

the *Ægyptian*, is known, by every common Sailor in the Navy, to reign three successive Months in the Year, in one of which the *French* Fleet must have past these Parts of the Seas ; where Fogs that conceal more effectually than the darkeſt Night all Objects which paſs within the Length of a Ship, muſt have ſaved the greateſt Part of that Fleet which they were ſent to deſtroy ? A Place to which they never might arrive, or never be ſeen if they did. The Conſequence of their being ſent has evidently proved the Truth of this Obſervation.

WHAT ſhall then be ſaid in Favour of that Man, who ordered the *Engliſh* Navy from thoſe Parts where the Enemy's Fleet muſt inevitably paſs, to one where they might not have been ordered to ſail ? To deſert a Part in which they muſt be viſible to all the Squadron, for one in which they would probably be enveloped in a Cloud, like *Æneas* ſecured from the Eyes of all Beholders ? What is this but ſending Ships the long Voyage to *America*, with the greateſt Riſque of miſſing in thoſe Seas that which they muſt have met in the *Britiſh* Channel ? Is not this the firſt Inſtance of an Underſtanding that has preſided over Fleets and Armies, that preferred *a may be*