

none on board did I feel myself so immediately interested, as the reader may judge, from the circumstances that I shall mention. I have already stated, that with this ill-fated young man, I became intimately acquainted in Liverpool—to me he had early made protestations of love, and more than once intimated an inclination to select me as the partner of his bosom; and never had I any reason to doubt his sincerity—it was partly by his solicitations that I had been induced to comply with the wishes of Mrs. Kendall, to accompany her in this unfortunate voyage; in the course of which, by frequent interviews, my attachment for this unfortunate youth was rather increased than diminished, and before this dreadful calamity befell us, he had obtained my consent, and we had mutually agreed and avowed to each other our determination to unite in marriage, as soon as we should reach our destined port! judge then, my christian female readers (for it is you that can best judge) what must have been my feelings, to see a youth for whom I had formed an indissoluble attachment—him with whom I expected so soon to be joined in wedlock, and to spend the remainder of my days, expiring before my eyes, for the want of that sustenance which nature requires for the support of life, and which it was not in my power to afford him! and myself at the same moment so far reduced by hunger and thirst, as to be driven to the horrid alternative to preserve my own life (O! God of Heaven! the lamentable fact is known to thee, and why should I attempt to conceal it from the world?) to plead my claim to the greater portion of his precious blood, as it oozed half congealed from the wound inflicted upon his lifeless body!!! Oh, this was a bitter cup indeed! but it was God's will that it should not pass me—and God's will must be done. O, it was a chastening rod, that has been the means of weaning me forever from