

ht of the Holy Ghost, I
the 26th, and that I was
e the desired effect. All
said the Mass of the Holy
venty-four men offered to
ere left them, and a prom-
at relief would be sent as
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had made up my mind to
men who had offered to re-
wreck, and that I would
wait patiently the promised
ed my design, and to dis-
knew the language of the
e party, so that if Mr. de
should die, I might act as
any Indians on the island.
lly desired I should go ;
reaking my word, and did
arrival at Mingan, my first
m ; not but that those who
osed to send a boat to their
et they relied apparently
t, than that of one of them-
ged, I exhorted those who
old them that the means of
essings of Heaven, was not
nd to abandon themselves
vidence—that they should
ual exercise to keep off sick-
ouragement,—that prudence
e of the food we had left,

although I hoped to send them relief before it was spent ;
but that it was better to have some over, than to run the
risk of falling short. After giving this advice, those
who were to go, began to make their preparations, and,
on the 27th, we prepared to go ; we embraced our com-
rades, who wished us a successful voyage, and, on our
side, we showed how anxiously we desired to relieve
their distress ; we were far from thinking that it was
our last embrace. Our farewell was most affecting, and
the tears which attended it were a kind of presentiment
of what was to befall us.

Thirteen got in the small boat, and seventeen in the
longboat ; we set out in the afternoon, and rowed that
day about three leagues, but could not make land, and
were obliged to pass the night on the water, where we
endured inexpressible cold.

The next day we did not make as much progress,
but we slept ashore, and during the night a prodigious
quantity of snow fell over us.

On the 29th, the wind was against us, and we were
compelled by the snow, which still continued to fall in
abundance, to go ashore very early.

On the 30th, the weather forced us to lie to ; at nine
o'clock in the morning, we landed and made a good
fire to cook some peas, which disagreed with several of
our party.

On the first of December, the winds prevented our
re-embarking, and, as our sailors complained of weak-
ness, and said that they could not row, we cooked a
little meat, which we ate after drinking the broth ; it
was the first time after our departure, that we had feasted
ourselves so well ; the other days we ate only a little