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This island is low and steril; but has ponds of fresh water. Here the crew were put to half allowance of bread; and two men complained of sickness; but soon recovered. The ship stood off and on for a good way down the coast, but could find no refreshments, save a few fowls.

The wind proving favourable, on the 18th they made for the western land, but soon became encompassed by ice, and incommoded by bogs. For three successive days they were close-immured by ice, notwithstanding they hoisted all their sails, and the wind blew hard.

The men now, for the first time, began to murmur, thinking it impossible to advance or recede. The captain encouraged them to hope, by every persuasive argument; and, to keep them spirits, made them drink a health to his majesty on the ice, while the ship stuck fast without man on board.

James, however, began to feel the justice of their fears, and took the necessary steps to provide for the worst. On the 1st of August, the ice began to heave a little; and on the 3d they observed a little open water to the north-westward. After much labour, they at last got disengaged; and on the 11th entered the Bay of Hubbard's Hope.

Standing to the southward, while it was hazy, they perceived some breakers ahead; and endeavouring to clear them, struck on the rocks, while their sails were flying, and a fresh gale blowing. Every hand was immediately employed in furling the sails; and two or three heavy seas heaved the ship over the rocks, when they expected every instant to go to the bottom.

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