

we ran through them all without damage. The anxiety and perturbation of mind that the crew and passengers were in, while in the midst of these rocks, may be easily conceived. Now this danger being over, it turned out a fortunate occurrence for us; for, by this time, the sailors, being ready to sink under the accumulated distresses of cold and fatigue, and depressed by the little hopes they had of saving the vessel, had nearly determined a second time to quit the pumps, and leave the vessel to her fate, when, acquiring fresh courage from the dangers we had escaped, they agreed to continue their efforts a little longer.

About five in the morning of the fifth, a large wave broke on the ship's quarter, which stove in our dead lights, filled the cabin, and washed the captain out of his bed, in which he had remained ever since the commencement of the gale. This accident was attended with worse consequences than we at first imagined; for we soon discovered, from the increase of the leaks, that the stern-post had been started by the impulse of the sea. Having nothing in the after-hold, no other resource was left but that of attempting to stop the leaks with beef, which we cut into small pieces for that purpose; but this expedient we soon found ineffectual, and the water continued to gain on us faster than ever. The sailors, finding all their labours useless, and the leak, which was constantly encreasing before, now rendered by our late misfortune