

blowing so fresh, that they durst not venture out to sea; and no resource was left them but to encamp on the beach. This they accordingly & did, after remaining for four days and nights in this exposed situation were compelled to return to their party, exhausted with fatigue—and deeply mortified at the failure of their undertaking.

It was now, and not until now, that symptoms of discontent began to show themselves. The cheerful conduct and kind attention of the Governor had hitherto kept up the spirits of all the party, and encouraged their hopes of being soon relieved by the arrival of another vessel. But now sickness was beginning to make its appearance, care clouded every brow; and the buoyant spirit of youth began to yield to despondency.

An aggravation to all these disasters reached us, by another letter to the Governor, clearly indicating the necessity of his taking some immediate step to assuage the displeasure of the King, otherwise hostilities would be commenced against us. Prompt measures were now necessary and at the expense of a good deal of trouble, a boat was procured from the Caribs for the purpose of making another attempt to pay a visit to his Majesty. The Governor, Master of the Register Office that was to be, accompanied by him who was designed to fill the station of Superintendent and Land Stuart, for the Cacique of Poyais, and also his Commissary General, and others who had come out to fill high stations, embarked on this pursuit, and succeeded in crossing the bar early in the morning before the wind became too high to prevent them. The evening of the same day they reached a Lagoon, about 30 miles distant from Black River; and as the wind increased they were obliged to take shelter inside of it, for the night. They soon got into a place of safety, and landing from their boat, lighted a fire on the beach and prepared to make their evening's repast on pork and biscuit, none of them of the best quality, but the only sort of provisions they had for the present. Supper being ended these great characters, (as they were intended to be from the high official stations they were designed to fill,) took each his blanket and wrapped in it lay down to pass the night on the cold sand with the skies for their canopy, purposing to resume their journey on the approach of morning.

It was while here that we met a messenger coming to us from Capt. Hodgcock, of the Hunduras packet, informing us that the vessel was at Cape Gracias a Dios, and bringing the unpleasant intelligence that the Captain did not intend to return to the coast. This was a piece of very unwelcome news, but there was no help for it at the present time.

The messenger being dispatched, we again commenced our voyage. But to our mortification before we had proceeded far, we found our boat in so leaky a state, that all our efforts in bailing were unable to keep her afloat. At the same time the wind began to increase, and we were, though with the greatest reluctance compelled to abandon the plan of prosecuting our journey by water and reduced to the sad alternative of proceeding by land. Aware of the great difficulties of following the route by the sea coast, we for the present abandoned it, & proceeded inside a Lagoónas being shorter. All our Caribs were dis-