it possible to kindle one upon the spot, on account of the snow; so that their remained no alternative, but to leave the two unfortunate negroes to their fate. Briscoe, another servant to Mr. Banks, in particular, began to lose his sensibility.

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