

to despair, and again refused to work at the pumps any longer. They had not however long remained inactive before we contrived once more to persuade them to make another effort to clear the vessel, but, to our great surprize and consternation, we found the pumps so hard frozen that it was impossible to move them.

All endeavours now to prevent the ship from filling were vain, so that in a very short time she was entirely full of water. Having no longer, as we imagined, the smallest foundation for hope, we resigned ourselves with as much fortitude as possible to our fate, which we expected every moment to be that of going to the bottom. Notwithstanding, when the vessel was quite full, we observed she was very little deeper in the water than before, and then recollecting a circumstance, which the trouble and confusion we had been in had almost obliterated, namely, that we had a quantity of lumber on board, we immediately accounted for the phenomenon of her not sinking beyond a certain depth in the water, and began to recal hopes of
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