

in keeping with the whole. The hill behind the house was found by the sympiesometer to be two thousand and ninety-eight feet above the level of the sea. The cottage had every thing to recommend it, in its library, &c., &c. All is enjoyed here that such a climate as that of Madeira, combined with taste and refinement, can give.

After a stay of a week, we had made all our repairs and arrangements which were necessary in consequence of our defective outfits, recruited the officers and men, and prepared for our departure.

Lest it should be supposed at home that I had exaggerated the state of the ships, I forwarded from Madeira to the Honourable Secretary of the Navy, as an ocular proof how defective our outfit had been, the iron hoops that had rusted off the pumps, and were found in the well-room of the Peacock. Captain Hudson's report relative thereto will be found in Appendix XV.

The diarrhœa made its appearance among the crews, but in dispensing with fruit it was soon stopped.

During our stay, the English schooner *Star* was seen drifting rapidly upon the Brazen-head, and was only saved by the timely aid of our boats. She was found to be without an anchor, and had been upwards of eighty days at sea from the coast of Africa. The garrison of Loo Rock, on seeing the boats proceeding to render assistance, fired several guns to prevent her being boarded. This would have effectually prevented her receiving any aid from the shore, but as our boats did not understand the signal, they went on, and succeeded in saving her from wreck, and supplying her necessary wants.

With a favourable wind we took our departure, after experiencing many kindnesses and attentions from our worthy Vice-Consul, Henry John Burden, Esq., whose house and time were entirely given up to us during our stay, and to whom I would beg to tender our warmest thanks.



MADEIRA BOAT.