

PERILS OF THE SEA.

**Loss of the Emigrant Ship Gratitude—
The Crew and Passengers Taken Off
by the Bark Fredonia—They are
Safely Landed at Boston—Courageous
Conduct of the Captain and Crew of
the Fredonia.**

BOSTON, Sunday, Jan. 14.

The bark *Fredonia*, Capt. BURKE, arrived here to-day from Fayal. She reports: Jan. 1, lat. 41 deg. 30 min., lon. 53 deg., fell in with British ship *Gratitude*, Capt. McSTOTHER, from Liverpool Nov. 19, for New-York, in a leaky condition; and it being heavy weather, and the ship laboring hard in high sea, Capt. BURKE was requested to lay by and take off crew and passengers, to which he consented. The crew of the ship comprised 33 persons, and she had 273 emigrant passengers, making a total of 306. Owing to rough weather, the process of transferring so large a number of people from one vessel to another was not completed until the 8d, three days from the time of falling in with the wreck; but they were all finally rescued and brought to this port. Capt. BURKE displayed great magnanimity on the occasion, and his conduct throughout was marked by kindness. Having got all hands off safely, it was found impossible to stow away so many people on board his vessel, which was a small-sized bark, but he courageously took the responsibility of throwing over sufficient cargo to make room for them, and nearly all the goods between decks went overboard. All hands were then put on short allowance, as his own stores were getting low, and no provisions were saved from the ship to feed the crowd of hungry emigrants. Each person was allotted half a pint of water and one biscuit per day, which is the only sustenance they have received for the past eleven days. As soon as the above facts became known, after the bark telegraphed below this port, a steamer was dispatched to tow her up, and on her arrival the survivors were placed in REDDELL'S large carriage hall, and had all their wants generously attended to by the city authorities.

STATEMENT OF CAPT. M'STOTHER.

BOSTON, Thursday, Jan. 14.

Capt. McSTOTHER makes the following statement: Left Liverpool, Nov. 18, with 275 passengers; had heavy gales most of the passage. On the 21st of December, experienced a hurricane; ship laboring very heavy. At midnight sprung a leak, found 4 ft. 11 ins. of water in the hold. Orders were then given to put on all the pumps, six in all. The passengers were ordered up and some of them put to work on the pumps and others discharging cargo. About three hundred tons of cargo were thrown overboard. As the ship was as far as lon. 53 50 W., it was my intention to put into Halifax, but the *Fredonia*, heaving in sight on the 1st of January, the passengers became dissatisfied and wished to leave the ship, refusing to pump any longer. I offered to pay 150 of them daily wages if they would stay on board and pump. On the 3d of January the passengers and crew abandoned the ship, which had three feet and three inches of water. We had four deaths on the passage, and one seaman, named WILLIAM CAVANAGH, fell from aloft and was instantly killed.