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trees, in the most convenient spot; and a store-house was built at a little distance, to prevent accidents from fire. Every precaution was taken to render these apartments as commodious and comfortable as possible, and to fence against the severity of the climate.

Though they laboured with incessant application, it was impossible to remove all their stores from the ship, before the cold increased to such a degree, that every thing became immoveable, and the men were unable to venture out.

On the 21st of December, the rigours of the cold confined them within; but on the 23d, they set out with a view of getting the boat on shore, which had been dug out of the ice. Before noon, such a thick fog came on, that it was with extreme difficulty they could find their way, or keep together. The darkness was deeper than that of night. At last, they were all reassembled at the house; but in the most miserable condition imaginable. Some of the men were covered with large blisters, proceeding from too hastily approaching the fire, after being exposed to the cold; and all were much frost-bitten.

The well being now completely frozen up, now water was of necessity used, both for drinking and dressing victuals. The insalubrity of this was soon perceptible. The captain, however, recollecting that he had seen a spring in the vicinity, at the foot of a hill, sent some men to try to discover it, which they happily did; and had the pleasure to find that it always ran with a full stream, and was never frozen so hard, that the ice might be broken.

At this time, all the sack, vinegar, oil, and every kind of liquid had become one solid mass,