

gurd should be paid to every local circumstance. The alterations of atmospheric temperature should always be examined, and the small or copious depositions of dew, with the deficient or superabundant falls of rain, ought to be taken into consideration. Those winds, too, ever varying, not only in their direction, but in force, frequency, and in the period of their duration, should not escape observation ; for in all countries they have been found connected with the different states of health and of sickness : and though those causes which tend to the partial or general production of disease, lie hid from our perception, yet amid all the doubt and uncertainty which accompany our investigations, we are still able to trace an evident analogy between each season of the year and its attending diseases. In this point of view I shall treat of those diseases, which, as far as my observations extend, were most prevalent in the army during its exposure on service to all the vicissitudes of the different seasons. Commencing with the diseases which made their appearance in spring,