

mutiny had reached England by the wreck of the *Industry*, and the confession of one of the surviving mutineers. A vessel had been speedily fitted out by the *Hudson's Bay Company*, which fortunately touched near this island, in quest of Captain Fox, the commander of which, Thomas Smith, and some of his men, ventured to land, and by presents obtained the favour of the natives. As soon as Captain Smith had learned the situation of our sufferers, he invited them and the Indians, to whom they belonged, on board his vessel, when he found means of amicably releasing his countrymen from their bondage, by making the parties, who had adopted them, suitable remuneration.

Captain Fox and his men, having been supplied with necessaries by Captain Smith, they proceeded to the coast of Greenland. Having staid awhile at Bottle Cove, they resumed their voyage, which, for several days, was retarded by contrary winds: they were, however, in the course of time, relieved from their fears by a safe anchorage in the river Thames.

Providential Escape and Sufferings
OF
CAPTAIN BOYCE.

CAPTAIN BOYCE, who for many years enjoyed the highly honorable situation of Lieutenant Governor of Greenwich Hospital, and died in 1774, was, in the early part of his life, employed in the merchants' service. In the year 1727 he was second mate of the *Luxborough*, a ship belonging to the South Sea Company. In that year the most terrible of all misfortunes befel the above-mentioned vessel, of which, and the subsequent distresses, we have the following melancholy account from Captain Boyce himself.

On the 23d of May, 1727, we sailed from Jamaica, and on Sunday, the 25th of June, were in the latitude of 41 deg. 45 minutes N. and in the longitude of 20 deg. E. from Crooked Island, when the galley was perceived to be on fire in the lazaretto. It was occasioned by the fatal curiosity of two black boys, who, willing to know whether some liquor spilt on the deck was rum or water, put the candle to it, which rose into a flame, and immediately communicated itself to the barrel from which the liquor had leaked. It had burned some time before it was perceived, as the boys were too much intimidated

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