[illegible] as no assistance, and [illegible] we [illegible] close the [illegible] At [illegible] it [illegible] so [illegible] with a heavy fall of snow, that we [illegible] to have the wind in, and we lay to [illegible] of these days, when our situation [illegible] the wind shifting from north-[illegible]

[illegible] that we must endeavour to clear the land, and accordingly as soon as the weather [illegible] we bore up for that purpose. The night was completely dark, and the wind so strong, accompanied with unprecedented showers of intense hail and sleet, that we ran under the bare poles till eleven o'clock of the same evening. Being now off Cape Norman, in the Straits of Belleisle, the starboard watch being on deck, the man that was keeping a look-out forward on the forecastle, was heard cry to the watch below, "Rise a hand upon deck, men! for we are close upon a rock." No sooner had he uttered these words, than the vessel gave a tremendous dash, she then recoiled, and on striking again, both masts fell over the side, close by the deck; the bolsprit followed, leaving the whole forecastle completely torn up. Here our miserable situation was extremely distressing, no tongue can describe this awful scene in its true colours; no-