

ance, was as leaky as ourselves, having struck upon some rocks at the island of Coudres, through the ignorance or neglect of her pilot. A heavy snow falling it was with the utmost difficulty we could get sight of each other, though at no great distance, and in order not to part company, fired a gun every half hour. The schooner at length made no answer to our guns, whence we concluded she had foundered; nor were we wrong in our supposition. There were sixteen persons on board, every one of whom perished.

On the fourth the gale increased prodigiously, and the sea began to run high, with a heavy fall of snow, so as to prevent our seeing twenty yards a head of the vessel. The men being excessively fatigued, the water had risen to its usual quantity of between four and five feet. The mate, whom I have not yet taken notice of, and who was an intelligent clever fellow, and well acquainted with his profession, judged, from the distance we had run, that we could not now be
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