

The night was now approaching, and we had not long remained in this situation ere we found ourselves getting stiff with cold; and the gale continuing as severe as ever, we were obliged to wade with extreme difficulty, up to our waists in snow, to the shelter of a thick wood about two hundred and fifty yards from the beach. This furnished some relief from the piercing North-west wind; yet a fire was still wanting to warm our frozen limbs, and we had not wherewithal to kindle one. We had indeed taken the precaution to put a tinder-box in the boat, but the water had rendered it totally useless. Freezing as we stood, there was nothing to be done, but to keep the blood in motion by exercise; and I had enough to do in persuading the men to move about, being better acquainted with the nature of cold climates, and that of frost, than any of my companions. My advice was strictly adhered to for about half an hour, when the young passenger, whom I have already mentioned, being overcome with the severity of the weather, threw himself

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