

barrassment in this undertaking was the surf which broke over us every moment, and the intenseness of the cold, which froze every drop of water immediately, so as to cover our cloaths with a sheet of ice. At length we got the boat into the water, and having put an axe and a saw into it, I jumped in, followed by my servant and the mate. The boy, in attempting to jump into the boat, had the misfortune to fall into the water; and though I contrived to drag him into the boat; yet this accident was in the issue, by the chill it gave him, of fatal consequence to the unfortunate lad. The two sailors, who had agreed to go with us, next jumped into the boat, and all the rest seemed ready, notwithstanding their former hesitation, to follow the example, when I found it necessary to shove her off from the ship's side; for, being very small, she certainly would have sunk had so many persons crowded in together. The ship was lying about forty yards from the shore; but before we got half-way to it, were overtaken by a wave that almost filled