

topping the preceding one, till they had attained an altitude as much above the level of the eye on the cliff as the sea was below it.

The columns of ashes, &c. at their greatest height, formed into branches resembling magnificent pines; and as they fell, mixing with the festoons of white feathery smoke, at one time assumed the appearance of black and white vast plumes of ostrich feathers; at another, that of light waving branches of weeping willows. These bursts were accompanied with explosions of the most vivid lightning, with a noise like the perpetual firing of canon and musketry intermixed; and, as the cloud of smoke rolled off to leeward, it drew up the water-spouts above mentioned, which formed a beautiful and striking addition to the scene. Subsequently, the isle fell by degrees into the sea, and, in the middle of October, no part was left above the water; but a dangerous shoal remained in the place which it had occupied. In February, 1812, smoke was discovered still issuing out of the sea near the spot.

THE END.