

The Ships being secured, the building a House, *September.* and providing Fuel; was next undertaken, but the greatest Part of the Hands were employed in clearing the Spot the House was to be built on, the providing fitting Timber, carrying it thither, and the Sawing of Plank (being provided with Saws which were brought out of *England*) upon the thirtieth of *September* four Pieces of Timber were laid for the Foundation, and a brick Stove begun ^{30th.} with Mortar and Bricks with which we were supplied by the *Governor*, who also sent the Bricklayer of the Factory to build it; but there not being Materials to build two Stoves, the Captains were put under a Necessity to erect but one House, and live together.

The House was twenty Feet in Length, sixteen in Breadth, and in Height eighteen, consisting of two Stories, built of Logs of Wood laid one on the other, with two Sides plain or fayed, that they might be the closer; also between every two Logs Moss put, and the Moss of every Seam daubed on the Outside with a Loam or Kind of Clay, made up of Water and the Soil, which is almost all a Marle; which Loam by freezing becoming solid, prevents any Wind or Air from passing between such Logs. The Roof, which was shelving, was of Planks tightly caulked, as a Ship's Side. The upper Story had the two Captains Cabins in Front, and the Landing of the Stairs. These Cabins opened into a Passage which