

months and seven days! and during that time, our feet became so putrid as to fall from our legs. The pain this occasioned was so severe that for some time we lost our sight and the faculty of speech. One of the ship's company was kept in Trepassey to wait upon us, and the others went on to St. John's by land.

While we were in Trepassey, in our unenviable and horrid abode, our legs would continue to swell, and blisters would frequently appear visible; we broke these blisters with a pin, but being detected at this, the pin was taken from us, and afterwards we inserted the end of a piece of hay into the blisters on our legs for the purpose of procuring a discharge of the watery matter. Little does Mr. Syms know, or indeed, perhaps, little does he care, what we are likely to suffer in our future life, through his unkindness of disposition towards us.

Had we been cast on a dreary or desolate island without an inhabitant, we could have expected no friendship or assistance. Had we run ashore on an island inhabited by uncultivated heathens or brutalized hottentots, we should have looked for no sympathy or kindness at their hands. Although it is likely, that the natural sternness and cruel dispositions of such people might have been subdued into benevolence by the sad recital of our woe. To say nothing of Christianity, should not