

all trade carried on to supply the ships; he always proved himself a good officer, and was one for whom I felt much regard. As sometimes happens, he had a presentiment of his own death, and had long been impressed with the opinion that he would not survive to return to his country. His death produced a great impression upon Vendovi, for Mr. Vanderford was the only person with whom that chief could converse, and a sort of attachment had sprung up between them, arising from the officer's long residence with Tanoa at Ambau, and his familiarity with the manners and customs of the Feejee Islands. Besides, Vendovi looked forward to his becoming a protector on their arrival in the United States. While conversing with Mr. Vanderford, some time before his death, he expressed his willingness to take charge of Vendovi, and to befriend him on our arrival at home; for, although the Feejeeans had despoiled him of all his property, they had nevertheless saved his life, and for that, or rather for refraining from devouring him, he felt some gratitude, and would have shown it to Vendovi.

Poor Vendovi could not be persuaded to look at his friend's corpse; his spirits evidently flagged; a marked change came over him; and he no doubt felt as though he had lost his only friend. His own disease, henceforward, made rapid strides towards a fatal termination, and he showed that such was the case by his total disregard of every thing that passed around him, as well as by his moping, melancholy look. On the 24th, the remains of Mr. Vanderford were committed to the deep, with the usual service and honours. The same day we experienced a current to the northwest; and the crew, after having been for ten days afflicted with colds and influenza, began rapidly to recover.

On the 25th of March, we reached latitude 23° S., and longitude 68° E., and enjoyed, until the 30th, delightful weather and strong trades, enabling us to make two hundred and fifty miles a day. On the latter day we overtook and spoke the ship Clarendon, of Boston, from Canton for New York. On the 2d of April, a strong current was felt setting towards the northwest; on the 3d, it was found to set west-northwest. We had squally weather on the 4th, accompanied by frequent lightning, thunder, and rain. This storm lasted for three hours. We then ran out of it, having fine weather again, and a clear sky overhead; leaving as it were behind us the storm, which seemed to occupy half the firmament, with many beautiful and well-defined rainbows. I was told, at the Cape, that this phenomenon of the sky half covered with clouds, was frequently seen by those dwelling there, or navigating the seas in its neighbourhood; and, on its occurrence,