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You will not fail to perceive how advisable it is that some trustworthy person or persons, living near the site of these continual wrecks, should be empowered to take on himself the direction of the necessary proceedings for saving property, interring bodies, &c, and to defray the unavoidable expenses. Even when life is not lost, the plunder of property is often scandalous. You will ask • Would those honest fishermen I found laboring so worthily in the cause of common humanity be so cruel as to pilage the property of the unfortunate sufferers thrown upon their coast? I answer- not impossible, by any means. Those, truly, that were most active in the good work might be least so in the pillage; and some, I doubt not, would be too honest to join at all in such rascality. But you know of what changeable materials men's minds are made. Add to which the habit long established, I believe, on all sea coasts, of looking upon wrecks in the light of a god-send. Nevertheless, I have little doubt that the worst prowlers of this description kept aloof from the troublesome business in which I found the Loran people so laudably engaged. I cannot give you a better instance of the necessity for some authorized person to be continually on the look-out than has occurred at Scatarie, only about 6 miles from the scene of the Astraea's fate, and but a day or two after it. The barque Fidelity. R. Clarke, master, 183 passengers, besides the crew, from Dublin for Quebec, drifted quietly ashore at her anchors. All landed and wandered three days and nights in the swamps and thickets of Scatarie; not knowing where they might be, until nearly exhausted, and three died. All this time, the people of Menadou, close-by, knew nothing of what had happened. Not so those a mile or two further along the coast. They had seen a wreck on Scatarie; and away they went in search of plunder. They found the ship, of which they took care to say nothing during two days, in which time they searched and secreted the passengers' chests and property, which it is known they are selling privately. There is no magistrate at Menadou, and if there were, he would probably find it impossible to convict the offenders, and still more so to recover the property for the poor passengers, who, in a state of destitution, arrived in Sydney. Now, were there an intelligent active person, whose business it should be to look out for and protect the ships, persons, and property, so constantly coming ashore on the coast, it is evident that many of these iniquitous depredations would be avoided.

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