

captain, "That they wanted to go out of the town immediately." "Go down below," said he, with an oath. I could not help smiling at their ignorance, for at this time we were some hundred miles from any land. The enemy's vessel, in endeavouring to tack, had missed her stays, fortunate for us. We immediately set every sail, and being favoured with a good breeze, and approaching night, escaped.

Not long after this we were becalmed. The surface of the deep was smooth as glass, and when the sun shone, had some resemblance to melted lead. On the afternoon of the same day, we were visited by three grampusses; they came so close to the side of the vessel, that one might have touched the back of the farthest with the top of an ordinary fishing rod. They were twenty five feet in length, and lay very near the surface of the water; in half an hour they left us, directing their course north east. This calm was followed by a thunder storm. In the dusk of the evening the cloud appeared upon the edge of our horizon, the lightning seemed to rise out of the water; when the cloud got higher they became more vivid, and very terrific—the peals were loud and frequent. Fearing every moment that the electric fluid, attracted by the iron, would strike the vessel and endanger our lives, we passed some time in great anxiety. After a sharp