

"The summer season approaching, they were extremely pestered with gnats, which made them hasten their departure, so that on the 16th of July, they went aboard their lesser ship, leaving the large frigate behind. They were much incommoded by the ice, and lost their boat and rudder. Whilst they were busy in making a new one, they fastened their ship to an ice rock; which being loosened by the tide, carried the ship away with it: but the ice being melted soon after, they got clear again, and met with their boat which they had lost ten days before. It was not long before they got fast within the ice once more; but the weather changing almost every day, they were soon released again.

"Having at last repassed the Strait, they sailed by Cape Farewell, into the ocean; but were on the 8th of September overtaken by a most terrible tempest, which threatened no less than their total destruction, they being quite tired out, and not able to manage the ship: so that leaving themselves to the mercy of the winds, they lost their mast, and the sails blew overboard, which however they made shift to save.

"In this condition they were forced upon the coast of Norway, where they cast a piece of an anchor, the only one they had, in a small creek, where they hoped to shelter themselves against the storm; but found themselves deceived in their hopes, for they were in most imminent danger of being dashed to pieces against the rocks, if by good fortune they had not got betwixt them and the shore; where after they had refreshed themselves for some days, they pursued their voyage, and arrived at last in Denmark.

"Captain Munk had no sooner set foot on shore, than he went to Copenhagen, to give the King an account of his unfortunate voyage; who not imagining him to be still among the living, received him with all imaginable marks of favour. But his evil fortune was not yet tired of pursuing him; for ruminating upon his past adventures, and being by degrees convinced of what had been the chief cause of his miscarriage, he resolved to make a second attempt, in which he hoped to supply the defects of the former. Accordingly he proposed his design to divers gentlemen of quality, and rich citizens of Denmark, who entering into a society, equipped two vessels, which he was to command in chief.

"Having taken effectual care to provide the ships with all necessaries, and to remedy all the inconveniences he had been made sensible of in his former voyage, he was ready to set sail, when the King sent for him, and happening among

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