

CLOSING REMARKS.

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The foregoing concludes the interesting Narrative and Address of PALMER, to which a friend begs liberty to subjoin some few remarks. As has been remarked at the commencement of the Narrative, the year 1836 will be long remembered as a peculiar one for the many unfortunate occurrences at sea that have attended it. Scarcely a week has passed, that some awful shipwreck, great loss of lives in consequence of vessels taking fire, &c. has not been announced to us. Since the commencement of the year, it is probable that not a less number than one thousand persons, (men, women and children,) have become the victims of one or the other of these devouring elements, on, or in the vicinity of the American coast, attended with all the horrors, and in some instances, by the most aggravating circumstances that the human mind can conceive of.

To maintain a commercial intercourse with foreign nations, it is necessary, notwithstanding the perils to which they subject themselves, that there should be found some willing to adventure their lives; and it is not surprising that there should be many of that useful class, who, accustomed from their youth to a seafaring life, are found willing to brave all dangers, and to subject themselves to almost incredible hardships, for that support which they would find it difficult to obtain for themselves and families on shore—but, that there should be so many of quite a different class, a class compos-