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Prisoners &c. yet in a religious point of view, even the effects
of this kind of long continued ~~might~~ might prove very
distressing. Many of the Ship's Company's Officers will for
instance care for my children, and they delight to do
them such kind offices as may please them. But then,
they are not aware, that the latitude which is given to
captains, may be attended with serious injury to the
infant mind. As they say they mean no harm; so their
sea language, as it is called, is deemed inoffensive
and in spurring men on to their duty almost necessary.
That men who have been accustomed to be called upon
in this manner, would not otherwise think their Officers
in good earnest. Hence, expressions, not proper to be named
and the most dreadful which can be conceived or
uttered from day to day & from hour to hour, pervade alas!
the whole conversation which takes place amongst this
unhappy body of men, it therefore would be very desir-
able suitable means of conveyance could be procured
by the religious world for the people they send out,
especially where there are women & children, when
they would not be exposed to such language as
they are taught to fear. While on shore the Christian can
retire with his family, and shelter them in a great measure
from the pernicious conversation of thoughtless men, but there
is very little retirement in a Ship.

I and my family have been on Snow, the prospect is
delightful! the clouds rest beautifully upon the Hills?
There is plenty of fruit to be bought, but the time of
the vintage is not yet. We expect to leave Madras
in three or four days. The people on Snow have had
a grand illumination in honor of one of the Saints
the lights from the houses which are every where scattered
on the sides of the surrounding hills had a fine effect.