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He was at the beginning

Sometimes I would be a few days without the fever & would gain a little strength but during the time I was there I received a bite from a snake on one foot & from a venomous spider on the other, which made me very thankful for the aid of a doctor which very opportunely arrived who tried every means to deaden the poison without effect until he at length lanced & cut the piece affected & squeezed the blood from the wound which was quite black & after washing the blood away & applying morphine to it the wound soon became on the mending order & I had the great satisfaction of seeing it quite heal up

but notwithstanding I was for some considerable time unable to put that foot to the ground without great pain but in process of time I thought I might venture to try & walk in case of great emergency but circumstances & events appeared to take a circuitous route & stand before me saying with great force & energy here is an emergency which will warrant you in making an effort to walk

The case stood thus the parties were I boarded men down more or less with sickness & they had very little appetite for any thing but vegetables now it so happened that they had not been sufficiently long in their cabin to produce any vegetables but on my claim there was a