

As soon as I was sufficiently recovered to be
 able to go abroad, I determined to go aboard the ship,
 & inquire what was become of my servant; accord-
 ingly I hired a boat, & the wind being fair, we set sail.
 But when we were got abreast the fort, the wind
 suddenly shifted & came right ahead, which
 obliged us to go about about 2 miles about, & it was
 with much ado that we got along side the vessel at
 last. The captain could give me no further account
 of my servant than that he had been seen adrift on
 a piece of floating timber, & as the tide was setting
 in towards shore, ^{at this juncture} that he no doubt had landed safely,
 & was probably gone up the Country. The air
 As I was still in a weak state, & I felt the air growing
 very cold, I was obliged to refuse the Captain's pressing
 invitations to stay dinner, & bidding him adieu, was
 returning to my boat, when a sudden clamour up
 aloft arrested my attention. Looking up, I was struck
 with the sight of one of the ^{sailors} tumbling down ^{headlong} among the
 rigging, apparently at the risk of ^{breaking his} ^{head} ^{being} ^{driven} ^{to} ^{pieces}. He fell, on the deck with a thundering
 noise, & was so stunned by the fall as to be unable
 to speak for some time, but when he recovered his
 senses, ^{we had looked agast around him for a while} we were agreeably surprised at finding he
 had received no material hurt. In coming
 back we met with two or three disagreeable accidents;
 we went too near the sandbank, & got ^{the boat} aground before
 we were aware of it. we were almost an hour in trying
 to get ^{the boat} ^{off} again, & without success; at last the tide
 coming in, set her afloat. - after that, by some

^{or other} ^{adherent of the} ^{the} ^{small boat} ^{the} ^{up set} ⁸ ^{in trying to effect the men to righting her} ^{we got a ground again} ^{at last however we arrived} ^{safe at my house} ^{I was completely tired} ^{of the} ^{some fish} ^{cooked for me} ^{I begged to be excused supping} ^{with the family} ^{before 8 o'clock I was abed &} ^{asleep} ^{The next morning} ^{as soon as I was thoroughly} ^{awake, I got up & dressed myself, & sent a note to the} ^{acting magistrate of the place, begging permission} ^{to wait on him} ^{He returned me a civil answer, &} ^{according to my wish} ^{I explained to him the affair} ^{of my servant, & begged his advice how to act} ^{He told me that he supposed I was aware} ^{that by the laws of this country no man could be} ^{held a slave, or detained in service against his} ^{will} ^{Upon my telling him that the man was} ^{considerably in my debt} ^{ah! says he, that alters} ^{the case} ^{if he be in your debt, most assuredly} ^{you may take out a writ against him, & secure} ^{his person wherever you can find him} ^{but as to} ^{the money I suppose you don't expect to recover} ^{that} ^{apart} ^{except to the fellows services, according to} ^{the account you give of him, I don't think they} ^{are any adequate compensation for the trouble} ^{you are likely to have in finding him, & the} ^{trouble you must have in keeping such a worthless} ^{fellow about you} ^{So I advise you to put up with your} ^{loss, & look out for another servant} ^{But if you choose} ^{rather to proceed by law against him} ^{your servant} ^{Let me} ^{know, & I'll rub you in the proper train} ^{I thanked}

