

could command no kindness to administer to them the relief they needed. The narrators being also severely frost-bitten in their feet and legs; and therefore unable to perform the journey on foot, were provided with horses for that purpose.

On reaching Trepassey, we went immediately to the house of Mr. Syms, but learned that that gentleman and his lady were both at St. John's on a visit. His wife's mother made her appearance, she listened to our tale without betraying the least emotion of feeling on our account. She refused us the shelter of a house, and permitted us to lie down on the snow, till the hearts of a few poor fishermen were moved towards us, while they expressed their just indignation at the unfeeling conduct of Mr. Syms' mother-in-law, they took us to their homes, and humanely did all in their power to contribute to our comfort.

We remained with these poor but hospitable people about a fortnight, till after the return of Mr. Syms from St. John's. Mr. Syms on his arrival refused to provide any place for our accommodation. The inhabitants of Trepassey appeared deeply interested in our welfare, as our feet and legs were so severely frost-bitten as to require surgical attention. The season of the year would not permit the fishermen to follow their calling, and their boats were hauled up and removed some distance from the sea, to preserve them from injury