

opinion of Lieutenant Cornston, Mr. Thoms, the Boatswain and myself been much greater than by their remaining untouched. At the same time necessary Orders were given to get the Sheet Cable ready, hands with axes to attend the Anchor, and a Quarter Master with the deep sea lead and line over the side, and people ready to veer the small Bower to two Cables. When it came sufficiently moderate to attempt it, the first Cutter which had filled from repeated Seas thrown onto her, was hauled under the Stern, with great difficulty, and the Tackles were put into the Stem and Stern Bolts because we could not hook the proper things, and the intention was only to keep her afloat above the water, that she might be haled out, Baskets for that purpose being ordered down, I was attending this duty with Mr. Sobey the Boatswain when she broke.

The Barges rode in perfect safety till the Broom parted in midships, when the Bowfasts also went, but not without first bringing up one of the Boats for a moment close to the Ship but before hands could be got down the side, it parted also, and the Barge went astern. I gave Orders immediately—