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clinging to the gratings to inhale a
mouthful of fresh or pure air, and
fighting with each other for a taste
of Water; shewing their parched tongues
and pointing to their reduced stomachs,
as if overcome by famine for altho'
the living Cargo had been completed
the day before, yet many who had
been longer Onboard were
reduced to such a state, as I perceived
that I was obliged to order
twelve immediately to the Ship
to be placed under the care of the
Surgeon, and the day following
One hundred more to afford
the rest the chance of surviving
the passage to Sierra Leone -

In short the crunched
state of the Vessel, the dirt and
filth inseparable from such a
state, the sickening and desponding
appearance of most of the wretched
victims, confined more loathsomely
and more closely than Hogs
brought to a morning's market
for sale, was so appalling and
distressing to our feelings as to
cause our wonder and
astonishment to cease at the
maddening act of self destruction

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which had occurred to some by throwing
themselves Overboard, a prey to the
Sharks in attendance, rather than
endure a continuance of that
misery they had only tasted of, or
perhaps rather than quit the land
dear to them by many unknown
ties.

I have the honor to be

Yours most Obedient
humble Servant

George P. Collier
Signature: *Samuel Boone*

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