

immoderate swearing fit of Joy, which I could not restrain, and declared he had never seen Land in his Life if what he now saw was not it. We immediately shaped our course for it, though, on my part, with very little faith ; the wind freshened, the boat went through the water at the rate of five or six miles an hour : and in two hours' time the Land was plainly seen by every man in the boat ; but, at a very great distance : so that we did not reach it before ten at night. It must have been at least twenty leagues from us, when first discovered : and I cannot help remarking, with much thankfulness, on the providential favor shewn to us in this instance.

In every part of the horizon, except where the land was discovered, there was so thick a haze, that we could not have seen any thing for more than three or four leagues.

Fayal by our reckoning, bore east by north, which course we were steering : and in a few hours, had not the sky opened for our preservation, we should have encreased our distance from the land, got to the eastward, and of course, missed all the Islands. As we approached the land, our belief had strengthened that it was Fayal. The Island of Pico, which might have revealed it to us, had the weather been perfectly clear, was, at this time, capped with clouds, and it was some time before we were quite satisfied, having traversed, for two hours, a great part of the Island where the steep and rocky shore refused us a landing. This circumstance was borne with much impatience,

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