

without difficulty, on account of the quantity of ice that was in and about it, our numbers being likewise reduced by the intoxication of several of the crew, who had thought that the most effectual method of getting rid of the apprehensions they laboured under. Our vessel had, from the violence of the waves dashing against her, broached to, with her broadside to the wind, so that she afforded some shelter for the boat to the leeward. Having with much labour cleared the boat of ice, and prepared her for launching, I ordered some liquor to be distributed to those who had not yet tasted of any, and then asked, if any were willing to embark with me in the boat, and make the attempt to gain the shore. The sea running so high, that it appeared scarcely possible that the boat could live in it for a minute, very few were willing to make an experiment so full of risk ; so that all who offered themselves were the mate and two sailors, together with my servant, and a boy who was a passenger on board. What gave us the greatest embarrassment