

from the mast-head. Although I have repeatedly been five months on a single passage, I have never been under the necessity of putting my men on allowance of provisions or water; and to this circumstance, combined with guarding them against unnecessary fatigue and exposure, I was probably indebted not only for the happiness of escaping that scourge to seamen on long voyages, the scurvy, but almost all other kinds of sickness.

Although the private affairs of an individual may generally be considered to possess little attraction for the public, yet, to those who have followed me thus far, I have supposed that some details of my subsequent course might not be destitute of interest.

Acting in opposition to the maxim, that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," I was destined again to see swept off, in less than a year after my return, the greater part of my hard earnings. A most unfortunate enterprise to Gibraltar; incompetent, selfish, and careless agents; and, more than either, a most shameful abuse of the confidence I had placed in the commercial house at Lima, with which I had been so long doing business, (Abadia & Arismendi,) were the causes of these misfortunes. Soon after these reverses were known to my acquaintance in Boston, I met my highly esteemed friend, George Cabot, Esq., who, in his happy manner, remarked to me, "that I had cut a great deal of hay, but had got it in very badly." Alas! I felt most sensibly, that it was too true. The information of the revolution in Peru, of the consequent confusion in the commerce of Lima, of the breaking up of the house of Abadia & Arismendi, and of the escape of the latter, with a large amount in silver, in an American brig for Manilla, was received here not many months after my arrival.

During the Vice-Regal Government, no stranger of respectability ever visited Lima without enjoying the hospitality of Don Pedro Abadia. He was eminently hospitable, urbane, and friendly; but although of superior education, and extensive intercourse with mankind, he was bigoted and priest-ridden. His talents and education, and the extraneous circumstances of his being agent at Lima of the Philippine Company, and of his brother's being about that time one of the cabinet of King Ferdinand; all combined to give him an influence with the Viceroy and the Cabildo, unsurpassed by any other